

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

JESUS !

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PRELUDE

After writing and distributing “Revealing the Heart of the Yes”, I thought I had completed an assignment. It now appears this assumption was premature. Following a couple weeks of quiet during my nightly sessions with the Holy Spirit, the quiet ended. Now, once again there has been a quickening in my spirit to develop and distribute another book.

The subject of this book is all about Jesus. It points to those many instances where He is the enabler, the reason as well as the means to most of the successes in our ministry and life’s adventures. In my experiences with Jesus, He presents Himself as One who expects each believer to seriously take hold of their anointing as that anointing leads and teaches them.

This book will touch on holiness and will pursue seeking oneness with the Father in Jesus. It will encourage our declaration of war on the satanic kingdom and hopefully increase the reader’s expectation of how much fun God is.

The time just ahead looks like a time filled with wonderful surprises as our Lord and King introduces new forms of communication and new levels of inner dependence between the believer and our Chief Overseer. It will be a time when our level of trust in our Lord’s faith (pistis) will grow without limits. I believe we will soon witness the “and greater things than these”. John 14:12.

We should begin to encounter a more glorified version of Jesus than most of us have been taught to expect. His human likeness will exemplify more glorification. He will express His exalted nature to a greater degree than most would expect.

His presence will cause a transformation in every believer He touches. Every believer will experience a gradual increase in purity and holiness while the unbelieving world will continue as the crooked and depraved generation it has become. Heb. 10:26-27.

But several treasures have been bestowed upon us as we enter into this adventure. In Romans, Paul introduces us to a righteousness which removes the barrier between the believer and the Father. In First Corinthians, we are told that we have the mind of Christ with all its virtues (see Phil.1 and 2). We are made aware of a mystery hidden for the ages but now made known, i.e., “Christ in us our hope of our glory.” We are made aware of our freed nature in Ephesians 1 and 2 with which our surrender makes us trees of righteousness. John makes us aware of our having the Love of God which is God pouring out to us which, while experiencing, transforms the believer into the likeness of Jesus. James makes us aware that we have the very faith of God which must be exercised through hearing the word (logos) of God and doing that word ---least we forget what we look like. And Peter encourages us to exercise these treasures more and more in order to be productive and successful servants of our Lord. So, as we begin, be encouraged to not merely be a hearer of God’s Word, but a doer also. Let’s then grab onto God and experience a glorious adventure – all about Jesus. And, let each and everyone of us experience fellowship with Our Heavenly Father in His Holy of Holies.

Yes!!

Chapter 1

OF GOLDEN WAVES OF GRAIN

Vision of the Wheat Field

In Matthew 13:24-31, Jesus spoke of a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone slept, his enemy sowed weeds (darnel) among the good seeds – and went away. Then the owner’s servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seeds in your field; where did these weeds come from?”

“An enemy did this”, he replied.

“Do you want us to go and pull up these weeds?” they asked him.

“No,” he answered “because while you are pulling them up you may root up the wheat with the darnel. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters to collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

In the past several nights, The Father has shown me a vision of those wheat fields. Not only are the weeds (darnel) nowhere in sight, but there is no chaff around the grains of the heads of those strong and healthy stalks of wheat. As far as my eyes could see were millions upon millions of strong standing golden brown stalks of healthy wheat with no chaff to be removed. The harvesters, it seems, have readied the fields of wheat for a supernatural harvest indeed.

Jesus talks of deeds in John’s Gospel. John 14:12-13: “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He or she will do even greater things than these because I am going to The Father. And I will do whatever you ask¹ in My Name so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

¹ Subjunctive indicating what the Holy Spirit invited you to ask for during the prayer.

In bringing glory to the Father, one is led to the upholding of the holiness of God (qadas-qadas)¹ referred to in Deuteronomy 32:51. Moses had failed to follow the directions given by the Father in producing water from the rock at Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin. Num. 20:8. He was told to speak to the rock. Being angry with the people of Israel, he struck the rock as he had been told before.² Water came forth but, in his disobedience, Moses had failed to uphold the holiness of God (qadas-qadas)² among the people of Israel.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in Me enough to honor Me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I gave them.” Numb. 20:12.

Doesn't this attention to details show itself throughout the exodus and particularly in the building of the tabernacle and its component parts? We are to pay very close attention to God's instructions and we are to keep all of his decrees. In building the furniture for the tabernacle, God instructed Moses to select two specific individuals³ who were then filled with the Spirit of God with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts. To reveal to the people of Israel that “I am the Lord who makes you holy.” Qadas-qadas.

These two skilled individuals received the Spirit of God to enable them to hammer a seven-branched candlestick out of a single stick of gold. This would be extremely difficult to accomplish even today with our advanced computer aided design and manufacturing. In addition, these two anointed individuals hammered two angels over the mercy seat from a single stick of gold. Attention to details definitely is involved in our serving God.

So to even begin to think about doing the things Jesus did and greater things beside should stretch one's imagination to the very limits. Jesus took our limited attention span into consideration when in John's Gospel, 12:49, He informs us that, “I did not speak of my own accord but the Father who sent Me commanded Me what to say and how to say it. I know that His command leads to eternal life. So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told Me to say.”

¹ Qadas-qadas is an intensive Hebrew wording meaning to honor the holiness of God, to reveal His Holiness.

²In Exodus 17:6, Moses was told to stroke the rock to bring forth water. So Moses did this.

³ Exodus 3: God chose Bezalel and Oholiab to help him to build specific articles for the temple..

It is one thing to remove the weeds from the wheat field without impacting the wheat; but, to remove the chaff while the wheat stands in the field is of a supernatural nature indeed. This double outpouring of the Spirit taking place around us, as you read this, is doing some rather wonderful things to the people of “My Church.”

As an individual is continually led by the Spirit of God, according to Paul’s Letter to the Romans, that individual becomes a descendant of the Messiah. Their freed nature enables them to derive their thoughts and feelings as well as their attention spans directly from God. Into this freed nature comes an intensive promise of Jesus. He proclaims, in John 16:14-15, that “. . .All that belongs to the Father is mine.” This is why He can also say “The Spirit will take from what is Mine and give it to you. He will bring glory to Me (qadas-qadas) by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.”

To be free from “ya, but’s”; to have sinfulness, doubt and fear removed sets us free like that wheat standing in the field is free from chaff (kadosh).⁴ Here, ready for God’s harvest we stand ready to experience doing the greater things. John 14:12-13.

Some years ago, I was given a vision for a future time. The scene was around Interstate 90 as it passes through the town of Issaquah in the state of Washington. Something had happened in the Seattle area and the people were fleeing to escape to the mountains east of Issaquah. Cars were driving east beside the freeway across fields and private property. There was considerable fear and anger involved with this fleeing mass of humanity. As you looked upon these frightened people fighting one another in their desperation you couldn’t help but notice a change taking place in your hands and body. Your hands seemed to glow and your body was capable of being propelled by thoughts. Led, as it were by the Spirit and the Love of God, you moved about among these people.

About 100 yards away was a man whose right arm had been ripped off. The Spirit led the viewer to fly over to him and to touch the bloody stub at the shoulder. As the viewer touched him, they were then directed to another to touch an eye socket which had moments before contained an eye. As the viewer touched the empty socket, they noticed behind them that the

⁴ Kadosh is a Hebrew word suggesting that after the thrashing there is no chaff.

arm had been replaced complete with a new sleeve in the jacket. On and on the viewer went throughout the afternoon and evening touching these poor individuals and seeing limbs, eyes, jawbones, feet and hands replaced with a touch given without any doubt whatsoever. This truly is having the faith of God – suggested in James 1:22.

As darkness fell on the scene, the viewer noticed about a dozen or so other individuals who glowed in the darkness ministering to these people in most amazing ways. They all continued until the majority of these individuals had safely reached Snoqualmie Pass. Before the vision ended, one could look at the cars and trucks. There were vans and all-terrain vehicles which didn't exist at that time. Today, as one travels about you might see cars, vans and trucks which look very much like the vehicles in that vision received in about 1970.

The vision of the golden wheat field, free of weeds and chaff reminded me of that vision - of the frightened people fleeing Seattle some 34 years ago. With these two visions, the Spirit of God has begun to awaken me along with countless others to get ready to witness the “and greater miracles than you see me do.” With this awakening comes a reminder that the Holy Spirit will take from what belongs to Jesus and give it to us so that we might honor the holiness of Jesus and the Father. We won't have the weeds around to distract us and supernaturally, we will be free of chaff or our sinful nature.

I do believe we are about to witness the greatest working of God ever seen on this earth since Elohim created it.

My thoughts now take me to the Fourth Chapter of Ephesians where an anointed Paul speaks of Jesus ascending on high leading captives in His train. . .and giving gifts to men and women. It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service (sabah: like a priest) so that the body of Christ might be built up into the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

How might this process take place to produce a wheat field with millions upon millions of strong healthy stalks having no chaff (kadosh)? The Holy Spirit trains the members of the five-fold ministry who then join with the Holy Spirit to teach groups of Spirit-filled people. It would be like

Moses selecting Bezalel and Oholiab to be especially anointed to build the articles of the tabernacle. Exodus 31.

The five-fold ministers would oversee the on-the-job training of the people of God in a fashion like this: A healing service is taking place. The apostles, prophets and pastors, etc., would be led to tell people in the services that they are aware of a precise “pain” in them that doesn’t belong to them. Then the individual or individuals having the need would be brought to the serving people who would lay hands on the hurting individual(s) and healing would manifest through these members of the congregation. Can’t you begin to see how this activity would honor the holiness of Father God while training God’s people? Soon individuals would realize that they too are able to hear the innermost thoughts of Father God. “Watchers” would become investors of the talents of God. Their talents would soon double until there were more apostles, more prophets, more evangelists, more pastors and more teachers.

This practice has been taking place in our Order of Saint Luke the Physician meetings recently. When leading a service as Chaplain, I am being led by the Spirit to call out an individual who feels a pain in their head, ear, eye, tooth, shoulder, back or hip, etc., that is not theirs. At first, I had to tell the individual to listen for this pain that isn’t theirs. More often now I just ask for the individual experiencing this pain that isn’t theirs to come up and lay hands on the person present or in proxy for one who really has the hurt.

These brothers and sisters are actually experiencing (sama) hearing the call of God (in their bones) to act. As they obey (sama) the call and lay hands on the hurting brother or sister, they experience the understanding (sama) of the many ways God acts to heal, to restore, to strengthen and to renew.⁵

Recently I find this same activity occurring in the ministry of prophecy. The Spirit leads me to know that He is about to pour forth a message for the people. His presence touches a brother or sister who has never done this sort of thing before. The Spirit has me invite the appointed individual to speak what is welling up within them. With a little help these

⁵ The more we seek to hear the Father (samah), then to obey the Father (samah) and then to understand the Father (samah), the more we believe into (eis) Jesus.

members of the congregation find themselves prophesying. As they invest their talent, it doubles.

At a time when a few clergy are asking their people to write out their prophecy and have it reviewed before putting it on public display, this may seem risky. I don't find it so while being led by Father's Spirit. When God acts, fear isn't present. Besides, isn't the growth and perfecting of God's holy people worth a possible risk? When Father God experienced doubt, He said, "How long will these people treat Me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in Me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them? . . . But, I will make you into a nation stronger than they are." Numb. 14:11-12

In the same way evangelists will teach God's people to allow Him to lead each individual into works of evangelism, like Philip and the Ethiopian. An angel led Philip to the place where he met the Ethiopian. The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to go to that particular chariot. Then Philip began with the very passage of Scripture the Ethiopian was reading and told him the good news about Jesus. So watch and see evangelists bringing this obedience to God's holy service out of the individual potential servant of God into the act of glorious evangelism. Note again that when that latent talent is invested it doubles and the individual finds himself becoming an active servant (sabah) of the Almighty God.

The same experience holds true with the five-fold ministry of pastors and teachers. Here, too, the so-called "average" individual must be awakened to realize that nothing I can know would heal any one. People hunger for revealed knowledge. "My sheep hear My voice." Watch the anointed pastor and teacher bring out our ability as children of God to become aware of His leading us into becoming aware of His directions. Then, as we obey this leading we find ourselves understanding what was done. The power of revealed knowledge released from the individual believer brings surprising power and an awakening beyond our awareness. And, when this talent is invested, it too doubles and the student takes another step toward becoming like his teacher. Matt. 10:25; Luke 6:40.

So the growth process continues as the students do those works of service with joy and delight. Soon each will become aware that they, as the body of Christ, are being built up actually reaching unity in the faith and in the revealed knowledge of the Son of God and actually becoming mature

attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. As Paul put it again, “That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Eph. 3:19.

As Paul puts this growth process, he refers to speaking the truth in love. Then, he tells us “we will grow up into Him who is the Head.” To catch a glimpse of this growth in love, I am led to refer the reader to John’s first epistle. Here, in the Fourth Chapter, John is commissioned to bring to our experience that indescribable Love of God that he continually enjoys.

Like the apostle that John is, he encourages us to participate with this shower of God’s Love, which is God Himself. He wants us to actually realize as he does that we are from God and as God’s Children, we are overcomers. Why? Because the One who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. This inner witness is the same mystery that Paul refers to in his Letter to the Ephesians, the Philippians and the Colossians. As he strives to assist his readers to actually come to realize this mystery in its fullness. This mystery is Christ actually within you, the believer, as your hope of glory. The people of God’s Church of the Firstborn will be able to realize that this presence of Christ in us is a tangible experience.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, Heb. 10:24, each seeker is encouraged to spur others on toward love (ahav)⁶ and good deeds. And we are to continue to meet together, encouraging one another – all the more as we see the day approaching. Exposure to this love on a regular basis is essential to opening ourselves to its nature. Sharing it with one another stimulates our awareness of its unlimited potential.

John in his epistle tells us how this love works. It is God (1 John 4:8). Whom to know is Eternal Life (John 17:3). Thus, as one abides in this Love, they abide in God. As they share this Love, they share God Himself. John had the realization of this Love in his experience. And, like the apostle he was, he urged those around him to have this or a greater awareness. Don’t you begin to realize why John said, “If we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.” He could have added “if while this love is pouring out from you, you might ask of it and it will answer you.” Try this and be amazed by the results.

⁶ Ahav is a Hebrew word meaning “that which pours out from the Father’s heart.”

John encourages his readers to continually immerse themselves in this love. He informs us that we know (experience) that we live in Him because He has given us His Spirit. By acknowledging that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in that individual and that individual lives in God. So, we know and rely on the love God has for us. It is the same anointing that leads, guides and instructs us. As we serve God, that anointing becomes evidence in our experience.

Then John makes a wonderful statement. “In this way, the Love which is God is made complete among us so that on the day of judgment, we will have confidence knowing that in this world we are like Him.” The student has become like his teacher. (Luke 6:40) There is no longer any chaff in our lives.

This explains how those millions upon millions of stalks of standing grain got rid of their chaff. While this is the description of a supernatural event. I invite you to look at it the way Caleb looked at his promised land. How often he saw his hill country during those 40 years while the people of Israel waited. All because 10 of the 12 spies treated God with contempt by doubting His ability to defeat their enemies. Hardly a day passed that Caleb failed to rejoice that God would bring them in to enjoy the land those 10 spies had rejected.

See this cleansing from chaff as a reality and you will experience it anew.

Chapter 2

HONORING THE HOLINESS OF GOD

“Believing Into Jesus Christ”

In the 39th Chapter of Exodus, Moses inspects the tabernacle. All the work had been completed. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses. They brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent and all its furnishings; its clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases; the covering of hides of sea cows and the shielding curtain; the ark of the testimony with its poles and the atonement cover; the table with all its articles and the bread of the Presence; the pure gold lampstand with its row of lamps and all its accessories, and the oil for the light; the gold altar; the anointing oil, the fragrant incense; and the curtain for the entrance to the tent. Moses inspected all the work and saw that they had done it just as the Lord had commanded. So Moses blessed them.

Then Moses set up the tabernacle in Chapter 40 on the first day of the month of Nisan.

“First place the ark of the testimony in it and shield the ark and set out what belongs on it. Then bring the lampstand and set up its lamps. Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the testimony and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. . . . Then take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings and it will be holy. Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar and it will be most holy.”

When everything had been accomplished just exactly as the Lord God had directed Moses, the Glory of the Lord covered the tent of meeting and the Glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it and the Glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

And, in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy (the month of Tebeth), God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26.

Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign. The virgin (almah) will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel."

In Deuteronomy 18, God told Moses "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like Moses from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. I will put my words in His mouth and He will tell My people everything I command Him. If anyone does not listen to My words that the prophet speaks in My Name, I myself will call him to account." Deut. 5:2.

Then, according to Micah, Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem, though small among the clans of Judah.

And on the 19th of the Hebrew month of Shebat, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptizer to manifest all righteousness and everything being thus perfectly in order, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove and a voice from heaven spoke saying, "This is My Son whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Now, Jesus is tempted in the wilderness for 40 days and nights. There He is tempted by Satan and on 29 Adar, Jesus returns to Bethany where John the Baptizer identified Him as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

Then, just as Moses began to assemble the tabernacle on the 1st of Nisan (Exodus 40), Jesus on this same date begins to select His disciples. John 1:35.

By changing water into wine (John 2), Jesus revealed His glory and His disciples put their faith into Him. In this glory (doxa) is God's expression of His bestowal of exaltation to His right hand; the inheritance of His kingdom, resurrection and enjoyment of fullness. Note that Jesus does not lay claim to the Glory of God nor does He exalt Himself. He points toward the Father, whom to know is Eternal Life. Belief into the Son provides this knowing the Father. Jesus does nothing except He first sees

the Father do it. His entire life is surrendered over to honoring the holiness of the Father before His people, that which Moses and Aaron failed to manifest.

After teaching the disciples, Jesus gives them power and authority (exousia) to drive out all demons and to cure diseases; to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. They had all the authority that Jesus gave them and told them that they had. Later, according to Luke's account, Jesus appointed 72 others and sent them out two by two ahead of Him to every town where He was about to go. "Send my peace ahead of you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them that the kingdom of heaven is nearby." When they returned, Jesus told them to "rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

A key point of the ministry of Jesus is that "I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent Me commanded Me what to say and how to say it. I know that His command leads to eternal life. So, whatever I say is just what the Father has told Me to say." He advised His disciples that "My sheep hear My voice." In addition in John 8:47, "He who belongs to God hears what God says."

Then, through Paul who received his training directly from Jesus Christ, (Gal. 1:11), we are given an additional witness, "While no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the Spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. With this Spirit one can accept the things that come from the Spirit of God." I Cor. 2:9-14.

In Matthew's Gospel, 21:22, Jesus tells His followers that if you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. The word "ask" is a conditional verb meaning to receive the desires which arose during your prayer from the Spirit of God while standing in the majesty of God. What did Jesus ask for in prayer? He told us again and again that He did nothing except He first saw the Father say it. Isn't Jesus telling us that we now have a relationship with Jesus and the Father to function in the exact same way Jesus acted and did during His 70 week ministry? (Dan. 9) As descendants

of the Messiah, with the Holy Spirit guiding, teaching, empowering and comforting us, we are enabled to be sensitive to the very thoughts of God. What do you think would happen to our ministry if we began to do nothing except we first were to see our Father say it? This would honor the holiness of Father God as Jesus did.

But didn't Jesus say that He would ask the Father and the Father would give us another counselor to be with us forever, the Spirit of Truth? And, further, that this Spirit of Truth would bring glory to Him by taking from what is "His" and making it known to you. "All that the Father has is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you."

I am led by the Spirit of God to invite the reader to look to the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers. Watch as the Holy Spirit anoints these ministers to demonstrate this teaching. This will take place quickly as we move closer to the Lord's soon return.

As these members of our Lord's five-fold ministry demonstrated this honoring of the holiness of God, watch how quickly they pass this on to the saints around them. These saints will be fast learners as they exercise their ministry of the Lord's service. Watch them grow as they begin to honor the holiness of the Father while they are built up into the unity in the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God. Watch how quickly they mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Daniel spoke of this day when, in Chapter 12, he wrote, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end."

Many will be purified, made spotless and refined (kadosh). But, the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Thanks be to God.

Chapter 3

THE ANOINTING THEN AND NOW

Leviticus 8 and 9 describe a very precise anointing process for Aaron. Moses, God's anointed, stated what the Lord has commanded to be done. Then he brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water. He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him. He also tied the ephod to him by its skillfully woven waistband; so it was fastened on him. He placed the breast piece on him and put the Urim and Thummim in the breast piece. Then he placed the turban on Aaron's head and set the gold plate, the sacred diadem on the front of it as the Lord commanded Moses.

Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it and so consecrated them. He sprinkled oil on the altar seven times anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them. He poured some anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him. Then he took some of the blood from the ram for the ordination and placed it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

This is the same anointing prescribed in Leviticus 14 for the cleansing from infectious skin diseases. It includes sprinkling the one to be cleansed seven times – washing – sacrificing: guilt offerings and sin offerings and burnt offerings and placing oil and blood on the lobe of the right ear, the thumb of the right hand and the big toe of the right foot. It removes the effect of sin in the life of the one being cleansed.

All this was done so that the glory of the Lord could appear to the people. There was clearly something special about this most holy anointing in regard to honoring the holiness of God.

Sometime later, Aaron and Miriam spoke against Moses (Num. 12) because of his Cushite wife. "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses"? they asked. "Hasn't He also spoken through us"? And the Lord heard this.

At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out of the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three came out. Then the Lord

came down in a pillar of cloud; He stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. God then spoke to these two about His servant Moses. “He is faithful in My house. With him I speak face to face (as equals)”. Then Miriam turned leprous.

What protected Aaron? Why was he not punished with leprosy?

The answer comes in Num. 20:28. Moses removed Aaron’s garments and put them on his son, Eleazar. And, Aaron died there on top of the mountain. It seems that this garment protected Aaron even from the wrath of God. It appears that this consecrated garment enabled Aaron to exist near to the holiness of God and to experience His presence as he served God in his appointed ministry. What equivalent does this garment, made with supernatural skill, have in the New Covenant under Jesus Christ as High Priest?

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by the Baptizer, He presented Himself to manifest all righteousness. As He was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. This, therefore, showed Jesus to be most holy. After Jesus died for our sins, was gloriously resurrected and supernaturally ascended into heaven, He manifested His righteousness to heaven and earth. Then, to verify Jesus’ sacrifice for sin, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith into (eis) Jesus. When the Holy Spirit (the anointing) fell on the 120 in the upper room, these would be declared most holy. The sacrifice of Jesus and His victory over sin falls upon the believer as righteousness and holiness.

In the Gospel according to John, the apostle speaks of this anointing. He writes, “But you have an anointing from the Holy One and all of you know the truth. Whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. (John 14:19-21, “Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in You”.) John actually describes our relationship with Jesus as one would have with a garment worn on the body.

He continues, “See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what Jesus promised¹ us even eternal life.” (To know the Father).

¹ “epangelia” – a legal term.

John then warns the reader about being led astray. He says, “As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as the anointing is real (and tangible) not counterfeit, just as it has taught you, remain in Him.”

This testimony of John the Apostle shows an anointing available to the believer which is even greater than the anointing given to Aaron by Moses. You can feel it around you as you serve the Living God to honor His holiness. As you stand near the altar during the celebration of Holy Communion, the anointing lifts you in the celebration. You instantly know for sure how holy you are in Christ. As you listen to be led into the celebration, the anointing will talk to you about special needs and concerns within the congregation seated, kneeling or standing around you. The more you surrender to this anointing, the greater will the angels in the sanctuary rejoice with you.

You are taught by this anointing. This anointing is saturated with the Love of God because that Love is God. It is therefore manifested as patience, healing and kindness. It does not promote envy nor does it stimulate boasting. There is no pride produced by this garment of God. Self-seeking can not be found in it nor is it easily angered. It delights in truth, always protects, always trusts, hopes and perseveres. When honoring the Holiness of God, the anointing makes one aware that the Lord God is present with them to do that act which the Lord assigns them.

This new awareness makes the anointed one a more positive thinker and speaker. I am saddened when I hear a brother or sister confess what a worthless sinner he or she is. Doesn't this new life in Christ cleanse us from all sin? Are we not now, here on earth, to demonstrate the righteousness of God in Christ? Doesn't the mystery hidden for the ages, “Christ”, live in us? Didn't Father God, through Moses, say, “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy.” Lev. 11:44. Doesn't the blood of Jesus cleanse us from all sin? What then should our confession be?

Doesn't Jesus tell us that, “For out of the outflow of the heart the mouth speaks? Things that come out of the mouth come from the heart.” How can we speak such testimony when apostles, prophets and our Lord

Himself say that the Love of God at work in us keeps us from sinning? (I John 5:18, Ezek. 11:19-20).

In Luke 6:43-45, Jesus tells you that “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. . . . The good man or woman brings good things out of the good stored up in his/her heart. For out of the overflow of his/her heart the mouth speaks.” Should this then be most holy.

In Romans 1, Paul is not ashamed of the “evangelizo” (the good news of Christ in us) because it is the power of God for the salvation (kadosh, “no chaff”) of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the secular (goy) world. For in the good news a righteousness (dikaiosyne) from God is revealed. This specific type of righteousness removes the veil between the believer, in Christ, and God. This righteousness exposes to open view what was before hidden – from faith to faith. This faith is an intensive verb meaning from a heaven-given faith alone (pistis).

One must grow into the awareness of this new life in Christ. It isn’t intellectually discerned. After all, the eye can’t see it. The ear can’t hear it. The mind can’t conceive it. It is revealed by God’s Spirit through our experience. This anointing leads the anointed one to pursue a triune salvation. The soul and body along with the renewed spirit become participants in this most holy alliance.

This anointing which I received began to teach me from the moment it was passed on to me from Bishop Curtis. At St. Michael’s and All Angels Mission on the evening Rev. Jack Bates led me through the office and work of a deacon we had a life changing experience. After celebrating Holy Communion, Fr. Jack covered the elements on the altar. He then led me through those things a deacon should be expected to know. After we had finished, we went back to the altar. Fr. Jack lifted the covering off the paten and the bread glowed with uncreated light. It shone right through our hands as we struggled to consume it. Then he lifted the veil from the chalice. The stem of the chalice was hot but it did not burn our hands as we held it. The light blazed forth from the consecrated wine and it lit up the sanctuary. As we two consumed this most holy blood of Jesus, we both glowed inside. Naturally this experience gave each of us a new appreciation for the Holy Spirit and our service to your Lord and God.

I was soon led to seek the baptism of/by the Holy Spirit from Rita Bennett. Then, I was led to hear a prophecy telling those who heard this long true statement that “We have all the authority that God gives us and tells us that we have.”

I was then moved to learn about hearing the Spirit’s leading – especially through raising sheep. Then to apply this to people then to learn about seeing the Lord’s leading through Spirit-led leaders who offered me an opportunity to grow. It was rather like Moses tying the sash around Aaron. Each time I trusted the Lord’s leading and thus experienced growth, my awareness of the Spirit’s leading increased.

My ordination to the priesthood was a similar life-changing experience. It was April 1977, about the 1st of Nisan. I was at home in prayer. The Lord asked me if I wanted to be a priest in His Church. My response was, “If you want me to be your priest, then make me one.” He said he would and when it would happen. The next day, Fr. John Schaffer called me from Hoods Canal. The night before, the Committee on Ministry, the Standing Committee and the Diocesan School of Theology staff met as a counsel to Bishop Cochran to discuss ordination to the priesthood for graduates of the Diocesan School of Theology. They agreed that we would first require a year of residential seminary. Later that evening one asked what we would be required to study since we had all passed the examination required for priesting. They thought about this over night.

The next morning, they continued the meeting and decided that we should be considered for ordination to the priesthood. So Fr. John told me to begin the process. I began.

After a busy summer and fall I was ordained a priest in God’s Holy and catholic Church. . just as the Lord told me in April, “You will be ordained a priest on the Feast of St. Luke in October, 1977.” As a result of this supernatural experience, I take the service to Father God very, very seriously.

Now, I am being exposed to brothers and sisters who need encouraging. Now I feel the Spirit’s leading within me urging them to new and greater awareness of the holiness of God. I begin now to see how the five-fold ministry is used to prepare God’s people for works of service. The next great move of the Lord will be to build up that body of Christ until we

each reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ – into Him who is the Head.

If this seems too difficult to imagine, go back and read about the field of wheat in Chapter 1. In this field were no weeds yet not one stalk of grain was damaged. There was no chaff on the heads yet not one grain of wheat was knocked from the head by God’s supernatural threshing process.

The epistle to the Hebrews has several words of advice for those striving to trust in God’s anointing:

In Heb. 3:12 we are advised to not have a sinful unbelieving heart that turns away from the Living God. Be careful therefore of what comes from your heart through your spoken words. What is your confession? Are you confessing that you are a pitiful sinner or are you confessing that you are the righteousness of God in Christ? Encourage one another daily as long as it is called “today” (while you still have an opportunity) so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. Fix (katanoeo), by trusting in the available power of Heaven itself, your thoughts on Jesus the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess.

In the 9th and 10th Chapters of Hebrews, we are invited to participate in an activity unknown before Jesus was glorified. Prior to His glorious victory, only the high priest could enter into the Most Holy Place and this only once a year² and then only with a specific blood offering. But, Jesus has appeared to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. He makes perfect those who draw near to worship. By that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of His Body once and for all.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we now have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain that is His Body, and since we have a Great High Priest over the House of God, let us draw near to God with full assurance of faith (pistis).

² On the 10th day of the 7th month at the Moed of Atonement.

How might one go about entering this Most Holy Place? Since the Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus, and since Jesus leads us to the Father, then the next time you enter into your prayer closet ask the Holy Spirit to escort you into the Most Holy Place. There, you will encounter the glory of God so holy, so beautiful, so glorious that you will be unable to describe the experience. There you will redefine your prayers. You will pray face to face with the Glory of God. Your prayers will be more intimate, more personal and more expectant.

Now then, let us continually approach the Throne of Grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our times of need. Those of us who believe into Christ Jesus have received the very righteousness of God. We actually have a covenant and an anointing which is superior to that which rested upon Aaron. Trust in the holiness which Christ in you displays – seek a closer and closer fellowship with the Father. Grasp your maturity as a goal to possess. When God makes a promise He does so by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie. His Nature and His Promises are unchangeable. Therefore, we who have been unable to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. The following is an example of holding firmly to this hope.

While blessing a house in the Kent, Washington, area, I encountered a number of dark spirits. There were fifty or so small demons about three feet tall, one about five feet tall and one about eight feet tall. The smaller ones ran when the victorious Spirit within me approached them. The five foot tall and about three feet across spirit smelled like a dead carcass. It left with a command to leave in the Name of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. The eight footer didn't, at first, so much as budge when I commanded it to depart. I had to stand firmly in the confession that greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world. Then, ever so slowly, this eight foot tall demon with anger pouring forth from his unblinking eyes began to move around me and out of the house and off the property. When you trust in God following what He told you to do and say – it just has to work.

How long will one have to stand on God's promise before results come forth? Daniel had to stand firm for 21 days (Daniel 10:13). I personally have never had to stand firm for more than a few days. Nevertheless, be encouraged to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out

for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith – Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the Throne of God. So don't grow weary and lose heart. In Christ Jesus you are, right now, MOST HOLY.

WHEN GOD SPEAKS – TRUST WHAT HE SAYS. STAND ON THAT PROMISE – IT HAS TO WORK!

YES.

Chapter 4

SEEING AS A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

This adventure began nearly 30 years ago. I was working on a proprietary program for The Boeing Company. Our group was isolated from the other portion of our department. A manager, Joseph, and I shared a secretary who was located with our isolated group, while he was with the other portion of the organization. He asked to meet with me regarding her location. I agreed to meet with this brother even though the majority of her work supported our proprietary activities.

As Joseph stood in the doorway of my office, the Holy Spirit spoke to me while He stood beside me. “Don’t hurt him”, was the message. Then I saw a light radiating out from my dear Jewish friend. As I listened to him speak, the light pouring out of the soul area revealed Joe’s innermost thoughts, desires and feelings which could be easily damaged. I responded to what he meant to say rather than what came forth in his speech.

Joe would talk of his often instant requirements to have Barbara C. close to his office. I would answer about Barbara’s enjoyment of being able to look out a window and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. Joe had a need for the status of a secretary outside his office. I couldn’t confront him with this issue. The Holy Spirit helped us find a way to settle this situation without hurting anyone’s feelings.

The conversation continued from 11:00 until 11:30 and concluded with Barbara being primarily located in the public access portion of our organization. While I believe I could have overwhelmed this brother with a different location, it would have hurt this dear man to expose my knowledge of his innermost desires.

He left my office with a strange statement. “Never have I ever been so completely understood.” My response was, “Perhaps so, but I learned you and I will not be able to play bridge in heaven,” thinking it will be impossible to deceive one another there.

I wondered what and why I was permitted to experience this heavenly form of communication. The answer came with my next visit to an intensive care ward. The Holy Spirit directed me to look at the monitoring equipment. Those electronic lines moving across the screen give the viewer a clue as to the feelings of the patient. When the conversation promotes a believed basis of hope or agreement, the lines on the screen stay high. When conversation causes the lines to drop below normal, it is causing concerns and negative feeling to emerge.

While not precisely the same as the feelings expressed through my friend Joseph in our meeting, these signals could be translated into an equivalent understanding of the patient's feelings. So while we talked with one another, I closely watched the monitor behind the patient and adjusted my words to bring the least discomfort to the individual.

A few months later, my older brother suffered a massive heart attack. His condition was so grave that his doctors would not allow me to visit him for fear it would cause him a set back in his already fragile condition knowing I had traveled 1100 miles to see him. When I visited the intensive care ward in Los Angeles, my visit was limited to the waiting room. So, Friday and Saturday from around 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., I sat in the waiting room and prayed.

A number of people joined me in prayer during those two days. There were some young people whose pastor was suffering from terminal cancer in his lungs. He would be brought from the 7th floor down to the cardiac ward on the 4th floor to get his lungs drained. He was in a room near to "my" waiting room. I joined these young believers while we prayed for this dear pastor. The power of the Holy Spirit moved mightily as we spent nearly an hour praying for his full recovery.

During these two days, I spent time comforting a number of Jewish ladies who were concerned about their dear ones who were in the same unit as my brother. The days were anything but boring and I was convinced that the peace of God was flowing all over the 4th floor.

On Sunday morning, the doctor from the intensive care unit came out to visit with me. He was a little uneasy as he spoke. "Something strange is going on this week end. We have had 13 patients in a room designed for 11. Not one of these patients is having a problem. No one had died. It is like

the Hand of God is on this room. I see no reason why you should be prevented from visiting your brother. He seems stable enough to bear the shock of you coming this great distance to visit him.” So, after 2 ½ days in the waiting room, I was permitted to visit my brother.

I carefully watched the monitor over Doug’s head as I sat down in the chair beside his bed. The monitor was very sensitive to Doug’s mood swings. We couldn’t talk about God or Jesus. We could talk about tractors and sheep. So while we talked about farm stuff, I rubbed his feet and prayed silently in the Spirit. The monitor stayed in the upper part of the screen.

Doug partially recovered from that massive heart attack and was allowed to return home. Dorothy and I returned to Issaquah. During the next several months, Doug began to take an interest in Church, Jesus and the Father.

Along about mid-August, I received a letter from a Presbyterian pastor who had been delivered from terminal lung cancer. He thanked me for the part I played with a group of young believers who were moved to pray for his complete recovery. He included a poem he had been moved to write on “How Short is Your Candle?” It expressed his thanks for God’s place in his life and ministry and for a little more time to serve God in a more positive way. This letter puzzled me a bit since I never mentioned my last name to anyone in that waiting room. To them I was Dean. Someone went to a little trouble to find not only my name but also my home address.

That evening, I received a call from Doug. He had heard a bit about my adventures in the waiting room. He was especially curious about the man we had prayed for. I read Doug the letter from this Presbyterian pastor which more than answered his questions. He got very quiet then spoke, “This is by far the greatest thing you have ever done for me in all of our 40 years together.” You see, Dear Reader, it is all about Jesus.

Doug passed away a few weeks after this conversation. I know that he had first developed a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Let God be praised.

During the next several years, I continued to experience this awareness of feelings pouring from the human soul of those to whom God has led me to minister. It was not in the form of something seen so much as

something known. I have several friends who see these things. It has been fun to tell them what the Spirit gives me to know. They then confirm this knowing with their seeing.

Since viewing that field of ripened grain, this past week things have changed. I have begun to notice something new. While meeting with Fr. John Roddam, Rector of St. Luke's in Ballard, Washington, Fr. John was prophesying. I was moved by the Holy Spirit to look closely at his face. Gradually, I began to see a pinkish red light radiating out from below Fr. John's eyes. It wasn't, as I was accustomed to, a "knowing"; it actually was a "seeing." Father advised me that this was a heavenly form of communication, rather equivalent to eating a scroll or book. In computer language, it would be a type of a "data dump".

Then, as with my meeting with Joseph, I was given the ability to understand a great truth pouring out from Fr. John's face. It wasn't a message from this brother's soul, it was a higher truth from the Holy Spirit. For lack of a name for this experience, I am led to call it a radiating of God's truth. I do believe that Daniel wrote of this experience where in 12:3 he stated, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever." Even the morning stars are credited with singing together. It is an awareness of a kind of communication we will each become accustomed to before Jesus returns.

Like the beautiful stag in the Lord's vision of the cabins in the upland valley, when he spoke to me he said, "It will not be safe in this valley when the sun sets. None of the trees in this valley are full grown. These have not as yet grown into full awareness of the anointing provided by surrendering their freed natures to the Holy Spirit."¹ Later, in that vision, I was made aware of a forest filled with full grown trees of righteousness. No warning was even suggested about the setting sun and these trees having their roots firmly established in the "River of Life". These trees will not be shaken when the sun sets and darkness comes upon this earth. As mature trees, these brothers and sisters have grown to realize that the anointing makes room for us. The anointing guides the anointed, not the other way around.

We are about to enter a time when the descendents of the Messiah will be totally led by the Holy Spirit. These will utterly depend upon the

¹ See "Revealing the Heart of the Yes", Chapter 22, Rev. Dean Scovell,

anointing in their lives and in their ministry of service to the Father through His Son Jesus. This is very much the case set forth in the Issaquah Valley vision. One is totally dependent on the anointing. You are told to touch and you touch, to speak and you speak. You are no longer awed by the results – you expect them as you continue to move on and on with your assigned duties.

As one thinks about that stag's words of caution, the subject of our strength comes to mind. Since the only reliable strength available to the servant is the strength of the anointing, I do believe that this strength from the anointing will be required to exist when the darkness falls upon the earth.

Chapter 5

BECAUSE YOU ASKED

In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 17, Jesus talks of the coming of the Kingdom of God. "It does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is', or 'There it is,' because the Kingdom of God is within you."

Think about this statement without the limits and encumbrances placed upon us by our years of living in a doubt-filled society. If Jesus meant what He said, and I am convinced that He did, then most of what we long for will be found within us, in God's Kingdom. We feed this kingdom every time we enter into praise and worship. We strengthen our awareness of this kingdom in our sustained prayer and study of Holy Scriptures. It is all about Jesus. It's real and it grows more wonderful each time we exercise our contact with that kingdom. Those times when we reach out to others during a time of need, we might be surprised at the adventure we will face.

My lesson on this subject began when I was a lad of about 19 years old. My older brother was in the US Navy aboard the USS Tossig DD746 somewhere west of the islands of Japan. The war in Korea was on-going. My mother hadn't heard from Doug for over a month and, as good mothers do, she was concerned about her son. In a rather casual way, she asked me to see what I could find out in my nightly prayers.

Because she asked, I took this question to prayer. In less than 10 minutes I was aware of a presence near to me. "You are concerned about your brother; come, I'll show you." He spoke. This presence took my right hand and the two of us took off right through the west wall of my bedroom. In seconds we passed over the Olympic Mountains and proceeded above the Pacific Ocean no more than 100 feet above the water. We passed near several ships plying their trade and, in less than one minute, we stopped in the midst of the 7th Fleet (south of Korea). While our speed was extremely fast, it never appeared so. I was able to see clearly what we passed over. Details below us were clear, never blurry.

Around me were numerous Naval ships with their great numbers on their bow sides, but there was no DD-746 in this cluster. The presence with

me pointed south toward Formosa (now Taiwan). “There is the Tossig,” He said. “Do you need to see more?” He asked. I suddenly realized that I knew what had taken place yet nothing was said about it.

In the Kingdom of Heaven, one becomes accustomed to a totally different kind of communication. In the Old Testament the prophet was sometimes required to eat a scroll. (Ezek. 3:1) With my traveling companion, I was learning about things without any perceived exchange of data. One just knew and it was in no way strange.

I turned to return toward home. My airborne companion said, “We generally continue around this way.” And we moved quickly above China, Russia, the Netherlands, Greenland, Canada and a small portion of Washington right back through the eastern wall of my bedroom. The entire experience took less than an hour. During this time, we had traveled over 20,000 miles with no vehicle around us. At no time was I, in the least, uncomfortable or wind blown. While the entire experience was a surprise, there was nothing frightening about any portion of this adventure.

The next morning at breakfast, I told Mom what I had learned. The Tossig had lost a screw and was unable to maintain her course in a considerable storm off the Korean coast. She was now headed to port in Formosa. Doug was aware of his mother’s concerns and would write within the week. “How did you obtain all this information?” Mother asked. “Because you asked,” was the only answer available. Much of what I was able to tell her had not been communicated to me by what was said or seen. I had seen no storm. I was told nothing of the Tossig losing a propeller. Yet, it was something I definitely knew. Like the experience of being used to prophesy.

About ten days later, Mom heard from her son. He told her about the storm and the trouble the Tossig had maintaining her position in the fleet, then receiving orders to put into Formosa for repairs.

Since this experience, I have made several trips to Europe. While the jets fly considerably slower and higher, much of the scenery is the same as I viewed that night with my heavenly friend.

Some years later, I met a man, James M., who had been in that same storm aboard the USS Boxer (an aircraft carrier). She was taking green water on the flight deck. By any measure, this was indeed a serious storm.

On another occasion some time later, a fellow worker asked me about his mother as we passed through a large room filled with engineers at their desks. “Dean,” George C. asked, “how is my mother”? Because George asked, I looked within for the answer. In a few seconds, I was looking at what appeared to be a clear lifesaver complete with a hole in its center. I thought, “What is this? What should this normally look like”? Quickly the shape changed into a shape like a lozenge with a dusty red color. This looked like a healthy greatly enlarged red corpuscle.

Like a flash it came to me. “George”, I said, “your mother has no red blood cells. Quickly get her to the hospital in Bellingham.” George continued out the door; jumped into his car and drove 90 miles north. He picked up his mother and took her to a Bellingham hospital. They checked her blood and found it nearly devoid of red cells. After a transfusion, she felt much better. On his return, George asked me how I knew. “Because you asked”, was the only available answer.

Somehow a question honestly asked opens the doors of our awareness of God’s Kingdom within us. If we have a freed nature that has remained unencumbered with doubts about such goings on, it is as simple as looking out a window in broad daylight.

Inner healing takes this principal and expands upon it.

As a deacon, I was not authorized to grant absolution. Such sacerdotal authority is not bestowed upon a deacon at his or her ordination. Inner healing however is not forbidden as a service to be rendered by those holding this holy office. Any baptized Christian who is accustomed to communication with the Holy Spirit, especially listening, should be open to inner healing. You do not imagine, you listen. What deep concern is beyond the reach of the individual who has come seeking God’s help? It’s really all about Jesus, His Love and His Mercy.

People would be brought to me who had problems they just couldn’t put a finger on. A man who just felt poorly was brought by a Sister, Mary F. He was a large gentleman and when he settled on our davenport, it cracked.

As we prayed, a picture came forth of a black mountain. It had the appearance of dirty oil in a neglected filter. It seemed to shout “HATRED”.

I asked the man if he knew of anyone whom he particularly disliked. He said no. He loved everyone. I continued to look at that oily black mountain. In a few minutes a golden bear appeared on the side of the mountain. I asked this brother if a golden bear brought anyone to mind. He grew red in the face. If smoke could have come out of his ears, I believe it would have. He began to pour forth anger from deep within. “I have hated that man, “Bear”, for over 25 years. He ruined my life financially,” he responded.

I drew back and quietly asked if he would consider forgiving this “Bear” fellow. His angry response was like a stiff arm by a football fullback. “No way,” he responded. “He caused me too much grief”. I then suggested we ask Jesus to help us consider forgiving this man “Bear”. He agreed. After we let Jesus reign over this situation, the mountain became a flat field. In that rich soil a field of flowers sprang into bloom which you could smell all over the room. Why? you ask. Because he asked.

There is something wonderful about the Kingdom of God within us. Once we find a way to share its bounty with those around us having needs, wants or problems, it just pours forth.

One time, my son, Derek, was in the Wenatchee area. I hadn’t heard from him for nearly a week. I happened to encounter my friend, Ralph R. I asked Ralph how my son Derek was doing. Ralph became quiet for a few seconds, then responded, “Derek is on the side of a hill in a herd of elk. He is at peace within himself. You’ll hear from him in a couple of days.” And, indeed, this proved true. While hiking, Derek was so close to the elk he phoned of his glorious experience.

How did Ralph know about my son when I didn’t? How indeed. Because I asked him. Ralph was open to the Kingdom of God within himself that Jesus so often spoke of. It is really all about Jesus. He came so that we as believers might experience the Kingdom of Heaven here and now.

While serving our Father God, we will continually encounter His Kingdom. It is where real service takes place. This is where one encounters

a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom or the Faith of God. It is not way off out “there” somewhere. It is within the heart of the believer.

I could relate countless stories about being “asked” and the doors to the Kingdom of Heaven pouring forth the answer. But, this is enough to make the point. The purpose of this book is to awaken, not to entertain.

Lately I find that when presented with a prayer list, I am moved to hold each name quietly listening. In that holding, I allow the name to ask for what is required. Then, the Chief Overseer gives me a word of knowledge from the Kingdom of God. A sore back, head ache, tooth ache, swollen glands, etc., etc., etc. Then, because the name asks the question, this allows the Kingdom of God to answer each name on the list. It really isn't difficult and it does work. “Why?” you ask. Because they ask.

Chapter 6

ATTACKING SATAN'S KINGDOM

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the seventy-two. He sent them two by two to places He was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. Go! . . . Tell the people that the Kingdom of God is near you. . . . Yet, be sure of this: the Kingdom of God is near."

When these believers returned, they confessed that "even demons submit to us in Your name." Jesus then confirmed that He had given these believers authority to overcome all the power of the enemy. "Nothing," Jesus said, "will harm you."

These witnesses were commissioned in the Name (Shem) of Jesus. To Jews, the Name refers to God and to His Name which is no longer pronounced. The Name in Hebrew refers to that which destroys chaos. Coupled with the Name of Jesus was a twice referred-to reference to acknowledging that the Kingdom of God has come near to you. Gradually, I have learned that the power of the Name of Jesus is released from the Kingdom of God within the believer. It is like the Love of God flowing out from the Kingdom of God within that Father God taught me while raising sheep.²

When confronting a demon or principality of the satanic kingdom, trust the presence of the Kingdom of God within you. The more one's soul is surrendered to the Mind of Christ, the stronger will be the outpouring of the Kingdom of God within.

While speaking at a Full Gospel Businessmen's convention in Portland, I experienced a deliverance. A rather large brother, who had a street ministry, was very interested in being near me. He followed me around the room telling me that I must pray for him. This should have alerted me but it didn't. Finally, I agreed to pray for this dear man. His response to prayer was a jerking, pulsating motion. He became quite

² See "Revealing the Heart of the Yes", Chapter 8.

agitated. Men and women gathered around me. Some shouted at the man. I advised them that shouting wasn't required, just faith in Jesus' promises. Finally, the man became quiet. Some, at this time, asked him to say that Jesus is his Lord. The man said these words, but my Spirit checked this action. I listened to the Kingdom of God within me. "Anoint him with oil," commanded the Holy Spirit. I did so and the kingdom of darkness rose up within this man. He began to convulse, to slobber and to scream. The people around me backed away as the Kingdom of God within drove the darkness out of the building. Then, it was very quiet.

Who gets the credit for this victory over the powers of darkness? Isn't it all about Jesus?

There was another example that seems appropriate to this subject. It took place in San Diego at the Church of the Good Samaritan. A Presbyterian couple had a son named John Mark who was difficult to pray for. He had a problem with his eyes and his parents brought him in for prayer. Led by the Spirit, I asked them to bring him to the Saturday evening service. They did and about 15 or so gathered around the boy and his parents. As we began to pray, John Mark began to scream. I turned my back on the group and asked Father how to proceed. He told me to anoint the people in the group around John Mark and for the moment to ignore him.

I began to anoint the people. The third person, a lady, was healed of deafness. I advised her to stand her ground; we'd celebrate her victory later. One by one, I anointed the men and women in the circle while John Mark watched. Finally, every person in the circle around this family had been anointed.

I then asked Father what to do next. He directed me to turn and face John Mark and to point my right index finger at his head. As I did so, I was made able to see a yellow green serpent about six inches in diameter coiled around John Mark's little body. The head of that principality was glaring with unblinking eyes at me as I pointed my right index finger at him. At this time, two very large hands, like the hand in Daniel 5:5, appeared from the crowd of people and began to close in around John Mark and his mother. As the hands engulfed this serpent, it shot forth through the roof of the Church of the Good Samaritan's sanctuary. Some others saw this and gasped. John Mark no longer screamed while we rejoiced over his deliverance.

Don't you see it's all about Jesus? All we really did was watch.

I have been tempted to duplicate this approach when confronting a difficult deliverance or healing. It is much easier to seek direction for that individual situation. Especially if you want it to work.

A couple of years after this momentous event, Dorothy and I were back in San Diego. We were attending an Order of St. Luke conference. Barbara McB. Called John Mark's mother who was only happy to bring her son to the conference. His eyes had improved and worship services no longer caused him to scream. His mother had some very good news to report about her son. His first words weren't "mama" or "dada". His first words were "Hallelujah".

I am continually reminded of Jesus' words about doing only what the Father shows Him. More and more I am convinced that the Holy Spirit enables us to do the same. The Name of Jesus is also a destroyer of the chaos around us if, instead of following another's advice, we servants of the Most High God elected to serve as Jesus served. When I follow this advice, I encounter victory upon victory.

Paul, who was taught by Jesus Christ (Gal.1:11), gives advice to the Church of this age. In Eph. 3:10, he states, "His intent was that now through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Since the mystery hidden for the ages is Christ in you, your hope of glory, it is about time each of us allowed Him to shine. Let each and everyone allow the Kingdom of God to pour forth and begin to defeat Satan's kingdom. Let us not only begin this task, let us now finish it. It really is all about Jesus, isn't it?

But, then, let us press into the Oneness with the Father that Jesus died to give us (The Most Holy Place). It is not far away somewhere that we would require a map to find. If the Kingdom of God, as Jesus said, is within you, then let each one of us press into our Father in Jesus within us. As you begin to enter into this oneness, you will discover a sweetness and a holiness so serene it will nearly take your breath away. But it doesn't.

Wesley found it; Teresa of Avila found it; Meister Eckhart enjoyed this oneness as did Reese Howell and George Muller. Press into the Christ in the Father. This is the only permanent way to defeat the kingdom of Satan. And, as you proceed to totally enjoy the Father's company, you'll discover it is really all about Jesus.

Chapter 7

AND THEY WALKED ON WATER

I met Mel Tari¹ a few years ago at an Order of St. Luke conference in Idaho. Mel had a quiet and gentle spirit which radiated the love of God as he shared his adventures with the conference.

One in particular which the group enjoyed was part of his account of the revival which took place on his home island of Timor in Indonesia. The Lord had sent his group on an evangelism trip across their island. The instructions led them to a small village where they were told to cross the river and proceed onto an upland community. When the group arrived at the river, it was in flood stage. Should they wait a few days until it became crossable? Or, should they trust in God and cross the river right then? Before they could decide, one of their group boldly stepped out onto the water and began to cross. There was a group of Mohammedans watching them, some jeering at these Christians who dared to tempt God.

In a matter of moments, the small party was on the top of the water crossing the river. None experienced sinking below the ankle. The group safely crossed over this river at flood stage just as they were told to by their Holy Guide. Some of the sneering Mohammedans thought they would walk on water too. It didn't work so well for them. They were swept downstream, a bit wetter by the experience.

On another occasion, two friends from the Renton area were attending a Christian meeting at Lake Wilderness. It was a fall evening with a low fog above the beach and the lake so that one could not see the ground under their feet. The Spirit was moving powerfully at this conference.

Two college professors, Harley B. and Dale G., went for a walk down by the lake to talk about Jesus and His wonders. After about 40 minutes, these two noticed that the lodge was farther away than it ought to be. Harley laughingly suggested that they might be "doing it". The two began to walk toward the lodge. It was nearly 100 yards before they felt pea gravel

¹ Mel Tari is the author of "Like a Mighty Wind", written in the late '60's to describe the revival in Indonesia.

under their feet. Did these two men of God walk on Lake Wilderness as a treat from Father God? They believe they did. It is all about Jesus, isn't it?

Another similar experience took place in Puget Sound north and west of Anacortes. My daughter, Erika, and her friend, Emma, along with my son, Derek, and his friend, Rob, and a black lab and I set off to enjoy the San Juan Islands. The adventure took place in a just-purchased 23 foot sail boat with a 5hp auxiliary engine. We spent the first night moored in a little bay on the west side of Bellingham Channel. We awoke around 8:00 a.m. and fixed breakfast. Along about 10:00 a.m., we untied from our moorage, hoisted our sails which filled in the morning breeze and put out into the channel.

After about 20 minutes, I noticed that we were not making forward motion according to the shoreline to our starboard side. On closer examination, we were actually going backward. I started the engine to help make progress but we still were going backward. During the next hour we backed completely out of Bellingham Channel into Rosario Strait. So, I moved along the southern shore of this island attempting to cross over to Thatcher Pass and Lopez Island. Ahead of us on the eastern shore of Lopez Island was a sleek 35 footer with its spinnaker filled and headed north into the incoming tide but . . .standing still.

I didn't realize the current down Rosario Strait was this strong. As I attempted to cross, the current pushed our 23 footer south toward Bird Rocks, a reef off Deception Pass. About this time, Erika and Emma joined Derek and our black lab in the cabin. Rob remained seated on the cabin door hatch. I had full sails with the engine running yet was unable to make a dent in any northern progress. About this time, I began to seek some assistance from Father God. My Spirit was peaceful but my mind began to consider concern. With the sound coming from Bird Rocks approaching that of an oncoming train, a voice within me came forth. "Tell the tide to stop." It spoke again, "Tell the tide to stop." I didn't require a third order. So, in my best base tones, I said, "Tide stop." Suddenly, like a Walt Disney movie, I watched the tide in Rosario Strait suddenly come to a complete stop. Coincidence or wonder? I report, you decide.

At this time, Rob left the cabin door hatch and joined the others in the cabin. I looked around me, took my bearings and headed toward Thatcher Pass. With the stopping of the tide, came the absence of a breeze. I took down the foresail and secured the mainsail then headed northwest by west

toward Thatcher under aux power. Then a fog settled around us so thick one could barely see the bow.

It was about 5 miles to Thatcher Pass. With a 23 ft. boat our hull-speed would approach 5 knots. So, after about one hour, I began to wish I could see so as to move into this pass and on to Lopez Island. About this time, Rob came out of the cabin and again sat on the cabin door hatch. At this time, I was straining my eyes to see a patch of shoreline off to our port side. There was nothing visible but water. I began to seek the help of Father God again. After a few moments that same voice spoke again, "Tell the fog to lift," it said. I didn't require a second invitation this time.

I took a deep breath and spoke loud enough to reach the shoreline. "Fog," I said, "lift." In less than a moment, like watching a stop action movie, the fog withdrew. Coincidence or wonder? I report, you decide. There off to our port side was Thatcher Pass totally free of fog. We headed into this passage and proceeded to a moorage on the eastern side of Lopez Island. Oh, yes, Rob again left his perch on the cabin hatch cover. I don't recall seeing him much more that day.

The remainder of our journey went without a hitch. But I, for one, knew for a certainty that God was with us. It is really all about Jesus.

Experiences like this one have helped me over the years to learn to identify my Shepherd's voice; to realize the Kingdom of God is within me; and to count on faith (pistis) coming up when the Word (logos) is received and acted upon.

Chapter 8

No Weapon Devised (Yasar)

Isaiah 54 speaks of the future glory of Zion.

“ ‘Enlarge the place of your tents, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess secular unbelieving nations and settle in their desolate cities.

For a brief moment, I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger, I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,’ says the Lord your Redeemer.

‘Now, I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love (ahav) for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the Lord who has compassion on you.

‘I will build you, your foundations, your battlements, gates and your walls of precious stones. All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace. In righteousness you will be established; tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Whoever attacks you will surrender to you.’ ”

During the past several nights, I received an unusual dream or vision. It continued and its details do not diminish with the passage of time.

The scene was Jerusalem. Suicidal terrorist bombers were poised to attack groups of civilians assembled here and there within the city. The first bomber was in the center of a group of students. As he exploded, something happened. The explosion completely destroyed the bomber but no student was in any way harmed. A wonder indeed!

The next was a group of children attending a party of some kind. The terrorist was standing within 10 ft. of the group of children when he exploded. He was totally destroyed, yet not one child was in any way harmed. Wonder of wonders!!

During the course of this dream, which lasted several nights, I witnessed hundreds of terrorist bombers in the area of Jerusalem attempting to destroy Israelis. In each instance the terrorist was near to a group of civilians when he exploded. In each case not one Israelite was in any way harmed. Most unusual indeed!!!

I asked the Holy Spirit to show me the vision in detail at the time of the explosion. What I saw was a Presence with the civilians which protected them from the force of that blast. He reminded me of a couple of cases in my experience where an individual was protected from danger – through an adjustment in time.

In the first instance, a friend, Sister Matthew of the Order of St. Joseph of Peace, was driving along US 101 on the western side of the Olympic Mountains. It was a rainy night near Forks, WA. As Sr. Matthew rounded a corner, her headlights fell on a large cedar log lying across the highway. She prayed, closed her eyes and stomped on the brakes! The car came to a stop. Sr. Matthew opened her eyes and there was no log in front of her car. She looked into her rear view mirror and there, behind her, was the log. She got out of her car and found bark on her front bumper. How did Father God do this? A wonder!

The log was then removed from Highway 101 with no injuries. Praise be to God.

On another occasion, my wife, Dorothy, and I were driving our Ford Fiesta to a prayer meeting at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Burien, Washington. We were driving on I-405 just crossing west over I-5 in the Southcenter area. I noticed a white Pontiac merging from my left. The driver had room to continue but moved right towards us. God did something about this time and, flooded with peace, Dorothy and I watched that car pass through the front end of our car. The bumper passed right across the pedals of my feet. We looked at each other as this white Pontiac drove away in front of us. At a time like this, the mind wonders strange thoughts like "What would have happened if I had honked the horn?" Not even an issue.

Father God protected Sr. Matthew from serious injury which would have resulted from hitting that large log. And, Father God saved Dorothy and me from a serious accident that Friday evening on I-405. Here, in over 100 cases, where terrorists were attempting to destroy Israelites, God showed Himself by stepping into our time and shifting us to a different point in time and safety. When God is hovering over His people, no weapon forged against those people will prevail. This was described by Isaiah as part of the future Glory of Zion. Zechariah 2:5 describes this protective wall of fire and its glory within the city of Jerusalem.

From past experience, I recognize this as a vision rather than a dream. In a vision, one is permitted to run it backwards and forwards; enlarge a view, stop, change the angle of the view or even change your place of watching any scene. A vision is also public property. As it is told to the hearer, he or she can tap into the vision even at a later date.

For two nights, I was permitted to watch countless scenes of terrorists attempting to destroy Israelite citizens. In each of these scenes the terrorist was shifted in time so that even the sound of the blast was removed from the peoples' ears. The two objects were not allowed to be in the same space at the same time. It was a wonderful (pe-leh) mouth-stopping vision indeed.

I believe that this vision was given to me to reveal a near future event or events which will occur in Israel. God does nothing except He first reveals His intentions to His prophets. I accept this as a notification of things soon to occur.

Think about the hatred those people around Israel have for "The Apple of Our Father's Eye".¹ Now, as God begins to step into the picture, as Isaiah prophesied 2700 years ago, what will this do to the minds of those who would destroy Israel from the face of the earth? Father has provided no specifics as to when these events will take place. As I have asked Him for specifics, all He tells me is "soon, very soon".

Don't you see, it's really all about Jesus, isn't it?

¹ Zechariah 2:8, "Whoever touches you, touches the apple of His eye. I will surely raise my hand against them so that their salves will plunder them."

He has taken me through each of these would be terrorist attacks. In each attempt, the Spirit of God moved between the terrorist and the people. As the explosion took place, the people were shifted into a slightly different time. There was no explosion where they were. Afterward, each seemed to realize that they had been divinely protected. With one or two examples, some could declare an anomaly of some sort had taken place. As the number increased, individuals began to notice that there was a Presence of peace during the attack. After a short while, the secular response began to take on a sacred tone. Could it be that the Hand of God is upon us? Should we begin to give thanks to God? Is Zion being divinely glorified? Thanks be to God.

But, if one then considers the other side of the coin, it seems that the more God protected His people, the more attacks were attempted. There was a sense of a religious fervor at work in the minds of the terrorists. The less successful each was, the more would those attempt to succeed. It took a whole lot of failure before the terrorism stopped being attempted. One is moved to seriously read and reread the accounts of the prophet Zechariah written about 520 BCE.

God promises to become a wall of fire around Jerusalem and a glory within. “Come,” He says, “Come and flee from the land of the north,” declares the Lord. Rather like Isaiah 33:14 or Jeremiah 16:14-15 and 30:3, Zech. 2:11: “I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent Me to you. My servant, the Branch (semah) will be there with you.

In Zech. 4, we find reference to the two olive trees which are discussed in Revelations 11. “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty. These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth. The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet; He will march in the storms of the south. . .and the Lord Almighty will shield them. Jerusalem will be secure.

Let the Name (Shem) of the Lord be glorified on this day.

Chapter 9

The Most Holy Place

We first discover the Most Holy Place in the Second Book of Moses (Exodus) Chapter 40. On the 1st day of the month of Nisan, Moses set up the Tabernacle. He began with the Ark of the Testimony. It was placed in the Tabernacle and shielded with the curtain then the table was set out. Next, the lampstand was set up with its lamps. The gold altar of incense was then set in front of the Ark of the Testimony. Then the curtain was placed at the entrance to the Tabernacle.

Then Moses placed the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting; the basin was placed between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and water was put in it. Then he set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

Then he took the anointing oil and anointed the Tabernacle and everything in it. “Consecrate it and all its furnishings and it will be holy (qades).” It is now consecrated to God. “Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all the utensils; consecrate the altar and it will be most holy (qades-qades). Then put the robes on Aaron and consecrate him so that he may serve (sabah) Me as a priest.” And, continuing, we paraphrase:

Make atonement for yourself and the people as the Lord has commanded:
Place the blood on the corners of the altar.

Burn the fat, the kidneys and the covering of the liver from the sin offering.
The flesh and the hide he burned up outside the camp.

Then he slaughtered the burnt offering.

Blood sprinkled against the altar on all sides.

The burnt offering piece by piece including the head.

Washed inner parts and legs and burned them on top of the altar.

Then he brought the offering that was for the people a goat offered as the burnt offering.

He brought the grain offering in addition to the morning’s burnt offering.

He slaughtered the ox and the ram as the fellowship offering for the people.

The blood was sprinkled against the altar on all sides.

But the fat portions of the ox and ram, the fat tail, the layer of fat, the Kidneys and the covering of the liver ---These they laid on the breasts then Aaron burned the fat on the altar.

Aaron waved the breasts and the right thigh before the Lord as a wave offering.

Then Aaron blessed the people.

He then stepped down.

Then Aaron and Moses went into the tent of meeting.

When they came out they blessed the people.

Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

Fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar.

The people saw this. They shouted for joy and fell down on their faces.

“I will show myself holy in the sight of the people,
I will be honored.”

In Leviticus 16, we next visit the Most Holy place. Moses tells his brother, Aaron, that he cannot come into the Most Holy Place whenever he chooses – or else he will die. It is the 10th of Tishri (the seventh month). God will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover on the Ark of the Testimony. The priest who is serving (sabab) God must first make atonement (kaphar).

He must put on the sacred linen tunic with linen undergarments next to his body. These are sacred garments so he must bathe himself with water before he puts them on. He is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household. Then he is to take two goats and present them before the Lord at the entrance to the Tent of Meetings. The serving priest brings the goat appointed for sacrifice and offers it as a sin offering. The other goat shall be presented alive to make atonement by sending it into the desert as a scapegoat.

He takes the blood of the sacrificed goat and sprinkles it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way, he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place. No other individual is in the Tent of Meeting from the time the serving priest goes in to make atonement in the Most Holy Place until he comes out having made atonement for himself, his household and the whole community of Israel.

When one takes in the awesome preparation and covering required to enter into the presence of God for His people in order to serve our Most Holy God, it is staggering.

Now, let us fast forward from about 1400 BCE to the time of Daniel (605-536 BCE). Much water has gone under the bridge. The Northern Kingdom is dispersed. The Southern Kingdom is in exile. God is still Holy, demanding holiness in those who would serve (sabah) Him. Daniel has determined that the 70 years appointed for the exile of Judah has been completed. Jeremiah twice listed the 70 year punishment for the people of Judah (25:12) “When the 70 years are fulfilled, I will punish the King of Babylon and his nation – I will make that land desolate forever.” (29:10). “When 70 years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.” says the Lord.

In Daniel 9:21, after much prayer, “Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel I have now come to bring you insight and understanding. Consider and understand this vision. 70 weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy”.

Can you imagine what this message brought by Gabriel did to Daniel? How can this be? What supernatural act by God would be required to produce: an end of sin, to atone for wickedness and to bring in an everlasting righteousness? What would be required to fulfill and seal up both vision and prophecy? How indeed does God plan to anoint the Most Holy? Nearly 1000 years of sacrifice had not changed the nature of men’s hearts. Something on an unimagined scale would be required to produce this idealized picture of holiness presented by Gabriel to Daniel.

This vision revealed that after 62 weeks this Holy Prince would be cut off and will have nothing. He will put an end to sacrifice. It is all about Jesus.

If one then carefully reads the Gospel of John, start with Chapter 1:26 where John baptized Jesus to reveal all righteousness. Then, one can

calculate by using a Hebrew calendar from (v 2:14) 14 Nisan and allowing 40 days in the wilderness, that the baptism of Jesus occurred on the 19th of Shebat. If one then takes John's statement to heart that "the word tabernacle among us" (v. 1:14) to point to His date of birth as 15 Tishri 4000. Then, we know the year of the baptism of Jesus to be 4029. If we proceed through this Gospel record, correcting Chapter 6:4 to omit the Passover between the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Trumpets, according to ancient documents #472 and #850 which, prior to 1500 AD excluded this feast, we come to the triumphal entrance of Jesus from Bethany to Jerusalem on the end of the 61st week since His baptism. Then during the 62nd week, the Prince was cut off and had nothing just as Daniel was told by Gabriel 560 years before (Daniel 9:26, "After sixty-two sevens the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.")

After being resurrected on the Feast of First Fruits on the first day of the 63rd week, we then count seven weeks to the Feast of Weeks (8 Sivan 4030). On this date (the 70th week from His baptism by John), Daniel's prophecy from Gabriel is fulfilled to the last detail. "To put an end to sin; to atone for wickedness; to bring in everlasting righteousness; to seal up vision and prophecy; and, to anoint the Most Holy." It is really about Jesus, isn't it?

Don't you see why Jesus encouraged the believer to hunger and thirst after righteousness? Don't you now see why, in John 17, He prayed Father make them one in Us? The answer is found in the 9th and 10th Chapters of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. A tabernacle was set up. In the first room were the lampstand, the table and its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called The Most Holy Place, which had a golden altar of incense and the gold-covered Ark of the Covenant (Testimony). This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover.

When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year on the 10th day of Tishri (the 7th month) during the Feast of Atonement (kaphar), and never

without blood. The blood was offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not been disclosed as long as the tabernacle was still standing.

Thus the gifts and sacrifices offered were not enough to clear the conscience of the individual worshipers.

But when Jesus Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacles that is not man-made. That is to say not part of this creation. He did not enter by the blood of goats and calves, but He entered the Most Holy Place once and for all by His own blood having obtained eternal redemption.

How much more then will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself unblemished to God, cleansed our conscience from acts that lead to death so that WE MAY SERVE (SABAH) THE LIVING GOD. Jesus Christ, you see, is the mediator of a new and more powerful covenant; that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance now that He has died as a ransom to set us free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

It was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with the sacrifices offered from 1400 BCE until Christ came. But the heavenly things themselves required a better sacrifice than these. Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one. He entered heaven itself now to appear for us in God's presence.

Now, Jesus has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin (as Gabriel told Daniel) by the sacrifice of Himself. So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of those who believe into (eis) Him. He will then appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

Now, since the victory of Christ over sin and death, those who draw near are made perfect as they worship the Living God. Jesus rose up in victory proclaiming "Here I am. I have come to do Your will." He set aside the first covenant and established a totally new one. And, by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all.

We require a perfection, a sinless life and a pure holiness to serve (sabab) the Living God. But, the previous high priests could not bring this to pass through yearly sacrifices which can never take away sins. When Jesus became our new High Priest over a new and perfect covenant, He sat down at the right hand of God. By one sacrifice, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

We have this new covenant now. God is at this moment placing His laws in our hearts. God no longer remembers our sins and lawless acts. And, where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Therefore, dear believers, we have the basis of this confidence to enter into the Most Holy Place every time we pray. We are permitted to enter by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain that is the body of Jesus Christ. And since we have a new High Priest over the house of God, let us eagerly draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of the Faith of God being available to us as we serve this nearness.

It is rather like Isaiah 55, “Come all you who are thirsty, eagerly come to the waters and you who have no money eagerly come, buy and eat – eagerly listen – eagerly give ear and come to Me, hear Me so that your soul may live.” Eagerly seek, eagerly call on Him. Eagerly turn to the Lord and He will have mercy on the seeker and freely pardon him or her.

We are encouraged to spur one another on toward this promised and available Love of the Father (ahav). This is the same love that John, in his Epistle, referred to as “God”. (1 John 4:8) Exposure to this love makes this God-love complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment because, in this world, we are like Jesus. (1 John 4:17)

As one enters into God’s Most Holy Place that individual encounters the Love of God which is God. Thus, they experience eternal life. John tells us how we might know that we have experienced this eternal life. (1 John 5:13). This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And, if we know that He hears us, whatever He has told us in prayer to ask for, we know that we have received what we then asked. (Erotao). Just like Jesus, we do nothing except we first see or hear the Father direct our asking or doing. (Erotao).

1 John 5:5, “Who is it that overcomes the world?” John asks. “Only he or she who believes that Jesus is the Son of God and who appropriates what God in Christ has for us.” It is all about Jesus and He and the Father have given us the Holy Spirit to enable us to discover and to appropriate His total victory. Come and see.

Chapter 10

DO YOU NEED A HAND?

During the past several nights, Father God has begun to open some new and surprising windows. “It’s time”, He said, “to learn from the supply of Jesus.”

Twice Jesus stated in John 16, v. 14, 15, that “The Holy Spirit will take from what is Mine and give it to you.” He spoke this twice because in the Hebrew this then becomes an intensive verb. It is thus a very important invitation which requires contact with the Kingdom of Heaven to manifest itself. Everything in heaven and earth (v. 15) and under the earth belongs to Jesus. Jesus did nothing except He first saw or heard the Father say or reveal it. What does Jesus possess that the believer requires – yet now will be required to ask for and hold in order to serve (sabah) the Living God?

The next move of the Spirit of God will be at an indescribable level. As with the vision in Chapter 8, Father God will take hold of time as He provides a protective barrier of fire around His people. Then, there is the vision in Chapter 1 which took place at some future date in Issaquah Valley. Here, arms, eyes, legs, feet, ears and hands were recreated (poieo) instantly with the direction and faith of God and an obedient touch by a servant (sabah) of Jesus Christ. We are about to witness the “and greater things” shall you who believe do. What might one seek to obtain from Jesus to enable them to serve (sabah) the Most Holy God during these times? Nothing we could know would suffice. Jesus did nothing except He first heard the Father say it. He was even told what to do. When the Word of God is provided as a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge, the Faith of God wells up from within.

We must look to Paul’s letter to the Philippians, Chapters 1 and 2, to realize what we will require from the store of Jesus. What about our confidence and our affection? What would take place within us if, with the Mind of Christ we were also open to receive His confidence and His affections? What about the insight or discerning ability of Jesus? What about the fruit of righteousness that was planted in His soul? According to Isaiah 32:16, the fruit of righteousness is peace and the affect of righteousness is quietness and confidence. But if one then continues with

Isaiah 30:15, in repentance and rest is your salvation and in quietness and confidence your strength.

What about the expectation of Jesus in the confidence that what the Father says is so. What about the desire of Jesus? Isn't this summed up in desiring to have the same mind as Christ, the same love (ahav) and the same purpose. What each of us who would serve the Living God would be advised to seek from the supply of Jesus.

To have the same compassion that Jesus has. This would come from the Hebrew word "cha-mal". To have the passion of the Shepherd, or "ree-chem". The chief passion or the best of passions (mercy) includes the term "hot" or "burning". To have the compassion of Jesus would be to have the burning passion for others that the shepherd has for his or sheep. Their care would be of a greater priority than the comfort directed toward oneself. Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for His sheep.

To have the same desires that Jesus has would equate to "rats-ah", what comes from a person being hooked. This would contrast to one being distressed or hooked. Rats-ah would describe one who is focused or hooked to a goal. It would be difficult to distract this individual or cause them to change their focus.

To have the same ability to encourage like "chah-zak". One who follows the vision as Jesus fixed His focus on the Father's desires and objectives. It would take a substantial focus on a vision to be able to hold creation together through the Word of His Power. Think of this virtue as an attention span. It would describe this shepherd as one who sees. A man of the eye.

Take righteousness as a virtue of Christ to be emulated. The word "tse-dek" reveals one hooked so that their life follows. Like the Love of God to John. This love so hooks the believer to the Father that the individual so hooked that all the laws and rules of God are followed yet there is no burden to following them.

Another virtue one might seek from the storehouse of Jesus is zeal (ka-nah). That which follows the action of strength. Another way to look at this virtue is to nest strongly – like a bird jealous for the nest. The alef at the end of the word signifies great strength - like the ox.

It is really all a matter of Jesus. It is not so much that we must strive toward a goal, it's that we will remain receptive to the call of Jesus to serve.

The more one spends time communing with the Holy Spirit in the Most Holy Place, the more able one will be to hear God's command to act. Our action will be similar to that which we now consider serving (sabah) the Living God.

Creation is not something radically new to the believer. When Father told me to tell Alice McA. that she could see, my part of the activity was not the key. As I spoke the words to Alice, her left eye which had been blind from birth began to function. Jesus is the key to creation.

On another occasion, with the seat on my 1968 Ford F100 truck with the nick in it, Father told me to take my right thumb and rub it across the hole in the seat. My part was not that which recreated the seat material but God required me to be part of the process.

Take any miracle of creation. Since Jesus could do nothing of Himself, so neither should we try to be anything more than a functioning servant (sabah). Our function is to stay focused on the Father's voice. When He leads us to a problem, our function is to go. When God tells us to touch a particular area of what ever the object is, our job is to touch that area. It isn't complicated. It is really all about Jesus. When we learn how to hear (sama), to then obey (sama), we will then understand (sama) or (biyn). It will be no more difficult to replace a hand or foot or leg or eye or both legs complete with trousers than to heal a headache. Father tells you what to say and how to say it. You do what and how He directs and results will follow.

In some instances, you might be permitted to pray for a miracle of creation to occur. Then when you are told what to pray and what to do, and you do what He directed, it will occur! In either case, it is really still all about Jesus.

Chapter 11

THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN

“But you have come to Mt. Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the City of the Living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men and women, to the spirits of righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

Heb. 12:22-24

If one looks at the story of Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel outside of time, we might discover a deeper secret waiting to be discovered. Adam was of the earth, not only an historical record. He symbolized the body --- red earth, a composition of chemicals into which God breathed life. Gen. 2:7. Adam, therefore, not only had no sin in him, he was incapable of sinning. Can calcium sin, or carbon, or iron? Red earth cannot sin.

Eve is a symbol of the human soul. Eve is capable of sinning. When she sins, the body suffers as well. So, when sin came into the world, it had to enter through the human soul. Sin then in the body drives the soul and body out of the Garden of Eden. When sin enters the soul, the body listens to it and allows sin to reign. Gen. 3:17.

Adam knows his wife and, of course, she brings forth two sons. What kind of child does the soul have? One is moved by the intellect (Cain). He naturally raises vegetables and produce. Cold, clear logic would not be drawn to raise sheep or goats --- or worship God in a surrendered way.

Abel, on the other hand, would be led by the heart and the emotions. When raising sheep or goats, there is a response to fear, anger and love. You call a pet sheep and he or she comes indirectly. It takes patience to raise sheep or goats. Patience and love go together here ---not cold, clear

logic. So, when pure intellect and feelings of the heart meet, the intellect will usually kill the heart-felt emotions.

So, as a result of Abel being killed, a tougher Seth is born. No longer with pure heart directed feelings; a bit more protected; a bit more cautious. Don't you see?

And, as a result of killing Abel, Cain and his wife gave birth to Enoch. Enoch walks with God for 300 years, then he was no more because God took him.

The change in our fallen human nature is fostered when we walk with God. It is a law of the Church of the Firstborn.

A little later we run into a man named Abram. Gen. 17. God spoke to Abram when he was 99 years old. He said, "Walk before Me and be blameless." Here, again, we need to open our view of the story to more than history (outside of time).

AbRAm and SaRAi each had RA in their names before and after they were changed to AbRAham and SaRAh. The terms RA refers to the flesh: AbRAm and SaRAi displayed physical strength. Notice the physical prowess of this first of the patriarchs. After the couple was well beyond the age of childbearing, God first changed their names. An "h" (to proclaim) was added to each individual's name. Then, as God had previously removed Eve from Adam, He now removes ISAac from AbRAham and SaRAh.

ISAac symbolizes the human soul. He demonstrated great patience. In conflict, he sought to avoid confrontation. He allowed his parents to select a wife for him. Under pressure, he tended to lie. "IS" is a term used to identify the soul. The soulish religions of the east usually contained "IS".

Rebekah had initiative. She acted even though the results were not always correct. When she encountered Eliazer, who came looking for a wife for Isaac, it would have been common courtesy to give a drink to a stranger. But, added character was displayed when she provided water for ten thirsty camels.

Neither Abraham and Sarah nor Isaac and Rebekah could qualify as God's firstborn (Exod. 4:22). AbRAham and SaRAi symbolized the body. ISaac and RebekAh symbolized the human soul. We should look to the offspring of Isaac and Rebekah if we want to discover the Firstborn of God. And, wouldn't you expect twins? The older had a difficult time considering consequences as he reacts to the need of the moment without realizing the cost. The younger (the grabber) is the one through whom we will watch God work out His plan for our salvation. We might frown on Jacob's methods but, hopefully, we will consider his skills, determination and patience as we see God working through his life.

Jacob, according to Genesis, had four stages to his life-changing events. Each was marked by an encounter with God. His name "Jacob" means "the grabber" because he grabbed Esau's heel at birth. He deceives his older brother by grabbing his birthright and his blessing. During his flight to Laban's family, he encountered God at Bethel (Gen. 28:12-17). Here, God not only confirmed Jacob's blessing, when the angel of God said these words to Jacob the grabber, "All people on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring", but He awakened in Jacob a knowledge about himself. God had a very special call on Jacob.

Now we enter phase two of the life of the grabber. Here he experienced being deceived by an expert. Something also seems to have taken place in this young man. He didn't run from these unfavorable conditions. He remained. He endured them. He remained at Laban's for six years waiting for God's permission.

We now enter stage three of Jacob's life. Here is a new role as the grabber. At the Jordan River he grabbed on to God and would not let go. Gen. 32:24-30. He had come to realize his dependence on God who had continued to bless him. His relationship with God had become essential to his life. His name was changed to IS-RA-EL (soul, body and spirit). Not merely RA as with Abraham and Sarah. Not merely IS as with Isaac and Rebekah. No longer the deceiving Jacob but now the firstborn of God (Exodus 4:22). "Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is My firstborn son and I tell you, Let My son go so he may worship Me.' "

The last stage of ISRAEL's life was to be in Egypt. ISRAEL was clearly unwilling to make a move without God's approval.

In Revelation 2:17, the Spirit of God is speaking to John about the church in Pergamos about overcoming compromise. Compromise by holding the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols, by committing sexual immorality; likewise, you have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. These believed in the anointing, only on the leadership and that it is permanent, rather than in real time given for each occasion. “Repent therefore, otherwise, I will soon come and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” The overcomer will receive a white stone with a new name written on it and hidden manna.

Isaiah, in Chapter 55, calls for his readers to eagerly grasp on to the things of God (again, I loosely quote): Eagerly come to the waters. You, with no money eagerly come, buy and eat. Eagerly come, buy wine (I suggest new wine) and milk without money and without cost. Eagerly listen (sama). Eagerly give your ear and come to Me (sama), hear Me that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful (ahav) love promised to David.

We are encouraged to love (ahav) the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul and all our strength. This literally is to grab hold of God.

In Hebrews 6, the reader is encouraged to grasp on to maturity. On what grounds? Hebrew 4:14-16. “We have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore hold firmly (grasp on) to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

The Church of the Firstborn is not something new. We can find a great crowd of witnesses reaching back through the centuries. Each of these brothers and sisters had a few things in common. Each had a wake up encounter with God like Jacob. That wake up encounter made each of these individuals aware of themselves and their need for more and more of God. For the next several years these Kedoshim, through faith and patience, grasped on to the promises of God but also enjoyed His salvation. None of these individuals were passive in their walks with God. Each daily sought Jesus to be for them a savior and healer. Each sought for Jesus to be their

leader, their light, their king and their law. Then, somewhere along in their walk, God equipped them with a booster to push them onward, upward and outward.

You may wish to look up the stories of these examples of overcomers. You may also wish to add to this list. Put your own name on the list and see what happens to you and your walk with God.

13th & 14th Century examples of grabbers:

Meister Eckhart, 1260-1327
John Tauler, 1300-1361
Henry Suso, 1295-1365
John Ruysbroech, 1293-1381
Thomas Kempis, 1380-1471
Richard Rolle, 1300-1349

15th & 16th Century examples:

Joan of Arc, 1412-1431
Catherine of Genoa, 1447-1510
St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582
St. John of the Cross, 1542-1591

17th & 18th Century examples:

George Fox, 1624-1690
Jacob Boehme, 1575-1624
Pascal, 1623-1662
Brother Lawrence, 1611-1691
Madame Guyon, 1648-1717
William Law, 1668-1761

19th Century examples:

St. Martin, 1743-1803
William Blake, 1757-1827

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came

down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet, it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock.” Matthew 7:24-25.

And, yes, it is really all about Jesus. He is the Rock of our Salvation. It was He who prayed to the Father to make each and everyone of us one with Them. John 17:21.

I am reminded of the encounter Meister Eckhart had with the Spirit of God the Son. The Spirit said, “Meister Eckhart, I become flesh and blood like you are. I lived a life without sin and died on a cross. After three days I was raised to life by our heavenly Father and ascended to His right hand so that We could send you the Holy Spirit, so that you can become one with Us. If you fail to become one with Us you have done me wrong.”

I, for one, rejoice that Meister Eckhart had a change in his life’s aims and aspirations. If you read about his life before this encounter and after it you will see a major change. But we are not all like this beloved brother. Therefore, God awakens each of us in a unique way. Since God is not a respecter of persons, if He would move to awaken one, He would move to awaken others. Our task is to keep our focus fixed on Jesus who is the initiator and the finisher of our walk in faith (pistis). Our task is to make sure our house is soundly established on Jesus as our rock.

Paul was taught by Jesus Christ, according to Gal. 1:11 where he said, “I want you to know, believers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.” What did Jesus through Paul have to say about the Church of the Firstborn?

Paul invites the believer to experience this triune salvation. To the Church in Thessalonica, he writes in 1 Thess.5:23, “May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit (EL), soul (IS) and body (RA) be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul here refers to the EL (spirit), IS (soul) and the RA (body). He does not expect to be considered with lesser credentials than Jacob the grabber into the Church of the Firstborn.

In 1 Cor. 2:9-16, Paul speaks of the believer being taught by the Spirit of God to understand those things the eye has not seen, nor the ear has heard, what no mind has conceived but what God has prepared for those

who love Him. God reveals these truths to us through His Holy Spirit. His Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. The spiritual (EL) man or woman makes judgments about all things. Testing the spirit. Judging what is said before taking it in. Like being circumspect about what one views before accepting anything. But he or she is not subject to any man's judgment. "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him or her?" John 15:15, 1 Cor. 2:16. But we have the Mind (IS) of Christ.

Again when writing to the Philippians, (2:1-15), Paul encourages the believer to have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus. If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded (IS), having the same love, being one in spirit (EL) and purpose.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he includes the body (RA) in his description of Father God's Church of the Firstborn. He speaks of our freedom from sin's grasp in 6:2,

"We died to sin, how can we live in it any longer? We were baptized into Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the Glory of God the Father, we too live a new life. Now, if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again. Death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body (RA) so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer parts of your body (RA) to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourself to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace."

As Jacob the grabber required time to be changed into ISRAEL (soul, body and spirit) absolutely dependent upon God, let each of us continually seek to experience the Love of God which is God until It transforms us as John discovered (1 John 4:17).

Suffering or struggling produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love (ahav) into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.

Peter, like Paul, saw this transmutation as a process of struggling in hope. Since Christ suffered in His body (RA), arm yourselves with the same attitudes. One who suffered in this body is done with sin. As a result he does not live the rest of his earthly life in his body for evil human desires but rather for the will of God. For this very reason (2 Peter 1:5-8) “make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love; for if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Our transformation from the grabber to ISRAEL requires more than snapping one’s fingers. God tells us of this struggle when He tells us through John. In John 1:12: “Yet to all who received Him to those who believed into (eis) His Name (that which destroys chaos), He gave the authority and power to become children of God.” Believing into Jesus is a struggle for the body and the soul. One’s intellect especially has difficulty with this process. The Holy Spirit provides power and authority to become children and to go on from child to maturity as a thing to be grasped. The love of God (ahav) is the active agent. If one can keep their thoughts fixed on Jesus that individual will experience this life changing love.

Growth requires encouragement; incoming and outgoing. It really facilitates our growing process to find a way to share God’s love with others.

For instance, the other evening a sister came to our OSL meeting. She had a burning in her mouth which did not yield to medication. We prayed for her healing with little success. Two weeks later she was still hurting. When I was about to pray for her again, the Holy Spirit led me to anoint her with a victorious spirit. With this she began to pray for those around her who had problems! Each time she prayed her hand became hotter and hotter. Finally, she prayed for two of her husband’s friends who were

suffering from cancer of the abdomen. The heat from her hand blasted through her husband's body (proxy) dealing with those two brothers.

After releasing this victorious spirit for about an hour, her mouth had much less discomfort, and all present witnessed her growth and her husband's growth. Can anyone realize how much fun she experienced?

It is like a friend who was awakened a few years ago. David C. began to visit rest homes blessing the people he met in the halls. About once each week, Dave would call me and tell me that he had never before experienced such fun in his life. David had a massive brain stem stroke a few years ago. He experienced death...however, he has now recovered. Yes, I said recovered. Today, Dave visits rest homes and blesses the people he meets. "Never have I experienced as much fun as I'm having now," he says. Since his stroke, Dave has given God's blessing to over 10,000 people. Yes, growth requires effort on our part. Our transformation from the grabber to ISRAEL takes time. But through Jesus, we are grafted into this Church of the Firstborn through the tribe of Judah. And there is nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing like grabbing onto God and experiencing this glorious transformation.

Chapter 12

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

In Hebrews 9:14 we are encouraged by the blood of Christ which cleanses our consciences from acts which lead to death so that we might serve the Living God. Here, the word “serve” is “to serve God like a priest.” This is not church leaders; this is every church member. In 1 Cor. 12 different kinds of this service are specified. In verse 9, Paul, who was taught by Jesus Himself (Gal. 1:11), defines these kinds of service.

With the faith of God which arises with the word of wisdom or the word of knowledge, one serves the Living God. One does the very things Jesus did. One heals the sick as Jesus did. One performs miracles as Jesus did or one functions in the prophetic just as Jesus did.

Jesus Himself told us in Matt. 8:21 and Luke 6 that “not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven but he or she who does (poieo) the will of My Father who is in heaven.” The word “poieo” is “to create as a duty or a virtue.” Jesus further says, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the individual who built their house on the rock.” Luke 8:18; Matt. 8:21; Mark 4:24.

Jesus sent out the 12 and the 72 to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matt. 10:1-; Mark 6:7-; Luke 9:1 and Luke 10) Jesus further states that it is enough for the student to expect to be like his or her teacher. Matt. 10:24. In Luke 8:21, Jesus refers to His students as His mother and His brothers as those who hear God’s word and put it into practice. In John 14:12, Jesus declares, “He/she who has faith in Me will do (poieo) what I have done, even greater things than these because I go to My Father.” Essentially, we are each called to be doers (poieo) of the word and not hearers only.

Each member of the Church of the Firstborn is called to serve the Living God as a priest served HWHY in the writings of Moses. In Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, 4:11, God has proposed to raise up apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service so that the body of Christ might be built up until we all reach unity in the faith of God and in the knowledge of the Son of God and

become mature (complete), attaining to the full measure of the fullness of Christ.

With the vast majority of our churches geared to listening or hearing the Word of God while trained leaders “do” the things of God, it seems that a change is in order. We require a paradigm shift in our ministry model. Expect to witness this change very soon.

Jesus taught by sharing His authority with His students. He sent out the 12 with authority (exousia) and power to drive out all demons and to cure diseases. He sent them out to demonstrate that the Kingdom of Heaven is near, and to heal the sick. (Matt. 10:1-16; Mark 6:7-13; and Luke 9:1-6). Since He probably knew this would someday limit this practice to leaders (i.e., the 12) only, He took a step further. In Luke 10:1-12, he sent out 72 others – the everybodies – to do the same things “when you enter a house, first say, ‘peace to this house. If an individual of peace is there, your peace will rest on that individual. If not, it will return to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them that the Kingdom of God is near you.’”

Here, very subtly he teaches the 72 how to listen with their bones (sama). Note that Jesus tells these ministers-in-training to notice if their “peace” remained on the individual. They were told to make a clear judgment, i.e., if this “peace” that you placed on this house returns to you, don’t stay there. If the “peace” remains on the house then stay in that house. How does one know? They would have to trust in the leading of the Holy Spirit. These ministers-in-training would then declare that the Kingdom of God has come near to them. This would be an experience of knowing, not merely a good idea. The Kingdom of God is in the peace. Then heal the sick in that place. This indeed is to be led by the Spirit of God.

Can’t you see how this new paradigm would have to work? Apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers having the anointing of God leading them in this office would anoint ministers-in-training and assign them duties like the 72! To experience and proclaim the Kingdom of God. To transmit peace and to heal the sick.

John G. Lake, who founded “healing room” in Spokane, Washington, in the late 1920’s, trusted his assistants with the anointing of the 72. He would assign a team to a patient. The team anointed to continually experience the Kingdom of God and His Peace would live with the patient.

They would radiate the Kingdom of God and His Peace where the patient lived. In addition, they would pray for this individual until wellness had been restored in the patient. Then the team could return to their home base.

A concept like this was practiced in the 1940's by Rev. Winkley. In this case, a healing home was established. The sick would move into this home which was equipped with a medical staff, food and room service. A team of anointed believers would also be in residence. These would maintain awareness of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Peace of God. These, lead by the Spirit of God, would pray for individuals while a permanent on-going vigil would be maintained 24/7.

In both of the above healing adventures, astounding results were experienced. I am led to recommend that the Church of the Firstborn has something like the Winkley model in mind for each major congregation. Rather than prayer lists, we would assign anointed prayer teams to focus on these individuals – until wholeness results. To be on a prayer list for more than a month would insult Jesus.

I recently heard of a Baptist pastor who didn't believe in this anointing stuff or in speaking in tongues. He experienced an encounter with God which laid him out on his living room floor for over an hour. After this holy encounter, this brother began to experience being really led by the Holy Spirit. He was recently led to Africa. Upon his arrival, he was lead to a poor man who had no legs. The Holy Spirit led this pastor of the Church of the Firstborn to lay hands on this man having no legs. He was led to say, "In the Name of God" as he touched the man. Both legs were restored on the spot.

Get ready for a shock. We are about to be lifted off the back sides of our laps and into the service of a very Holy God. Once one gets over the initial shock, the experience will take on greater and greater pleasure leading to inexpressible joy.

Clergy will generally experience a major paradigm shift as they discover that most of what they have been taught is of little value. Their function will be to lead their flocks into action. Their task will require more experience with the Holy Spirit and less based on what they have read or been taught in the classroom. Shifting one's dependence on this way while essential is nevertheless quite difficult. The individuals who occupy the

pews will undergo shock as they shift from listening to a pastor to listening to the Holy Spirit; from listening only to action as they find themselves called to anoint another or to watch Father heal a sick friend or stranger or to cast out a nasty spirit. Since each of us is called to be a child of Father God, then each of us will in turn be led by the Spirit of God.

The music portion of the service will be more led by the Spirit of God as songs are sung for the first time with no printed music. New songs will flow throughout the congregation during most every service. Singing in the Spirit will become commonplace. Healings will occur during this singing phase of the service. Nasty spirits will no longer be able to remain in a church building as has been common in the past.

Sunday school will take on a new flavor as the Holy Spirit takes over this vital teaching of the church. Children will begin to assume prophetic offices of the church as early as 8 or 9 years of age. By 10 to 12 years of age, children will be called upon to pastor or teach functions of the church.

Healing homes will be sponsored by nearly every congregation of the Church of the Firstborn. These homes will be equipped like a hospital with a complete medical staff; doctors and nurses as well as lab technicians will be available. The home will be equipped with kitchen and laundry staff and a functioning chapel.

The chapel will be staffed with a constant vigil. Prayer teams will keep the patients continually soaked in prayer. The prayer teams will be staffed by the Church which sponsors the home.

The healing homes will be open to nonmembers of the Church as a form of evangelism, free of charge.

The Church of the Firstborn will be taught by God as described in Isaiah 54:13-14, Jeremiah 31:3-34; John 6:45; Ezekiel 36:25-29 and Daniel 12. People will be spending their waking hours experiencing God in their midst. Services will be filled with sharing their experiences with God, with worship and with praise. The Spirit of God will fall on our services of worship as congregations grow from strength to strength and from glory to glory. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined as they grow in their triune salvation. The wonders of God will increase but the wicked will continue to be wicked and none of the wicked will understand.

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars for ever and ever.

So how, pray tell, is this supposed to occur? How indeed!! The inexpressible joy associated with the success of this Church of the Firstborn will provide its best advertisement. The glory that will shine from its members will proclaim the truth and reality of this church as God's venture. The assurance and wellness of its members will proclaim that God is truly present. Once these are tried, success will open the way for others even over the profound objections of the timid.

As the first automobile stood in the street outside its place of manufacture, the people shouted, "It will never run". When it started and began to move under the control of the driver, they shouted, "It will never stop". The rest of its story is now history.

I know God Himself is behind this awesome venture. He will guarantee its success. He will see to the acquisition of the healing homes. He will provide their staffing and He will see that His Word is honored. Our job will be to follow His leading and to behold His wonders.

It just can't get better than this. But ----- it will. Come and see!!!

It is really all, absolutely all, about Jesus!