

REVEALING THE HEART OF THE YES

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INTRODUCTION

This story has been brewing in my spirit for years. I watch my church becoming more and more like the picture Paul warned Timothy about. I find church members more interested in a class on discovering physical problems than they are in getting closer to God and His healing power. Clergy seem to be protecting the back side of their laps more than promoting the Living Word of God. We teach our young clergy what God did, or, might have done. Where is the revealed Living word of God today?

I continued to delay writing this book even with clergy fellows urging me to get this story out. Some close friends were recently called to Jerusalem. What can we do to support them as they minister to the returning people of Israel?

Then, in the midst of prayer, the Lord gave me a vision. I was walking up the side of a hill. The hillside was dry with no green vegetation, no signs of water. The light from the sun did not penetrate the foliage above. It was a place to pass quickly through. No one could live in this place. Then, as I passed by a shed built into the hillside, a beautiful red steer came out. He looked healthy but hungry and he followed me up the trail to a dry creek bed. As I continued up the hill to a patch of light, I noticed that the steer was in the creek bed searching for water. Finding none, he returned to the shed. I continued up the trail until it ended at the base of a 20 foot cliff. With a little difficulty, I climbed the cliff to that patch of light. With two hands and both feet, I pulled myself up to the top and before me was a sight that nearly took my breath away. It was a vista of life supplying nourishing food. As far as the eye could see were cultivated fields of ripe grain. There were streams of water. Fruit was abundant on the trees. What a feast for that beautiful red steer.

How could I get that red steer up the trail and up that cliff so that he could have access to this abundant harvest before me? “How indeed.” came His answer, “Finish and publish this book..” Then I puzzled. What does one call this testimony of my experience with the Father in His Son Jesus? In the ancient Semitic language letters were pictures. They told a story. “Kaf” would be the picture of an open palm. “Noon” would be a symbol of life, a fish darting through the water. Together they would spell “Ken” meaning “Yes” or “to open one’s hand to life.”

In this language, from about the time of Moses, the word for priest would be a “yes” with a “hey” or “to reveal” at its heart. Thus “kohen” would picture “to reveal the heart of the yes.” Like 1 Cor. 2:10, “these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the spirit searches everything, even the depths of God and reveals them to us.”

This book is my revealing of the Heart of God from my walk with Him. It is my discovery of that life-supplying food, available just beyond the darkness currently being made available to us. It isn’t far way. Come and discover how much fun God is.

CHAPTER 1

How Big is Your God?

As one studies the way in which Father God reveals Himself to His children you can't help but notice the process. In Genesis 1:1, God reveals Himself as Elohim, our Creator. This picture of God "presents" love, power, mercy and glory. This is the way lesser angels perceive God. Seraphs (sarapiym) around God's throne behold God, in His awesome holiness (qadas) as YHWH SABA - the Lord God Almighty. Isa. 6:3. The word "Elohim" is always plural. You can't even begin to have a personal relationship with Elohim. As you approach Elohim, you would be overcome with light, holiness, energy, dominion and greatness. Awe is all that you can exhibit in the presence of Elohim. When approaching, you would be bombarded with energy. You would have difficulty breathing. Life as we define it would be impossible.

Without Jesus, without the covenant of Abraham, this is the God we would be dealing with. We are dead in our transgressions and sins in which we live when we follow the ways of the world and the ruler of the kingdom of air. In addition, the Spirit is now at work in those who are disobedient, who are even now gratifying the cravings of their sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. We are, by nature, objects of wrath. No act of worship would be able to cleanse us enough to come anywhere near Elohim. His holiness would overwhelm the individual who elects to abide in earthliness and sin. Could one paint a picture of utter hopelessness with more clarity?

So, in Genesis 2:7, God moves a step closer to relationship with His creation. He identifies Himself as HWHY (My Father). In this name of relationship, He enables us to claim our spiritual inheritance. HWHY God "reveals" His love, power, mercy, glory, authority, power, dominion and greatness. As long as the creation remains absolutely holy, this relationship can be experienced by the created. HWHY presents Himself as timeless, ever present existence. This is God's covenant name forever. "I AM is the name I am to be remembered from generation to generation forever." Walking with this covenant God (a) brings us out of sin; (b) frees us from bondage and (c) brings us into new inheritance in the Spirit.

But, the human race intentionally sinned, closing the windows of heaven to us, thus making it impossible to walk with "Our Father". So, God called a people apart, gave them a priesthood, law and a place where His Spirit could abide. He further gave them prophets to reveal His living word to them. He introduced them to the need to shed the blood of innocent animals to cover their uncleanness so that they might abide near Him. This approach didn't get the job done either. It didn't produce holiness in the individual.

Thus, God sent us His Living Word. He sent His Son, born of a virgin to live a perfect life walking with the Father while among us. This Son performed miracles to confirm His Sonship. He healed the man born blind; He cast out deaf and dumb spirits; He raised those who had been dead for more than three days and he cleansed the lepers. He further passed on His power to His disciples. In fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy discussed in Chapter 2 (Dan 9:26), He was crucified in the middle of the 62nd week of His ministry. After three days, He was raised from the dead and, 7 weeks later, He sent the same Holy Spirit and Fire that had accompanied Him during His Ministry. Jesus introduced

His higher law to take effect when He became our new High Priest. (Eleven commandments rather than ten). But, His statutes and ordinances remain in effect. See Chapter 5.

During this time, did God or His Holiness (Qadas-Qadas) ever diminish? Listen to John as he describes Jesus in His position as High Priest seated at the right hand of the Father:

His voice was “like” a trumpet
His head and hair were white “like” wool
He was “like” a son of man
His eyes were “like” blazing fire
His feet were “like” bronze glowing in the furnace
His voice was “like” the sound of rushing waters
His face was “like” the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Rev. 1:12-16.

Look also at the realization of what happens when one walks in the love Jesus came to pour through us. “Because in this world we shall be like Him.” I John 4:17. Consider also what Daniel saw in his final vision. “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars for ever.” Dan. 12:3. “Father, make them one with us even as we are one.” John 17:21

Jesus was sent to enable the human race to become one (echad) with Him in the Father. If we listen to John’s testimony, this is to occur during our adventure here on this earth. As we examine Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus, this oneness occurs before Jesus returns. “Just as Christ loves the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by water through the Word” and to present her to Himself as a radiant church without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish but holy and blameless.” Eph.5:26. In Jesus, we are invited to walk so closely with God that we enter into oneness with Him.

His presence still takes our breath away. He is still God, holy and righteous. He still desires to “reveal” His indescribable love, power, mercy, glory, authority, dominion, and greatness to us as we serve Him by sharing this with others.

I recall times when His presence that consecrated during Holy Communion nearly blinded me. Where His presence in the bread shines right through my hand. Where His presence in the wine lights up the sanctuary. There is a Holy fire present in the Holy Spirit which burns in our heart inviting us higher, closer and deeper in fellowship.

No matter how great we allow God to be in our lives, He will surprise us by being much greater, much larger and more lovely. Never ever stop with God where He was yesterday. Allow Him to overwhelm you with new joy each day.

Isaiah spoke correctly when he stated “Who can dwell with the consuming fire? Who can dwell with this everlasting burning?” Then he answered the questions, “He who walks righteously.” Isa. 33:13-14. How righteous must this individual be? Will this righteousness be enough to remove the barrier between the individual and HWHY? Rom. 1:17. Such a righteousness (dikaiosyne) is

provided to cover the individual when he or she believes into (eis) Jesus. Paul gets so excited about this righteousness that he uses it 35 times in his letter to the Church in Rome.

Then there is another part to the answer Isaiah provides, “. . .and speaks and walks in what is right and true.” Isa. 33: 15. Now search the Word of God. How, pray tell, does one accomplish this without pride? Only Jesus provides the answer, “If you hold to My teaching, you will come to know the truth and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32. Holding to His teaching brings the “revealed” love of God so that the Father and Jesus come to live in the individual. This is “believing into”. Then Isaiah says, “But the individual who makes Me his or her refuge will inherit the land and possess My holy mountain.” Isa. 57:13.

Why is the “revealed” love of God essential to the process? Our soul opens because it is touched by the revealed love of God. Then, into that soul, into that nature comes a divine essence of the living Spirit of God. This love dissolves sin and the sinful nature in our consciousness and, yes, even from our thoughts and minds. The Spirit of God takes possession of the cells of our brains. Thoughts are transformed by the Spirit’s actions. A new realization of divine holiness comes upon us as we discover that we are really being sanctified. The Christ is actually dwelling in us. God takes that which is earthly and transforms us into the very nature of Jesus Himself.

Thus sanctified, we can approach God face to face. We can abide in God. We can hear every word He utters. John 8:47. This, dear believer, is what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit. This is to become a descendant of the Messiah.

In this transformed life, we can behold God in His glorious holiness. We can begin to share in the oneness Jesus provides for us. In this new wine relationship, we will find ourselves “revealing” His love, His power, His mercy, His glory, His authority, His dominion and His greatness. In this oneness with Christ in the Father, we will be led to experience the “and greater things shall you do because I go to My Father.” This is finally becoming descendants of the Messiah.

CHAPTER 2

Knowing the Truth about the Ministry of Jesus

“If you hold to My teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31

While reading this statement made by Jesus as He revealed the validity of His testimony, I was moved to focus on the word “know” (experience). Can truth be experienced with regard to the testimony of Jesus? My spirit quickened within me as if to say “let me show you.” Read the Gospel of John prayerfully. Listen (sa-ma) to the story; obey (sa-ma); and, understand (sa-ma). With this, my journey into the Heart of the Yes began.

What was John, the theologian, moved by the Holy Spirit to pass on to his readers?

“The broadest picture John paints is to move from a Light that came into the world which was also the Life of men and women. He identifies Jesus as this Light which the darkness of sin can’t take in (katalambano). He further identifies the Father as the source of this indefinable Light. The Father is referred to 104 times in his Gospel. Finally, he allows us to overhear a prayer of Jesus given in solitude asking the Father to make us “one in them”.

John G. Lake saw this as “Christ at once the spotless descent of God into the human race, and the sinless ascent of the human race into God. Jesus was God coming down into the human race. He did no violence to His Godhead when He united to the human race - but He is God. Being glorified as He took on humanity, He did no injury to humanity, but He magnified humanity. God is incarnate.” Think about it. To go from a darkness that is totally insensitive to the Spirit of God to actually becoming one with Him. John couldn’t have painted a picture that would exceed even the wildest imagination more. Take Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night. (John 3). He didn’t have a clue of what Jesus was or what He was doing. Even when Jesus told him, he didn’t understand.

Later in the John’s Gospel (John 19:38-42), on the 14th of Nisan, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and prepared it for burial. They took 75 English pounds worth of myrrh and aloes and strips of linen cloth along with water and wrapped Jesus like a mummy except for His head.

After an hour in that climate that wrapping would be like concrete and it would shrink very tightly to His body. Then they laid Jesus in that garden tomb and rolled a large stone over the opening. Three days later, that cocoon was empty. Don’t you think Nicodemus understood a little more of what Jesus said and did and was when he saw that empty shell he and Joseph had placed around the body of Jesus?

John also painted a picture of the temple. He begins in the outer court where Jesus ministers to the Gentiles (human reasoning). After clearing the temple, He identifies Himself as the new temple which, when destroyed, will be raised in three days. He confronts Nicodemus who tried to understand him intellectually and explained that the human race must be reborn by water and the Spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus reveals the Kingdom of Heaven as being

diametrically opposed to the kingdom of earth. He shows us that in the Kingdom of Heaven “up” is not “up” and “into” is not “into”. Who is the greatest? The one who serves is the greatest. The least is the greatest. One gives in order to receive. The gift one receives from God will make room for you. His revealed message boggles the unregenerate mind. You really must be born again.

OUTER COURT

We begin our entry into Jesus as the temple. In the outer court, Jesus reveals Himself to a Samaritan woman. The outer court was exposed to the natural light of the world. It represented human reason. Sacrifices were made and washing done in the brazen laver composed of reflecting sheets from the women of Israel. Often this part of the temple was called the Court of the Gentiles. He then heals the official’s son. Jesus then healed the man by the Sheep Gate (on the Sabbath day!) with an order to walk. He came for the whole race, not just the Jews.

In Chapter 5, Jesus completely revised our concept of prayer. Jesus called God “His Father”. But, he took prayer a step further. He described seeing His Father doing a thing. This type of prayer would be praying as equals (erotao), not as a lesser to a greater (aieto).

HOLY PLACE

As we move into Chapter 6, John takes us between the two bronze pillars, the Jakin (He establishes) and the Boaz (In Him is strength), into the Holy place. The Holy place contained no windows. Its light was derived from the seven branched lamp stand which was hammered from a single stick of gold. The Hebrew alphabet was affixed to the lamp stand so that the high priest could obtain revelation knowledge from God as he stood before this special temple fixture with light bouncing off the ephod’s jewels onto the letters on the lampstand. In this way, he would receive messages from God. The Holy place was a place where revealed knowledge was received. It was a place where God spoke to His people. Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread of Life (Bread of the Presence); the Light of the world (lampstand), and Living Water. Jesus feeds a multitude and walks on water. He heals a man born blind and raises Lazarus after being dead four days. Jesus identifies Himself as One with the Father, the Good Shepherd, the Gate of the Sheepfold, then the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Finally, Jesus identifies Himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. . .and He tells us, as Isaiah said, “on that day” you will know (experience) that I am in the Father and that We are in you.

HOLY OF HOLIES

The Holy of Holies had no light except for the Glory of God which was between the two cherubim on the cover of the Ark. It was an awesome place where only the High Priest could visit once each year with blood to atone for the unintentional sins of the people. The only article within the Holy of Holies was the Ark with its commandments, its golden jar of manna and Aaron’s rod which bloomed and bore fruit. It is a place to encounter God in all His awesome holiness.

I firmly believe Isaiah had this in mind when he wrote, “who can dwell with the consuming fire? Only he or she who walks righteously.” Isaiah 33:14-15.

John speaks here of the Holy of Holies as some future event. “Because I live, you also will live and on that day you will know...” But, if one now reads 1 John, written for those believers who are walking in the light of the Holy Spirit, that day becomes today, where the Word of Life has appeared to us. “We proclaim to you that we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son”. Thus, we stand in the very presence of God.

While in prayer, I again read the Gospel of John. In Chapter 1, I noticed again that darkness (sin, nature) cannot even get a handle on the light that has come into the world. Thus was I introduced to one of 127 intensive verbs - “katalambano”. Translated to mean understand (from above) as with the Hebrew word “biyn”. I prayed that my eyes be opened to see the truth that John was revealing. Then, I noticed that John, the author of the Gospel, made great effort to describe the time between events in the ministry of Jesus.

Getting a Hebrew calendar and working back from the Passover celebration in Chapter 2:13, and allowing 40 days for the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, the following can be discovered. The date of Jesus’s baptism, to display all righteousness in the Jordan River, was the 19th of Shabat 4029, believing that Jesus was born in the Hebrew year 4000. His first disciples were selected about the first of Nisan prior to celebration of His first Passover where Jesus cleared out the temple.

Reading on in Chapter 5, one can discover that Jesus performed His healings of the man by the Sheep Gate at a pool during the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), now week No. 18 since His baptism in the Jordan.

One encounters a problem in the Sixth Chapter of John, verse 4. It states that some time later “at the time of the Passover”, Jesus went up on a mountain where he taught his disciples.

But! Every male Jew was required by the Torah (Exodus 34:23) to go up to Jerusalem for each of the Holy Moedem (rehearsals). If Jesus did not go up to Jerusalem for this celebration, then he was not without spot or blemish. And, if another year has passed, He is not a lamb of the first year and. He was therefore not the Messiah. Something is clearly not true here.

I searched other translations, finding a few with parenthesis around the phrase “The feast of the Passover was near.” Such a statement does not support Jesus as the Messiah. But Jesus said, “if you hold to My teaching, you shall come to know the truth and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32. There must be an answer. I prayed according to 1 John 5. In a few weeks, I was exposed to two early texts of John’s Gospel, prior to 1500 A.D. In these early documents (#472 and #850) there was no mention of the Passover phrase in Chapter 6. It merely stated that some time after the Feast of Weeks, Jesus took His disciples up onto a mountain where He taught them. The incorrect text was therefore added since these very early texts were written. It seems this was added to bring the Hebrew and Roman calendars together. I corrected my translation by removing the reference to Passover.

Continuing on to Chapter 7, one finds the Feast of Tabernacles (Tishri 15 to 23), week No. 37 since the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. During this feast (moedem) on the 8th day, Jesus revealed Himself as the Living Water - while the priest read from Ezek. 47:8-9 about water flowing from the temple down into the arabah and Isaiah 12:3 “with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation (Yesuah)”. During this celebration, I believe that Jesus celebrated His 30th birthday and, thus, qualifies as being a lamb of the first year.

In Chapter 9, Jesus heals a man born blind (a feat never before seen) to display the work of God operating as “God with us” (Immanuel).

In Chapter 10, Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd who is one with the Father “HWHY Ra-ah” at the Feast of Dedication (25 Kislev), week No. 47 since His baptism.

In Chapter 11, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead after four days (proof of the divinity of Jesus) to reveal Himself as God with us (Immanuel).

Then in Chapter 12, six days before the Passover, 4030, week No. 61 since His baptism, Jesus arrives at Bethany (where the lambs are selected for sacrifice). It is the 8th of Nisan, two days before His entry from Bethany into Jerusalem via the sheep Gate. “Then on the 10th of Nisan, you shall select a lamb of the first year without spot or blemish and bring it into the house (Exodus 12:3) to be taken care of until the 14th when it is to be slaughtered at twilight.” According to Flavius Josephus, when the 10th of Nisan fell on a Sabbath day, the priest brings the lamb into the city on the 11th day. I’m unaware of this dispensation being directed by God.

So as Jesus brought himself into Jerusalem via the sheep Gate on the 10th of Nisan, on a colt, the foal of an ass, He did so in His new office of the high priest after order of Melchizedek. Since it was a Sabbath day, the high priest had no procession from Bethany with his lamb.

Jesus was then examined by the children of the city (Authority of Jesus: Matt. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8; Mark 11:27) (Paying Taxes to Caesar: Matt. 22:15-33; Luke 20:20-40; Mark 12:13-27) until the 13th of Nisan when Jesus held His last supper and defined eternal life as knowing the Father. Such is the life lived with Him and the Father as an intimate personal union experienced and expressed in true service. Revealing the Father’s heart (a-har), He added an 11th Commandment “To love others exactly as He loves us.”

When evening came, the 14th of Nisan began with the arrest of Jesus, His trial and His death in fulfillment of Daniel 9:26.

“After 62 sevens the anointed one will be cut off.” Jesus was cut off, according to John’s account, in the middle of the 62nd week after His baptism.

The next day after Jesus was crucified would be the 15th of Nisan, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (always a high Sabbath day). He had to be buried before the sun set on the 14th. His burial was accomplished after the traditions of Egypt. As stated previously, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus used a mixture of myrrh and aloes on linen strips (75 English pounds worth) to wrap Jesus’s body for burial.

Then, on the first day of the week (the first day of the 63rd week since Jesus's baptism), the tomb was empty, the stone was rolled away and He was gloriously risen. His concrete hard wrapping was empty. Picture what Mary, John and Peter saw, an empty 35 kilo cocoon. It's amazing, isn't it?

From the day of Jesus's resurrection, the Feast of First Fruits count seven weeks to the Feast of Weeks. Seventy weeks therefore from the baptism of Jesus until He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit (19 Shebat 4029 to 8 Sevan 4030 is 70 weeks.) The prophecy of Daniel 9 was fulfilled to the very day and hour.

According to Daniel 9:24, in a vision received following much prayer:

“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.”

In Hebrews 5, Jesus is made a High Priest forever - as well as “My Son”. He was made perfect and He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

What more can one ask God to do for us? He is aware of our sinful nature and therefore our blindness. But because of His love for us, He sends His Word which became flesh like us.

He sends prophets before His Living Word stands on this world. To Eve, He declares that her seed will crush the serpent's head. To Isaiah, God describes the birth of this Holy seed. To Micah, the place of His birth. To Daniel, the length of His ministry; to Moses (Deut. 18) that “He will be a prophet like me from among your own people. You must listen to Him. I will put my words in His mouth. He will tell the people everything I command.”

Jesus meets all of these requirements. But more is required than intellectual agreement. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to those who strive to believe into (eis) His name. To have the same relationship with the Father that He had. He sent us the Holy Spirit and Fire so that we might hear the Father as Jesus did. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit and Fire so that the believer might do the very things Jesus did. This is how we know we have eternal life. This is how we know that the Father hears us. The Holy Spirit is a tangible presence within the believer. 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 Jesus.

CHAPTER 3

Knowing the Truth about Authority

In Revelations 2:6, John prophetically reveals that our Father hates the practice of the Nicolaitans. When one looks for the definition of this term, its meaning is listed as uncertain.

I was ordained Deacon in the Episcopal Church 12 Sept. 1971. Clearly there is no special authority appointed to a deacon through the ordination process. So, what authority did the church expect me to exercise? The people where I went to church expected me to pray for them, yet nothing was bestowed upon me since my baptism.

About this same time, my wife and I experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the laying on of hands by Mrs. Rita Bennett. In a few days we both experienced speaking in tongues along with a feeling of unexpressible joy. But there was still the question of authority. I began to take this question to the Father. Is it true that when you pray you know that God heard your prayer (as stated in 1 John 5)? Is it true that if you know God heard your prayer, you know that he has answered that prayer? Dear Father, what authority do I have in this ministry of service? 1 John 5.

About this same time at a weekly prayer meeting, the leader, John E., requested prayer for a problem in his shoulder area. I again declined due to limitation of the office of deacon.

After about a week, a church across town was having Rev. Derek Prince as speaker. Dorothy and I went to enjoy an evening with God. We sat downstairs in a large sanctuary. The singing was lively and for the first time we experienced “singing in the Spirit” which warmed the soul and gave joy to the spirit.

After the service had gone on for about 45 minutes, there was a holy hush that seemed to fall on the gathering. A man stood up in the balcony and gave a message in tongues which rocked my bones. The music leader stood and gave a “nice” message about the Holy Spirit working in Seattle. I turned to Dorothy and said knowingly, “That was not what the message given upstairs was about.”

About ten minutes passed and another hush fell upon the assembly. A man’s voice behind us spoke saying, “Why are you so concerned about authority? Do you not have all the authority I give you and tell you that you have?” This message felt the same as the one given upstairs.

The meeting continued for a few minutes until another hush fell. “woman’s voice off to our left spoke saying, “Do you not have all the authority I give you and tell you that you have? Why be concerned about authority?” A message for and to all believers, one I was searching for.

It seems that Acts 20:28 is still appropriate. The Holy Spirit makes us what we are, what we do and how we do it! We do not receive Godly anointing authority from men unless they are being led by the Holy Spirit. I took this prophecy to heart and began to listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The next week, Dorothy and I again attended our prayer meeting. John E.'s shoulder was still causing him a lot of pain. During the meeting, my hands began to grow hotter and hotter. I adjusted my clothing to no avail. Finally, I suggested we pray for John. As I stood up and stepped forward, I experienced a quickening in my spirit. A new experience. As I laid my hands on John's back, a word of knowledge seemed to flow from somewhere deep within me. I knew more about John than he did. His condition was quickly healed. Praise be to God.

I thought to myself as Dorothy and I returned home. It is so easy. A child could do it. Wait for your hands to get hot and then move out. Really???

So much for human logic. The Lord never led me in prayer in that exact way again.

The next time the Lord roused me to lay hands on another was about a week later. I was moved to listen to a speaker in a neighborhood church. He wasn't in favor of ordination while I sat before him dressed in black with a large cross hanging on my chest and a 1 1/4 inch white collar around my neck. The service wasn't much fun. While wondering why I'd gone, as I left the church two ladies who had come from over 100 miles away walked beside me. As we walked to the back of the parking lot one could notice the fact that they were parked beside me. One of the ladies asked if I would pray for her as the Spirit was then moving mightily within the Episcopal church.

My hands didn't grow warm. Instead the Lord moved me to notice the circumstances. On that authority I laid hands on a lady in a parking lot with cars moving by not 50 ft. away. The Lord healed her back on the spot as a weight in my arms flowed out of my hands and into her body.

And so it goes. I learned by Sa-ma (hearing), by Sa-ma (obeying) and by sa-ma (understanding). Each time the Holy Spirit moves with His new wine, in a new way, with a new song and wondrous results. It is not up to me to initiate the action but to listen for what the Chief Overseer desires.

Hundreds of believers were in that meeting at Bethel Temple to hear what I was seeking. "Each of you has all the authority that I give you and tell you that you have." The message stated clearly that this authority is in present tense. The authority given is for this moment in time. The telling is for this occasion. Today's message is not for tomorrow or for next week.

For the past 32 years, my wife Dorothy has reminded me that there were several hundred people in Bethel Temple when that prophecy was delivered. It wasn't just for me. During this time, Dorothy has prayed for the sick. But recently, while at a stimulating OSL conference in Tigard, Oregon, God spoke directly to Dorothy. While Rev. Jack Sheffield spoke, God told her that she has all the authority He gives her and tells her that she has. She sparkled as she prayed with power and authority and saw many instantly healed.

Now I understand why our Father abhors the practice of the Nicolaitans where perpetual assumed authority rests with those leaders only. While the Holy Spirit offers real time authority to any believer who will listen and obey the Spirit's leading.

Praise be to God.

CHAPTER 4

Knowing the Truth about Our Great High Priest

In Hebrews 4:14, the Word of God says, “therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the truth we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness but we have one who was tempted in every way just as we are - yet was without sin.”

Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, since made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him and was designated by God to be High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Heb. 5:8-10

Perfection could not be attained through the Levitical priesthood. There was still a need for another priest to come - one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron. And, when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change in the law. The former regulation is set aside because it is weak and useless; a better hope is introduced by which we can draw near to God.

God has declared that Jesus is now our great High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. So what then is the law?

During His earthly ministry, our Lord and now High Priest reestablished the law. Not on tablets of stone but written on our hearts to be obeyed in His covenant of love and grace through service (diakonia: ministry).

During His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus restated the first commandment - later each of the others:

(1) “Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.” Matt. 4:10. To serve is “abad” which means to reveal the Heart of the Yes. To accomplish this first commandment, one must seek to abide in God (meek).

“For the one who makes Me his/her refuge will inherit the land and possess My holy mountain.” Isa 57:13 One must hunger and thirst after righteousness until our heart is pure in order to “serve” the living God.

(2) “you shall not serve (abad) two masters”. For you will end up hating one and despising the other.

(3) “But I say to you do not swear at all. Let your yes be yes and your no be no.” Matt. 5:34

(4) “The Sabbath was made for human kind not human kind for the Sabbath.” Mk 2:27

(5) “Who is my mother and my brother and my sister? Those who hear the word of God and obey it.” Sa’ma (hear); “Sa’ma (obey); and Sa’ma (Understand). Luke 11:27

- (6) “Do not be angry with your brother or sister or you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, >You fool’, you will be liable to the hell of fire.” Matt. 5:22
- (7) “You have heard that it was said you shall not commit adultery. But, I say to you that everyone who looks at a man or woman with lust has already committed adultery in his/her heart.” Matt. 5:27, 28
- (8) “You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat give your cloak as well.” Matt 5:38, 39, 40.
- (9) “I tell you on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; for by your words you will be condemned.” Matt. 12:36, 37
- (10) And Jesus said, “Take care, be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for ones life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15
- (11) “I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34

Each of these commandments is measured at the thought level, not at the action level. Since we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to understand the innermost thoughts of God, the commandments Jesus gave us are judged at our thought level. Only as we strive to become one with Jesus in the Father do we even begin to come into line with these Kingdom rules.

As our eternal High Priest, Jesus gives us these revised commandments, He also gives us benefits. In Eph 2:14, we read: “For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility for the law with its commandments.” And, in I John 5:3, we find an exciting revelation. He is describing what the love of God does in the heart of the believer: “this is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.” (The word “born” is from the word Agenos” - to become God’s children like Jesus - deriving our human nature directly from God). This makes me continue to hunger and thirst after righteousness, which removes the barrier between me and the Father.

CHAPTER 5

On the Subject of Sin and its Hinderences

John 1:29 tells us that “The Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world.” Later in this Gospel, 5:14, Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath day by saying “pick up your mat and walk”. The man had no idea who it was who spoke these words of power to him as he walked on his way. Later, at the temple, Jesus found him and said to him, “See you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Note carefully the words of Jesus to this man. “See, you are well again.” This emphasizes that he had been whole before. Sin of some kind, committed by him, had given Satan a legal right to cripple him. Besides the Ten Commandments, God gave Moses statutes and ordinances to be obeyed by the people of the covenant. In Deut. 28:15, Moses wrote, “However, if you do not obey the Lord Your God and do not carefully follow all His commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and over take you.” In verse 34, Moses specifically mentions crippling of knees and legs. In Acts 10:34, Peter was speaking at Cornelius’s house when he said “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power and how He went about doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil because God was with Him.” According to Moses and the prophets, the devil had a legal right to afflict these people because of their sins. While it isn’t popular to mention Moses’ view of what sin is, it is helpful to know if this sin is preventing your healing.

Moses stressed that we not defile ourselves in the ways of nonbelievers or even our land will be defiled. We are admonished in Lev. 18:26 that we must keep God’s decrees and laws. In the Hebrew, the words decree and laws (huggah and mispat) include the word “olam”, i.e., forever.

“Do not curse, do not prevent justice, do not show partiality, do not go about spreading slander, do not do anything that endangers your neighbor, do not hate your brother in your heart, do not seek revenge, or bear a grudge. Avoid sexual relations with a daughter, mother, aunt, daughter-in-law, your brother’s wife, with a woman and her daughter, your wife’s sister, your neighbor’s wife. Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman. Do not have sexual relations with an animal.

Some especially forbidden decrees include the prohibition against cursing one’s father. This carries a death penalty. Avoid cutting your bodies for the dead or putting tattoo marks on your bodies.

Our God is absolutely Holy. Satan is crafty and deceitful. If you really want to understand Satan’s legal rights to an individual, try to obtain a permanent healing when one of God’s decrees, ordinances or commandments remains unforgiven. Oh yes, we can gather in assembly and determine by popular vote that something God called a sin in the days of Moses is no longer a sin. We can even override what Paul called a sin and declare that practice acceptable behavior. But, Moses included “olam” when he listed God’s decrees and ordinances. Paul stated in Galatians 1:11 that the gospel he preached is not something that man made up. AI did not receive it from any man. I received it by

revelation from Jesus Christ.” Jer. 31:34 tells us that no longer will a man teach his neighbor or a man his brother saying “Know the Lord, because they will all know Me from the least of them to the greatest.” I believe that acceptance of Paul’s message is vital to the church’s well being. It provides that testimony to help the church combat havoc caused by false teachers. If Paul acted in holiness, sincerity and dependence on God alone in his dealings with people, we today would be wise to consider carefully what Paul says to the church.

In I Cor. 6, Paul lists several lifestyles that would greatly hinder one’s ability to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. These include the sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexual offenders, thieves, the greedy, drunkards, slanderers and swindlers. He goes on to rejoice by saying, “and this is what some of you used to be”. We were all born sinners. Is this an excuse to keep on sinning? But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. There is power in a believing church to heal any improper lifestyle or conduct.

I recently saw how unforgiven sin can prevent a permanent healing. For months I watched prayer remove the effect of cancer in an individual’s body. Within a couple of days, the pain and numbness had returned. Again and again this individual was asked if anyone had aught against him or vice versa. The roller coaster continued. This individual eventually died. Then the Lord made known to me that this person had cursed a parent and an in-law. This decree carries with it a death penalty. Satan had a legal right to inflict this person, even unto death.

But didn’t Jesus say to the healed man “stop sinning or something worse may happen to you”?

If the reader knows of any violation they may have of any statute, ordinance or decree, I would recommend that they take time to repent, obtain God’s forgiveness and stop this sinning. Keep in mind, if the Word of God is not heard, the faith of God is not available. If the faith of God is not available, answered prayer is unlikely.

I Peter 4:7 says, “live peacefully with your wife so that you can pray.” Be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can hear the Lord your God advise you in your prayers.

I John 5 gives us a proof of eternal life that “when you pray, you know that God heard your prayer”. Why? Because, as in John 9:36, “He told you so that you may know.” When He manifests Himself to you, you know that you are in eternal life. And, thus, when this word combined with the faith of God and combined with the Spirit comes up within you, you know that you have received what you have asked for in prayer.

I experienced an example of this at St. Stephen’s in Oak Harbor recently. A woman was brought in for prayer between the services. She was suffering from cancer and the fear associated with its consequences. She sat down beside me and I listened for the Lord’s leading. He revealed a blockage in the soul. I then asked this dear sister if she had ever cursed anyone in anger and not repented of this action and sought forgiveness. An overwhelming release occurred as this matter was dealt with. Then the Lord sent His healing to deal with the attacking cancer. In a few moments, the peace of God and His Joy flooded over the woman and her husband. I know by faith (pistis) that this sister is now free.

Moses gives sound advice in Lev. 20 when he passes on God's Holy advice to the people of His covenant. "Consecrate yourselves and be holy (mikkadesh) because I am the Lord Your God. Keep my decrees (olam) and follow them. I am the Lord who makes you holy. If anyone curses his or her father or mother they must be put to death."

When are we going to get this message? God is not going to lower His level of holiness (qadas-qadas) in order to accommodate our human nature. He offers the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sins. He and Jesus send us the Holy Spirit to enable us even to lead us into a new nature that is both holy and blameless. This and this alone is a holiness which is on a par with the Holiness of God Himself. Nothing less will do. So, let's get on with getting on.

CHAPTER 6

The Truth About the Lord's Service.

While seeking the truth about our eternal High Priest and serving only Him, I was quickened in my spirit about the word "abad" (to serve like a priest). What does scripture have to say about serving the Lord?

In Eph. 4:12 through the service of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, God's people are prepared for works of service. But Paul also added, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith. Here, the word "faith" refers to the faith of "God", not my faith. It is a supernatural level of faith; accomplishing faith, flowing from the believer's spirit.

In Heb 9, the word of God refers to the cleansing of our consciences from acts that lead to death so that we may serve the Living God. Whatever this service is it is clearly more than any secular activity. In the ancient Hebrew language, the word "ko-hen" (priest) was defined as one who revealed the Heart of the Yes. Yes was revealed as opening one's hand to life or activity.

This revelation led me to 1 Cor 2:9, where:

"While no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him, yet God has revealed this to us by His Spirit who searches all things even the deep things of God (the Heart of the Yes) and reveals them to us by His Spirit."

Thus, the need for apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers exist. These who are led by the Spirit of God reveal the Heart of the Yes so that we can also be led to totally turn to God. Here we attune our ears to this voice within us and where the Kingdom of Heaven is to be found.

The Spirit then led me to I Cor 12 where Paul, led by the Spirit of God, listed different kinds of manifestations of the Spirit, then different kinds of service, then different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in each of us. First must come the manifestations from the Spirit of God.

A word of knowledge or a word of wisdom, then the faith of God.

Didn't Paul tell us in Romans 10:17 that faith comes up by what is heard and what is heard from the word of God? If what is heard comes by the Holy Spirit as a word of knowledge or wisdom then the faith that comes up is the very faith of God. The earth would melt before that word or that faith failed.

Following this spiritual guidance is from the Heart of the Yes, this is service. Such service is available to all believers who seek to serve the Living God, as a servant (sabab) of Jesus our eternal High Priest. As Jesus stated in John 12:26, "Whoever serves me, (diakoneo) must follow me, where I am my servant also will be."

Finally, we find the different kinds of service listed. From the manifestations of knowledge and wisdom which bring up the faith of God, we, the servants of God are equipped to serve with acts of healing, miraculous powers and prophecy such as I experienced on my quest to learn the truth about authority.

One needs the experience of the divine knowledge and wisdom to bring up the faith of God from the Heart of the Yes before experiencing the healings, the miraculous powers and the prophecy each of which I have personally experienced often during the past 30+ years in as many different ways. It is not a matter of ritual or liturgy but obedience while seeking ever deeper experience of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (which removes the veil between us and God).

But, dear believer, there are three more manifestations of the Holy Spirit at work within the believers who serve to reveal the Heart of the Yes.

Paul lists three workings of the Spirit of God: distinguishing between spirits, speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues. We do not always limit our acts of service to this mortal realm. We may be called to deal with nasty spirits unseen by normal sight. We may sometimes be called upon to speak in a foreign tongue known by the hearer only. We may want to understand a prophecy given in an unknown tongue.

Our language is more intended for commerce than heavenly service. Its words are not as precise as the language of heaven. When dealing with a demon, a very precise language is often required to be effective. At such a time, a heavenly language may proceed from the believer's lips to accomplish the task at hand. One may notice, when this happens, that there is no fear nor anger in the activity.

So, then if one wants to serve the Lord their God, start seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Start hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Serving is not a matter of receiving human authorization. There is not even a hint of Nicolaitanism in this process. Seek those who have been called to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These faithful servants will prepare God's people for works of service. It is what they are for.

CHAPTER 7

The Truth About the Feast of Trumpets (Hebrew New Year)

“On the first day of the seventh month, you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work but present an offering to the Lord by fire.”

Determining the official start of the first day of any month has been established. Two men seeing the light of the new moon for the first time are to go to the High Priest. There they will declare, “We have seen the new moon”. On confirming this, the High Priest orders the trumpet to be blown announcing the beginning of the new month.

During the sixth month of Elul, the people begin to get ready for the Feast of Trumpets. Clothing is cleaned and made ready. Special food is made ready. For this is the only Moed which cannot be known in advance. The day and the hour to begin the Holy Rehearsal cannot be determined in advance. It all depends on two witnesses going to the High Priest with the news, “We have seen the new moon!”

To fulfill this Moed (Holy Rehearsal) since the ascension of Jesus, would require humans to go into the presence of the eternal High Priest Jesus who is seated on the right hand of the Father. How might this happen?

In Rev. 11:3, two witnesses appear in Jerusalem. These two olive trees have power to shut up the sky so that no rain will fall during the 3 2 years they are prophesying.

Look for these two to appear about the first of Nisan to start this ministry. Then after 3 2 years, about the end of the month of Elul, they will be killed after they finish their testimony. The beast that comes up from the abyss will attack them and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 2 days. They will lie in the street in full view of satellite TV, like CNN, Fox, BBC, etc. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them. They will celebrate, sending one another presents.

But after 3 2 days (about the 1st of Tishri), a breath of life from God will enter them and they will stand on their feet and terror will strike those who see them. Then they will hear a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, “Come up here.”

This is a sure way for two witnesses to get to the eternal High Priest who is seated on the right hand of the Father.

How long after these two ascend do you think it will take for them to announce “We have seen the new moon”? Then, how long will it take to announce the beginning of the fulfilled Feast of Trumpets? No longer a rehearsal.

Who will be ready for this celebration when those heavenly trumpets sound assembly? Who will enter into that glorious day of Holy rest (Katapausis) which God has in store for His servants”.

The Heart of the Yes wants to open His arms to all - so that each can offer praise through the Fire of the Holy Spirit within them. The saints will not be surprised; they will understand God's plan. "Saint" in the Old Testament is translated from the Hebrew word "kedeshim". (The noble and supereminent ones who through faith and patience have inherited the promises; who not only taste My goodness but enjoy My salvation.)

In Daniel 12, we read "But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens. But those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever. Those who are wise will understand."

This will be a joyous New Year indeed as the kingdom of this earth becomes the Kingdom of Heaven.

CHAPTER 8

Experiencing the Truth about Prayer

I became fascinated by how the Word of God was sent out to heal, to restore or to build up. The Greek word for this was “proseuche” meaning to pour out oneself in prayer - with thanksgiving. How does this happen?

Seeking the Lord for the answer, I was led to John 21:15-29 to learn from raising sheep. My wife and I fenced in an area of about 4 acres. Then we purchased eight ewes, each great with lambs. The birthing was a unique experience. When the air cleared, we had two bummer lambs and 10 fast moving, long tailed, fast growing grass munchers.

All was well except the tails had to go. I read all the books I could find on tail removal. Tie a twine tightly around the tail next to the body. Use a dull knife. Have medication ready.

My father-in-law and I gathered the lambs into the barn and we began the process. (1) tie the twine tight; (2) cut off the tail and (3) douse the stub with medication. All went well for the first two, then a problem erupted. The twine came off with the tail. Blood spurted with each beat of the lamb’s heart. Two of us could not hold the lamb still enough to tie off the artery. I cried out to the Lord and received an answer I didn’t understand.” Love it,” said the Holy Spirit.

My response was, “I don’t have the slightest idea what you’re talking about, but I’m willing to experience it.” Immediately, I felt a warm flow of energy pouring out from me into the lamb. The lamb became tranquil so that no one was required to hold her. With two hands free I fastened a thread to the artery and the spurting stopped. Praise be to God.

This took place two more times during that morning. Each time the outpouring of God’s love from within quieted the animal so that she could be helped.

My lesson continued after a few days while visiting a rest home in the Renton area. I was to visit a Mrs. Stone, recently admitted to the home. She was in her 80's and suffered from diabetes. On entering the home, I looked for her room and had to ask a nurse where she might be. The nurse pointed out the room with a comment, “She’s in there but you can’t do anything for her. She can’t even talk.”

I entered the room quietly. Mrs. Stone lay on her back with the look of pain on her face. Her eyes were fixed open. She had light streaks beside her nose. I stood at the foot of her bed asking the Father, “Will that outpouring of your love work on people?” I received my answer in seconds. The same gentle love poured out from deep within me, just as it had with the lambs. Almost at once, I could see the relaxing of Mrs. Stone’s face as her pain vanished. She then spoke to me, “I’m so glad you came.”

For the next several months, I took communion to Mrs. Stone. Each time I entered her room she would raise up her left arm in greeting. On the last visit, I found her covered with a blanket and didn’t enter her room. I asked the nurse, who stated she was covered to allow the nurses to work in

her room. As I walked into the room, Mrs. Stone raised up her left hand even before I uncovered her head. We enjoyed communion and I left her with the Lord's blessing. She went home to Jesus that evening.

I praise God that He permits me to experience the Kingdom of Heaven pouring out from me during my service to Him.

In Luke 17, Jesus spoke of the coming of the Kingdom of God as He so often did in Luke's Gospel. He said at 17:21, "the Kingdom of Heaven is within you." The spiritual truth of the Kingdom is outgo. Our human sense of having the Kingdom is incoming. Like supply, all that exists in heaven or on earth exists within the believer at this moment. There is no healing or love or supply outside the believer's being. God's healing love is infinite; God's healing love is omnipresent. Our task as a servant of God is to find a way to release it. . .to His glory.

Love is giving. Bread cast upon the water is the bread that comes back to you...not your neighbor's bread. You cannot add health to yourself or wealth or opportunity or companionship. Recognize that, in Christ, you embody all that God is and has. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

Therefore, learn how to let infinity flow out from within you. The coming back of the bread is a reflex action that takes place on its own. You throw the rubber ball against the wall and it bounces back all by itself.

So stop trying to receive. Stop trying to have. Stop trying to draw things to yourself; ;this is coveting. We are created in the image and likeness of God. We embody all that God is and has. Let it flow out. Pour yourself out in prayer (proseuche) and in service to God.

CHAPTER 9

The Heart of the Yes Regarding Prophecy

Sometime ago, as part of my job assignment with The Boeing Company, I was transferred to the B2 Engineering Department. I knew none of these fellow employees. I was not known by these employees. The transfer was made by a vice president of the company. As an unknown, I was somewhat suspect even by my management.

About two months after receiving this assignment, while having lunch in my office, a meeting took place out on the floor. My boss, George, his boss Bill and Robert, another manager of my boss's level, were discussing the state of another employee's health. It seems that this employee had terminal cancer. He was hospitalized and not expected to live out the week. These three managers were contemplating his retirement so as to maximize finances to the family at the time of his demise.

The Holy Spirit moved me to get up and join this meeting. So, I got up and preceded to stand with these three heavy breathers. While they continued their conversation, the Spirit moved me to interrupt their conversation. I began, "Why are you discussing the death of John Hart? He is not going to die this week. The cancer will begin to die tonight and be dead by the end of the week. Retire John, if you must, but expect him to return to work during the first week in June of next year."

These three managers looked at me in wonder. They continued their conversation while I returned to my office and lunch. In a short while, my boss, George, came into my office asking about John. "What does John look like?" George asked. I responded, "You really want to know what the cancer looks like? You know I've never met John?" So I drew a picture of the cancer on the board complete with its scaly outer surface. It was about the size of a grapefruit with many, many roots.

That evening, George called my house from the hospital. He had a burning question to ask. "How did you know what the cancer looked like?" he asked. "Because you asked", was the only response I could give him. Later that night a high fever hit John Hart's body. The fever killed the cancer and left John weak but able to recover.

Along about April, John was selected to receive a lifetime Configuration Management Award. The award was to be given at a meeting in Florida. Would Boeing pay his way to the meeting? No way, was the belts and suspender's attitude of the company. If John were to die in route we would have to pay double. But, if John pays his own way, Boeing will reimburse him after he successfully returns home. John attended the meeting in May. After some negotiation, he received compensation for his trip by the company. At this time, John received a physical that pronounced him able to return to work. So, on the first week of June, John returned to his job in our department.

Why was this prophecy given? It took place in an open engineering bay in front of 3 -5 Mormon Bishops. John was a Mormon. I am an Episcopal priest. I am fully aware of what Mormon doctrine teaches about Episcopal priests. God's love is far above these discords. Far enough to select one who couldn't know to be thrust into an organization to deliver God's intention.

On another occasion, while working a men's Cursillo, a young man of Iranian origin became depressed. His depression was so deep that ordinary prayer wouldn't touch it.

My wife and a Catholic nun named Sr. Mary Francis brought him to the Cursillo. They called me out of the Rollo room to help this young man. I joined them and took him to a room downstairs in the church where we knelt down in front of a love seat to pray. We barely began, when the Holy Spirit moved me to pray in tongues. It wasn't my prayer language, but a language I knew he understood. The prayer was long. More than 10 minutes.

When we finished and stood up, my friend was delivered from his depression. I asked him, "You understood those words, didn't you?" "Yes", he answered, "it was a prayer? - Oh yes, it was a prayer." "What language was used?" I asked. "It was in ancient Arabic," he answered.

"It was not so much the words of the prayer that touched me. It was the flawless pronunciation of a language your western voice box could not have uttered," he responded. "I know God loves me - I really know He loves me. I'm alright now."

Here is another example of the love our Father God has for His children. His mercy is everlasting. In this case, he chose me to be his instrument. Why? you ask. Only because I was available in a place of prayer and open to the call.

CHAPTER 10

The Heart of the Yes on the Subject of Prayer

In Matt. 21:22, Jesus is quoted as saying, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” What is the true meaning of this statement? Does this mean that I, a believer, can receive anything I ask for in prayer? Well, not exactly.

The word “ask” in this sentence is translated from the Greek (aiteo). It is a subjunctive, contingent verb, explained in John 9:36 by “Tell me so that I may know.” It has to do with asking for what you received while in prayer. For example, a few days ago, I was praying for a sister. She was tired and just about at the end of her endurance. I listened for a word from the Lord. He gave me the word “assurance”! I then asked that she be anointed with Holy Assurance. She was. You could see it all over her.

When I heard the word “assurance” given by the Holy Spirit, the faith of God rose up in my spirit. As I spoke this word, I knew without a doubt that she would receive it. So faith comes up by hearing and hearing by the word of God. It just has to work!

In 1 John 5:13, we are encouraged so that we may know that we have received eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God. That if we “ask” anything according to His will (subjunctive case again) He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we “ask” (again, present middle subjunctive) we know that we have what we asked Him.

As an example, at an Order of St. Luke meeting in Tacoma, a woman was sitting on a soft sofa. The Holy Spirit spoke within me. “Heal her leg.” So, I asked her to rise and sit in our prayer chair. As she stood up, one could not fail to notice that her left knee had a major problem with tendons and ligaments. As I prayed for her, I followed what the Holy Spirit told me to pray and the Faith of God rose up as I spoke. Finally, led by the Spirit I asked her to stand up. Then, to do a deep knee bend and then to rise up using her left leg. As she rose up, her leg was completely healed. This is subjunctive asking.

If one were to read every book in the library searching for what to ask for in prayer, chances are they wouldn’t find it. Even searching the Word of God for which word to select for prayer is not 100% unless directed by the Holy Spirit. But, Jesus gave us the same Holy Spirit that accompanied Him during His 70 week ministry. If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we are children (huios) of God. We become descendants of the Messiah. We begin to derive our human nature directly from God. Jesus said and did only what He saw His Father doing. He continually showed us the sam-ah (hear), sam-ah (obey) and sam-ah (understand) principle. Jesus asked the Father (eroteo) in the subjunctive case. He did nothing on His own. If we are to be like Him then this is how we must strive to serve.

Note again what Paul, led by the Spirit, passed on to us. In 1 Cor 12, he lists gifts (manifestations) as a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom, then the faith of God (pistis). See the similarity with Romans 10:17, where he states, “Consequently, the faith of God comes up by hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Which word? The one Jesus is

now passing on to you via the Holy Spirit. The Living Word intended for the situation you or I now face.

Peter talked on this subject in I Peter 3:7. “Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing can hinder your prayer.”

When one is not walking in peace, he or she cannot hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. Anger, pride, fear, sin, and discord hinder our prayer. Why? Because, dear believer, if you can't hear the voice of God you cannot know that God heard your prayer. You don't hear God to know what He encouraged you to pray for and you can't know that He answered your prayer. If you can't hear God's voice, His faith can't flow up from the Kingdom of God within you. You can't pray. “Where the will of God is not known . . . faith cannot exist.”

In 1 Cor 6:9-11 Paul lists a number of lifestyles that hinder our ability to experience the Kingdom of heaven. But, he sees those lifestyles changed through what Jesus has done for us. John speaks of a love of God that works within the believer until we become like Jesus while in this world. He further states that no one who is born of God will continue to sin (habitually). In 1 John 3:6-10, John indicates that the person who has experienced regeneration will demonstrate righteousness in daily living. Believers are to make the righteousness and holy life of Christ the object of their trust and the pattern of their lives. Habitually doing - “hoi penentes”. Habitually living into (seeking) Him. Heb. 3:1, Heb. 12:2. Jesus encouraged His followers to hunger and thirst after righteousness until they are satisfied. Matt. 5:6.

If one expectantly pursues the type of prayer life discussed in this chapter, they will experience more and more the Kingdom of Heaven within them and, pouring out from them. This contains the love John spoke of in 1 John 4:7-18. They will come to know and depend upon the love God has for us. They will, more and more live in this love until this love is made complete in them. Their life will change before their eyes as they begin to live so as to please Our Heavenly Father in His service. That love to serve will lead them to fast, when necessary, as their lifestyle becomes more and more like the life Jesus intends us to live. Why? So, dear believer, they can become more and more effective servants.

CHAPTER 11

A Lesson on Hearing

While working on an advanced technology program for The Boeing Company, I received an important lesson. One of my fellow workers was a self-sufficient metallurgist who was also very accomplished in things mathematical. On occasion, I would share an experience of God while Dale listened skeptically. This went on and on during our efforts to successfully produce a more effective aluminum casting which could be riveted or welded - but weighing no more than a built up assembly. It does not require a 20% casting factor in design.

I continued to seek the Lord for an opportunity to introduce Dale to Jesus. Time continued as I learned more and more about Dale and his family. His son was involved in a serious accident with his motorcycle and the bumper of a car. The crash destroyed his son's lower leg, ripping the calf muscle off the bone. While being allowed to pray for the lad, I was not invited to visit him. He, however, slowly recovered.

There was also a problem with Dales' marriage which caused him unending grief. During the test phase of the program, we were required to travel to Dayton, Ohio, and on to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. On one of these trips, while cruising at some 35,000 feet Dale was seated across the aisle from me.

He leaned over and said, "Dean, what can you tell me that would make me believe in that God of yours?" It is interesting how God selects the opportunity to witness. I prayed and listened to the Holy Spirit. "What do you want me to say to Dale?" I prayed.

The answer came up like prophecy. By this I mean to say, I heard the statement as it was said. I responded, "Could we start with the fact that you only have half a stomach?" Dale looked stunned. "How could you know? No one knows about that part of my life," he responded. We then began to talk about the love of God. We spoke of how real God is. That what Jesus did for us, no human could accomplish. That Jesus is the only way one has to open our pathway into the Kingdom of God and into His presence. That works avail nothing. It is all accomplished by faith in Jesus, His life, His death, His glorious resurrection, His more glorious ascension to the Father and then sending us the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit with Fire that allowed me to see the half stomach in Dale's body.

Our relationship deepened during the next several years. I met his son and performed the celebration and blessing of Dale's wedding to his wonderful wife, Maggie.

What a wonderful lesson on evangelism the Lord gave me at 35,000 feet somewhere over Montana.

Sa-ma (listen), sa-ma (obey) and sa-ma (understand). The Holy Spirit is available and waiting to lead us into victorious evangelism.

On another occasion, while serving the Lord as interim priest at the Church of the Resurrection in east Bellevue, I was treated to a glorious healing lesson. It began while teaching an adult Bible class.

Dr. Bob came by the church and walked into the classroom. He asked me to come with him to Overlake Hospital to pray for his mother-in-law. Since the class was nearly over we finished with prayer and I took off with Dr. Bob to the hospital. He parked in a lot I'm unfamiliar with, and walked up the back stairs to the third floor. Dr. Bob said a few words to the nurses at their station and we went into his mother-in-law's room.

She was laying on her back. Her face reflected much pain. Her eyes were unblinking and open. Bob had told me, in route, that the doctors were unable to deal with her pain but he was confident that our prayers could deal with it. They didn't expect her to live through the night. He mentioned nothing about the nature of the illness. While Dr. Bob stood on her right side and I on her left, we began to pray. I sought the Lord's advice as to what to do and how to proceed. My answer came like a word of knowledge. I say like, but it was rather a knowing of an object within the forward center of the brain about the size of a plum. While knowing of the object's size and location, I motioned to Dr. Bob with my hand on my head. He nodded in agreement.

There was considerable energy pouring forth in that prayer. It was like being in Healing Rooms about 8:45 p.m. I was given the following to pass on to Dr. Bob, "Your mother-in-law is getting very warm. When she cools off, her pulse will be normal and her pain will be gone." This happened just as the Lord prophesied. The patient closed her eyes and slept. With nothing further to do, we gave thanks and left.

The next morning, Nan, Dr. Bob's wife went to visit her mother. She had heard nothing from the hospital, but frankly expected the worst. On getting to the floor and nurse's work station, Nan was met with these words, "What happened here last night? After that man left with your husband, the floor was peaceful, no one needed a pain pill, no one pulled their tubes out and no one died. It was like a shepherd had been here to quiet the sheep" Nan smiled and went into her mother's room.

She found her mother sitting up, eating her breakfast and smiling, pain free. She only vaguely remembered the night before. The medical team determined that they had nothing more to do for this dear lady. In three days, they sent her home.

During the next six months, this dear sister made peace with her family, restored her relationship with her twin sister, reconciled herself with Jesus and quietly passed away in her sleep. Could one ask for more from one call to serve the Lord?

In these last two accounts, I learned a new meaning of "sam-ah", to hear. I didn't hear the Lord's voice when sitting in an airplane at 35,000 feet. I didn't hear the Lord's voice in that hospital room. To understand I sought out a rabbi for the meaning of "sam-ah". My first answer upon making my request was "It means to hear," he responded.

After a pause, I asked him "what did it used to mean? What did it mean at the time of Moses?" He was noticeably annoyed with my pressing of the question. Finally, he responded, almost in disgust, it once meant to listen with your bones." My spirit rejoiced within me. Yes, it is

more than just knowing. It involves feeling, knowing, actually experiencing the pain or discomfort of others within your own body. Feeling and knowing are involved in hearing, not just noise.

So the equation continues to work: (1) Sa-ma, hear the Voice of God with knowing, in your bones; (2) Sa-ma, obey what the Spirit is leading you to say or to do as the Faith of God manifests within; then (3) Sam-ah, understand how faithful God is as you begin to look for the little bit extra, the twelve baskets full of bread and fish. Let none be wasted. And, encourage other believes to “sam-ah” in their pursuit of the Lord’s service. Encourage them to know and understand that the Lord is not a respecter of persons.

If one strives to listen in order to obey, if then upon hearing with their bones they then obey, they too will understand how the Lord continues to reward those who diligently seek to serve Him.

Let praise be given to God.

CHAPTER 12

Experiencing Sa-mar (Observe) Life of the Name

On a number of occasions while serving the Lord, a different form of a word of knowledge or wisdom came to me to bring up the faith of God. Here, I discovered the difference between “sa-ma” or hearing and “sa-mar” or seeing.

On one occasion, while staying with Rev. Tommie Tyson in North Carolina, an olive skinned, black eyed, black haired slightly built mother came to our prayer meeting. She asked that we pray for her son; but, she added a condition. “First, tell me what he looks like,” was her request.

On that evening, Tommie gave me a growth opportunity. He said, “Dean, why don’t you handle this one?” Lacking any such experience, I called on the Lord for ability. The answer came quickly, but it didn’t make sense. What I saw was a strawberry blond haired, rather large young man with blue eyes and freckles. He didn’t look in any way like his mother. There was a great temptation to avoid telling this lady what I saw. I gulped and spoke, “Your son is a large young man, with blue eyes, strawberry blond hair, freckles and he usually likes to wear bib overalls with one strap left unfastened.”

“That’s my son!” she exclaimed. You may now pray for him. This seeing in the Spirit has a Hebrew word, “sa-mar”, pronounced “sha-mar”.

It didn’t immediately cause faith to flow until it was told to the person asking the question. Then faith flowed in that room in a mighty way.

On another occasion, while on another technology program with The Boeing Company, a fellow worker broke his leg in a skiing accident. My first exposure to Bill McG. and his leg came when I delivered some papers to his home near mine, in Issaquah. I delivered the papers, visited briefly with Bill and went home. After a few days, Bill was allowed to return to his job. That first morning he came into my office and just stood there. He finally asked, “When you stopped by my house to deliver the papers, you looked at my leg didn’t you?” I nodded and Bill continued, “What did you see?”

I responded, “I saw the fracture area where both bones were broken. The larger rear bone was set, but the smaller front bone is separated from setting by about 3/4 of an inch. Why do you ask me, this is what the x-ray showed?” He wanted to know what the Holy Spirit has to say about the fracture. Telling him what I saw, even though he knew, brought up faith within him. “It will be alright,” I was permitted to tell him.

For the better part of a month, each Monday morning, Bill would come to my office to be reassured about his leg. Then, on a Sunday afternoon about 2:00 p.m. something happened. I asked Bill about this happening the next morning when he stopped by for a look. I asked, “What happened to you yesterday at 2:00 p.m.?” He answered rather sheepishly, “I was showing my wife how to start the mower. I was standing behind her and she got me between the eyes with her elbow. I was spun

around and dropped like a rock. Just look at this cast.” He said as he pulled up the leg of his trousers. The cast was reinforced with gray duct tape.

I asked Bill if he’d been to the doctor yet. He shook his head. “Well,” I told him, “you’ll enjoy the good news because your fall has set the front bone perfectly.” With the good news confirmed by x-ray that afternoon, our weekly talks ended. Perhaps they were more than he could be comfortable with.

We often misunderstand what the Holy Spirit is telling us and why. But, it doesn’t seem to hinder the Spirit in the service of God.

One evening, at our church in Renton, we were praying for one another. I was praying with an Alice McA. when the Spirit spoke to me, “Tell Alice she can see.” was the request. I did so, thinking that the Spirit was anointing Alice to see in the Spirit. All at once I was rocked by the noise coming from Alice. “I can see”, she shouted, “I can see!”

I requested that she calm down before her calls brought the neighbors. She then told me, “I’m 40 years old. I have been blind from birth in my left eye. Now, I can see clearly from both eyes.” “Make all the noise you like”, I responded and the whole gathering praised God for His compassion.

Being used by God to deliver a message which you couldn’t generally know anything about to one who has been told by examination or x-ray brings up the faith of God. Such is the word that is referred to in Rom. 10:17 when Paul said faith comes up by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

So how does one go about bringing up the Word which brings up faith? Jesus told us to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. He told us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. We are invited to seek the better gifts. Well, after you get the hunger within your bones to really seek, to really hunger, start looking for an opportunity to serve God with this manifestation of His Spirit. Remember how much more your Heavenly Father desires to give His Holy Spirit to those who ask. Expect to be tested with opportunities. Risk your reputation.. Trust God to deliver with His hand open to life.

Do not limit your requests to what you are comfortable with. Allow God to show you the desires of your heart. Then with boldness start seeking to receive these desires which will more than likely increase your service to God.

CHAPTER 13

The Heart of the Yes on Holiness

Once the individual's heart opens to the love of God and is touched by that love, a process of change beings. A divine essence of the Living Spirit comes into the human nature. Sin dissolves in our nature and our hostility to the laws and desires of God decreases. (Kadosh - no more chaff).

Paul talks of this process of transmutation in his letter to the Romans (8:30). "And, those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified."

Every time the believer is involved in an act of the Lord's Holy Service, the Spirit's energy flowing out from the Kingdom within touches the individual within as well. I recall when at Tommie Tyson's in Aqueduct, NC, the Holy Spirit came upon me with such power that I was pinned to the davenport. For a time, Tommie looked at me and laughed. He said, "Get used to this, Dean, this is normal." I thus had an opportunity to grow.

Each time the Holy Spirit comes upon the individual, a little of their human nature gets aroused and revised. Sometimes, we choose to hang on to old appetites and they remain for a while. At other times, we respond to the Holy Spirit's call and move on toward holiness. During these encounters with God's Holiness, we experience an invitation to allow our human nature to be revised. As one surrenders more and more of the old nature to God's Holy nature, they will experience a corresponding increase in the opportunities to serve Him. And, cleansed, we find ourselves hearing God more clearly.

When occupied with sin/self-concerns, we can miss the Spirit's call. When involved with following the desires of sin or any appetite and yielding to these hungers, the voice of God seems far away indeed.

I have noticed that the greater the anointing involved in a serving experience, the quieter the Spirit speaks. I also learned that keeping the mind stayed on Jesus (katanoeo) is one of those 127 intensive verbs that requires heavenly assistance to achieve. I now know that each time I hunger and thirst after God's righteousness, each time I seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, I experience more opportunities to serve and to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.

There is the story of a monk who was assigned to pots and pans. While he worked at this task, he prayed that God's Kingdom would become real where he was. An Abbot noticed that Br. Lawrence seemed to have more success with his prayers than the other brothers. When asked why, he responded "I don't do anything but seek the Kingdom. I can't take any credit for anything special".

Peter suggests that we play a considerable part in this overcoming process. He encourages the believer who has experienced this faith of God to add goodness to it. Then knowledge to the goodness, then self-control then perseverance, then Godliness then brotherly kindness then finally 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."

John jumped at once to the chase. His focus is on the Love of God. This is what renews God's Spirit within us. He has discovered that the Love is God. John has experienced that this "God Love" lives in us as we strive to live in God. As we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, whoever lives in "God Love" lives in God and God in him/her. "God Love" is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment because in this world, where we are right now, we are like Him.

This "God Love" is the same transforming love that I experienced while docking the lambs. It is the same love that flowed out to Mrs. Stone, Dr. Bob's mother-in-law, and to countless others the Lord has allowed me to watch Him heal. This God Love continues to transform one's life. As a servant, I am being washed and sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We are now in the "third day" about which much has been written. Hosea 6:2. According to 2 Peter 3:8 where he compares a day to 1000 years, he invites all believers to seek holiness. Since we have been cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus, a lamb without blemish or defect, let each of us strive to serve only Him. Now is indeed the time to worship.

Let us, therefore, now, more than ever, realize that we have eternal life every time we pray. Let us know (experience) that God hears our prayer and by this experience, know that God has answered our prayer.

Paul provides a very useful standard to measure our direction toward holiness in his letter to Timothy:

- “(a) Do you find yourself loving God more than you love yourself? Good
- (b) Do you find yourself generously giving, are you humble, kind and obedient to your parents? To others? Good.
- (c) Are you grateful, do you seek the Kingdom of God and His holiness? Do you experience God's Holy love as you pray for others? Very good.
- (d) Do you find yourself as a forgiver; are you mindful of God's love as you speak of others? Good.
- (e) Do you grow in self-control as this spiritual fruit of the Holy Spirit develops? Good.
- (f) Do you enjoy and seek to love the good? Very good.
- (g) Do you find yourself kind, cool minded, aware of what you really are? (See Isa 57:13b) Wonderful.
- (h) Do you love God more than pleasure? Good.
- (i) Does your worship include the awesome tangible power of God? Superb.

Now, join with others having these same desires who seek to acknowledge the trust by holding to what God gave us through Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

How would you react if, when a voice from Heaven speaks to you with these words, “Rejoice, dear son or daughter, your name is written in My Book of Life”? Or, how would you react if God audibly promises to prosper you or to glorify you?

Now, consider Meister Eckhart’s reaction to Jesus when spoken to thus, “I lived a sinless life and died for you and sent the Holy Spirit so that you might become one with Me. If you fail to become one with Me, you do me wrong.”

Well, I assure you, dear believer, that if you truly seek the Kingdom and His righteousness to serve the One and Only Living God, you will receive such words of encouragement and more beside.

If you require encouragement now, then consider Paul’s letter to the Ephesians in 5:25 when he wrote, “How Christ loved the church so much that He gave Himself up for her to make her holy, to present her to Himself as a radiant church without spot or blemish but holy and blameless.

CHAPTER 14

The Heart of the Yes on The Anointing

God's word proclaims that to each is given a measure of faith. Since God is not a respecter of persons, this implies that this measure of faith is like the gift of talents given to His servants when the master of the house went away for a time. You might have noticed that when invested, this measure of faith (talent) doubled. It never merely increased by 25% or 50% or 75%, it doubled.

Now look at the Holy Spirit poured out on the 120 in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost when this Moed was fulfilled. Each had flames of fire on their heads. But Peter invested his as he spoke to the people with boldness (Acts 2:14-36) and when he concluded with, "therefore, let all Israel be assured of this, God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Messiah." Then in v. 38, Peter concluded, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. About 3000 were added to their number.

What happened to Peter's anointing with that act of service? What happened to the other 119 who watched?

Later many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. What happened to these believers as they invested their anointing? What happened to those who watched? To those who supported the apostles with prayer?

So, in the third Chapter of Acts, who was selected to be the servant of Jesus who went into the temple at the hour of prayer? When the poor crippled man asked for money from Peter and John? It was Peter who looked at the man and said, "silver and gold I do not have, but what I have (an invested anointing) I give to you." And taking the man by the right hand, Peter helped him up and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Then it was Peter who spoke to the leaders, again inviting them to repent, to turn to God so that sins might be forgiven and that times of refreshment might come from the Lord.

Then the Sanhedrin enters the scene to stop Peter and John while they were speaking. Note how Peter and the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. How Peter and John were seized and put in jail. But many who heard the word believed and the anointing in Peter and John increased.

Then after being released, Peter and John went back to their own people and raised their voices in prayer for more boldness to serve God even more in the light of persecution. "Enable your people to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Here we experience a great second outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this group of those striving to serve the Lord their God in the face of opposition. This is the anointing resulting from

investing the first anointing. This is the anointing each believer has every right to seek. This is the anointing that takes your breath away. This is the anointing I was allowed to experience while a deacon when teaching classes in the basement of a Renton church.

On one of these nights, the Spirit was really moving as one by one the Spirit healed many sick and possessed people. A young man seemed a bit over curious with the energy flowing from the hands of those praying for the injured ones. As he reached between the anointed one praying and the one being prayed for, the power of the Holy Spirit threw him against the wall where he sat licking his wounds.

In Acts 5, we see the Spirit working with proclaiming efficiency. When Anaias and his wife tried to lie to Peter, the anointing of righteousness took the life out of them. But, this same anointing touched the sick who were brought into the streets and laid on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on them as he passed by. And they brought those tormented by evil spirits and all of them were healed.

How did Peter get this exceptional anointing? How else, but by investing the anointing he had received for the Lord's service. Every chance he had he used to the glory of God and his anointing was increased every time he invested it.

Since God is no respecter of persons and since God revealed through Jesus that He rewards those who invest His talents, then what is stopping us today? I am here to assure you that the anointing Peter displayed is not the limit that the anointing can display. There is more to be experienced than even Peter or John or Paul demonstrated.

Didn't Jesus say that "these things you see Me do and things greater than these shall you experience, if you believe and act upon that belief." Are not all the promises of God "yes and amen in Jesus". Then, there is nothing that can stop us if we believe into Jesus and become sensitive to a quieter and quieter still small voice until we actually become sensitive to the very thoughts of God. Here we will actually see the leading of the Holy Spirit as producing descendants of the Messiah. It almost takes my breath away as I write these words for you to read - and experience.

And, there is more to come as believing brothers and sisters are willing to take on the calling of genuine apostles and prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors in the Lord's service with the active word of God in them, who will prepare God's people for these works of service that will build up the body of Christ as they provide the living words of God until we all reach unity in the faith and each becomes like our teacher, Jesus the Messiah.

This process will not be as time consuming as it sounds. In Isaiah 60:22b, God speaks, saying, "I am the Lord, in its time I will do this swiftly." I do believe that we now live in that time.

CHAPTER 15

The Heart of the Yes on Serving Him Being Surprised with Joy

My wife and I attended a wedding for a friend's son. I was not able to conduct the service due to timing. The service was held in a religious setting with the reception held in a nearby hall. The reception is where this lesson took place.

I was standing at the counter pouring myself a cup of coffee when the Holy Spirit told me to heal a man across the room who was suffering with a very painful back. All I was told was "heal his back." Obediently, I crossed the room to the man. He was somewhat of a curmudgeon even when his back wasn't hurting. I placed my hand on his shoulder and stated, "The Lord God heals your back". Startled, the man began to exclaim something appropriate for being annoyed, then in surprise, he agreed that his back had been healed. As I turned to return to my coffee, my parting comment was "and the ringing in your ear that you have had since 1943 is also gone." Thanks be to God. I wasn't permitted to remain and chat with the brother.

As I returned to my coffee, the Holy Spirit spoke again about a woman nearby who had her arm in a sling. "Heal her arm," was the instruction. In a few steps I was standing beside her. I could see the bump in her upper arm where the bone had been fractured. As I spoke to her, I was surprised at what came out of my mouth. "The Lord heals the pinched nerve in your neck and feeling will now return to your fingers, your hand and your forearm. The bump in your upper arm is now gone." I hadn't realized that she had fallen with an armload of books when she broke her arm. The fall had pinched a nerve in her upper spine causing numbness in her lower arm. It was a condition which had not been addressed by her doctors.

I was not permitted to spend time talking with her either. But was instructed by the Holy Spirit to heal a pastor's knees who had settled into a soft davenport form which he would experience difficulty getting up. I placed my hand on his shoulder and pronounced him healed in God's Name. He was.

During this experience, I noted the groom's mother suffering greatly as she hobbled about the room. "What about her?" I asked the Holy Spirit. His answer was very gentle, "you have my permission to pray for her." I did and later that evening she was.

Here, I was given to experience how the Faith of God comes up when hearing the Holy Spirit instruct one to serve the Lord in very specific ways. It wasn't up to me; it was up to Him. I didn't initiate the service, He did.

On another occasion, while working a women's Cursillo in Kalona, B.C., as a member of the spiritual team, the Lord gave me a different version of this same lesson.

A healing service was scheduled for Saturday afternoon. On Friday night, the Lord spoke to me in a dream. During the healing service a sister would be healed who had a hip joint which involved disintegration of the hip ball.

The next afternoon we had our healing service. The anointing of God was present to heal and all manner of pain was eliminated; but, no lady with a major hip problem came forth. I stood up and proclaimed that there was a sister there who had a major problem with her hip ball which the Lord wanted to heal. At first no one moved. Finally, this sister, the wife of a pastor, come forward. She was healed as she stepped forward. Needless to say, she danced that night on a brand new hip socket. Praise be to God.

As I write this, my thoughts go back to my first experience with this type of serving God. I was driving my 1968 Ford F100 pickup truck to work at The Boeing Company. As I went through the curves toward the Renton Highlands, I noticed a nick in the center portion of the seat. This truck had a bench seat with fabric type plastic on the sides with a light brown clear plastic center section. Sometime in the past, I had nicked the center section with an aluminum brief case having a cracked corner. This nick had torn off the clear plastic cover about the size of a finger nail. It wasn't life threatening but for a moment my heart was saddened. The Holy Spirit spoke, surprising me a little. He said, "Why don't you ask me to fix it." I couldn't answer quickly enough, so He continued, "don't you think I can?" Then because I paused, He added, "don't you think I will?" My thoughts were confused. Here was a piece of plastic with a nick in it. Of what value could it be? Should I trouble God with such a problem? He interrupted my thoughts, saying, "Take your right thumb and rub the spot." The words were so powerful that I couldn't resist. I took my right thumb and rubbed it across the nick. It vanished. However, to the day I sold that truck there was a gray streak across the place where the nick had been.

I often wonder what it would have looked like if I had responded more quickly.

This experience fits in with the prophecy I had received some time before. "Why do you concern yourself with authority? Do you not have all the authority that I give you and tell you that you have?" He told me to act - I acted - it worked.

It is rather like when Jesus changed water into wine. It wasn't a life threatening situation. Jesus's mother came to Jesus with a request. "What do you want from me, woman?" Jesus asked. "They are out of wine," Mary added. Even Paul, in Phil. 4:19, saw God as one who meets all our needs. This was not a need, it was a want. "Do whatever He tells you to do," Mary instructed the servants. They did as Jesus told them and the water was made wine. Praise be to Our Father God and His Son Jesus and His Spirit!

A few days ago, while sitting in a healing room watching the people come in, the Spirit of Christ spoke to me, "See that lady with the cane? When she leaves here tonight she will not need it." I watched this lady that evening being prayed for by various brothers and sisters. The Fire of God began to well up within me as I watched her continue to need that cane.

In 2 Cor 2:17, is a passage the translators had trouble with. In most modern Bibles, it says, "On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity like men sent from God." This is not what Paul said. Paul wrote "On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God as god." As I was leaving the meeting, the Spirit of Christ moved me to stop before this woman. I introduced myself as a servant of the Most High God. I asked if I could pray for her. As I prayed, I could feel life flowing into her spinal cord, down her right leg into her Achilles tendon and her foot. She didn't

need her cane when she walked out of the meeting. But isn't that what God said a couple of hours before. Let's serve the Yes.

When God lives in us, we have to watch what we say. We're likely to see it happen.

Yes.

CHAPTER 16

A Job of the Church According to the Yes

Sometimes a point is made more by what is not said than something said. This is rather like hiding a thing in plain sight. In the first Chapter of Genesis is such an omission. In all but one instance, “God saw that the creation was good.” In only one case, God created and saw that it was so. God called the expanse Asky” and there was evening and there was morning and there was the second day.

We know that Paul was caught up into the third heaven where it was filled with the Glory of God and His holiness. II Cor. 12. We don’t hear much about a second heaven.

In Acts 10, Peter was at Cornelius’s house where he delivered the message of “now God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and achieving power, and how Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil because God was with Him.”

Much goes on around us that is unseen and therefore unnoticed. In Daniel 9, we find the prophet in prayer for the people of Israel (Judah) who had been held in the Babylonian kingdom. According to the prophet Jeremiah, the desolation of Jerusalem would last 70 years. Jer. 25:12; Jer. 29:10. So Daniel turned to God and pleaded with Him in joyous amazement at God’s wonder. He conducted this prayer of intercession in sackcloth and ashes while fasting. Daniel 9:4:

“O Lord, Great and Awesome God who keeps His covenant of love with all who love Him and obey His commandments. We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled. We have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke, in Your Name to our kings, our princes and our fathers and to all the people of the land.”

Notice how Daniel took the sins of these people into himself, “We”. Note, too, how Daniel examined his own attitude with vulnerability and honesty. Daniel then acknowledges the law of God set forth in Deut. 28 (the curses). The sworn judgments written in the law have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. Finally, with joyous amazement, Daniel brings his prayer to a conclusion:

“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, O God, and hear. Open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We make our request because of your mercy.” Verse 17.

“While praying, 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 come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given which I have come to tell you for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision.” Verse 20.

Note in Daniel 10:13 when Gabriel was coming to Daniel, the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted him 21 days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes came to help him because he was detained there with the king of Persia. We are being made aware of powers in heavenly places. This is not flesh and blood but heavenly beings at war with one another and us. How do you think God is going to make them His footstool?

Gabriel also announced the birth of John (Luke 1:11-20) and Jesus (Luke 1:26-38). We associate this great angelic being as close to the throne of God. To deliver His message, He would have to travel through that realm in the sky above us which has not yet been called "good". Something must take place in these heavenly realms before God can pronounce the place "good".

Since Paul had traveled to the third heaven he passed through this place. Paul tells us, the Church, that we have a job to do revealing "the mystery" hidden for ages in God who created all things. Eph. 3. The mystery is then revealed as "Christ in you, your hope of glory." We are to receive the touch of God, the very Christ of God in our souls. Then, sanctified in our souls, God's 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 Jesus Christ."

In Ephesians 6:12, Paul further tells us that, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

"Therefore, Paul stresses, "put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything to stand." Please note that when the anointing of the Holy Spirit comes upon you that, at first, you become weak in the knees. Now read Hebrews 12:12 where the author stresses, "Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet so that the lame may not be disabled but rather healed." This was first stated by the prophet Isaiah (Isa 35:5-6) where he added, "then, the eyes of the blind shall be opened, then the ears of the deaf unstopped, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the mouth of the dumb shall shout for joy and water will gush forth in the desert."

We must not seek the anointing so as to feel that strange power that buckles our knees. We must seek an additional explosive fire-filled Pentecost where the Spirit burns into our inner beings until, like Paul declares in II Cor 2:17, we can proclaim "Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God as god." Until, like John in his first epistle, we can experience being made complete by the Love of God within us, we in this world are like Jesus. Eph. 4:17. But isn't this what Paul said to the Church in Ephesus so that the believers in the church reach unity in the faith of God - and in the knowledge of the Son of God and grow into perfection (maturity) attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Eph 4.13. The student is to become like the teacher, filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph 3.19.

Then the mystery hidden in God for the ages and now made known to the saints in the church. Col. 1:27 Christ in me, my hope of glory. Then we will know that Jesus is in the Father,

the Father is in Jesus and They are in us, the believer. John 14:20. Then “now” through the church the manifold wisdom of God shall be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. (The Second Heaven). Eph. 3:10.

I experienced a battle in these heavenly realms a few months ago. I was about to conduct a healing mission in Nanimo on Vancouver Island. In preparation, I began to pray for success of the Lord’s mission. Suddenly, I was caught up in the Holy Spirit high above the City of Seattle. I was facing north, able to see from Vancouver Island up beyond Ketchikan. There was a great white wolf with unblinking red eyes glaring at me. His right front paw was west of Victoria with his left front paw on Vancouver. His hind feet were a bit south of Prince Rupert and his tail reached north to Ketchikan. A voice from above told me to command that angels from the third heaven come and bind this animal. I so commanded and a host of large angels came and fastened iron shackles to each of the four feet and a huge steel collar was placed around the neck of this great white wolf. Then, at the Voice’s command, I instructed the angles to take him away. Off he went and the hatred pouring out of him went with him.

The service in Nanimo went without any interruption from “the enemy”. I now know that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against real spiritual forces who move about in the heavens around us. We need to take this matter very seriously.

If this doesn’t cause the reader to seek the Kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness and to habitually hunger anew after the righteousness of Jesus which removes the barrier between us and the Father, then catch your breath and read on.

On another occasion, while serving at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor, I experienced another spiritual battle. We had just begun the “Prayers of the People” when a loud noise broke into our silence. A young man fell over, bashing his head against the pew in front of him. A few of us then noticed three of the angels who usually stood along the side wall of the church moved above and in front of the fallen young man.

I stopped the prayers and went down to the spot. The Holy Spirit showed me and a few others that the young man was being tormented by a nasty demon. Paul W. and I rebuked the spirit from the young man, while the three angles stood quietly watching. The unclean spirit departed. We called 911 to handle the young man’s physical ills. The three angels went back to the side of the church sanctuary and, after peace was restored, we continued with the service. One may question why the angels didn’t prevent the spirit from coming into the church or why didn’t their presence cause it to depart or why they didn’t dismiss it? It isn’t their job. As servants of the Most High God, it is our job to make God’s enemies His footstool. This isn’t Hollywood, this is the real world. Mark 1:21-28 or Luke 4:31-37. Note how Jesus went into the synagogue to teach. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out. Jesus told the spirit to “be quiet” (sternly) “come out of him”. The evil spirit came out with a shriek. In my own experience, I have cast demons out of many individuals and respectable churches.

While working a Cursillo in Terrace, B.C., I had an experience with a shaman. One of our spiritual team members was not feeling well. He didn’t take his meals and he just felt poorly. While he was resting, I stopped by to pray for him. As I knelt by his bunk the Holy Spirit revealed a purple sticky gauze all over his body. Then behind me was a black haired, dark complected

man's face just watching. I asked Fr. John M. about this man who was watching us. He identified the man as his local tribal shaman in Kitimat. Fr. John didn't believe in the power of shamans. His lack of knowledge hadn't prevented this tribal elder from casting a serious spell on him however. In prayer, at the Lord's leading, I removed the purple sticky substance from Fr. John's body and also from his household back in Kitimat where the whole household felt funky. I took no action against the shaman since none was directed by the Holy Spirit. Fr. John immediately felt healthy and hungry. Later, we found the same true of his family.

The figure watching us left but was not finished. About one week later, I felt like I was being watched as I sat in my office at Boeing. My friend, Ralph R. dropped by. Ralph said, "Dean, you have a visitor outside your window watching you." I commanded the figure to stand still as I turned to face him. There, under a white wolf skin was a human spirit watching us. As directed by the Holy Spirit, I released him to return no more. Both the spirit and the skin vanished.

For some time after this experience, I would feel a presence around me each time I went north to minister. Finally, I spoke to the presence inviting him to come to the meeting to hear about the love of Jesus. This was the last time he came near.

Why, you might ask, did the village elder place a spell on Fr. John and his family? Well, it went this way. Fr. John was conducting a funeral service for one of his parishioners. The shaman attended the grave site portion of the service. After the service, after the grave was filled in, the party left the area. The shaman remained. Fr. John watched as the shaman drew a circle in the dirt on top of the grave. Then he squatted down to watch for the departed's spirit to break the circle. Fr. John stood up and, with this crosier, he broke the circle. With this act, Fr. John declared war on the shaman. The shaman thus responded with a curse on Fr. John and his family. Whether you believe in these powers or doubt them, has little impact on their existence.

I know of their existence and with the leading of the Holy Spirit deal with them accordingly.

Give all praise to God.

CHAPTER 17

Does One's Lifestyle Impact their Ability to Serve the Lord?

I have noticed during the past 30+ years that one must remain open to the anointing and available to serve. If one does not experience success in that which can be seen, how can they be certain in things that cannot be seen? Do they then seek a deeper awareness of God or spin an "excuse why it didn't work"? I asked a brother priest how many physical healings he experienced during an average month of ministry. He responded "hardly any, but we shouldn't expect them anymore." I then asked him how many people he had ministered absolution to. He answered "perhaps a hundred or more." I risked our friendship when I questioned "How do you know? If you don't experience physical healing when you pray for a brother or sister, how do you know if any absolution was passed on either?" He then quoted a 300+ year old church position that it didn't matter the manner of life a priest of God lived, when he or she functions sacramentally, the process is valid. I questioned, "then when you pray for someone to be healed and they die, the prayer was successful?" "Yes," he responded, "death is a perfect healing." My spirit is very troubled about this "view of the church", as I think of the young mother or father taken from their children by cancer.

I put this question to prayer and a verse from Paul's letter to the Colossians came to mind. "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy which depends on human traditions and the basic principles of this world." (Col. 2:8) Where is the scriptural basis for this tradition? Did Jesus ever call death a perfect healing?

On the contrary, John introduced Jesus as "In Him was life and that life was the light of men and women." (John 1:3) Jesus Himself said, "I come that they might have life and have it to the full (pleros) body, soul and spirit." (John 10:10) In Matthew 3:15 Jesus was baptized to manifest all righteousness - the body, spirit and soul. According to Isaiah 33 "by His stripes you were healed." Earlier, in Isaiah 32:16, the prophet states that justice will dwell in the dry (dead) places and righteousness live in the fertile field (the regenerated soul). This same field Jeremiah calls the human soul (3:3) and he further encourages the owner to break up that unplowed ground and . . .do not sow among thorns. Isaiah continues with a revelation that the fruit of righteousness is peace and the effect of peace will be quietness and confidence which produces strength. Strength for the spirit, the soul and the body. (Isaiah 30:15) This revealed knowledge must be taken into the consciousness of the reader.

Jesus invited His followers to hunger and thirst after this righteousness. Paul, in his letter to the Romans refers to this righteousness 35 times as that which removes the veil between the believer and the Father. We are to plant this righteousness into our soul. The soil. (Matt. 13, Mark 4, Luke 8).

When this righteousness produces its fruit of peace, the soul and spirit will no longer be governed by fear as life -giving strength pours forth from the believer. Disease cannot live in such an environment. This is where perfect healing takes place, not in death. You see, Jesus came to bring us life, not to spin the good news into a false hope that death brings perfect healing.

When the body dies, how pray tell is the soul healed or the spirit? Where did the perpetrators of this view held by the greater church get their evidence? Did they see and commune

with the spirits after death? In Chapter 23, my prophet friend, Ralph, and I encountered numerous departed spirits. Some of these were saved but frightened. Others were frightened and confused. We saw no evidence of death being a perfect healing.

At other times I have been privileged to serve at funerals of saved brothers or sisters. These radiated love and peace. Others, with a questionable relationship with the Father, radiated anger, fear and even wrath. On the basis of my own experience, I do not accept death as the perfect healing. Perfect healing comes when righteousness is planted in the believer's soul and allowed to produce the fruit of peace.

It is my hope that the faithful will experience a time that Isaiah saw when we will expect to out live 100 oak trees. Where one who dies at less than 100 years will be considered a mere youth. (Isaiah 65:20).

In Mark 9:49, Jesus said that everyone will be salted with fire and by this He meant the Holy Spirit. But, if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? "Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another."

When Jesus healed the crippled man who was lowered through the roof, He first said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven". The church officials rebuked Jesus for forgiving sins; something only God can do. Jesus responded, "Which is easier to forgive, this man's sins or heal him? So that you might believe that the Son of man has authority to forgive sins, I say to you, be healed, pick up your bed and walk." Matt. 9:2-8, Luke 5:17-26; Mark 2:3-12. Shouldn't this be our attitude today?

James spoke of mixing things earthly with things heavenly (James 3:11-12). "Out of the same mouth comes praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water come both from the same spring? Can a fig tree bear olives or a grape vine bear figs. Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water." It is rather like trying to mix fruits of the Spirit and fruits of our sinful nature. They don't mix. It is like serving two masters; you end up loathing them both. Gal. 5:22; Gal. 5:19-21.

In Isaiah 33, we discover the sinners in Zion were terrified; trembling grips the godless. "Who can dwell with the consuming fire? Who can dwell with everlasting burning?" "The individual who walks righteously can. The one who speaks what is right can. The one who shuts his eyes against contemplating evil can. The one who is led by the Holy Spirit can."

We find in Isaiah 57 that the individual who makes God and His consuming fire his refuge will inherit the land and possess God's holy mountain. They become recipients of the light, glory and power of God. When these empowered servants lay their hands on one who is ill and do what God's voice tells them, they will feel the light, the glory and the fire flow out of their fingers and do all that is required to heal. When these same servants of the Lord come against the damage done by sin or sinning, they will be able to see the results of forgiveness shine from the eyes of the one forgiven. Praise God, I know it is real.

In Christ, there is no difference between the anointing that heals and the anointing that absolves the damage done by sin. In either case, the individual providing the service will find that

the more holiness they inhabit, the less sin will act in their souls or bodies. They will grow in holiness. In fact, they will glow with holiness.

As I attend Healing Rooms, I enjoy watching what happens during the prayers of the prayer team ministers. A lady sat a few seats from me. The Holy Spirit revealed that she had a pain around her stomach. Prayer ministers prayed for her but the pain continued. About this time, Joy Mc. came by and asked what I was seeing. I told her about the lady nearby and told her what the Holy Spirit had showed me. She prayed and the pain left.

A friend, suffering from cancer pain, was prayed for but the pain remained. Finally, the Holy Spirit said "Enough!" He directed me to put my hands on the man's chest and back with the cancer between them. I obeyed and the pain departed. When will we learn that the children of God are those who are led by the Holy Spirit? When one is filled with their sinful nature or fear or pride or jealousy, they can't hear the leading of the Spirit. And, where the will of God is not known, the faith of God can not exist.

John tells us that as we walk in the light, we become purified from all sin. (I John 3:3) It is a process. No one who is fully born of God will continue to sin. The anointing you received from Jesus remains in you. It is tangible. It teaches you. It leads you into all truth. It is real, not counterfeit. Therefore, remain in Him.

He appeared so that He might take away our sins and in Him is no sin. No one who fully lives in Him keeps on sinning. The love of God at work in the servant of God makes that servant just like his or her teacher. Gal. 2:20. Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live; but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

In my own experience, I have discovered that the more I surrender to God's holiness, the less I am tempted to think about sinning. The more I surrender to God's holiness, the more I am aware of His anointing working through me. Like Paul, the more I encounter God's pure holiness, the more I am aware of each thought of sinning. Sin which simply can be defined as belief in a selfhood apart from God becomes unthinkable, repugnant and unfruitful to my innermost being.

When I become satisfied with where I am in my walk, even though God wants me to come higher as it were, He has been known to send one of his prophets to stir me up. It is not a fun experience to have a friend or a stranger come to you with a message dealing with exactly what you are attempting to avoid.

On one occasion, I was satisfied with going to God with questions which would receive a yes or no answer. It really limits ones conversation. This had gone on for sometime. One day a prophet friend, Ralph R. came into my office and just stood looking at me. Then he spoke, "Dean, you are mature enough in your development with Me to speak and be spoken to in sentences. Stop with the yes or no conversation." Then, Ralph left. I knew that if I tried to ask another question of the Father requiring a yes or no answer, I would be in trouble. I have since conducted my conversations with our Father in sentences. It is not just following His commandments; it is living to do what pleases Him.

On other times, expect your loving Father to give you words of encouragement. If we are striving to please Him, He will strive to please us. He will tell us how pleased He is with us. He will tell us when He is about to bless or prosper us or for that matter when He is about to increase our anointing or glorify us.

He enjoys revealing His creation to us. On occasion, I have experienced some of Our Father's show and tell encounters. As a sometimes astronomer, I enjoy looking at the constellations and planets. One evening, the Spirit of the Father spoke to me. He said, "Come." In an instant I was caught up into the sky, moving quickly until I was about 150 million miles perpendicular to the orbits of the planets in our solar system. I moved quickly yet was neither cold nor lacking for air. Then I looked below me at our sun and its planets. Each was exactly where one would expect to find it on a very accurate model of the planetary system.

As I looked at a specific planet, it became magnified. Then the Father spoke again as I looked at Mars. "Would you like a closer look?" he asked. Without answering, we were instantly near the smaller of the two moons. "You must be careful not to touch anything," He told me as we floated about three feet above the surface. I was allowed to look over the planet's red and stark surface for a time. Then, we returned to my home. The entire journey took less than an hour. I asked the Father why I had been so privileged. He quietly responded, "Because I thought you would enjoy it."

These occasional encouragements and show and tell experiences occur from time to time. When I really try to please God in order to serve Him more, they come. When I once lived to please myself, such experiences were from rare to nonexistent.

I am confident that our heavenly Father not only loves those who live to serve Him, He loves to tell them of His plans for them. He loves to reveal His creation to them. I do so hope that you, the reader are also enjoying many glorious surprises at our Father's side. Remember this, God never does anything without first telling His prophets." "Those who are (saka) circumspect will understand." Dan. 12:10; Ezek. 12:25; Hosea 14:9.

If one continues to seek the righteousness of God and the Kingdom of God, they will come to a place where their human soul is touched by God. John Lake called this event finding the "high note" of God. John Wesley called it having "the mind of Christ", just as Paul did. Sister Teresa called it the highest form of contemplative prayer where God waters the garden of your soul. Meister Eckhart called it "oneness with God". John called it the "love of God in us."

This activity taking place in the human soul is called sanctification. It is an experience of heaven. It happens when one is deeply seeking the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven for no specific purpose, except to become a servant of that Kingdom. Some holy presence touches the soul, lifting up that soul into the presence of God. Fearless love permeates that soul and the entire life and nature of the individual.

In this heavenly touch is a victory which I am convinced is intended for every Christian in their common walk. It makes the one touched a victorious believer. It is the glorification Paul refers to in Roman 8:30. God told me in prayer to expect this experience before it happened to me. "I will glorify you", the Father said. Being "well trained", I had no clue what He was talking

about. When it actually began to happen every night, I still didn't understand. One thing I knew, you couldn't describe it. It's too glorious, too sweet, too holy, too precious to even attempt to describe it. But it is real. You know when the experience takes place. This begins gradually. Then the touching by God continues until it becomes a continuous conscious union with Jesus in the Father. With this union comes an enlightenment which engulfs the soul.

When Jesus prayed, in John 17:23, that Father God would make He and Jesus one with us, then the very power and nature of God would be reproduced in the individual Christian soul. Think of the purity of heaven, so high, so holy, so sweet, so bright, making the life of the possessor radiant with the glory of God. Reminds one of Acts 19:11-12, where aprons and handkerchiefs that had touched Paul were laid on the possessed and the ill, delivering and releasing them. Consider the veil - removing righteousness which the believer receives as the message of Jesus is accepted.

Consider those saints through the ages who not only experienced this oneness but also encouraged others to imitate their hungering and thirsting after God's holiness. I do believe that Christianity was designed to bring forth a race of people who are bold and strong and holy. . just like Jesus.

CHAPTER 18

Becoming One with the Yes is Essential

Jesus informs us of an essential constant when he says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then, you will experience the truth and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31.

Later in his gospel, John 17:20-28, we overhear a prayer of Jesus done in private. “Father, I pray also for those who will believe in Me, through the message of My chosen disciples, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in (ousia) You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me. I in them and You in Me, may they be brought to complete unity. Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am and to see My glory, that I Myself may be expressed in them.”

As we examine the writings of John and Paul, this oneness with God is not only achievable, but essential to the individual servant of the Lord. In I John 4:17, we find John experiencing this oneness with the love that is God. “We are like Jesus now.” John testifies. Paul, in his personal testimony to the church at Corinth, (2 Cor. 2:17) speaks of being into (eis) Christ when he tells us that into Christ we speak before God as God. This oneness with Christ in God is not only achievable but essential to the individual believer if we are to do not only the same things Jesus did but the greater things.”

Jesus speaks of being free. But, if we are free, where is the victory? We seem to be as stuck in our slavery to sin, sickness, poverty and victory over the enemy as the Hebrew children were with Moses at Mt. Horeb. Or, when Lincoln signed the Proclamation setting the slaves free. How long did it take for the children of those slaves to experience freedom and equality?

I have experienced this oneness on a number of occasions. It is like looking at a stream flowing into a lake. Where does the stream end and the lake begin? Where does the person end and God begin? Each time, it lasts a little longer. When I try to hold it close, it departs. When I enjoy it for what it is, and share it, it becomes like pure inexpressible joy. It is life without end. “God”, “Whom to know is eternal life”. If you can describe it, that isn't it. But it is real and when you open up to release it, to share it, it grows closer than breathing.

When I earnestly hunger and thirst after righteousness, there in the Kingdom is oneness with God in Jesus. When I seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, there it is in the righteousness of God. It is a tangible experience. By this I mean, you know when it is happening. It happens when you strive to please God by serving the needs of others when the Holy Spirit is pouring out. In this consciousness oneness, there is no thought of a selfhood apart from God. Sin doesn't exist there. In this conscience oneness, God is more than anything words could express. As Provider, My Supply or My Nourishment, you feel as if you are receiving a new name. Things needed start to find you. As “Rophe” (my healer), you experience strength opening to the highest. As “Nissi” (Victory), you find support for life and activity. Here, no weapon formed by any enemy against you will prosper; whether sin, sickness or worldly enemy. As “Mikkadesh” or “Tsidkenou” (sanctified or righteousness), you experience purity beyond any description. As “Shalom” (peace), there is tranquility and as “Shamah” (present) as a closeness that seems to take your breath away.

The first time I experienced this oneness, I was on a walk and concerned about my wife Dorothy's battle with a sickness. It was 7:45 p.m. as I walked under a street light. It lasted about 30 seconds. Upon returning home, Dorothy met me with, "What were you doing at a quarter to eight?" I didn't know at the time what it was. I couldn't describe it. I did know it was 7:45 p.m. At that moment a voice spoke to her, "Dorothy, you are well C get up." She did and she was. A bishop (Matthew B.) described this moment as a state of grace with the Holy Spirit. He then told me a couple of similar encounters he had with the Holy Spirit.

Over the years, this oneness experiencing has increased in frequency. I still can't describe it, but at least now I recognize what it is. During my years working on the B-2, I was involved with negotiations with the customers. One of their representatives began to attack my honesty. After the man called me a liar for about the fourth time and our lawyers and their lawyers sat silently, I allowed anger to rise up within me. Thus, I addressed the man very sternly. He suddenly had difficulty breathing and had to be removed from the meeting. He was unable to return. One of my fellow workers came to me after the meeting. Susan M. said, "Dean, you nearly killed that man as you spoke to him." Thus, did I learn that you don't speak in anger. But isn't this one of the Lord's new commandments? Matt. 5:22 VI, "Be not angry with your brother or sister or you will be liable to judgment." Wow, what a God we serve. I strive not to allow this to happen again.

I learned that the new commands Our Lord Jesus gave us during His ministry are intended for life in oneness with God. See Chapter 4 herein. Each involves activity at our thought or motive level. Likewise, Jesus advised us of life in oneness, i.e., "Take no thought for what you will eat or where you will live or what you will wear. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well."

I watched a young man receive healing after an accident in a VW Rabbit where he went through a seat belt and a windshield on impact with a telephone pole. His family invited me to visit him in Overlake Hospital. When I first visited, I ran into a cloud of grief and doubt. They had the young man on an Indian poison dart medication to keep him from breathing. He had tubes in his chest running through a filter of six tubes. When I first visited him, these tubes were each dark red. As time passed, they went gradually from red to pink to clear. Then they operated on him to fix a broken shoulder. After about ten days, they took him off the poison dart medication and, praise God, he recovered fully. All this time my only prayer was to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Many others prayed for this young man. I noted especially one devoted nurse who watched over his room while she prayed powerfully day after day. What a wonder all these other things appeared to be.

Brother Kenyon talks of a pastor friend named Brownes Lindholm who was giving a speech in the Philadelphia Hotel in New York City in the late 20's. He collapsed and doctors attended to him. They told Mr. Lindholm that his heart was so damaged that he couldn't possibly live more than few weeks. He responded with, "My heart doesn't give me permission to live, my life is God." And, he got up and continued with his service to God. At the time of his collapse, Mr. Lindholm was in his 60's. For the next 30 years he continued with a very active service to the Lord. He maintained 24 hour a day office hours and lectured several times each week. Doctors found no improvement in his heart.

Thirty some years later, Brownes finished teaching a class. He spoke to his secretary as he went into his office. He said, "I think I have completed all that God put me on earth to do." He went into his office, sat down in his chair and then he just shut off. Here is an example of one who walked in oneness with God and actually experienced God as provider, nourisher and healer. To read about another servant of the Lord who walked in oneness with God and experienced God as his shepherd and supply, look to the ministry of George Muller. This is the intended life of a faithful servant.

Dear reader, remember that God is not a respecter of persons. If even one brother or sister is able to experience oneness with God then any serious believer can experience oneness with God. Would you seek the same anointing Peter had, or John or James or Paul? Why not? These men were not special, one of a kind, examples. These were first willing, then more and more desirous of more and more of God. With such hunger, seeking the Kingdom and His righteousness they just had to succeed.

John G. Lake (1870-1935), a servant of the Most High God, gave up a lucrative insurance business and went to Africa. A plague was there. People were dying by the thousands. This bubonic plague is highly contagious. John Lake got a medical team together. They took some pus from a dying person and placed it on John's arm. They looked at the pus through a microscope and watched the germs die as the anointing of God touched them. This power filled faith is available to any serving believer who practices it.

In a short time, John had anointed others to serve the Lord. The plague was soundly defeated. This is the kind of service that glorifies God which He requires. John said, "Now one must be the recipient of the light, glory and power of God before he or she can manifest it. Jesus demonstrated these two facts: (1) the marvelous capacity of the nature of man to receive God into His being, and (2) the marvelous capacity of the nature of man to reveal God. In the glory shining through His clothes in the glistening of the glory of God that made His face glorious and wonderful, He demonstrated your capacity to reveal God."

What must God do to equip you more? Firstly, you have the nature of God. Second, you have the all powerful Holy Spirit. Third, you are a child of God. Do you need any more finances to begin to do business?

What are you? You are a child of God now. You are in God's family. What do you need to do to become part of His household? You have the nature of God within you now. You do not have to try harder to have that. You have the use of the Name of Jesus now. You have all the authority in heaven and earth in the Name of Jesus. . .and in the commission. (See Mark 16, Luke 10:19). You do not need to exercise authority. What so ever is already (ho) bound on earth is already (ho) bound in heaven. All you do is announce that which confirms this. You do not have to believe anything when you use the Name of Jesus. "In My Name, you shall do it." You have use of the Name of Jesus to use with confidence.

All you have to do is to begin to practice investing these promises. The Holy Spirit is already within you. He is speaking to you now. "Let Me have charge of things now." Start small, see success, then try bigger - let Jesus become your example in faith. This puts you as a man or woman in God's class. Can you see what incarnation means? It is not something to reason and talk

about. It is LIFE. I don't want you to try to believe that. You are that. I want you to go over this in your mind until you can say it.

You have the theory of this thing. Now, in the Name of Jesus you have seen the reality of it. You go out and let this reality govern your life.

Praise Be to God.

CHAPTER 19

Yes, But What About Paul's Thorn? "In Christ We Have the Victory"

In 2 Cor. 12, Paul talks of a thorn in his flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment him. Does this imply sickness?

Here is a servant (sabah) of God who wrote in Romans 8:1-11 about how the Spirit of God puts healing life into our mortal bodies. Listen to Paul's words, "But if the Spirit of Him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Does Paul refer to any physical need? Does he lack in any spiritual ability? He was walking in oneness with God. I'm convinced that Paul's health was more than excellent. Let's refer to Acts 28. Paul is on the island of Malta. A viper, driven by the heat of the fire, has fastened itself onto his hand. Does Paul even show concern as he shakes this poisonous snake off into the fire? And, Paul suffered no ill effect. The people expected him to swell up and drop dead. But nothing unusual happened to him. The poison of the snake couldn't harm Paul. He was filled with living health. Then, Paul healed Publicus's father as the healing power of Jesus flowed out of his spirit into this sick man. They brought the sick of the city to him and he healed them all. Does this sound like a man suffering from disease?

But, what else could this thorn in the side suggest?

I refer the reader to Numbers 33 where, in verse 55, God told the leaders of Israel, "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble where you will live." In Judges 2, God declares, "Now therefore I tell you I will not drive them out before you. They will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you."

Again, in Joshua 23, verse 13, God spoke to Joshua saying, "But, if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you; if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then your God will not drive out those nations before you. Instead they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes until you perish from this good land which the Lord Your God has given you."

Healing comes on three planes - spirit healing, soul healing and body healing. Basically speaking, the person who is sick in the body has been sick in spirit quite a while and after a while it has gotten down into the soul and passed through the soul into the body.

Often when I visit one who is ill, the spirit of the sick person will catch the contagion of my victorious spirit. Out of my spirit, like living water flowing, this victorious life touches the beaten and defeated spirit of my sick friend. We carry to others that anointing of God which we have within us. Health in our own spirit, in our consciousness. I had carried a dominating victorious

spirit and that sick person responded to it. This is an example of why Bill McG. was able to feel me looking at his leg when I visited him in Issaquah.

As I consider my experience with God's healing power and how "God does not muzzle the ox that thrashes the grain," (Deut. 25:4) I can't see Paul praying about his healing in any way. What I do see is how Paul is hounded by false apostles, by zealots and unconvertible Jewish leaders. These would be very much like the thorns spoken of in Numbers, Joshua and Judges. These vicious hounds of hell would be a great annoyance to Paul. I could see him asking God to drive them away. I could also see God responding with, "My grace is sufficient for you."

As followers of Jesus, we each must be encouraged to cast away any reason for a prayer to fail. Because, where the Will of God is not known, the faith of God cannot exist. His Holy and Living Word states: "He took up (all) our infirmities; he carried (all) our sorrows. He was pierced for (all) our transgressions; He was crushed for (all) our iniquities; by His wounds we are (all) healed, made whole." Isa. 53:4-5. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him. Jesus healed all who came to Him seeking healing. Peter healed even those touched by his shadow. Paul healed all who came to him at Malta.

When we do not see what we asked for in prayer materialize, ask first, "Who told me to ask for that?" "Did I get close enough to God that I heard Him tell me to ask what was asked for?" Get rid of the middle man or woman. Start seeking the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness. When the Kingdom descends into your consciousness, God will tell you what to pray for the same way He told Jesus. When that becomes your prayer, you can expect to receive what you ask (subjunctive case) for. Matt. 21:22; John 9:36.

Do not give in to the world's beliefs. It is like when my earthly father, Halsey S., instructed me when fixing a small gasoline engine. If it has compression, if it turns over, if it has spark, if it is timed right, then, if it has fuel, it has to run. Are not God's promises even more reliable than the gas engine on your lawn mower? Rid your thoughts of the "ya, buts". Totally rid yourself of any thoughts of failure. Never, never ever pray, "if it be Thy will." No faith can exist in such a prayer. Prepare your spirit by seeking His promises, find the answer in His Holy Word. Realize that every promise of God is "yes" and "amen" in Jesus. Then seek His Kingdom. Hunger and thirst after His righteousness. Then (sa-ma) listen as you pray to what the Father tells you through the Holy Spirit. Let that Living Word burn in your bones as you ask for what you were given in prayer. Failure to receive is now impossible.

Here, you come to another realization. Faith is a product of the Spirit, not your intellect. Your intellect cannot produce faith. Your knowledge of God's word may produce grounds for faith but faith is resident in your spirit.

Love that pours out of you comes from your spirit. Joy is something in your spirit. Happiness is something connected with your surroundings. You are joyful because you are in right relation with your Father. See therefore how faith, love, joy, peace and hope all spring from your spirit being. One must cultivate the Spirit which depends on every word proceeding from the mouth of God. To feed the Spirit involves continually feeding on the Word of God. Great servants (sabah) of the Lord spend much time in God's Word. Smith Wigglesworth seldom was found

without one of his Bibles with him. He depended on God's Word; he savored that Word until it became his flesh. This is why he was baptized with the Fire of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, we confess that Word to the world around us. We do what the Word says. We live our lives to please God.

Thirdly, we spend much time communing with God. First, abiding in His presence seeking ever and ever deeper awareness of His presence. Secondly, listening to His instructions, His encouraging words. We actually come to abide in Him in order to serve Him.

Last evening, at an OSL meeting, the Holy Spirit was heavy upon the gathering. The lesson was completed and the Holy Spirit moved to heal. He gave His instruction in a new way. He revealed a sparkling on a brother's body from the neck to the hips. Victorious sparkling fire like millions of atomic reactions. Who was He inviting us to pray for? There was a brother who had come for the first time. He had been pronounced terminal with cancer. He had a lot of pain in his lungs, above his liver and in the center of his back. His doctor had just given him a seriously negative report. The Holy Spirit was telling us to center him in prayer. As we gathered around this brother, there was so much Holy Fire coming out from him it made some stagger. Others saw bright light engulfing him; others felt heat. As we obeyed the leading of the Spirit, one sister saw a sign on the back of the brother's neck. "Whole" was what we were to pray for. So we all prayed for glorious wholeness. I don't recall how long we prayed for this brother. But as his pain left him, the Holy Spirit began leading us to pray for others in the group.

When one encounters such a sense of God's power and love touching a meeting, all you can do is praise, praise and praise some more. As God inhabits the praise of His people, they join in that victory. It becomes a royal and Holy celebration.

Many received glorious healing that night. Some experienced healing for another they sat in proxy for. One lady asked for prayer for her sister and also received a healing in her hip as the little bit extra. The brother that we began our prayer with felt "wonderful".

The more I experience encounters with God like the one I experienced that evening, the more convinced I become that Paul's thorn had nothing to do with his bodily health.

Praise be to God. Yes!

CHAPTER 20

The Heart of the Yes with Children “Father God Loves to Play with His Children”

A few months ago, while praying for a sister suffering from a stomach disorder, the Lord revealed Himself in a new way. “As proof that the healing has taken place, change the taste in her mouth.” It dawned on me that this stomach disorder would cause the mouth to taste as if a football team had run through it with their sweaty socks on. The Lord moved me to tell this sister that a sweet taste would come into her mouth. “The sour tasting saliva would sweeten - now,” I was directed to tell her and in a few seconds, it was so. The sour taste in her mouth was gone. In its place was a sweetness like the taste of a flower’s fragrance.

Sometime later, while serving at a church in the Vancouver area, I watched the behavior of two young sisters. The younger sister had recently undergone two surgeries on her kidney. The first surgery was unsuccessful, nearly ending her earthly experience. After considerable prayer, a second kidney operation was done. Her weight had dropped 40%. It was a day-to-day existence for a few weeks. Now, on this Sunday the two girls were able to attend services together. The younger girl was given 95% of the attention. The older sister was therefore suffering from lack of attention.

The Lord moved me to seek out this older sister. I came to her offering a special blessing. She showed anger and a definite lack of interest. At the Lord’s leading, I asked her if she liked peppermint. She glared at me without smiling. I then asked her to swallow. As she swallowed, a glow came across her face, then a smile. In wonder, she asked, “How’d you do that?” “I didn’t”, was my answer, “Father God did that for you to let you know how special you are.” As I left her, she was still smiling.

On a recent Sunday, I was doing services in Oak Harbor. After a lively service of praise, thanksgiving and worship, we celebrated communion. About 20 younger children came up to the rail with their parents to receive a blessing while their parents or grandparents received communion. The Lord had some special treats for the children. He spoke to me in a quiet gentle voice, “Sweeten their taste”, He told me. I will never forget the joyous reactions on the faces of those children as I blessed them and Father God sweetened the taste in their mouths. The buzz continued as they went back to their pews with a new sense of wonder.

But, didn’t Jesus tell us to “suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven?” The Kingdom of Heaven was mightily evident in Oak Harbor for those youngsters. Luke 18:16

Experiences like this take me back to the first time I experienced God playing with His children. I was driving my 1968 Ford pickup truck near Nisqually, returning home from a lonely trip to the our farm at Kamilche Point. My two children were busy with other activities. My wife, Dorothy, was also busy. I felt very alone as I headed north across the Nisqually River bridge. Out of the quiet came a voice, “Point your finger at that cloud in front of you and I’ll make a hole in it.”

I resisted, thinking to myself it would be a silly thing to do. The voice spoke again, "Point your right index finger at that cloud and I'll put a hole through it." Since the voice was both specific and insistent, I responded. I removed my right hand from the steering wheel and pointed my index finger at the cloud through the windshield. Immediately, a 2 mile diameter hole, perfectly round, appeared in the cloud where I had pointed. Then, I found another cloud and repeated the process. Another hole appeared, perfectly round. Then, again and again, I repeated the process until I felt a joy within me that I had forgotten existed.

As I pulled onto I-90 and headed down the hill toward Issaquah, I saw a hole appear off to my right. Our Father, it seems was playing with another one of His children.

As I drove up the hill toward home, I wondered, "what if a jetliner was traveling near one of those clouds when one of those holes appeared?" Later, I realized that God is fun even when He teaches His sheep to recognize His voice.

CHAPTER 21

The Heart of the Yes on Hearing His Voice “My Sheep Hear My Voice.”

In the 8th Chapter of John, he reintroduces Jesus as the Light that came into the world that the darkness can't take in. See Eph 2:1-3. Pointedly, Jesus refers to His audience as “from below”, from “this world”, while He, Jesus, is not of this world but from above. “I am the Light of the world. Whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12.

This is clearly more than an attitude; this is a massive change in our nature. Listen to the words of Jesus, “I know where I came from and where I am going”. “I stand with the Father who sent Me”. “If you knew Me, you would know My Father also”. “If you do not believe that (HWHY) I am, you will indeed die in your sins”. John 8:14, 19, 24.

He goes on to describe our need to be fully trained. “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31. This sounds like Matthew 12:50 where Jesus said, “For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and My sister and My mother.” Again, in Luke 8, referring to a lamp on a lamp stand, Jesus said, “Therefore, consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even that which he thinks he has will be taken from him.” “My mother and brothers and sisters are those who hear the Word of God and do it.” They actually put that which they heard into practice. Samah: hear, obey and understand.

Luke goes a step farther in his discussion about maturity. He quotes Jesus when he said in 6:39, “Can a blind man lead a blind man?” Can lambs lead lambs? Can children lead children? Can immature lead immature? “Will they not both fall into a pit?” “But, everyone who is fully trained will be like his/her teacher.” Luke 6:40.

How does one receive this training so that they may become mature, like their teacher? In I John, one finds that answer. 1 John 2:26-27, John said, “I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 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 that anointing is real, not counterfeit, just as it has taught you, remain in Him.”

Now listen to the words from Hebrews 6:1-3, “therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to >maturity’, not laying again and again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and faith in God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And, God permitting, we will do so.”

So, back to John 10:14-16, Jesus introduces Himself as the Good Shepherd. Note, very carefully, Jesus says, “My sheep hear My voice.” He does not say My lambs hear My voice. A sheep is an adult, one fully trained, the mature. Maturity comes with hearing the Master's voice, doing what you were invited to do and understanding why over and over and over again.

Eph 4:11-13. This is why Jesus today gives some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and some 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 and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become "mature" attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (the job description of His church.)

It is in the works of service where the student grows. Each time the student seeks the Kingdom of God and His righteousness for a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom or the faith of God, when that manifestation is received, the student then acts with that word and the faith of God to witness a healing, a miraculous power at work or a prophecy given. The student grows.

Then, the next time this process is experienced, it varies a little here and a little there with the same or greater results. The student grows again.

Then the student begins to search the Scriptures for more and more and more of this revealed truth. More growth occurs. The prayer life deepens. More experience with the Shepherd takes place. The Word is heard, obeyed and understood. The process continues. More growth is experienced. God begins to surprise the student with words of encouragement. There is more seeking and more maturing; from time to time the enemy attacks. The student realizes "absolutely" that "the One in him is greater than the one who is in the world." After a time, the distractions will diminish. Bothering this student will become a waste of time.

More and more, the love of God will touch the student more and more deeply. One's nature will become more and more like the nature of Jesus (see I John 4:17-18). You will, at this time, experience less and less fear. Sin, i.e., having a sense of existing apart from God will diminish. New realizations of God's divine holiness will come into your thoughts. You will hear and experience more and more, being sanctified even glorified.

Here, you will no longer see one spiritual gift as greater than another one. Now, no spiritual office is greater than another. The same Spirit provides both or all. Here, you will realize that all that exists in the Kingdom exists within you. That pouring out this Kingdom is essential to receiving this Kingdom. You will now hunger for holiness, righteousness, the Fire of the Holy Spirit along with its cleansing.

Suddenly, it comes to you. It is believing into (eis) Jesus that is required. It is living and walking and sleeping in the Light which changes us into children, then adults of the Kingdom of Light. It is following our Great Shepherd that causes us to mature into His likeness. It is like the first time the Holy Spirit caused me to watch Him heal my friend John. A child could do it. It is so simple once you turn the sock right-side-out. The Sheep hear My voice.

You seek to be close enough to God with the blood of Jesus to become sensitive to His thoughts. I Cor. 2:10. "But all these things are now revealed to us by the Holy Spirit who knowing the innermost thoughts of God reveals them to us." We have not received the spirit of this world but the Spirit of God that we might understand and that understanding comes as we hear the leading of God and we then obey what we hear, what God has freely given us. Now, we seek to obey that leading so as to please the Living God. Here, dear fellow believer, we begin to understand how simple the process is once we shed our old worldly definitions.

Don't you see why Jesus said, "The Father, whom to know, is Eternal Life." John 17:3.

It actually all points to our becoming one with Jesus in the Father. Where Jesus says "I have made you (Father) known to them and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for Me may be in them that I Myself, as the Light that came into their darkness, may be in them." John 17:26. "Whom to know is eternal life." "Father, make them one (echad) in us." "I in them and you in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

I have begun to experience this oneness more and more as I continue to live to express God to those where He sends me. On a recent Sunday, a sister came to me for prayer. She looked as forlorn as a person can be and still live. As I took her hand, the Spirit of God took over. She spoke and He answered her through me. The conversation continued for nearly 10 minutes. Her concern was about an institution which she loved which is about to shoot itself in the thumbs and great toes. Like the seventy kings of Israel in Judges I, whose thumbs and great toes were cut off by Adoni-Bezek. This would make it impossible for them to either grasp or to stand firmly. She grieved about it until she was nearly sick. But in Luke 10, Jesus sent out the seventy like lambs among wolves. Then later, seeing Satan fall like lightening from the heaven about us, take courage the victory of God is on its way.

The Lord spoke to her about her, His people and institutions. "Do not grieve for an institution, my daughter," He said. "An institution has no spirit and no soul. It has no life of its own. An institution cannot save nor be saved. Pray for the people then leave their future up to Me. I am with you and will leave you where you now serve until that job has been successful. I am now cleansing My bride. You are part of that work. I now send My Joy into you so that you no longer grieve for that for which you hold no action. You will be successful in the activity I now have for you. Rejoice for My victory is very, very near."

CHAPTER 22

Heart of the Yes on “the Bottom Line”

John G. Lake said, “the triumph of the Christ began at the cross and ends only when the race, like Himself, has received from God the Father, through Jesus, the grace, power and glory of God that transforms the race into descendants of Jesus Himself.” Jesus not only has made the way for this transformation to take place, He strongly urges the believer to get up on His highway and proceed. Isaiah 35:8-10.

In Matthew 21:28-31, Jesus tells a parable of the man with two sons. The first said he would not work in the field. Later he changed his mind and worked. The second said he would work but didn't. Jesus asked, “Which son did the will of his father?”

We are invited to hear the word of God and do it in order to join Jesus in His family. In Luke 6, Jesus asks, “Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?” He continues with, “I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears My words and puts them into practice. He is like a person building a house who dug down deep and laid down a foundation on rock. The storms could not shake this house because it was well built.”

Now, consider Matthew 21:43, Jesus warns that, “The kingdom of heaven will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

We are not invited to remain stuck at the entrance of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are encouraged to grow into the very likeness of Jesus Himself. To become mature enough to hear every word God speaks then to act on that word so as to produce fruit. “My sheep hear My voice.” John 10:3. “My sheep know me” - 10:14. “Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.” - 10:15.

Paul revealed this essential growth process in his letter to the Church in Ephesus when he listed the job description of the “Five Fold Ministry”, i.e., (a) to prepare God's people for works of service including healing, miraculous powers and prophecy; (b) to build up God's people until we all reach unity in the faith (My sheep hear My voice) and in the revealed knowledge of the Son of God which produces accomplishing faith and (c) become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ actually becoming in this earthly walk like Jesus is now. Ephesians 4:11-13. “That you may be filled with the measure of all the fullness of God.” Eph 3:19.

We, as believers, are encouraged to seek the Holy Spirit. We are then urged to invest the anointing we received to double that investment. Then we are invited to seek a deeper baptism of the Fire of the Holy Spirit and to put that investment to use in order to grow fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. This baptism by fire is more tangible than the initial baptism of the Holy Spirit. You will find luke warm worship services to be approaching the repugnant. Sermons not directed by the Holy Spirit will sicken your spirit. But, when the preaching is more and more in line with the leading of the Holy Spirit, inexpressible joy will pour forth like a fountain. You come to experience the hand opened to life, the open heart of the Yes.

When you are permitted to lead a worship service, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, you will see the Holy Spirit leading the charge. Your message will be as much prophecy as proclamation. Like James, you will preach that faith, without the holy works of God, is dead. That faith without the deeds of faith is useless. Faith will be made complete in what God accomplishes through that faith. Your labor will be prompted by the living active word and the outpouring love of God.

Such an experience took place on a trip to do a workshop in Boise, Idaho. I was scheduled to speak on Saturday. As my plane was landing, the Lord told me to throw my notes away. I did so, thinking that there would be time after I got to the conference.

I arrived at the conference shortly before 10:00 a.m. As I looked through the schedule I saw my time to speak was at 10:15 a.m. The Holy Spirit fell upon me as I stepped up to the front. Just like He promised, the Holy Spirit gave me the first sentence, then the next and so on. I was amazed at the words that came out of me. I was telling those people things I was just learning. It was a most refreshing hour. Healings followed effortlessly.

God promised to be our teacher. It is up to us to grow from the lambs crawling around on the living room rug into those sheep able to hear our Shepherd's words. We grow as we study His Holy Word while listening for His leading. When seeking His wisdom with faith-filled asking and when investing His anointing by acting on that revealed word.

One way to quicken this process is to talk to your hands. Give them permission to allow the indescribable love of the Father to pour through them into the body, soul and spirit of the individual and his or her pain who stands before you. As you reach out those hands to be used by Our Father God, just praise the name of Jesus again and again. You will experience an energy flowing. Your friend will experience a reduction of discomfort.

Another way to facilitate this investment process is to quietly seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Listen with your body. Is there a pain that isn't yours. Perhaps a sadness that isn't yours. Then find the individual with that sadness or pain and pray until you don't feel it anymore. With this approach, do not allow it to become a formula. Expect it to differ each time it is invested.

Another way is to look into the Spirit for a picture that pertains to the individual you are praying for. Do not try to imagine. You are being led by the Holy Spirit, not leading Him. The picture will most likely be one of landscapes, i.e., cliffs, fields, seashore, etc. The Spirit will guide you into what you are looking at and what you will be asked to change in the picture. Sandy beaches don't grow rich crops. What is required to change the sand into damp loam? Cliffs don't grow crops. What does one say to a cliff to turn it into level fertile farmland? The Holy Spirit provides a picture out of pure light. Occasionally, the enemy will try to influence this process. He has no light to give and uses chalk and broken glass to produce the image. You ask for a closer look. The Holy Spirit joyfully gives you a closer look. The enemy gets angry. When the picture is the way it should look, praise God, your task is completed.

During one of my nightly prayer sessions, the Lord gave me a very sad vision. I was placed beside a large two story concrete building. It had no windows and was bordered by well kept grass, heavily pruned fruit trees and a large parking lot. There was a door on the ground level and a ramp leading up to a double door on the second floor. Cars would drive up the ramp where teams of people brought imaginary loads which were placed into the cars. The cars then drove away. Cars would line up for blocks to receive this gift of nothingness.

The door to the ground floor was open and I went in. Around me were numerous unpacked crates, overhead cranes, unconnected power lines and numerous gas and air pressure lines rolled up and, as yet, unconnected. I opened one of these large crates. In it was a spectacular machine with a power box and fittings to receive pressurized air. This was a very well made, almost jewel-like, machine intended for use in manufacture of some incredible product. Why was it still in the crate with all the power available yet unconnected? What was this building equipped to produce and what product was imaginarily being handed out to those in the cars lined up on the ramp outside?

I went upstairs to find more crates of various sizes. There was a wrapping machine and a boxing machine partly unpackaged but still unconnected to any power source. Here crews of people went through the motions of picking up some unseen product and carrying that product out through the double doors to be placed within the vehicle outside. Laughingly, the occupants of the car drove down the ramp and away. I was unable to find any person in charge who had even a clue about what the machines in those boxes were for. Then, a voice spoke to me. "This is called My church. If it knew me, it would be producing products which would transform those who live in darkness into my Likeness and walking in My light. Even the fruit trees around this building have been so heavily pruned that they hardly produce even a blossom. Like Jude 12. Do not return to the parking lot, it will soon become like quicksand. The ramp will crumble but the lost ones will continue to seek the empty treasurers available at the double doors. Then, the building will sink into the ground around and be no more." I stood off at a safe distance and watched this message unfold before my eyes.

On another occasion, the Spirit took me to an upland valley. As I glanced into this lovely, peaceful place, I saw a number of log cabins surrounded by alpine sized trees. The cabins seemed to be connected by a pathway leading across the valley. On closer observation, I noticed that this trail did not connect the cabins to one another. Instead, a huge crack separated the cabins from each other. Then, I looked at the cabins. Each was made by large logs, yet the trees around them were at most 20 feet high.

As I got close to the first cabin, I noticed it had no windows and the door faced north. I went into a room bathed in darkness. I felt my way to the front of the room and a table. There was a candle on the table. When I lit this candle, I became aware of an anger toward the light coming from the room that made me feel unwelcome. So I left the first building. While a trail seemed to go to the next cabin, the crack across the trail would prevent passage. So, I went into the trees around the first cabin and moved into the trees around the second cabin. Here, too, were no windows and a north facing door. The inside was dark and, lighting a candle, was unwelcome.

On to the next building through the trees to the same room bathed in darkness and light unwelcome. And this same process was repeated until there were no buildings left to visit.

I stood alone in the upper part of this mountain valley where a beautiful stag joined me. He said "Did you notice the large crumbling logs making up the cabins yet no trees of size in the valley?" "Yes," I responded. Then he said, "Come over this ridge and I'll show you a forest filled with full sized trees. Besides it will not be safe in this valley when the sun sets."

So I followed this stag up a faint trail to the crest of the ridge. Then down this trail to a broken down bridge across a fast flowing river. The stag left me at the bridge which looked unsafe. As I began to cross, I looked through the planking at the water below. Only one side of the bridge was structurally sound. Finally, I reached the far side of the river. As I stepped off the bridge, it collapsed into the water below. There was a giant beaver below wearing a miter. Beavers eat trees careless enough to fall into the river.

Then I looked above me at towering trees having trunks as large as the trees that had made those cabins. A ranger joined me as I walked up the trail. "Welcome to the Trees of Righteousness Forest." was her greeting, "In this forest, the trees grow to the maturity God intended for His people. There are no dwarf trees here since the human limitations have been removed." The roots of these trees reach into the river of life flowing beside the forest.

As I consider these two visions about God's Church, I see God inviting His people into a fruitful relationship and away from the stunting limitations now being offered and displayed. God is about to perfect His Bride. He is about to bring His people away from those limitations imposed by those not being led by His Spirit. The baptism by the Holy Spirit is about to immerse us in His Holy purifying fire. The best is on the way. The lamp as been ignited. Keep your eyes on the fire.

CHAPTER 23

The Heart of the Yes on Sanctification Now Turning the Sock Right-side Out

1 Thess. 5:23-24, "I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless (without defilement, corruption) unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

In the beginning, God breathed into Adam the breath of life and man became a living soul. God made man's body of the substance of the earth. He made man in His own image. God therefore breathed into man His own being (ousia).

Adam was just like God. He was just as pure as God. God fellowshiped with Adam in the Garden. Adam was sinless. God treated him on an equality with Himself. When Adam and Eve sinned, they fell into themselves - like a sock turned wrong-side out. The spirit was inside the soul in the body. This would be similar to when Lucifer, the son of the morning, had pride in his heart. Isa 14:12. So, the next time Adam and Eve encountered God they were afraid. Fear, a product of the soul, became their outlook.

One gets a picture of this soul on the outside in 1 Kings 19. Elijah had just experienced the success of his life on Mt. Carmel. He had bested 800 Baal priests, bringing fire down from heaven consuming the sacrifice which was first drenched with 12 large jars of water. Then he watched God end a 3 2 year drought where neither dew nor rain had touched the land.

Now, Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with a threat against him. His response was to run for his life. Elijah was afraid of a message. Where was the powerful spirit of Elijah? Hidden under a soul which had taken in the victory and which had become prideful? Sanctification was not yet available in the name of our Lord Jesus.

So, God sent a cake of bread from heaven baked over hot coals and a jar of water. (Didn't Jesus identify Himself as the "Bread of Life" and the "Living Water"?) And, rearranged within, by this holy food, Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights until he reached Mt. Horeb. He recognized the place by the 12 pillars (gabals), the altar Moses has constructed and the rock which had poured forth water. Here, on the mountain he received a job description: to anoint Hazael king over Aram; anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, king over Israel; and to anoint Elisha to succeed him as prophet.

If you ever encounter the soul of one who has died, you will run into pure subjectivity. If that soul is not sanctified, it will reflect an indescribable fear. A cosmic fear and anger that you can't reason with. It brings an awesome sadness to one's soul.

My prophet friend Ralph R. and I visited a major hospital in Seattle. After ministering to a brother priest, the Holy Spirit directed us to visit the chapel. As we entered this 40' x 40' room, complete with an ornate altar, the Spirit opened our eyes. Before us were about 50+ souls, dressed in attire from the 1920's on, praying fearfully with beads in hand. Above the altar were

two ugly demons with red unblinking eyes. We were instructed to remove the demons and send these souls (people) to Jesus. We spoke a command removing the demons. Then we prayed, saying aloud, "In the Name of God the Father who created you, in the Name of Jesus, God's Son who redeemed you and in the Name of God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, go now and be with Jesus." The altar area opened, revealing a heavenly pathway which the departed patients followed. To our surprise, there was another person in the chapel who left the place in a big hurry by the door. As Ralph and I left the chapel, back into the halls of the hospital, our eyes were permitted to see hundreds more of these frightened souls walking those halls. We were not directed to help them. I saw no evidence of perfect healing in these patients who had experienced physical death.

From this experience, and many others besides, I have begun to eagerly seek for and to promote sanctification now. I am surprised to encounter pastors and priests alike who say it is not for now. Well, if it isn't, we are in a heap of trouble. If sanctification isn't available now, there is no way to conquer sin or fear - no way to heal unhealthy appetites - no way to make the Bride of Christ holy, without spot or blemish.

In the late 18th century, Fr. John Wesley had this same "not for now" attitude passed on to him. He lived a life filled with appeasing an aggressive sexual lifestyle. While fleeing from an angry husband in the Carolinas, he found himself aboard a small sailing ship in the Atlantic Ocean. A storm hit where his ship sailed. Fr. John was terrified as he held onto the railing of this fragile boat. Then, he noticed a group of Moravians. These worshipers were unmoved by the storm or the waves breaking over the deck. Fr. John Wesley asked Rev. Spangenberg why these people had no fear in them. He responded, "When the Spirit of God bears witness with your spirit that you are a child of God, what, pray tell, is there to fear?" Rom. 8:16.

Fr. John had no such witness within him. He went to his cabin and got on his knees in prayer. When he returned from his cabin some hours later, he believed in sanctification now. He no longer struggled with improper appetites. He no longer feared any man or weather. From that storm-driven experience, he would say, "Have the Mind of Christ in you." I say, "Have the whole Mind of Christ in you." It seems that Fr. John Wesley had turned his sock right-side out.

Jesus gave us the secret of how to live with the sock right-side out. Jesus showed us that the only way to live this sanctified life is to commit oneself as He did, to the Will of God and not to walk in his own ways at all, but to walk in God's ways. Our salvation begins when the spirit is surrendered to God. This is where your name is written in God's Book of Life. Here, too, we receive a conscious knowledge of sins being forgiven; then, God witnesses to the spirit that our sins are blotted out. "The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are Children of God." Rom. 8:16.

But, what about our evil desires? Our improper appetites? Our nature has three departments; therefore, the surrender of our spirit is not enough. God demands also the mind and the body. An individual with all the mind of Christ cannot have a thought that is not a Christ thought any more than a spirit fully surrendered to God could have evil in it. 1 John. 3:9. We therefore need to desperately seek God for a new mind like Fr. John Wesley did.

“t this stage of salvation, we will probably be invited to also seek a second Pentecost with Fire and the Holy Spirit. In this experience, we will see a deeper degree of salvation than the two above. Just as we need salvation for the spirit and soul we also have a body in need of salvation. At His baptism, Jesus committed Himself unto all righteousness to His Heavenly Father. Matt. 3:15. He committed His body just as He committed His Mind and just as He committed His Spirit. As Christians, few of us have been taught to commit our bodies to God.

Salvation of the spirit can only come through the blood of Jesus through receiving His Spirit. Salvation from earthly or natural thoughts and operation of the natural mind can come only through that natural mind being transformed into the Mind of Christ. Salvation of the body is experienced by committing that body now and forever to God. I have heard saints suggest seeking 100% consecration.

The Christian is a separated one. Separated forever into God in all the departments of life - body, soul and spirit, forever committed to God. “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord.” Jer. 17:5 If you don’t think so, look at Asa who had disease in his feet, and he trusted not the Lord. He died of a foot disease. II Chron. 16:12-13.

As a result of intense seeking like Charles Phiney, Rev. John G. Lake experienced this sanctification of the body. He boldly stated that, “the Christian, the child of God, the Christ-person, who thus commits self to God ought not to be a subject for healing. That individual is a subject of continuous abiding health. And the secret of life in communion with God, the Spirit of God is received into the body, into the soul and into the spirit.”

“The salvation of Jesus is a redemption of the whole person from all the power of sin - every whit - sin in the spirit, sin in the soul, sin in the body.”

I had an experience this past spring confirming this. At my physical, the doctor found clogging of both carotid arteries and stiffness in both hip joints. He sent me to two specialists. Both encouraged surgery. I told them that first I must talk to my Lord God. I did, and His response was positive.

A couple of weeks later, at Healing Rooms, I was seated, sending the Kingdom of Heaven around the room. There were four ministers in the center of the room praying for one another. As I sent the anointing to touch these four, something touched my left carotid artery. It was like a strong hand opening the artery then stripping the many branches then sewing up the artery on the inside. Then, the right side received the same treatment. My face was suddenly warmer; both arteries were sore, smarting from the scraping which had taken place. This soreness continued for nearly two weeks. I asked Father if I should show my doctor who is a non-believer. He responded, “Wait until I fix your hip joints, later this year.” During the past couple of weeks, I have felt that same hand working on my hips. I have sore muscles from use. Flexibility is slowly increasing.

I firmly believe that the time has fully come for the church of Jesus Christ to begin eagerly seeking sanctification, expecting to experience that touch of God in their spirit, their soul and their bodies now. To seek the Mind that is in Jesus Christ. To get rid of all bitterness, rage and

anger. To no longer allow any unwholesome talk to come out of their mouth. To allow the love of Jesus to come into their soul, removing fear. To wash and sanctify and justify each and every one of those unwholesome appetites which limit our approach to the Kingdom of Heaven. Let it be 100% accomplished now.

One thing I know for a certainty, that the Power of God intensifies when it unites with the sanctified soul. Energy becomes substance in the soul. When the individual believer becomes aware that he or she is the Incarnation of God. When God is in them: as Jesus imparting His nature (2 Peter 1:4) and in the person of His Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17). Therefore, because He is imparted to you, you are an incarnation. God's nature actually comes into you and disposes of another nature and imparts to you His own nature. Then He says, "I will live in you". (2 Cor. 6:16) and He does.

We need to tell this to ourselves over and over again until the soul takes it in. Somewhere along about this point, you will begin to realize that Christianity brings you into union with God. Then, that Christianity is the demonstration of the righteousness of God to the world. As you become more and more like Christ Himself - you will seek serving God like breathing. This sanctification is not just for church leaders but for all those who will lead the church at Christ's soon coming.

Every baptized believer will come to realize, as I have, that we have all the authority that our Father God gives us and tells us that we have. We will know that Jesus is in the Father and the Father in Jesus and they are in us. We will experience that love which comes into us enabling us to obey all God's commands which are not a burden. We will experience, when we pray, that God hears our prayer and we will experience when God answers our prayer.

When we are involved with intercession through a proxy, we and the proxy will know when the prayer takes effect. This sense of knowing will lead the way when we serve the Lord in any way. God will become so much fun His presence will nearly take your breath away.

Since our Lord is God - Let us serve Him.

CHAPTER 24

Trees of Righteousness

In Chapter 61, Isaiah spoke of “when the Spirit of the Lord God is upon the believer because the Lord has anointed that believer to preach the good news of transformed lives, to bind up the broken hearted with a spirit of victory, to proclaim liberty and freedom for captives,” . . . and Paul, in Ephesians 2, “to release from the darkness of sin those who are senseless to the Spirit of God; to comfort all who mourn and to provide for those who grieve.”

These with freed natures will be called trees of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. “These” will rebuild the ancient ruins. “These” will restore those places long devastated. They will be called priests of the Lord because they will reveal the heart of God when they teach. These will be called ministers of our God because, like Jesus, they will heal the sick, perform miracles and prophesy in the Lord’s name. These will feast on the wealth of nations.

Ezekiel spoke of these trees of righteousness when he proclaimed in 36:23-25 that “for the sake of My Holy Name, I will show My holiness (qadas-qadas) through you before their eyes. I will sprinkle clean water on you and you will be clean.

Paul showed us our right to this holiness in his letter to the Ephesians. In the first Chapter, he begins by showing us that Jesus fulfilled the purpose of the Father. As His reward for His obedience to the will of the Father, His death, His resurrection, His ascension and His glorification “the power of God ruled in His nature.” He became the Son of God for us. Heb. 5:5. Thus to Him was committed all power. Principalities and powers became subject to Him. When the power of God ruled in His nature He became a tree of righteousness.

In the second Chapter of Ephesians, Paul begins to make this truth applicable to us, to our very souls. He shows us that just as Jesus was dead and in the grave from 14 Nisan until He was resurrected on 18 Nisan, so the human race dominated and possessed by the power of sin has become dead in sin. (Senseless to the Spirit of God.) As Jesus was raised from death on the Feast of First Fruits, He proposed to remove the veil (dikaiosyne), the possession of sin and (take this into your souls) cleanse the nature of men and women to unify them with God. This change in our nature thus makes us trees of righteousness. “For to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace.” Eph. 2:15. Thus, the ultimate and final peace that comes to the human soul comes as a result of a divine union taking place between Jesus Christ and the Christian soul. The Law of God is now written on the believing human heart. The soul rises above the law as John says (1 John 5:3), “The love of God is this, you obey all His commands and it is not a burden.” The soul rises up out of the realm of laws and commandments. The soul is joined with Christ in His divine love. The spirit of the individual enters into Christ. The Spirit of Christ enters into the individual. A transformation takes place in the believer and a new creature comes into existence. All natural impulses are changed - the ruling of the human nature ceases and that individual becomes a descendant of the Messiah (huios). This is one who derives his or her human nature directly from God. Thus one becomes a tree of righteousness. All your impulses have changed. This is how Jesus can accept the Christian as His bride. This bride can in no way

be polluted, defiled of a lower state of purity or holiness than Jesus Himself. As Fr. John Wesley said, "Have the mind of Christ. I say, have the whole mind of Christ."

Have you ever known an inspired teacher who did not use all his or her ability to teach you all that they knew. Then, to strive to motivate you to go beyond their limits. Jesus was an inspired teacher. Listen to His words when He states in John 14:12, "These things that you see Me do and greater things shall you do who believe." And, "If you hold to my teachings, you are my students. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-21. "The student who is fully trained should expect to be just like his teacher." Luke 6:40.

Trees of righteousness are those believers who come to realize that God demands a holy temple (kadosh: no chaff) in which His holiness and through which His holiness may be revealed. First, Jesus must have the ability to cleanse the church and to present her without spot or wrinkle. Eph. 8:27. She must be as pure as Jesus is pure, beautiful within, beautiful without. The scars and wrinkles must disappear. So Christ Jesus will receive the Christ-cleansed church as His own virgin, the bride.

But, the purpose of God is to not only cleanse the believer but being cleansed to teach and empower that believer. Thus, the cleansed believer is to reveal all righteousness just as Jesus did. As one studies the way, God revealed Himself through Jesus, then they will have the pattern or example of how the Spirit of God reveals Himself through all believers all the time.

When the Spirit of God spoke through Jesus the word of love, the word of power, the word of conviction, something flowed from the nature of Jesus. Like the righteous Ephesian elders in Acts 20, these were advanced in righteousness and entrusted with the care of others. The living Spirit of God pours out of the nature of Jesus. This is what makes Christianity distinctive as a religion. It can never be identified with any other. The one who walks in the leading of the Holy Spirit radiates the nature of Jesus.

The Spirit of God is like the bread in the hands of the disciples. It multiplied in their hands as they broke it to share with the multitude. Thus, if you want more healing, more blessing, more abundance in your Christian walk, find a way to share it. The Spirit of God is creative, generative, constructive and the more of that Spirit you give, the more you have. Luke 6:38.

The triumph of the Gospel is enough to make any believer the wildest form of enthusiastic optimist, unifying the nature of the believer and God is the crowning achievement of Jesus Christ. The reason for the cross was thus revealed. The believer in God and God in the believer, One and indissoluble, one glory, one power, one purpose and one mind. This is a tree of righteousness with its roots reaching into the river of life. As in John 13, our feet are continually being washed by the Life of God (v. 8). At times you can feel the water flowing across the arches of your feet. "Taste My goodness and know Me."

"The purpose of "My church" is to take the lost ones and through Spirit-led leaders to lead them to become trees of righteousness. Any failure to accomplish this assignment is an insult to My Son Jesus and to the Holy Spirit which We send to assist you. This beloved One is from the depths of My Heart."

This message I received this morning while in a state of grace in the Holy Spirit. It was both firm and loving. I truly believe that Our Heavenly Father intends to make this happen quickly.

PART II

Living in the Life of God Where We Are Headed

CHAPTER 25

What Now?

Recently while grieving in my soul over the direction my denomination is headed, I tried to pray, like Isaiah 24: 5-6. What direction would Father God provide at this time when His decrees and ordinances are being set aside and openly violated? When these laws for living were given to Moses they included the Hebrew term “olam” which means “forever”. As I tried to pray, Father God said “No”. Then, He directed me to listen (sama) to His leading.

For the next several hours, I was engulfed in the presence of HWHY Sabah (the Lord God Almighty). Wave after wave of His Holy Presence flowed over me. (Qadas qadas). Then, about 5:00 a.m. He spoke, “Now, pray for My church.” As I began to pray, the Holy Spirit began to lead me to sing in the Spirit. It was a bouncy tune which surprised me with its awesome joyfulness.

Kum Abba evolla som ettah
Kum Abbah evolla som evayeu
Lum anassy kum attome
Call upon Me as you sing
And I will place My lesson in your soul.

The song has continued in my spirit for over a week now as the love of the Father pours out into my soul. In this new song, Father God described His Church of the Firstborn; not what is intended but that which now is. It is a church that heals, cleanses, restores and delivers. Here, My people will grow up into the faith of God (pistis) without limitation, distraction or hindrance. He then led me to prayerfully study Paul’s letter to the Ephesians beginning with Chapter 4 verse 17.

As my joyful new song continued, I noted that, in the Lord, the believer must no longer live as the secular world lives. These will become darkened in their understanding and therefore separated from the life of God. They will continue in their darkness and ignorance and their hearts will become hardened. This secular world will lose its sensitivity because it has given itself to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity with a continuing lust for more.

Father continued with His message for the Church of the Firstborn. “You, however, did not come to know Christ this way. Surely you have heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught with regard to your former life in the secular world to put off your old self which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new. This requires a new attitude in your minds, an entirely new self. You, in Christ, have been created to be like God in true holiness and to demonstrate His righteousness.

Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood. You must speak truthfully, letting your >yes' be >yes' and your >no' be no'. You must not sin when you become angry. Do not allow the devil a place for his feet. Stop doing that which is sinful. Work so as to have something to share with those in need.”

He continued, referring to our need to control our tongue. To remember that we must guard that which comes out of us - out of our mouths and that which radiates out from our souls. We are encouraged to build others up; to be helpful so that what we say will benefit those who listen. Then, to listen, so as to obey, so as to understand so that we do not grieve our Chief Overseer, the Holy Spirit. (Acts 20:28).

We are directed to rid ourselves of all bitterness, rage and anger. We are encouraged to radiate kindness and compassion to one another, developing a spirit and an attitude of forgiveness just as Jesus demonstrated by forgiving all of us.

Father God wants us to imitate Him with awe and trembling. This is given as an imperative statement to live a life of holiness and love. Just as Christ loved us in holiness giving Himself up as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

We are to completely separate ourselves from the thinking of the secular world. God insists that there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality or any kind of impurity. And, there must be no greed of any kind. These qualities have no place in God's holy people. We are also told to avoid obscenity, to have no foolish talk, nor coarse joking which are out of place. We are encouraged to speak and act with the spirit of thanksgiving.

Be sure of this: No immoral, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. Such a person is an idolater. Do not be deceived; God's rational, calculated anger comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be a partner with them. At one time you may have been like them but you were washed, set apart, and justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. You have been called to exercise righteousness.

Once you lived in the darkness of this secular world. You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you used to live. At that time, you followed the ways of this secular world and of the kingdom of the air. This same rebelling spirit is at work in those who are disobedient. But, now you are in the Light of the Lord.

Continue to live as children of this Holy Light. Remember, the fruit of this light is goodness, righteousness and truth. So, find out what pleases the Lord and pursue this. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness - rather expose them.

Be very careful how you live. Live as the wise. Make the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Understand (biyn) what the Lord's will is. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Speak to one another in words filled with the influence of psalms, of joyful hymns and spiritual songs. Sing in the Spirit and make music in your heart to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Chapter 29, verse 18, Isaiah described this Church of the Firstborn when he spoke of “In that day” - the deaf will hear the words of the scroll. The eyes of the blind will see. Once

more the humble will rejoice in the Lord. The needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. The ruthless will vanish and mockers will disappear - and they will keep "My name holy." (qadas qadas).

In Ephesians 5:4, Paul emphasized this activity of Father God when he promised to make the church holy, cleansing her by washing her with His Word to present her as a radiant church. She will have no spot or wrinkle or other blemish but she will be made holy and blameless.

After receiving this message while my spirit continued to sing that new bouncy tune, sometimes in an unknown tongue and sometimes in English, I was instructed to call a fellow servant of the Lord in Oak Harbor. After making contact with Mary, I was hardly surprised to hear that she received a similar experience with Father God during this same time. Her assignment involves the purification of the bride. She remarked how so many of her "respectable church friends" were not interested in getting closer to the holiness of God. Only those with life's problems seemed interested. I was advised to remind her of Jesus's teaching about hot, cold and lukewarm believers. Work with those who are receptive to the message leave alone those who are now satisfied with what they have.

The song continues to bubble up.

Abba da subin adeau
Yada cum saliece adore

Father God is about to produce genuine saints (kedoshim) in His church. These will be noble supereminent ones who stay the course through faith and patience until they have inherited God's promise. They will not only taste God's goodness but they will enjoy His salvation. These saints will grasp maturity and the enlightening it provides as they taste this heavenly gift.

Expect to see the full restoration of God's five fold ministry of apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers. These Holy Spirit taught servants of God will lead the awakening of God's holy people into the works of service referred to by Paul. These saints will be filled with the full measure of all the fullness of God. They will witness Christ's dwelling richly within them. They will rarely be the subjects of healing of earthly afflictions or diseases. Healings, deliverance and miracles will follow them as they serve the Living God. What a joyful time lies just ahead for the holy ones of Jesus Christ.

The Great Banquet

This current awakening will take place like a vision given of a great banquet on a grassy plateau. People were invited from far and wide. They came on foot, by car, train, bus, boat and by airplane. The lawn was weed-free and as flat as your dining room table as far as the eye could see. Tables were covered with the finest linen I have ever seen. Each table was set to hold about sixteen people. The comfortable chairs had large feet so as not to dent the lawn.

At each place as a favor having great earthly value. These favors included ornately fashioned ornaments of gold and platinum, emeralds, rubies, diamonds and other precious gems

the size of hens' eggs Any one of these table favors would be worth a king's ransom in earthly value. The place settings included plates of pure gold, glasses of crystal and eating utensils of pure gold. It was a very special event indeed.

As the table filled with guests, the glass before each guest filled with a creamy-like sweet tasting liquid. One thing that came to mind as I looked around was that this food must be very important to be presented in such a grand fashion. Then, to my amazement, I found myself full with one sip of this heavenly liquid. I noticed a few people stop eating at this time. I forced myself to finish this wonderful liquid. At this time, a few got up and left the table. As they left, their chair and table setting vanished.

Then there appeared a bowl of a grain like porridge dish. If one thought himself full drinking that glass of pinkish liquid, this strange dish caused you to be uncomfortably full. As those who remained at the banquet stuffed themselves, a few more left, taking their favors with them. Again, when these left, their chair and place settings vanished. When a table emptied, it disappeared.

Next, came the main course. A golden plate appeared on top of the one on the table. On this plate were colored cubes of yellow, green, clear, red and blue. While they had the appearance of jello, they had a firm texture and each had a unique taste. About half way through this main entree, I began to become aware of a deep hunger welling up inside of me. I faintly realized that I was starving for whatever this food was. I began to eat with a new sense of purpose. I do believe that this main dish kept up with me as I ate. There was none left over.

The banquet continued with a broth-like dish followed by a sweet tasty tart fruit dish. What an experience. When those at table finished, each was so satisfied that they left their favor behind. It seems that the contents of this banquet were so special that nothing on this earth could or would be important to them again.

The banquet made me think about hungering and thirsting after righteousness as Jesus invites us to do. It is only as we experience this veil-removing righteousness that we are able to hunger for more. It also reminded me that if you give up early you have lost the path. Patience and perseverance are needed now more than ever. Stay the course - His course.

CHAPTER 26

How Will This Perfection Take Place?

We know by the words of the Holy Scripture that God is Most Holy (qadas qadas). We also know that this holiness can never be described or defined. It is impossible to describe an encounter with God. But, one knows for sure when they have experienced one.

We also know when we have been touched by the Love of God. But, even Paul, with his considerable gift of language, could not describe this love. What did he tell us in I Cor 13? Without this love (agape), I am nothing. This love is patient, it is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Didn't John tell us that this love is God? I John 4:8. And Light in which there is no darkness? I John 1:7 Then John tells us, "But if when we walk in the Light (phos), i.e., spiritual illumination, as Jesus is in the Light, we have fellowship (koinania) with one another and the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin." John further tells us that, "If anyone obeys His Word (logos) [this Word being an expression of Jesus's intelligence] God's Love will truly be made complete in him/her".

The Holy Spirit now draws me to look at Paul's letter to the Romans. In Chapter 8, Paul defines the descendants of the Messiah as those who are led by the Spirit of God. This expression bears witness to John's words in I John 2 when he refers to being obedient to the utterances of the intelligence of Jesus. Doesn't Jesus tell us that the Spirit will reveal to us every word Jesus utters? "You will be My witnesses," Jesus says (Acts 1:8). In John 16, Jesus declares that, "He (The Holy Spirit) will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. The Spirit will take what is Mine and make it known to you." (John 16:14-15). John tells us twice making it like an intensive verb. This makes Jesus' statement very, very significant. It involves entering into union with Jesus as we serve Him, when we ask it of the Father.

What specifically does Jesus have that we so desperately require in our services to Him? He did nothing except He first heard His Father say it. When Jesus healed all manner of disease, He first heard our Father tell Him what to say and do. Shouldn't each of us who strive to serve our heavenly Father want to know our Father's instructions especially when we pray for another's deliverance or healing? I assure you as a servant of The Most High God this works today as it did when Jesus walked the streets of Gaililee. In this declaration, we are made able to actually accomplish the "greater things" that Jesus promised we would experience - especially when we first manifest a sanctified spirit, soul and body.

Now, I begin to see why the five-fold ministry is essential. The apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers will teach the body of believers to realize that they can hear every word God speaks (John 8:47) and how essential it is to obey what this spoken word says. Then, as fellow Christian believers begin to hear and to be led by the Spirit an overwhelming cleansing of the bride will take place.

Isn't this what John tells us in his first epistle? See that what you have heard (akono), "to hear with attention, from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. "

John refers to this remaining in the Son and the Father as being born of God. Like Paul's definition of becoming a descendant of the Messiah, i.e., being led by the Spirit of God. John says that, "No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them. He or she cannot go on sinning because they have been born of God. This is how we know who the Children of God are."

Doesn't this resemble the love (agape) spoken of by Paul in I Cor 13? If we are filled with God, we will begin to act like the Love of God in us. We will become patient and kind. We will no longer envy nor boast. Pride will not be a part of our make up. We will not display rudeness nor be self-seeking. In addition, we will not be easily angered. We will no longer keep a record of wrongs done to us. We will not delight in evil but rejoice with the truth. Finally, we will protect, always trust, always hope and always persevere. I have a clue how this will take place, and I know for certain it is going to take place very soon.

John delights in telling us about this Love of God which is God. I discovered that this Love of God is God as I worked with the sheep. On several occasions I was led to ask the love pouring out through me a question. That Love answered this question leaving me in awe.

John tells how God shows this Love among us; "He sent His Only Son that we might live through Him." As we actively love one another with this God Love, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. We are not told how long the process takes only that it works. I find since God revealed this Love through me, that I have grown in patience, that there is a kindness and an understanding which wells up within me. I am not easily angered while once being called an angry young man. I do find myself rejoicing with the truth, trusting God more, hoping and persevering longer than I once could. Could it be that what John discovered still operates as it did then?

John also shows us that we can know that we live in Him and He in us because He has given us His Spirit. That if anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him or her and that individual lives in God. Therefore, we come to rely on the Love God has for us.

Then John gives us the most awesome promise set forth in his epistle. "That whoever lives in God's love lives in God and God in him. In this way God's love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment because in this world we are like Him." Here we will no longer be led by fear. The one who fears is not yet made perfect in the Love of God.

Our faith in the Son of God expresses itself in how we love the children of God by loving God and by carrying out His commands. We are led by the Spirit of God. We hear Him as He instructs us (sama). We do (obey) what He directs us to do (sama). We understand (biyn) why this was done this way. Thus, we find ourselves obeying the directions from God and this is not a

burden to us. We overcome the adversities in our path as we find ourselves walking in His Victory. This is having a victorious spirit radiating out from us wherever we are.

John concludes his epistle with a super positive promise. "I tell you this so that you might know (experience) that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His Will (subjective asking) He hears us. And if we know (experience) that He hears us - whatever we ask (subjective) - we know (experience) that we have what we asked for."

"We understand that anyone born of God does not continue to sin." I have experienced this birth as a gradual event which is continually positive. "The one who is born of God is kept safe from the evil one and the evil one cannot inflict harm on him or her." We then know that we are children of God, even when the whole secular world is under control of the evil one. We also know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we might experience Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true even into His Son Jesus Christ.

As Father instructed me to write about how the Bride of Christ will be cleansed, having neither spot nor blemish, I winced. "Lord," I said, "I haven't a clue how this bride can be cleansed." In nearly 2000 years her human leaders have failed to cleanse her even a little bit. Today, she looks like the secular world she was directed to be in but not of. This act of cleansing the Bride will have to be done supernaturally. This event will have to be on a scale greater than the exodus from Egypt and the actual crossing of the Red Sea (45 miles south of Ezion Geber).

The Lord then led me back to the verse from John's epistle, "But if and when we truly walk in the Light (phos) as Jesus is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another." I was then led to Christ's ascension in Acts 1:11 where two men dressed in white stood beside the disciples. These two spoke as Jesus ascended, saying, "This same Jesus, who has been taken into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

Now picture the energy involved. When Jesus ascended into heaven, the focus was toward heaven. Upon arrival, Jesus and the Father sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Chief Overseer. For nearly 2000 years, we have been led by the Holy Spirit. We can observe the impact of the Holy Spirit, from time to time, on the lives of groups and individuals during this time. We can also see how much and how often this same Holy Spirit has been grieved by the leaders of His Church.

As the return of Jesus draws near, we will have the equivalent of a double outpouring of the power of God on this small planet. The focus will be to place the Kingdom of Heaven on earth as it is in Heaven. Distractions and "spin" will no longer steal our attention from the Light. Soon, we will begin to experience this true fellowship with one another in Him. Soon we will experience the blood of Jesus as it totally purifies us from all sin.

Soon, with your sins and sinful nature purified and sanctified, you will be able to experience Him who is from the beginning. You will be able to continually overcome the evil one. You will be strong as the Word of God lives in you because you have overcome the evil one.

Think of it this way. Each time the earth turns on its axis, we will experience an increase in the power of God on His planet and within His Church. Each day it will be easier for each and every one of us to abide in Jesus and to walk in His Light. Each day distractions will diminish which strive to lead us away from the awesome grace of God.

As we walk in this double Light of God, we will be able to delight in the change taking place within us. We will see patience increase. Kindness will pour out of each believer. Envy and boasting will diminish. Pride will vanish. Anger will become rare. Our record of wrongs will become dim. More and more we will begin to rejoice with the truth. Trusting, persevering, hoping will become the norm. Fear will become rare as the Love of God replaces it.

As this continues to manifest in our world, believers will become more and more wise. The return of Jesus will become more and more our focus. It will go from being a possibility to a probability and then to a certainty. Praise be to God. I know it is real. Can't you feel it happening right where you are?

CHAPTER 27

Worldly Signs of Christ's Return

In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 21, Jesus spoke of some of the signs of His return. In verse 10, Jesus speaks of "Nation rising up against nation and kingdom against kingdom." This was fulfilled in 1914 with the onset of WWI. Verse 11, "There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilence in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." This has been happening on an increasing scale, but it is difficult to measure intensity. What is meant by great? We are not given a definition of fearful events or these great signs from heaven. With our Hubble space telescope and our ability to measure near-infra red wave lengths, we see wonders today in the heavens never before imagined. What "fearful" events did Jesus refer to?

We have Israel returning to her land for the first time since the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. This occurred in fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah 66:8 asked, "Can a country be born in a day, or a nation be brought forth in a moment?" And, by an act of the United Nations in 1948, Israel was born in a day, a nation was brought forth in a moment. In Jeremiah 16:15, we find, "but they will say, As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the lands of the north and out of all the countries where He had banished them? For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers."

God's Word refers to the return of a scattered people who know not God. Later, this Holy Word describes the change brought upon these peoples by the hand of the Lord God, an act yet to occur.

These prophecies tie in with Jeremiah 30:1-3 where the prophet speaks of the restoration of Israel, "This is what the Lord God of Israel says: Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you. The days are coming, declares the Lord when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their forefathers to possess, says the Lord." This event will be on a greater scale even than Israel leaving Egypt.

This event will follow a time of trouble for Jacob (probably 1938-1945 when millions of Israelites were killed in Germany and Russia). But, God said through Jeremiah, Chapter 30, verse 8, "I will break the yoke off their necks." "I will save you out of a distance place and Jacob will have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid. Jer 30:10.

Verse 11: "I will punish you but only with justice."

Verse 14: "Your allies have forgotten you: they care nothing for you."

Verse 16: "All who devour you will be devoured, all your enemies will go into exile. Those who plunder you will be plundered; all who make spoil of you I will despoil."

Verse 17: "But I will restore you to health and heal all your wounds," declares the Lord.

Verse 18: “I will restore the fortunes of Jacob’s tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins and the palace will stand in its proper place.”

Some of the above events have been taking place during the past several decades. A wondrous event will be required; however, in order to complete this list, oaks or trees of righteousness must first be created. According to Isaiah 58:12, your people will rebuilt the ancient ruins and I will raise up the ago-old foundations, you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. But in Isaiah 61, these people will first receive a crown of beauty. They will be called trees (oaks) of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Since this restoring of Israel has been foretold in prophecy, as a wondrous and triumphant event. I don’t believe we have seen the wonder of it yet. Something must yet take place on a heavenly scale to fulfill this prophecy.

In the previous chapter, we have been introduced to an outpouring of the grace of God which , I believe, is the double outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This grace made up of the Holy Spirit on earth with the directing of Love toward His earth by Jesus Christ as He prepares to return. Such love has never been experienced on this earth since creation. This event is greater than the Exodus from Egypt. This event will remove any claims by the secular world that humans caused this to take place.

It will equate to Father’s statement made in Ezekiel 36, verse 23, when, for the sake of His Holy Name, He said, “I will reveal (qadas) the holiness (qadas) of My great Name which has been profaned among the nations, the Name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord declares the sovereign Lord when I show (qadas) Myself Holy (qadas) through you before their eyes. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new “heart” and put a new Spirit in you, I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And, I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my law my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. You will no longer suffer disgrace.”

The Lord shows me again as I experience His presence in prayer that we are about to experience an awesome event which will shake the earth with its occurrence. It will not occur because of secular actions taken no matter how well intended.

But, there are other signs of Christ’s return soon to come.

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars on the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. . . . Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” Luke 21:25-26

We recently had an eclipse of the moon in which it appeared red for nearly half an hour. While not alarming, think of it as a wake up call.

Our sun is not acting in accordance with over 200 years of observations. During its 11 year cycle we have had sun spots and solar flares on a regular predictable basis. But at this time, normally a time of low solar flare activity, we are experiencing a high activity level. While this doesn't make the daily news, it is causing concern to astronomers. These flares impact our satellites, communications, air transportation and our climate. If this current high solar flare activity is occurring at a period of normally low flare action what will the next high be like in 2011?

I do not write about these events to bring concern in the hearts and minds of the reader, but to cause them to listen (sama) more intensively as they pray and commune with the Holy Spirit. God is on the move. But God does nothing except He first tells His prophets. His presence has never been more active on this planet. It is a time similar to the month of Elul in the Hebrew calendar as the faithful prepare for the Moed of Trumpets on the first day of Tishri. This day was described in Chapter 6 regarding the two witnesses discussed in Revelation 11. We do not know the day nor the hour. We do not know how these events will manifest but we do know that the wise will not be surprised.

In Daniel 12, a statement is made which refers to this time. "None of the wicked will understand but those who are wise (sakal) will understand." Sakal is a Hebrew word meaning to have wisdom/to be circumspect. It follows an event where many will be purified and made spotless and refined. This event was the subject of Chapter 26. This cleansing in Daniel 12 follows the opening of a book which has been closed and sealed until the time of the end.

It is rather like the Seven Thunders referred to by John in Revelation 10. John is told to seal up what the Seven Thunders have said and do not write it down.

I have been led by the Holy Spirit in awe to write this little book in order to facilitate the opening of these closed and sealed books referred to in our Scriptures. Others are even now writing other books for this same purpose. I pray that you, the reader, will be moved and inspired to listen (sama) to the Spirit of God with more expectation and openness so as to obey (sama) and finally to understand (sama) what is even now taking place around us.

As this love intensity increases, you will probably experience greater awareness in your intercessory prayers. Recently, while praying for a young man in Germany from Tacoma we who were praying could feel in our bodies the activity of the Holy Spirit doing spiritual surgery on this brother's knee. A few days ago we were moved to pray for relatives and friends of a sister from Yugoslavia. Some of those who prayed were able to see the villages and houses, the streets and fields covered with uncreated light. The experience was awesome and breathtaking.

With the Love of God pouring out around us, I pray that each of you and yours will be engulfed in that Holy Fragrance as this wondrous time continues before us.

Yes and Amen.