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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

2018 Will be a significant year in terms of the beginning of a new era in the plans and purposes of God. A great shaking is coming in a way and intensity that we have not seen before. This is a good thing. The realignment this will bring about is a good as the tares begin to be removed from the church. This will reduce the numbers in many churches but will leave behind a church that is clean and trim free from false doctrine and ready to move on into Gods purposes for this hour.

I trust you will enjoy this issue of Our Finest Hour.

Blessings

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wheat and tares

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There are many voices in the world and in the church,
fake news and fake voices in the world and the church

On the 18th December 2017 I awoke at 1-30 am and was instantly wide awake.

I got up to see if the Lord wanted to say something to me. Instantly this prophetic word of the Lord flowed through my pen to my journal.

It is said of King David.

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Psalms 45:1

The following is the transcript.

Today if you hear my voice open your ears and I will speak to you of things which you know not. Time is short and the world sleeps. The church should know better but she too sleeps. Very few are awake to the time and the important season that is

now upon them. Preparations for war are underway soon the nations will come against Israel. They will fail in their purpose, however Israel will take many casualties. I will intervene when it seems hopeless. Be alert for when they say peace, peace, treachery is in the air. Time is short prepare for harvest. I will pour my Spirit out across the whole earth and my army will march against the great evil, prepare my people. Your sons and daughters will rise up, get them ready, time is short and I will do a quick work. Prepare and train them, get them ready.

There are many voices in the world and in the church, fake news and fake voices in the world and the church. The frogs are croaking incessantly. However the truth will prevail, I will cover the earth with my truth as the waters cover the sea and the truth will set many free. I will speak to the church and the nations through earthquakes and weather that has never been seen before, a great shaking is coming, the earth will rebel against the great evil in it. I will speak



in the tornadoes and in meteorites hurling into the earth's atmosphere. This is a time now when you must arise and shine in the midst of the darkness. Floods in Europe will escalate in both frequency and ferocity.

You have seen the mass movement of refugees across the earth. Soon a great persecution will arise against my people Israel who are scattered across the earth, prepare for this. A company of Josephs will now begin to arise who will save many lives, and my voice will be heard across the earth through the favour that I will bestow upon them. This persecution will be worldwide and will be very severe. Sound an alarm prepare the people who will listen. My judgments will be in the earth which will turn many to righteousness. My judgments will be redemptive and will be a means for the coming harvest.

Hopelessness will stalk the earth and will open the way for the truth to prevail. Hollywood your cup is full I will devastate your evil and destroy your agendas. Same sex marriage your cup is full as the nations have chosen. I will come on the scene and millions will repent and will be saved. My ways are not your ways, my heart is to redeem and that I will do.

A separation has started between the goat and sheep nations and also between the goat and sheep churches. I will again drive the money changers out of the church no more will I allow this to continue. Those churches who will not stand with Israel I will eliminate and a curse will be upon them. I will begin to move upon a lost generation of children and young people, you must train them and they will fight against the darkness. Give them a righteous cause to fight for the truth. The great lie of evolution of the species will begin to dissolve and be exposed as a lie perpetrated upon the world, exposure will come as this sophisticated deception will

be brought to the light. Truth shall cover the whole earth then the end will come. I the Lord will appear among the Islamic nations, I have not forgotten Ishmael. Millions will come to the Lord which will cause the nations of the world to marvel. Light and darkness will clash which will be felt across the universe and great signs in the universe will astound many, remember all the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of just one candle, the light will quench the darkness. 2018 will see the beginning of a plan to move towards a world church comprised of all religions. The Vatican will be a prime mover in this. This will eventually divide the Catholic Church resulting in many forsaking the Catholic Church and many being born again and baptised in the Holy Spirit. This push towards a world church is part of the push towards a one world government. However some nations will resist this and I will bless those nations.

As I began to ponder this word that the Lord gave me I began to see the beginning of a great work of God to remove the chaff from the wheat.

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather



the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:25-30

The removal of the tares from the wheat has to happen before the harvest is brought in and it will begin this year. We have seen throughout church history that before any real move of God begins, false doctrines begin to sweep through the church. The purpose of this is to counter the true word of God. This work of Satan always seeks to counter two main things, that of holiness and self-denial, offering an easy way other than taking up the cross and denying one's self to follow the Lord. I have been so surprised and alarmed at how much the Hyper Grace doctrine has been accepted by many churches. This doctrine is a doctrine of demons which Satan has so easily sown these tares among the wheat. Harvest time is fast approaching but first the tares will need to be removed. This will involve judgement upon the lukewarm church where the tares have taken hold. The church will be purged of all of the leaven.

Now we must start to think seriously how we will accommodate the great harvest that will be reaped over the next few years. Great and powerful evangelists will be raised up and sweep millions into the true church of Jesus Christ. However, the church must be ready to train these new Christians teaching them how to come to maturity quickly. This raising up of this end-time army will become the prime function of the true church in these last days. This year will see the true Apostolic Ministry begin to emerge, these are the master builders who see the big picture and will have the anointing to lay out the plan of God for these end-times. There is a difference between the seven gifts of the spirit and the fivefold ministry gifts of the Apostle, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

Wherefore he saith, When he

ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men (or gifts of men). And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:8-13

We need to distinguish the difference between the gifts of the Spirit and ministry gifts.

The word gifts in Eph 4:8 is the Greek word *Doma*; here the gift is a person. Whereas the seven are gifts of the spirit. They are charisma gifts, but the gifts of the fivefold ministry are people, the gift is a person. Christ the prophet in them or Christ the teacher in them etc. Now we all may prophesy that is a charisma gift of the Holy Spirit, but that does not necessarily make us a prophet, and just because a person has on their business card their name as a Prophet or Apostle does not mean they are one.

There have always been Ministry gifts at various times throughout church history but they were rare and mostly not recognised as such. The ministry of the teacher and the prophet began to emerge during the charismatic move of the 1970s in a more advanced way. We will now begin to see the emergence of the true Apostles as a part of this end time season. These apostles will bring a clearer understanding of God's purposes for the bride as related to the unending purposes of God. They will be able to clearly lay out the the blueprint for this end time church. These apostles along with the prophets will begin to move in the powers of the age to come and will train others to move in



the same.

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come.

Hebrews 6:5

We must seek to be connected to God's agendas not our own. We must seek first and foremost the Kingdom of God. To do this we need insight, foresight, and wisdom.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

Acceleration is a phenomenon of our times.

Scientists have now proven that even the speed of light is getting faster.

Amos 9:13 speaks of the ploughman overtaking the reaper. This is an end-time reality that the Bible clearly speaks about.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

Amos 9:13

This is a very wonderful and scary phenomena. Everything we now sow will return at an accelerated rate. This is something we have not seen before.

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind:

Hosea 8:7

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Proverbs 22:8-9

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for

thou shalt find it after many days.

Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10:12

This coming to rain righteousness upon us is connected to our sowing. The Bible talks about words as being seeds which we sow, which will in turn produce a harvest of like kind. However, the turnaround process is now in acceleration. What we speak or sow will return very very quickly back to us for either good or evil.

King David said this:

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3

We must not take this phenomena lightly, it will be a major factor in how our future will be shaped. As we continue to move towards the end of the age the reaping will eventually become almost instant. Life and death will be in the power of our tongue. As the great harvest gets underway this acceleration will control our lives in a new and very real way.

A New Evangelistic Mantle

As this new era begins to get underway many Christians will be taken home. They have run their race and kept the faith. They leave behind a legacy and their works do follow them. We often see death as a tragedy, and it is for those who do not know the Lord. However for those who know the Lord they are just returning home. Billy Graham will make the journey home in this season, leaving behind a mantle that many will pick up. His mantle will be joined with the mantle that TL Osbourne left behind, and



this dual mantle will manifest as one evangelistic mantle that has never been seen in the earth before. With the integrity that Billy Graham had and the mighty signs and wonders that TL Osbourne moved in, those who move in this dual mantle will reap an enormous harvest.

While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Hebrews 3:15

As the tares are separated from the wheat a new and powerful church will arise with great compassion, love, and kindness, demonstrating in reality who and what God is like, AND GOD IS LOVE. This end time church will truly be the body of Christ in demonstration, bringing life truth and the love of God

to a confused and fearful world.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

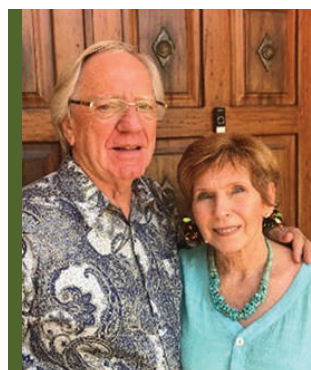
The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh.

Romans 13:11-14

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GOD RESTORES AND REFRESHES!



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Do not let the pains of the past keep you
from embracing the victories of your future!

Dear Believer, we have entered a new season. It is the season of a *fresh start!* We are in a divinely appointed time of refreshing and restoring (Joel 2:25):

"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame."

Joel 2:25

Do not let the pains of the past keep you from embracing the victories of your future! My friend Bob Jones would say; "the past is just that" - the past. This is a new day in which you may boldly declare, "Old things have passed away!" Isaiah 48:6-7.

God Offers Forgiveness!

One of the sweetest words in any language is the word *forgiven!* God promises that even if your sins are red like crimson bright, obvious,

glaring, unmistakable they have been *forgiven*, washed white as snow because of the Crimson Blood of Christ! (Isaiah 1:18)

I am not talking about just a few sins or a handful of mistakes, but each, and every betrayal, sin, and offense is under the Blood of Christ; every sin and mistake is forgotten and erased! Beloved, it makes no difference how twisted and tangled your life has been or is right now: *through the shed Blood of Christ at Calvary, God has made all forgiveness and grace abound toward you!*

Heaven and earth may pass away, but "His compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:20-21). Why? Because Christ Jesus already bore our sins and iniquities!

"Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."

Isaiah 53:12



God Forgets Your Past!

Through our repentance, God always makes a way to free us from our past. Scripture states that God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west (Psalms 103:12). Brothers and sisters in Christ, take this encouragement to heart: *shake off your past failures, and set your focus on the fresh new day, and begin experiencing your future victories!*

Remember this important promise:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:1-2

The Lord has already lavished you with abundant, extravagant, *forgiveness and grace* to empower you to leave behind every past sin and failure. Over, are the days of regret, doubt, and fear, along with the many missed opportunities and failed relationships. The seasons of backsliding and passivity, the detours of the works of the flesh, are finished!

As we believe His Word of forgiveness and set our heart to seek the Lord, we will find overwhelming grace and mercies for each day (Jeremiah 29:12-13). Never give up; never give in again to a mindset of guilt and failure (Hebrews 10:35). You were created by your Maker to carry His glory and Presence into a lost and dying world. God has *confidence* in you (Deuteronomy 28:13). Remember, you are His choice (Ephesians 2:10), chosen for **"such a time as this"** (Esther 4:14).

God Redeems Your Wounds!

It is by the stripes of Jesus Christ that we are healed (Isaiah 53:5)! Take comfort in this, dear Believer: any wounds that you have suffered will become significant avenues of healing for

others. When we are healed from our wounds, then we receive the needed grace for healing *others!*

We bring Christ's healing and comfort to others in the areas in which we personally have been afflicted (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

God Brings Breakthrough!

God is even now releasing *divine favor* to us for accomplishing great exploits for His glory. In Psalms 84:11 (NLV), we learn how He lavishes His blessings of grace and glory:

"For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right."

Psalms 84:1

Even if you have not succeeded in previous days and years, do not lose heart! God is saying, *"Try again!"* It is time to regroup and *try again*, knowing that failure is *never God's plan* (Jeremiah 29:11). You will see doors open that were closed to you previously. God is granting *breakthrough*.

I pray that your entire family will experience the overwhelming love and favor of God as you leave the past behind and boldly take hold of the blessings and promises of God!

Be sure to see my other articles as they will both help and encourage you.



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Becoming The Dwelling Place of

God Part 2

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Now, at the end of the age, we will see emerging, within the Body of Christ, those who begin walking in His fullness

Speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Scripture declares:

"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"

Colossians 2:9

It is God's intention that the same FULLNESS of GOD that filled and manifested through the Lord Jesus Christ would also fill and manifest through His body, the church.

Paul prayed, in Ephesians 1:15-22, that we would recognize this high calling, to be FILLED with HIS FULLNESS, by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your

understanding being enlightened: that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-22

Now, at the end of the age, we will see emerging, within the Body of Christ, those who begin walking in His fullness.



How will this happen?

Being filled with the fullness of God is related to being rooted and grounded in holy love. In Ephesians 3:14-19 Paul prays for the church to be filled with **ALL the FULLNESS of God**. We have not yet seen this manifest on the earth, but we soon will.

For this reason (reason is that we are called to be His dwelling place) I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

As followers of Christ (individually and corporately) grow in becoming “rooted and grounded in love” and comprehending the love of Christ we become increasingly “filled with all the fullness of God”. Simply put, when we grow in LOVE we grow in the capacity to carry the abiding fullness of God. Divine love is the key to becoming the dwelling place of God.

Pursue Love

Growing in this Divine love must be an intentional pursuit. It does not just happen automatically because we are Christians. We are exhorted by God to “pursue love” (1 Cor. 14:1). In order to pursue love, we must first define love. The following verses give us some insight into Divine love.

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not

burdensome.”

1 John 5:3

“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

John 14:23

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

1 John 3:16

Love is manifested by laying down our life.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you”

John 15:12

The love that God requires of us can be summarized in “keeping His Word” and “laying down our lives”. We demonstrate our love for God by keeping His commandments. We manifest the love of God by laying down our lives. This is how Jesus, in whom the “fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily”, walked in LOVE.

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

John 6:38

“And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 8:29

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his



friends.”

John 15:13

God commands us to walk in love (toward God and man) just as Jesus did when He walked the earth.

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We become the dwelling place of the FULLNESS of God TO THE DEGREE that we grow in love.

“If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.”

1 John 4:12b

When John wrote this verse (1 John 4:12) he was addressing born-again believers who were already indwelt by the Holy Spirit. So when John says “If we love one another, God abides in us” John is not referring to being indwelt by the Holy Spirit. That is already happening. John is referring to the believers becoming the corporate habitation of the fullness of God (Eph. 2:19-22, Eph.

3:17-19) by loving one another. There is a dimension of God's all-powerful presence that only comes when we love one another.

The question is: Why aren't we seeing the FULLNESS of God manifesting regularly in the midst of the churches? Where is His glory? Where is His fullness? In 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 God's visible glory filled the temple. no on

The answer cannot be that God lied. The answer cannot be that we have done our part and God has not done His part. No!

The only conclusion we can come to is that believers, in general, have not yet loved God and each other as Jesus commanded us in His Word. Some may protest “I love God!” We may argue “But I have been walking in love”. Have we?? We may be walking in love according to our definition of love, but God is the One whose definition of love applies. (“Let God be true and every man a liar” Romans 3:4)

Remember, John the beloved said *“this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments”* (1 John 5:3) and *“we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”* (1 John 3:16)

When we love God and others *in the way that God commands*, we will begin to be filled, corporately, with ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. Let's consider some of God's commandments concerning walking in love.

Commandments Concerning Relationships

1. When someone has sinned against you

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you,



you have gained your brother."

Matthew 18:15

When we are sinned against, we are NOT to talk to other people about it but we are to speak privately to the one who has sinned against us. We are to go to them privately, calmly, speaking with gentleness and kindness. The goal is NOT to vent our frustrations, but to win their heart. Angry tones, defensiveness and vindictive attitudes are contrary to the love of God and prevent most people from hearing what we are saying.

Speaking with love increases others ability to hear us.

"The wise of heart is called perceptive, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness."

*Proverbs 16:21
(NRSV)*

"The wise in heart will be called prudent, and sweetness of the lips increases learning."

*Proverbs 16:21
(NKJV)*

We are not to complain to others but to speak only to the brother or sister who has sinned against us. We are not to repeat things to others, speaking about someone else, under the guise of "getting counsel". If you need counsel, get it from your pastor. When we repeat negative things to others we are sinning against them and sowing division.

"He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends."

Proverbs 17:9

There are so many things that do not need to be repeated. It only causes more hurt. We must learn to keep our mouth shut. Love covers.

"The Lord hates. . . . one who sows discord (division) among brethren."

Proverbs 6:16,19

2. When a brother or sister is offended with us

"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

God is not interested in our worship or service to Him until AFTER we have sought to make peace with our brother or sister. It does no good to seek God's blessing when we know that we have wronged a brother or sister but are unwilling to apologize, ask for forgiveness and seek peace with them.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."

Psalms 66:18

"Pursue peace with all men and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14

We cannot make someone forgive us if we have wronged them. All we can do is humble our self, apologize and ask for forgiveness. If we need to repay or restore something that was lost, we should do that. Even so, some people will not forgive. That is their sin. If we have done our best to make things right, then we are free.

"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

Romans 12:18

3. How many times should we forgive someone?

"Take heed to yourselves. If your



brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

Luke 17:3-4

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Mark 11:25-26

"Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy."

Mathew 5:7

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:37-38

If we are hard with others, God will be hard with us. If we are kind and gracious to others, God will be kind and gracious to us.

"The merciful man does good for his own soul, but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh."

Proverbs 11:17

We are to forgive, from the heart, as often as a brother or sister repents and asks for forgiveness, even if that means seven times a day. We are not to scold or lecture the repentant person, but to show the love of Christ by forgiving them.

4. Judgmental attitudes toward others

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."

Matthew 5:22

Even if we do not say or outwardly do anything negative toward another person, if we have an angry or condemning attitude in our heart we are guilty before God. Let us avoid such attitudes and instead show grace and mercy. God sees what is in our hearts.

"The Lord knows the thoughts of man"

Psalms 94:11a

5. What to do when we are angry

"Don't let the sun go down on your anger, neither give place to the devil."

Ephesians 4:26-27

When we are offended, we must seek to get the offense out of our heart as soon as possible. To do otherwise is to give place to the devil. If we allow anger to remain in our hearts it turns to bitterness and a demonic stronghold forms in us. We then become defiled and that defilement spreads to others around us through the bitterness in our heart.

"Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled"

Hebrews 12:15

Kneel down in prayer and, relying on the Lord's help, choose to forgive the person(s) from your heart. Remember that we are to love one another "as Christ loved us". He died for us on the cross long before we admitted our guilt or asked God for forgiveness. He fully



pardoned us for all of our sins. We are to love like Christ loved us. Forgiving someone who wronged us is not a feeling; it is a choice. Forgiveness is a choice that you can make.

If possible, go and talk peacefully with the person who sinned against you. Speak to them with patience and grace with a goal of making peace.

6. Do not repay evil to someone who has wronged you

"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. Therefore 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:17-21

We are to OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD. We demonstrate love by doing good to those who have sinned against us.

When we withhold our affection or love from someone who has hurt us, we are repaying them with evil. When we "repay evil for evil", "the face of the Lord is against" us and He does not hear our prayers **1 Peter 3:12**

"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For "He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips

from speaking deceit.

Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:8-12

7. Overcome evil with good

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Romans 12:21

The way Jesus overcame evil was by truly loving and doing good. When He was hated, He loved back. When he was abused He prayed for His enemies. He laid down His life on the cross for the very people who were putting Him to death. He never allowed His heart to become bound by anger, hatred or vindictiveness. He always walked in the freedom of love. We are to do the same. When we love and do good to those who mistreat us, we overcome evil with good. The joy of the Lord becomes our portion.

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

John 15:10-11

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors



do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Matthew 5:43-48

8. Do not lie to one another

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds"

Colossians 3:9

"Are you upset at me?" someone may ask us. "No" we reply. But the truth is, we really are bothered. We have just lied. Often we don't tell the truth because our own hearts are encumbered with anger, frustration or bitterness. We are commanded to be honest, but we must *speak the truth in love*. Before we speak we should make sure that our hearts are free of judgments, anger or bitterness. Our desire must be for the other persons' good, not to vent our own frustrations. When correcting a brother or sister, we must speak in the mildest tones with gentleness and sincere love. Speaking the truth in love is what causes the body to grow up into the full stature of Christ (Eph. 4:15).

9. Seek restoration for one who is in sin

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."

Galatians 6:1

Restoration involves "speaking the truth in love" with the goal of repentance, reconciliation and restoration.

10. Bear one another's burdens

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

The law of Christ is love. To love, as Christ loved us, is to help bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters. This involves sacrifice and inconvenience.

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him."

1 John 3:16-19

Becoming the Dwelling Place of God

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

1 John 5:3

"If we love one another (by keeping His commandments in our relationships), God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us."

1 John 4:12

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

John 14:23

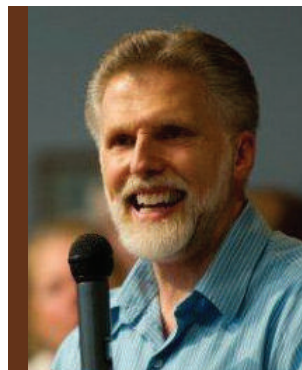
All of creation is groaning, waiting for maturing sons and daughters of God to arise that are walking in HIS FULLNESS; the FULLNESS OF HIS LOVE. These will also be given His authority to execute His will in the earth. Let us mature in love, allowing Him to build us into His Dwelling



Place where His FULLNESS resides.

*"For the earnest expectation of
the creation eagerly waits for the
revealing of the (mature) sons of God"*
Romans 8:19

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Rest on every side

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Are still too many unchecked boxes remaining on your "to do list?"
If so, it is time to slow down and discover a place of REST

Has your life become complex...too busy to deal with? Does it seem as though every moment is occupied with details, but at the end of the day, there are still too many unchecked boxes remaining on your "to do list?" If so, it is time to slow down and discover a place of REST.

More than ever, people are concerned about the growing demands on their time, which is taking an emotional toll on their wellbeing and quality of life. Statistics show that stress is also on the rise among children and adolescents. Entire nations and individuals are stressed out about all kinds of things including careers, finances, family problems, loss of jobs, relationships, unexpected health problems and more. Any change only adds to their anxiety.

People of all ages feel pushed to the limit as they try to cope with the pressures of life. They long for a day in the future when they will have the finances for their dream vacation to some exotic destination to enjoy the "trip of a lifetime" — an event they may have been planning for years.

In the meantime, they settle for an occasional day or two away from work, hoping for a temporary reprieve from a lifestyle that is emotionally overwhelming. Yet, nothing provides the lasting rest they seek.

Regardless of what life looks like today, the comforting words of Jesus call us out of our busy lifestyles and emotional distress to a place of rest. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30, NKJV).

The Christian life begins with, and is based upon, faith in God's promises. Every promise in the Bible belongs to the follower of Christ, but these promises are received by faith and become ours when we unlock them by faith.

When an individual surrenders his life to Christ at salvation, his faith is activated. He doesn't question



whether or not God will forgive his sins. By faith he believes God's promise that says when we call on the name of the Lord, we will be saved (Acts 2:21) and that, by grace, through faith, salvation is a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8).

When it comes to finding the place called rest, however, many rely on self effort, even though God's promise of rest is as certain as His promise of salvation (Psalm 62:1, NIV). As a result, we fail to find the rest promised to us.

Faith for salvation involves believing and entering into the assurance of a right relationship with God; the same kind of faith applies to rest. A place of rest is promised to every Christian, and we can only enter by faith. The faith by which we enter is not overcoming faith or faith in ourselves. It is not trusting in our own abilities or faith for something. It is faith in Someone. Our faith is in God and the finished work of the cross.

The message of the cross has nothing to do with satisfying the wrath of God. It is about a message of selfless love. God loved you so much that He gave His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for all mankind, and when we come to faith in Christ, we enter into all that God has for us.

There are actually two crosses in our lives: the cross of Christ and our own personal cross, which we pass through the cross of Christ as we mature in our faith in unabated surrender to God's purpose and plan, acknowledging that God is in charge of the outcome of every situation in our lives. It is through this kind of surrender that we enter this place of rest.

How do we enter this place of Rest? We enter by faith, and faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Many scriptures talk about God's promises of rest. Here are a few:

"But now the Lord my God has given me REST ON EVERY SIDE; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrence".

1 Kings 5:4

"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest".

Exodus 33:14

"For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength'".

Isaiah 30:15

"Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it".

Hebrews 4:1-2

Many Christians have not yet entered into this promise of rest. Although they may believe God's promises, they have not entered in by faith which releases the promises of God. The words written in Hebrews 4:1 denote the timelessness of this promise: "Therefore, since the promise remains of entering His rest..." is as real today as it was 2,000 years ago when the children of Israel crossed over the Jordan River.

There is no expiration date on God's promises. This promise of rest to God's children is as relevant as it has ever been. God is saying that there is a promise that still remains for every believer to enter this place called rest. In fact, Scripture states that we should be afraid if we come short or fail to enter this promise of rest. Verse 11 of that same chapter continues with: "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience."

What are you going to do with this promise of rest? Will you go on as usual and hope for the best or will you



believe and place your faith in God's promise to you, allowing Him to bring you to the promised place of Rest?

Genesis 2:2 states that God created the earth then He rested from all His work which He had done. It may be surprising for you to learn that man's first day on the earth was a day of rest.

God's promised place of rest is a dominion rest where you have fought the fight, the battles that have come your way you have been won, and the war has come to an end. Now, you are in a place of inheritance where you are living in a dominion

rest with God in the earth. This kind of rest is not short lived. It is "rest on every side," and faith can release you into that place of rest.

Faith is essential in your walk with God today, just as it was when you made the most important decision of your life to begin the journey with Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Faith as tiny as a mustard seed can move mountains, bring deliverance, and rescue a lost soul from destruction. That same kind of faith is the key to releasing God's promises in your life to bring you to a place of Rest.

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YOU SHALL BE REBUILT IN 2018

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As the Lord spoke these words, I saw His face. His tears rolled down like rivers and His heart was filled with great sorrow

I had several visitations during the month of December 2017 where the Lord Jesus spoke to me concerning various things about the year 2018. During the first visitation, which happened on the morning of December 12, 2017, I was called up before the Lord's presence.

The Lord handed me a golden cloth-like parchment scroll. When I took the scroll, I saw the scriptural text: **ISAIAH 49:17** emblazoned on it in red. I asked the Lord what this meant. The Lord said, "This is the Word of promise I am giving to My people."

The Promise

"Your sons shall make haste; Your destroyers and those who laid you waste shall go away from you."

This is the Word of Promise for you: They who destroyed you, they who wasted you, shall go away—shall be removed from you—in this New Year. When I read this Scripture in several

other translations of the Bible I found something very interesting.

1. The Living Bible: "Soon your rebuilders shall come and chase away all those destroying you."
2. Message Bible: "Your builders are faster than your wreckers. The demolition crews are gone for good."

If you put these translations together the combined meaning is: Whatever you have built last year or the previous years, evil people have destroyed. Have you seen buildings been pulled down and destroyed? The act of pulling down a building is called demolition. So God is saying to you: Those who destroyed you, those who demolished whatever you had built, every one of them, are going to be removed far from your life for good. "For good" means forever—you will never see them again in your life.



All throughout 2018, claim this promise. God is going to rebuild your life, rebuild your broken marriage, rebuild your broken career, rebuild your broken church, rebuild your broken ministry, rebuild your broken self-esteem and rebuild your broken reputation. God is going to rebuild you again in 2018. The wealth you lost will be restored back to you. The property you lost will be restored back to you. The good name—the reputation—that you lost will be restored back to you. The health that you lost will be restored back to you.

Exegesis of Isaiah 49:17

Let's examine this Word of Promise very closely. You will find five important words and phrases in this promise. Let's look at them one by one.

1. Children—Rebuilders: The children will come, that's the first word that we find in this Promise. Who are the children? They are the rebuilders.

As I was delivering this Word on January 1, 2018, I saw a vision. Many angels were stationed around you. The Bible says that God sends angels to minister to the heirs of salvation (Heb 1:14). You are an heir of salvation. So angels are stationed around your life to rebuild you.

I heard the chief among this group of angels stationed to rebuild you say, "There is only one thing they need to do – they need to totally surrender their life to the Eternal God. Don't stubbornly hold on to the past. Don't go back to the past to look for it. Ask God to rebuild you anew."

I then saw a half-finished church. A pastor was trying to build the church. The church's wall was only a few feet high. The floor had not yet been

covered with cement. There was sand everywhere. The pastor was standing in the center of the doorway of his church, wondering how he will build it. I saw angels standing all around the unfinished church building. They have been sent by God to help you rebuild it.

2. Make haste: The word, make haste in Hebrew is mahar meaning: to be liquid or flow easily, to hurry. What does this mean? If something is in the form of a powder, when you try to pour it out, it comes out slowly. The same goes for solid things, like grain or rice. When you try to pour them out they will fall grain by grain. But if you pour out liquid from a bucket, all of it will come out at once—it will happen very quickly.

This is what God will do for you in 2018. Those who destroyed and those who wasted you will hurriedly leave you. They are not going to leave your life slowly – they will make haste and go away from you.

3. Destroyers: The word destroyers in Hebrew is haras, meaning: to pull down or in pieces, break or destroy. Destroyers are those who have pulled you down, those who have broken you in pieces.

4. Made you waste. The word waste in Hebrew is charav, meaning: to parch (through drought), to desolate or kill. What does this mean? Let me explain to you this way. When it does not rain and the sun shines continuously on a dry ground, eventually, the land will become parched and break up because of drought. The land then becomes a wasted land. You cannot sow anything on it. That's how your life has been made by the wasters. The wasters have made your life and the



things in your life to be like a parched land.

5. Go forth. That phrase in Hebrew is *yatsa* meaning: to go out.

If we put all these phrases together, this is what we can understand from them: those who cause you to waste, those who plundered your money, either through cheating or through circumstances like bad health, will be removed from your midst. Secondly, those who sought to destroy you, they, too, will be removed far from your midst.

Let me give you one good example. We read in the Book of Esther concerning Haman who became very jealous of Mordecai. He always looked for ways to put Mordecai down. Then we read that this Haman, the very man who tried to destroy Mordecai's reputation, was compelled by the king to honor Mordecai (Est 6:10-11). After that, we read that Haman planned to kill Mordecai (Est 5:14). He made a very high (75 feet) gallows to hang Mordecai from. But Haman himself was hanged on the very gallows that he made for Mordecai. Mordecai never saw him again for the rest of his life.

This is what God will do for you in 2018. God will remove far away from your life all those who seek to destroy you, and those who seek to waste you. You will never see them again—Joel 2:20. After removing the destroyers and the wasters from your life, God will then send people—rebuilders—who will build you up again. The destroying and the wasting could have taken place a long time in your life. But when God has purposed to rebuild you, that work of rebuilding God will do speedily, so that you will regain

and redeem the lost years—Joel 2:25. Consider this. The Hebrews served the Egyptians as slaves for 400 years. Slaves are not paid and do not get any vacation time. When they fall sick, they cannot claim medical leave. They cannot apply for leave and take their family for vacation. Slaves have no rights.

The Hebrews were under this heavy burden for 400 years (Gen 15:13; Acts 7:6). Then God decided to set them free (Ex 2:23-25). He sent a man called Moses – a rebuilder. God sent the prophet Moses to set the people free (Ex 3:10). When the Hebrews left Egypt, they did not go out empty-handed. In compensation for the centuries that had been wasted in hard labor, they received lots of gold, silver and precious stones (Ex 12:35-36).

Not only that. After several days of walking away from Egypt, a threat came chasing after them. The Egyptian army came chasing after them to enslave them again. All of them cried unto God. God told the prophet Moses that the Egyptians who destroyed them and who wasted them shall go out from them. The Hebrews would never see them again (Ex 14:13).

As the Egyptians were crossing the Red Sea, the sea that had opened up and made a way for the Hebrews to walk across came crashing down on the entire Egyptian army (Ex 14:5-9). The wasters and the destroyers were themselves destroyed and the Hebrews saw them no more for the rest of their lives (Ex 14:26-30).

Be of good cheer my dear brothers and sisters, my dear sons and daughters; God will do a wonderful good thing for you in this New Year.



Hebrew Calendar

The year 2018 corresponds to the year 5778 in the Hebrew calendar. The number 8 corresponds to the Hebrew letter chet. Chet is written with two long pillars and a line on the top connecting them. Chet signifies a fence or enclosure. It also signifies an inner room; heart; private and separate enclosure.

How shall we understand this? Consider the passage in Mark 14:12-16.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.

Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

Mark 14:12-16

Just before the Lord Jesus was going to be crucified, He gave directions to His disciples where to look for a place to eat the Passover. The disciples found a place just as the Lord had told them. The place was well furnished and prepared.

What can we learn from this? Most Christians, expect to be caught up

when the rapture happens. And most Christians desire to have a very intimate relationship with God. But is the inner room of your heart ready and furnished, prepared for the Lord to come in? Is the inner room of your heart, the private inner chamber of your heart, made ready for the Lord to come in?

The Bible says,

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me".

Revelation 3:20

Is the inner room of your heart prepared and furnished? When the angel blows the trumpet during the time of the rapture, only they who have had made themselves ready like a bride will be caught up and not everyone who claims to be a Christian (Rev 19:7).

Many church leaders and Christians will be disappointed that day. The Lord will come and take away, or rapture, His Bride. Many church leaders and Christians will be left behind. It's not good enough just to simply argue about the timing of the rapture or the sequence of events surrounding it.

There are three different interpretations concerning the rapture. Most Christian leaders believe the rapture will take place before the Tribulation. Some believe the rapture will take place in the middle of the Tribulation. And a third group believes the rapture will take place after the Tribulation. These three groups are constantly fighting among themselves.

What is the use if your heart is not prepared and furnished for the Lord



to come, even as you argue and debate concerning the timing of the rapture? What is the use if your heart is not ready like the Bride to meet the Bridegroom? All your knowledge and vain arguments are like the white-washed tombstones!

My dearly beloved brothers, sisters and fellow ministers of God, cast away all this fighting and put your house in order. That's what the man who owned the house in Mark 14 did. He put his house in order by preparing and furnishing it, making it fit for the Lord God to come and dwell in.

Put Your House In Order

How shall we do that? Prepare your house by cleaning it: throw away un-Christlike habits and character. Secondly, furnish your house by putting on certain things:

1. Put on the armor of light – Rom 13:12
2. Put on Christlikeness by not making provision for the lust of the flesh – Rom 13:14
3. Put on the new man who is created in righteousness and true holiness – Eph 4:24
4. Put on godliness, that is, Christlike character – Col 3:12,14.

There is another interesting fact about the letter chet. It looks like a doorway with two wooden posts, one on the right and the other on the left, with a header joining the two wooden posts. Chet, the eighth letter in the Hebrew alphabet, signifies new beginnings. If we connect these meanings together, it signifies: Put away your old lifestyle and enter through the doorway of new beginnings.

The Lord Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and

find pasture" (Jn 10:9). When you put away all the old, new grace and new life, the true life, will be poured inside you. When you put away the old, a new doorway will be opened to you – a new doorway into the realms of God where you can have intimate relationship with God.

Sledgehammer

On December 29, 2017, as I was praying in the morning, the Lord Jesus Christ visited me. As He sat regally yet meekly on the sofa, I saw Him holding in His right hand a large sledgehammer. A sledgehammer is a tool with a large and heavy metal head attached to a wooden pole.

An ordinary hammer is about a foot long, but a sledgehammer is about three to four feet long. An ordinary hammer is used to drive nails into wood or walls, but a sledgehammer is used to break and tear down walls. It is also used in demolition and to forcefully drive fence posts into the ground.

Holding the sledgehammer in His hand the Lord Jesus said, "I will break in pieces the abominable and deceptive works found amongst My people. Cast away the unwanted things and flee from them. Walk in a way that is pleasing before My Father."

When I saw the sledgehammer in the Lord's hand, I remembered a vision I saw in July of 2016. Together with Pastor Joseph Sweet, I was waiting at the Los Angeles International Airport to catch a flight to Houston. As I waited near the gate, I saw a mighty angel standing on my right side who had a large sledgehammer in his hand. He said he was going to use this hammer to strike the ground in California to



cause a massive earthquake.

However, this time, the sledgehammer was not in the hand of an angel but in the hand of the Lord Jesus, who is the Head of the church (Eph 1:22; 5:23; Col 1:18). It is He Who now says, "I will break in pieces the abominable and deceptive works found amongst My people." He is going to smash and break two kinds of works: abominations and deceptions.

I pondered deeply about the sledgehammer. A sledgehammer is used to knock down things that are concrete or rock solid. So, for the Lord to bring a sledgehammer and say that He will break in pieces the works of abomination and deception, must mean that these works and practises have become deeply ingrained and concrete-hard in His church and amongst His people.

Before the Lord Jesus Christ begins to break, He is admonishing us to cast away these works of abomination and deception voluntarily. Start walking before God with a perfect heart that is pleasing to the Father God. If we will not do it of our own free will, He will use a sledgehammer to break us to pieces.

My dearly beloved brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, let us humble ourselves and cast ourselves at the feet of the living God. Better for us to fall on the rock and be broken than for the rock to fall on us and crush us to powder.

Two Witnesses

While I was praying on the morning of December 12, 2017, I was caught up to heaven. Many people find it difficult to believe in such experiences. Many people, sometimes even deceived by

misinformed ministers of God, make fun of such experiences. Many ill-informed ministers mock and ridicule them.

There is a proverb in the Indian language that goes like this: when the cat closes its eyes, it thinks that the whole world is darkened. Just because you may not have had such experiences, does not mean such experiences don't exist. There are many scriptural proofs in the Bible of the validity of such experiences that have been experienced by many saints. Please read the following scriptural references: Genesis 32:24-30; Exodus 24:9-11; Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1:1; 2 Corinthians 12:2-4; Revelation 4:1. So such experiences are absolutely possible. God gives these experiences to some of His servants for the purpose of communicating a message to us. So, by the merciful grace of God, I stood before the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ. I saw the saints Moses and Elijah also standing towards the left-side of the throne. The Lord motioned for the saint Moses to speak to me. He then said, "The ministry of the Two Witnesses will begin very soon." He further said, "Malachi 4:4-6 will begin to be fulfilled from the year 2018." What does Malachi 4:4-6 say?

4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."



Verses 4 and 5 mentioning the names of the two prophets, Moses and Elijah, confirm the experience I had in heaven. Then the saint Moses said, "Pay close attention to verse 4." What does it say? "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb." The prophet Moses fasted on Mount Horeb (Sinai) for 40 days twice, and both times received an abundance of information and revelation from God concerning commandments and laws (Deu 9:9-18).

Please don't be mistaken and quote me out of context saying that I am advocating the observance of the Old Testament laws and commandments. Please take note of one thing: the Book of Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament and it is written for these last days – the days in which we are living now. How can I say that with such certainty? The answer lies in verse 5. It says that the prophet Elijah will be sent back to this world in the end times when it will be very dreadful. The dreadful days mentioned in verse 5 are these present last days.

Alright then... let's look at verse 4 closely. It starts by saying "remember." Remember what? The commandments, statutes and judgments of God. These must be restored back to the Church. "Now he is advocating the observance of Old Testament laws," you may mistakenly think at this point. The commandments that the Lord God gave to the prophet Moses on Mount Sinai were advocated by the Lord Jesus in their spiritualized form.

The Lord Jesus summarized all the laws, statutes and judgments of the Old Testament into just two

commandments:

"you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." this is the first and great commandment. and the second is like it: 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself'"

Matthew 22:37-3

Now please pay attention to the next verse, verse 40: On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Wow! The Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are summarized in just two sentences by the Lord Jesus. And if you look at these two sentences very carefully, you will see that the Holy Spirit further summarised and revealed to the apostle Paul the greatest commandment to the Church:

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

Love, the new commandment the Lord Jesus Himself gave (Jn 13:34), is the fulfilment of all laws, commandments and statutes that God gave. Love is the crown on the Bride's head. The Bride should be adorned with its beauty. Ephesians 5:2 also admonishes us to walk in love.



We are getting closer to the rapture of the Bride-Church and the coming of the Lord Jesus. If you really want to be part of the Bride who is going to be raptured, then you must walk in love. If there is no love in your heart, if you cannot walk in forgiveness towards one another, if you cannot stop your lips from criticizing, backbiting, gossiping and murmuring, then you will never be raptured. Not only that, you will not even enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Dearly beloved, walk in love. Put away all criticizing, backbiting, and gossiping about one another. Put away all manner of writing fake news on social media. Repent and put a full stop to all that today!

The saint Paul then appeared, standing beside the saint Elijah in heaven. He said, "Principles of church government should be restored back in the church." When he said this, I perceived in my spirit he was referring to the epistles he wrote for the Church. Today, churches are being run according to the ideas of the founders of each church. God is now going to rule His people by the very principles on which the Church was originally founded. Those principles are the very ones that are found in the epistles of the apostle Paul, also known as the Pauline Epistles. These are the principles of discipline, order, sacrifice, caring for one another, and helping one another. The early church was founded on these principles.

These principles enshrine the characteristics and beauty of the Lord Jesus. They must be restored back to the Church in these last days.

Den Of Thieves

The Lord Jesus then said quite sternly,

"The church has become a den of thieves." These are the very words He used reprimanding the temple leaders when He entered it during His earthly ministry. He said in Matthew.

"It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves'".

Matthew 21:13

The Lord God is saying to us that the church has become a den of thieves. Robbery and thievery are found among the people of God. They not only steal God's money but also steal the time that belongs to Him. They are also worshipping other gods. What other gods? They worship their own stomachs as gods (Phil 3:19). The other gods are money, self-centred dreams and ambitions. Dreams are the making of your own plans, aspirations and ambitions. They have become fat with their own dreams and ambitions. God has no place in their lives; each seeks his own pursuits and his own desires.

"The Kingdom of God is not eating or drinking," the Lord Jesus said, "It is the seeking of the righteousness of God and seeking to establish the peace of God".

Romans 14:17

Do not seek God's kingdom nor do the ministry for your own benefit or growth but only to seek after righteousness and peace.

Why do we eat or drink? Isn't it in order to live and grow? So when the Scripture said, "The Kingdom of God is not eating or drinking," it means that you don't grow the church with the idea of just benefiting one's own person. Don't just grow your church according to what you like or



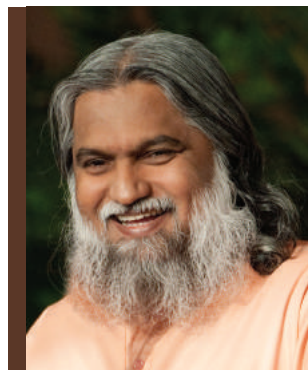
according to your own understanding. Don't try to please everybody. Seek the righteousness of God. When you seek to do the works of God, it will allow the peace of God to rule in society.

The Lord Jesus further said, "My servants (Church leaders, shepherds) should be alert and watching the seasons and the times in which they are living." Don't just be satisfied with a large church. Don't become dull of understanding. Be alert and watch closely the seasons and the times in which you are living. Then the Lord said this very strictly to the church leaders, "Wolves have already come in" (Matt 7:15; 10:16; Acts 20:29).

Who are the wolves? The Scriptures warn us about three types of wolves: false believers, false teachers and false prophets. The Lord Jesus did not say, "wolves will come"; rather, He said, "wolves are already in your midst." Therefore, the Lord counsels you to discern carefully and protect your sheep.

In closing, I lay before you this strong reminder:

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God".
2 Corinthians 7:1



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Lord Of All, or not Lord at all

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All of creation needs a ruling force.
The body is useless without a head to direct its movements.

“The word which he sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all.)”

Acts 10:36

I'm going to make a rather bold statement to begin with in light of this new season we are entering into and it is this; you will only access and walk in this new season demonstrating the powers of the age to come to the extent you recognize and yield to the Lordship of Jesus. You must understand His authority over you and your need to be yielded and led by His spirit completely.

There is no longer going to be room for the individual ego to dominate and color the true message of the Kingdom of Heaven in this hour. Many in the church want to be placed in positions of leadership and visibility; they want to govern. Only a few truly want to be governed! Until we recognize the authority of the Lord in our lives we

will not effectively administrate that authority in any spectrum of life.

As we study history we realize that any nation, to be effective, must have a central authority. Without that central authority society cannot exist and its overthrow becomes inevitable leading to anarchy and chaos among the people.

All of creation needs a ruling force. The body is useless without a head to direct its movements. An army is powerless when there is no supreme commander to issue orders. The finest vessel ever launched is certain to be lost upon the rocks unless there is a captain on the bridge.

If these things are true in the natural realm, how much more important is the question of authority when we speak of our relationship to the Lord?

A true Christian is a man or woman under the authority of the Lord Jesus



Christ. His 'crown rights', as Lord of all, are not dependent on our recognition of them. They were the Father's design and gift to His Son, to fulfill His mediatorial work: *"Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Phil 2:9-11

1. Lordship Means Surrender to His Sovereignty

The most perfect expression of the Lordship of Jesus is found in the letter to the Romans.

"For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

Romans 14:7-9

No words could express more plainly than these that the purpose of Christ's death and resurrection was to win undisputed Lordship over man. "To this end" or "For this purpose" He died on the cross.

We know He rose from the dead and lives a life on which the 'tooth of time' has no power in order to execute that Lordship. Therefore to dispute His Lordship, to deny His sovereignty, is to rob Him of His rightful place in our lives. And if we deny Him that rightful place we are diminished in our potential and calling.

Many are perfectly ready to take

life from Jesus but hesitate to yield their life to Him. There can be no real loyalty unless we make Him the Lord of our conduct as well as the Savior of our soul.

One of the most honored individuals in American history is Wendell Phillips. He was one of the most gifted of men, an orator and statesman. He did possibly more than any other man to strike off the shackles from four million slaves. He is known to this day as 'the Boston Orator' and "the man who could not be bought."

Shortly before he died he was asked by a friend whether there was any crisis in his life which explained his unfaltering devotion to his Master. This is what he said:

"When I was fourteen I heard Lyman Beecher preach on the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I went to my room, locked the door, and then threw myself on the floor of the room. This is what I said: 'O God, I belong to You; take what is Your own; I gladly recognize Your ownership in me; I now take You as my Lord and Master.' From that time to this I have never known a thing to be wrong without having an aversion to it; and I have never seen anything to be right without having an attraction to it."

How was it that Wendell Phillips was able to make that remarkable statement about aversion and attraction? Having made Jesus Lord, everything was changed. Jesus, his Master, stood by him in every conflict; He gave him strength for every task; He defined for him all his duties and revealed his calling and destiny; He rejoined in all his victories.

Christ had become his Friend! He was a fully surrendered man and found himself under the government of a



higher will than his own for he now had a Ruler as well as a Savior.

2. Lordship Means Surrender to His Ownership

There is a place in your heart called a throne. Someone always occupies that place. The three rival claimants are Christ, Self and the Devil.

Which of these is on the throne even now as you read this? Heaven will yield to no rival. Jesus will accept no divided allegiance. Spirit soul and body alike belong to Him!

There is the spirit - the citadel; there is the city - the soul; there are the walls - the body, with its five gates of access (senses). Jesus asks for the ownership of the entire being for the whole is His by redemptive right, and until all is yielded to Him there will be discord and disharmony leading to defeat.

Only One can bring peace to this little world. His name is Jesus. When we can say, "The government is on His shoulders," then every part of the little kingdom acknowledges His Kingship and rejoices in His Sovereignty. It is for this man was created; it was for this Jesus died and rose again.

In 2018 there is coming a tremendous acceleration of the release of Kingdom revelation and transition. The geopolitical situations in the world will continue to come to a full boil and war will be on everyone's mind.

Many of the promises given to God's people will begin to see a full release as understanding and maturity becomes more pronounced in the remnant. Persecution will also increase with many more martyrs being ushered into Glory. Victory will be realized for many in the Family of God in many areas and the great awakening we have long heard about will begin to manifest as the Lord ushers in this new season in unprecedented ways.

The unveiling of evil in the world will correspond to the unveiling of evil within the church. At the same time, the unveiling of the true sons and daughters of God will accelerate with accompanying signs and wonders.

We must position our hearts and decide now to be fully yielded to His Lordship and His purposes for our lives. 1 Cor. 13:11-12 will be revealed through the remnant as they model this reality:

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known."

1 Corinthians 13:11-12

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belt of truth

North Korea

This Word Given In Shepherd's Rod Volume X Titled The Belt Of Truth in 2004 is so important to hear and heed today.

Ticking Time Bomb North Korea

I was shown that North Korea was a real threat and a ticking time bomb. However, the Church can and must defuse this bomb with intercessory prayer.

It is time to rise-up and drive back the spirit of death and destruction. *True intercessor prayer can and must stop*

this ticking clock.

Note: This warning was released on page 138 volume X in 2004

Well here we are July 31, 2017 the headlines of news states the warnings concerning North Korea and their wicked plans. Beloved, let's rise up and release our weapons of prayer which are much more powerful than any weapons of war that could be launched from a mad man in North Korea.

Bobby Conner





THE POPE'S WORLD GOVERNMENT

Pope Francis told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica that the United States of America has “a distorted vision of the world” and Americans must be ruled by a world government, as soon as possible, “for their own good.”

The Pope made the observation in an interview with La Repubblica reporter Eugenio Scalfari. “Last Thursday, I got a call from Pope Francis,” Scalfari reported. “It was about noon, and I was at the newspaper when my phone rang.”

He said Pope Francis had been watching Putin and Trump at the G20 and had become agitated. The Pope demanded to see him at four that afternoon, according to a Google translation of the Italian report.

“Pope Francis told me to be very concerned about the meeting of the G20,” Scalfari wrote. As translated into English which picked up the story, the Pope said “I am afraid there are very dangerous alliances between powers who have a distorted view of the world: America and Russia, China and North Korea, Russia and Assad in

the war in Syria.”

“The danger concerns immigration,” the Pope continued to La Repubblica. “Our main and unfortunately growing problem in the world today is that of the poor, the weak, the excluded, which includes migrants.” “This is why the G20 worries me: It mainly hits immigrants,” Pope Francis said, according to AFP. Pope Francis’s idea that Americans would be better off under a world government doesn’t stop there. The radical leftist pontiff also went on record stating that Europe should become one country under one government. In the same interview, according to La Repubblica, Pope Francis said that Europe must take on a “federal structure,” resembling feudal times when the peasants were ruled by unimpeachable monarchs.

“I also thought many times to this problem and came to the conclusion that, not only but also for this reason, Europe must take as soon as possible a federal structure,” the Pope said, according to the Google translation of the La Repubblica article.

