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Opening Prayer

I Lord I pray, you use this work to stir up revival and show the people that you are the Unchanging God. Your word declares it, that what you were yesterday, you are today, and will be tomorrow! *Hebrews 13:8*

Father, I sincerely come before your throne and pray a special prayer asking that you will assign an Angel with each of my books that for many years have been distributed and mailed without charge throughout the inner cities of America and many countries throughout the world.

Dear Lord you know my heart that I did not under your inspiration and guidance write these books for personal gain but through a burning desire believing your Holy Spirit will use this work to enlighten those that are seeking a closer walk and a deeper understanding of the truths embedded in your word. Dear God, help us to always remember that we as your children are a part of your body on Earth and your word states that when one member suffers we all suffer. Dear Lord, we need your direction and guidance. Help us Lord keep in view your tender mercy, love, grace and supreme sacrifice in becoming our sin substitute. Lord, help us to demonstrate to all who see us that we are indeed the body of Christ and in this trying time of unrest and confusion, may we always bear in mind that you are a very present help in the time of trouble A-men

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Sister Sadie still continues to call and check up on me.

Let me tell you that Heaven got a little more real when I received the news that Mrs. Meadows had gone on to be with the Lord.

Preface

I begin this work with a zeal to bring some valuable truths concerning the call of God upon your life. The very fact that you took the time to purchase this book speaks of the thirst and hunger you have for God and His word. This purpose for writing this book is to share some truth and insight to the body of Christ concerning the lax condition of some churches today. All one need do is show up early before a church meeting and observe the attitude of the ones gathered. There is no regard for the lost, no burden for souls and some are gathered in their corners of gossip.

Some churches today tend to resemble a social gathering with no regard for the lost but an out of control society catching up on the latest trends and this is the breeding ground for the start of apostasy in the church today. It is like gathering in a movie theater and everyone is waiting for the show to begin. According to scripture being fulfilled before our very eyes, we are definitely living in the Laodicean church age as spoken of in the book of Revelation Chapter 3:14.

Beloved, we need to come back to our first love and remember what it was like when we first believed. We need to awaken from our sleep and come back to God. We need God to visit us with his Holiness and power. We need revival which is God's proven method of awakening his church. This book is a call to repentance and right living. We need a spiritual house cleaning to get rid of the unconfessed sin and ungodliness in Christian leaders. It is time to come out of our comfort zone and seek the Lord with all our heart.

When I was in a tent revival this past year in Maine, the Lord revealed to me the secret to revival. We must remember that God only dwells in an environment of love. I will share later on this amazing secret and how it is within reach if we desire it with all our heart. Remember, Song of Solomon Chapter 2:15, gives a clear warning that it is the little foxes (the little-unconfessed sins) that spoil the vine. I ask you the reader to read this book with an open heart and allow the Lord to minister to your needs. He said, "Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled". A-men

Chapter 1

The Recipe for Revival

I begin this work as an attempt to be a voice crying out in a world that seems to be in a hurry to worry and going nowhere. I once wrote a song titled, "It won't Always Be That Way". It speaks of the wrongs in a world that has forgotten God. It speaks of the sadness of children crying and loved ones aging with their hair turning grey. The daily news speaks of people taking their life and the life of innocent others. We hear of mothers leaving their unborn children in dumpsters. There are street people living in cardboard boxes to get some shelter from the hot sun. We have old people in nursing homes that have been abandoned because they are no longer useful or able to care for themselves. Yes, and we have innocent children in hospitals born with Aids and serious diseases from mothers wanting to have a good time. This gives me the wrong picture when we live in the land of plenty. There should be enough blessing among us to take care of our own. Today, we have crooked men and women in leadership that are greedy and do not care about the populace at large. They are more concerned with their lavish lifestyle than the culture around their church and their wellbeing.

I am sorry but I don't see anything here to laugh about as some do in services today. What about the culture around the large mega churches? God did not tell us to build our own kingdom and wield power but he said to let our light so shine before our fellow men that they would see our good works and give glory to God (Matthew 5:16). The chorus of my song echoes that when Jesus comes again it'll all be over, there'll be no more reason to cry, yes when Jesus comes again it'll all be over, so be ready, and keep your eyes on that eastern sky.

I believe that the living God is getting an army together that has been through the storms of life and have been conditioned to meet the enemy on every front. You will be surprised to find that many of these powerful soldiers of the cross are not very well known by the religious hierarchy of our day. These men and women have had to fight for every inch of ground gained because of their past mistakes. These men and women have been through God's school of grace and have their degree. They have not had anything given to them but they have qualified for it through their training in the field. Yes, our undesirables who make up the forgotten church of the

hedge will be the worship leaders and the leaders of clergy in this last push by the Spirit of God to rescue as many as possible from Satan's rebellion. Wake up church, there is a lost and hungry world out there looking for answers and we have them. Some of us have been through the tests of life and gained strength from our battles.

Beloved, there are times when the church forgets why it exists. Even Christians seem to forget why they were saved and the eternal plan God has for their life. They tend to think that church is all about them. They think that their relationship with Jesus is totally focused on their agenda and needs. I want you to know it is not about us but about Him and there is a lost and hungry world out there that is looking for answers and we have them. We have been through the tests of life and gained strength from our battles. Strength is what is on the inside of us not what is on the outside. We can use a good illustration by going to our bathroom and looking at a tube of toothpaste. When you squeeze it, what is on the inside will come out unless it is near empty then you may have to roll it. If we as Christians turn everything over to God, He promises to be our strength. We do not have to be strong in the physical to be strong in the spiritual. When we have Jesus on the inside, we have all the strength we need in any given situation.

Dear God, my prayer is, bring us back to humility and cause us to not glory in any of our achievements as one that is proud but help us keep our eyes on you the Author and finisher of our faith. Lord, help us to be like Daniel and pray a prayer that will shake a whole empire to its knees. Lord, help us not to glory in anything save the cross of Jesus Christ.

The day is approaching when the Army of God is soon to march into the face of the enemy and take back what the enemy crept in and stole from God's people. A-Men. We each have a lot to fill in God's eternal plan and purpose. Nobody else can do what we were chosen to do so there is no place for jealousy to be in our ranks. God needs all kinds of people to reach all the different cultures and ethnic groups in our world. We need to start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. We must have the right attitude toward God and our fellow men. We are bound by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and not doctrines or denominations.

We are blood-bought brothers and sisters in Christ and we need to realize that we are in a fight.

The enemy loves for us to fight amongst ourselves. The only time you will notice the enemy come and unite together is when they are coming against the work of God.

Beloved, why cannot we, the church, unite for the cause of Christ? If we are in a fight, and we are not fighting each other then we must realize that we need to fight together as one colossal body. When we do this, we will experience a spiritual strength and become a powerful force as we flow together in unity. There are powerful strengths and forces in unity. We are here to be a light to bring hope, meaning, and purpose in a life that is searching for the truth and to be released from the enemy's hold on their life. Let us labor together for the common cause of souls. As we flow together in unity, we will see the power and love of God begin to spread all around us.

The enemy knows that when we are united we become a powerful force and this and that is why he tries to bring division. I have always said that if a brother or sister draws a circle and leaves you out, swallow your pride and draw a bigger circle bringing them in.

God wants us to prosper and flow in the body as children of faith and power. God desires for us to live circumspectly in this cruel world making the most out of every opportunity. When we miss an opportunity, it cannot be reclaimed. We complain about giving a little time to God's work and evangelism when every moment should be recognized as a precious gift from God.

Beloved, God wants us to manage our time and invest it in something worthwhile. Did you know that there is strength in working together? In Ephesians the 5th chapter, Paul speaks of redeeming our time and managing it wisely. Too many have the mistaken idea that the building is the church. God's Son Jesus is not coming back for buildings but a bride that hath made herself ready.

We are not here to fill up space, nor are we here to build our own kingdom. The church that will bring down the gates of hell was borne in unity and it is time for that church to stand up and take action. We each are chosen to fill the right place in the body. God wants us to flow in the body that His call may be fulfilled in our life. We have come to a climax (contest) of the church age. In order to have a firm base and foundation for the work of the Holy Spirit, we must have unity and love. These are the two

foundation stones that must be in place for the gifts of the Spirit to operate. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will not function without unity and love in the body of Christ. Again let me emphasize that we need to start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. I will address this in greater detail in the chapter on unity. Saints, God came to set us free from the fear and bondage of the devil that we may live in the liberty and freedom purchased for us through the cross of Jesus Christ. We need to realize that Jesus has already defeated Satan. That means Jesus has all the authority over Satan and his kingdom.

1. We as God's people share the same authority that was delegated by the Father to Jesus.

2. We the church are the body of Christ and we follow the head.

3. The body cannot go in one direction, and the head in another direction.

Beloved, revival started at Pentecost when the **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY** (120) were filled in the upper room as the Holy Ghost fell upon them like a mighty rushing wind. Later we find them speaking to people from all nations and they were able to hear and understand in their own language.

Beloved, Revival has never ceased but we live in a fast paced world and want everything handed to us! Somebody say A-Men right there! Beloved, there is a price to pay in order to witness true revival and this book will teach you what it takes to experience a move of God that will shake the kingdom of darkness to its core as the true fresh fire of God falls in our midst consuming everything that is not like him. It will unmask the pretense and set things in order and most of all it will crown Jesus as the Supreme King, Lord and Savior.

Acts 2: 6

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.”

Matthew 16:18

"And I say also unto thee, and upon this rock, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Beloved, according to Matthew's gospel, the church should be breaking down the gates of hell and Invading the territory of the devil.

Wake up church and let us be on the offensive and not the defensive and we like Paul can say "I fought a good fight and finished my course." Paul stated in It is then and only then that we can hear the Lord say "Well done my good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things; enter in to the joy of the Lord and I will make you ruler over many."

Paul speaks in 2 Timothy about enduring hardness as a good soldier which actually gives us insight that he is not talking about a soldier on a battlefield but is speaking of one that is in training or what we call boot camp which is a system of rigorous training that is designed to break the spirit of the person and teach them to not react to a situation but respond without thinking which could save their life and the lives of others in a real battle. This actually means they are not a soldier but are training to become a soldier. We as men and women of God especially those of us with a divine call upon our life are in boot camp learning the schemes and devices of the enemy and sometimes we are placed in situations that appear to be hopeless but this is when we learn to trust in him who called us to be a soldier.

The more experience we have with him in these hopeless situations and discover that he is in complete control produces within us great faith to act upon circumstances and things further down the road of life.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

³Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

⁴No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Beloved, God desires for us to be an example of what he can do. Through this rigorous training, we learn to rely upon him and not ourselves. We learn that spiritual law can override natural law and change the outcome of a hopeless situation. When we feel incapable and weak, we have discovered through these hard trials that he is capable and he is strong. Because of our training we find that when we do not have the answer or know what to do there is an inside voice telling us that he does. Beloved while we are in these severe trials and everyone we thought was for us walks away like we are nothing, what can we do? We feel hurt, betrayed, used and lied to. Beloved Grace is not always easy and can sometimes look like God is our enemy. God, I thought you were my friend and I thought

you loved me but now look at all of this that is happening to me and where are you? In this situation we have no one to turn to but Jesus and his word which has brought us through similar situations before but still the enemy is on the job trying to get us thinking that God is holding back on us like he did Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Why Lord did they do this to me?

I thought they were my friend

I thought I could trust them

Beloved if you go through life and expect people to be like you then let me tell you by experience that you will be very disappointed. Saints what we will discover in this place of hurt confusion and shame is there is something birthed on the inside of us and it is growing. It is not visible but we can feel it and because it is invisible the Lord that birthed it in our shut in time with him will protect it until it is time for it to come forth.

Beloved, victory does not come easy and for us to experience true revival, we must have a spirit of endurance and realize that he is ever with us through it all. The book of Hebrews lists the men and women of faith that made it into God's hall of fame.

I believe these witnesses that died in the faith not yet having received the promises need to be looked at for what they had. These men and women of faith declared that they were pilgrims and strangers passing through a strange land looking for a city whose ruler is God. These precious people of God had a spirit of endurance which brought them through all of their trials and does not the word of God state that they were made examples for us! They allowed God to leave his signature through them to future generations even us today!

Authors Note: Beloved after we have braved the storms of life and realized we can have joy through it all then we will find that we are no longer praying for a move of God but have come to the conclusion that revival never ceased at Pentecost and all we have to do is pay the price and walk in it.

- 1. We are no longer praying for a move of God**
- 2. We are a move of God.**

Beloved, the early church came to their gathering in one mind and one accord devoting themselves to prayer. They expected the Lord to be with them and came expecting to hear from others of what God had done in their lives.

Yes dear reader there was a time when people came to church to meet with God. I close this chapter with these inspiring words. We must be ready to move even when difficulties and unexpected things arise!

The call of God on our lives demand action and God honors those who are prepared. We cannot afford to take a day off. We beloved need to recognize our gifts and use them with a made up mind to serve God and his purpose.

We never know when God is going to move and we must be fully surrendered and submitted so that when he does move we won't miss it and those not prepared will be left on the outside looking in.

Beloved, the thought just came to me concerning our walk with God. The thought is how are we going to keep the promises we made while enjoying the mountain top experience when we are struggling to go through the trials and unexpected events that appear out of nowhere in the valley? Even right now the whole world is coming to a screeching halt because of the Corona Virus that is killing millions of people throughout the world. I am planned for five revivals this year in the Philippines and what would you do if you were me and have all these people telling you

that there is no way for it to happen but deep down you know in your spirit that he has been faithful to not allow anything to take you by surprise and through all the testing's and setbacks encountered in your Christian walk, yes beloved he has been a faithful friend and always his will and purpose will be accomplished even through this hellish virus which must bow to his name. Jesus has been made both Lord and Christ and at the end of this world as we know it, beloved it will only take **one of God's Holy Angels** to **bind** our arch enemy Satan and put him in a bottomless pit for one thousand years. Through these many trials and tribulations we have learned to hear and obey his voice and in this seemingly dark hour that has come upon us, we must be ready to hear his instructions and move upon them with an expectation of victory. This is a time to act for people are confused and need some hope. They are now shaken in their minds and are realizing life can come to an unexpected end. Their future now looks bleak and they are ready for the greatest news on planet Earth; that there is a God loves them with an unconditional love and he knew them before the foundation of this world. They need to know that he had a reason for them to make the fertile egg and become a person. Yes, he has a purpose for their being here and we have the answers.

Chapter 2

Prayer That Moves Heaven

This chapter is designed to help us realize that we have a wonderful loving Heavenly Father who desires to have a personal relationship with us. This powerful being states in His word that He will withhold no good thing from His children and even now has just spoken in my spirit that it is His good pleasure to give us His kingdom. Somewhere behind this universe, there is an awesome all knowing, all powerful God who is seated on His throne where He watches over His creation. His word clearly states that He has had a plan for mankind before He made the first man, Adam, from the dust of the earth.

The Lord God spoke everything into existence but knelt down and carefully molded the first man from the clay of the earth. Since the beginning of time, this wonderful creator has shown that He desires to have a personal relationship and fellowship with His people which were created in His image and likeness. Our relationship and trust are not in some unknown Spiritual Force, Saint, or Angel but in a real live being who loved us enough to step into history and give His life for His greatest creation

which was under a curse from the fall of Adam. This curse took place in the Garden of Eden when Adam and his wife, Eve, disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge and evil. They were told the penalty for breaking this law would be death. In breaking this commandant, they gave in to Satan's lie and deception that God would not kill them but their eyes would be opened and they would be like God causing Eve to entertain the thought that God was holding back on them. Because Adam was given dominion over the earth, their actions caused all of creation to be placed under a curse. Adam willfully disobeyed God and forfeited that delegated dominion to Satan. Their willful act of breaking God's law allowed sin to enter the human race bringing with it the penalty of death. In the fullness of time, God became a man and stepped into history to pay this sin debt and die for us. The debt called for a man, perfect like Adam with pure blood, must die to redeem man from this curse but God who is perfect in all His ways could not make another man from an earth that is under a curse. He bore our earthly nature and gave His earthly life so that one day we may bear His Heavenly nature. The way for man to get back to God was restored through His death, burial, and resurrection. This fellowship is now available to all who

receive this wonderful news and Prayer is the gracious gift that allows us to walk into His presence and fellowship with Him as our Father.

1. **The Source of Prayer**

“Who may ascend the hill of God and stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart; one who has searched their heart and received cleansing.” Psalm 24: 3-5

We must approach God with worship and adoration for who He is and what He has done. He is sovereign and does not depend on what is created to sustain Him but all creation is dependent upon Him. God is Holy in character, deed and is not bound by space and time. This is what distinguishes and separates Him from all other created things. God has granted us the gift of prayer to enter into His divine presence and discover that not only is He seated on His throne in Heaven with His Angelic host but His Spirit is also here on earth with us. This revelation awakens something like a deep voice within saying this world is not our true home. Prayer causes us to realize that there are more around us than we are able to actually see and because of circumstances involved, it may take some time before we see physical results. We need to receive

revelation that God sees all and is looking at people around us and what affects our answered prayers will have on them. Prayer is the means to satisfy our desire to know Him who delivered us from sin giving us a deeper desire to be in His presence and commune with him.

2. The Model Prayer

In Matthew 6:9-13 we find the Lord instructing His disciples concerning the proper way to pray and approach God? Some call this passage of scripture The Lord's prayer. Here we find the preacher of all preachers standing overlooking the Sea of Galilee instructing His disciples concerning the right way to pray and approach God. He instructed His disciples to take their prayer life serious and not exploit themselves like the heathens who love to pray in public and be known for their educated words but enter into their closet and pray in secret. He encouraged them that their Father who sees in secret would reward them openly.

The Lord began His prayer by addressing God as our Father. It was not uncommon for Kings in the Middle East to be addressed or called the Father of their people. History reveals that many times George Washington was called the Father of America. When we address God as our Father, we are identifying ourselves as being the children of

the King and in so doing we are confessing that He is our sovereign, Lord. This is a Kingdom prayer. In this prayer, we are not only praying for a time He has set in the future when His Son will sit on His throne here on earth and reign in righteousness but we are making a statement that we acknowledge His right to rule over all people including us. God has a Kingdom and that Kingdom is now at work in our lives. It is an established Kingdom where Satan has been defeated and Jesus has been seated above all where He rules as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Jesus delegated this authority given unto Him by the Father to His church which is His body. We as His children need to realize the authority delegated unto us and direct our prayers asking God to mold us to become one unified body doing His will even as it is already being done in Heaven. When we pray the words Hallowed be thy name, we enter a new level of respect for God and reverence for His person. Beloved, we are willfully giving into to His will and call upon our lives by placing Him on the throne of our heart even as He sits on His throne in heaven. We as his children are expressing unto Him that we have a burning desire for our lives to reveal His love and His character to a lost and hurting world. We do this in our everyday lives, both in private and in public, which is played out by our actions.

Beloved, when we pray this kind of prayer, we come to the place where we are not asking Him to change His will or even bless our will but we are asking Him to bring us to discover His will for our life and cause us to walk in the fullness of it. Once we discover His will and purpose for our life, we need to show forth an effort to do it with all our might. This will show Him that we are maturing in our new walk and that we are in total submission to Him as stated in Romans 12 verse 2 which calls for us to submit to the good and acceptable will of God which is our reasonable service.

3. The Serenity of Prayer

God expresses in Psalms 68 of His Holy word that He is a Father to the Fatherless. Some, like myself, bear the memory of a rough childhood with an abusive father who showed very little love toward His family. Dear reader, I never got to hear the words "Son, I am proud of You" My Father was always telling me "I would never amount to nothing" and acted as if he were in competition with me". Unlike an earthly Father, our Heavenly Father desires to develop a loving relationship with us and, clearly, shows in His word the true characteristics of what a real Father should be.

Beloved, God's word declares that He possesses a Father's Heart, a Father's Love, a Father's Strength and a Father's Concern for His people. He desires for us to maintain a family relationship with Him and even though He already knows our needs, He wants us to come to Him trusting and believing that He is able to meet them. Because we are members of His family He wants us to ask Him for what He already longs to give us.

Our prayer life prepares and enables us to enter into His presence that we may receive instruction and blessings. Sometimes we just need to come to Him and unburden ourselves and know that He will always make time for us.

Galatians 4:6 "And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying Abba Father"!

4. Asking Prayer

How we approach God and what we are willing to ask Him for will reflect how we view Him! Do we view Him as one that works on a merit system that requires us to satisfy some demand to gain His favor like other religions or do we approach Him as a loving Father who loves His children? We tend sometimes to make our requests in accordance to what we understand about His character.

How does a child who has an abusive father approach their father? What will they ask for and how will they approach them? Will they be fearful that He may burst into an emotional uproar? Are we as God's children approaching Him with fear with the thought that He is waiting for us to fail or can we approach Him as the model Father full of compassion and love who is determined to bring us to a good end?

James 4:2 states that we have not because we ask not and we are expected to ask Him for the things He has promised. If God gave you a blank check how would you fill it out? Would you use it to better yourself or would you use it to help others and advance the Kingdom of God? One thing we must recognize is that timing is everything in the Kingdom of God. We must not be praying a one-sided prayer but we must stay in His presence and allow Him time to place His burden in our heart. Again, we must realize that He is all knowing and looking at everything and everyone around us that will be affected by our prayers. We need daily strength to continue this journey. What we had yesterday is not sufficient to face what we may encounter today. When we come before Him and express our needs, we need to recognize that He instructed us to ask because He is concerned. We stand with confidence knowing that

our God is able to answer our prayer and meet our needs. The Lord linked the word “and” in the phrase between asking for daily bread and asking for daily forgiveness. Because we do not know what dangers we may encounter, we need God's protection to cover and protect us therefore we are told to pray "Deliver us from evil"? We, as His children, need to discover in His word that all temptations must have His approval before they can be sent against us. Let us come boldly unto God and make our request with confidence and humility remembering His word in Hebrews 11:6 that states "without faith, it is impossible to please him". Thank God He has extended His grace unto us that we can come boldly unto Him with praise and thanksgiving in our heart for we are His children.

5. Seeking His Will

God desires for us to have a personal intimate relationship with Him and we do this by having a conditioned prayer life. When we seek the Lord in prayer, we are entering a higher level of intimacy such as seeking His presence and glory. We might be asking and seeking for direction or simply asking for His will be done in our life instead of us asking Him to bless our will and plans. It is getting beyond our will and seeking His divine guidance

in a situation and allowing Him complete control in our life. Jeremiah 29 verse 13 states that if we seek Him with our whole heart, we shall find him. Hebrews 11 verse 6 states that God will reward those that diligently seek him.

We read earlier in the Lord's prayer that the disciples were learning the proper way to pray and were told not to pray out loud in public but to enter their closet and shut the door. Beloved, God cannot place things in our hand until He first prepares our heart to receive and know that He can trust us with the answer. Dear reader, Instead of Him becoming a part of our lives, God desires for us to become a part of Him and the plan He has. We need to seek Him for wise council and be an influence to the world around us and not allow the world to influence us. Even the Lord himself told us to seek first the Kingdom of heaven and all other things will be added unto us, however, our blessings and needs should never take precedence to seeking the King. This walk of faith needs a strong prayer life and prayer sometimes needs fasting for its perfect development.

6. Results of Prayer

Duncan Campbell [evangelist in the revival in the Hebrides in 1949, related an account of the days leading up to the revival: "It was the week-night prayer meeting.

There had been bitter opposition to the Gospel in the village, and although many attended the meetings from other areas, very few locals attended. A church leader suggested they should go to prayer, and thirty or so moved into the home of a friendly farmer. Prayer was hard, and about midnight Duncan Campbell turned to the local blacksmith who had been silent so far and said, 'I feel the time has come when you ought to pray.' The man prayed for about half an hour, because in revival, time doesn't matter, and then drew his prayer to a close with a bold challenge: 'God, do you not know that Your honor is at stake? You promised to pour floods on dry ground, and you are not doing it.' He paused for a while and then concluded: 'God, Your honor is at stake, and I challenge you to keep your covenant engagements.'

"At that moment, Duncan Campbell recalls, 'That whole granite house shook like a leaf,' and one elder thought it was an Earth tremor.

Duncan Campbell was reminded of Acts 4:31: 'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken....' Duncan Campbell pronounced the benediction and they went outside. It was about two o'clock in the morning and they found the whole village alive, ablaze with God. Men and women were carrying chairs and asking if there was room in the church for them!" (From Revival, A People Saturated With God by Brian Edwards).

Beloved, As God's children, we have a choice between effectual praying and excuses. Too often we take the easy, human way out as we offer excuses for our failure in touching God. We love to point out the coldness or problems in our church family, or the day in which we live as reasons to neglect our prayer life. Could it be that "our cupboard is bare"? Ole Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to fetch Rover a bone but when she got there the cupboard was bare and Ole Rover never got none! Has coldness taken over? Has sin dulled our sensitivity to the voice of God? We have too many gods of this world which could be our job, car, religion, spouse etc. that we allow to consume our time and energy.

Continuing in the life that which we know to be sin will definitely prevent us from praying through to God (Psalm 66:18).

Isaiah said to God's people, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

If Elijah were here he would call out, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

God says to those hungry to see the fire of God descend upon His Church today, "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). In the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7 verse 7, Christ says, "Ask, and it shall be given you...."

When we really mean business with God, we will find that real praying is work. Satan will fight every effort we make to touch the throne of God.

There is a price to pay if we are to experience a real move of God which could consist of long hours, sleepless nights, heart searching and possible "housecleaning"

(Psalm 66:18). Prayer means denying self and perhaps putting aside the things we like and want to do, to give God time to implant His burden in our hearts. It is here that victory comes as we begin to fully obey the Spirit's promptings, so that we are ready to allow the Holy Spirit to take control. The old masters of the pulpit got their texts on their knees, soaked them with their tears, groaned over them with a travailing spirit and warmed them with strivings in and groaning's in prayer. When these saints of God stood behind their pulpits, their messages were delivered as a living thing, warm from God's heart. They were burning in the preacher's heart to make warm the heart of the listeners. There is no substitute for prayer.

Beloved, we that have experienced true revival are today are ridiculed and overlooked because if we were to tell this fast paced half stepping generation with their indoctrinated progressive intellects what our God can and is able to do, most would shrug us off.

Chapter 3

Break Up Your Fallow Ground

Saints, it is time to have revival in our heart but before it can happen, we must allow God's word to break us till there is none of us left. We need the hidden sins of the heart broken up. I am talking about the fountains of sin that are in the deep crevices of our heart. Now don't get too saved on me for His word says that all have sinned and come short of his glory. This leaves none of us out because he says that our righteousness is as filthy rags. I dare you to look this up and see what it means. I will tell you that it is not pleasant. We need to look at the scripture below to see how far we have let down the standards of God. Hosea Chapter 10 verse 12 says "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow (uncultivated) ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains righteousness upon you."

Fallow ground is a piece of land that has laid bare and not been tended. The elements have hardened it like a piece of plastic that has been seared in the fire. It would have to be soaked with water to be able to plow it.

Beloved, this is the way our hearts have become when we neglect to spend time with God and not praying and reading our Bible. We will soon become complacent or self-satisfied and never give room for growth. I preached a message in my younger years from Proverbs 23:27 which states that a whore is a deep ditch and her steps lead to hell. It also states that you will find many bones of young men there. As we examine this, we find that a deep ditch usually has loose dirt around the top sides which means that it would be hard for us to get out should we fall in. This is like the sin that we let creep in unawares through our eye gates and our ear gates. We get in trouble when we allow these things to get in our mind. It is a well-known fact that battles are fought and won in our mind. Once these vices get in our mind, it will not be long until they get in our heart and our emotions will tell on us.

The Bible says that out of the heart the mouth will speak and all these things come from the heart. The fountains of the sins of self-will, self-gain, self-motivation, selfish desires, and selfish choices need to be uprooted by the word and the Spirit of God. I am talking about the secret sins of gossiping, backbiting, and tale-bearing.

These sins are strictly condemned in Proverbs in the 6th chapter. Sometimes we find ourselves selling out for personal gain or it could be from the demands of loved ones or a close friend. We need our hearts stirred with Holy Ghost anointed preaching from someone who has spent time in their prayer closet with God. Someone who will preach the unadulterated word of God with power that will cause us to reexamine our self before a Holy God who hates sin.

Far too many today are rebelling against the will of God and are refusing to lay their life down for His service. Saints, we need the crosses of sin broken up and to rid ourselves of the angry spirit that seems to overtake and control us when we least expect it. Too many people are living a self-motivated life for their own gain and sometimes at the expense of others.

Jesus said if we save our life, we will lose it but if we lose our life for him, we shall find it. (Matthew 16:25)

A good example would be to observe what is taking place in the streets as drug dealer's prey upon the innocent to enslave them into selling their drugs to meet their own gain. Sad but true, this spirit finds its way into the local assembly of our churches today causing confusion and

church splits. This spirit, when recognized, needs to be addressed and rebuked because it has no place in God's children. Let's not forget bitterness, un-forgiveness, jealousy, envy, and strife. Does it bother you to be overlooked and see someone else promoted? This is envy and is strongly rebuked in God's word. I know this may hurt a bit but if we are going to see a move of God on this planet, we are going to have to do some house cleaning and get ourselves to the place where we can have a conscience void of any offense before God and our fellow men.

I want us to now look at Joel chapter verses 12 and 13. "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth of the evil."

The Lord through this prophet is calling for a personal repentance that comes from the heart. The heart is considered to include the intellect and emotions. In verses 15-17, the Lord is calling for a national repentance in a solemn assembly with no one being exempt. Read these verses with an open heart and let us ask some questions?

Am I satisfied with my life like it is or do I now catch myself developing a hunger for the mighty living God and do I now devote myself to pray for revival?

Lord, please bring revival in my heart.

Joel chapter 2 verses 15-17 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people; sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, 'Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?'"

It is not my brother or my sister but it is me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Help me come out of my comfort zone and have a clean heart to do thy will.

Lord, your word says that they that are in leadership are the ones that ascend and they must have a clean heart. But what about those who bring their gift to the altar which could be singing, preaching or some other gift and they remember there is some unfinished business with another brother or sister.

The word says to go and make things right then come back and offer up your sacrifice. I believe from this chapter alone that some of us had to say, "Oh my." As God's children, we have a choice between effectual praying and excuses.

Too often we take the easy, way out as we offer excuses for our failure in touching God. For example, we are tired. We don't have time to pray. The good news is that we can attain our goals because He is with us. He will help us if we are sincere.

Prayer means denying self and putting aside the things we like and want to do, to give God time to place His burden in our hearts. It is here that victory comes as we begin to obey the Spirit's promptings so that we are ready to let the Holy Spirit take control.

Beloved, when we meet the conditions our Father will hear and answer our prayers. We can have joy in knowing that he is a god of all comfort. We can have joy in our trials in knowing we are not alone. Happiness is based on circumstances and can change but joy is knowing that we have his abiding presence with us and we are never alone.

Chapter 4

Becoming a Worm

Job 22:6 "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people."

God is looking for those of us who will be willing to be a worm and despised of the people. You might say that is pretty hard but let's look at the verse above and get some insight as to what Job was stating. We all know that if Job had not endured the trials, we would not be reading about him today. Job was saying that he was helpless and worthless. We must be willing to be overlooked. The way up in God's kingdom is down on our knees. The greatest is he who serves. The way to receive is to give. The way to find our life is to lose it. God is looking for those who will come to an absolute place of surrender. In order to be used of God in this end-time revival, we must empty our self out and be filled with God.

We must have the resemblance of Jesus in our spirit and this comes from a surrendered life. I hear Isaiah saying that Jesus made himself of no reputation. God is keeping a record and he will reward us for our faithfulness.

If someone were to choose the Christian lifestyle to get ahead of everyone else in life, it will not take long for them to discover that they have chosen the wrong lifestyle. There are times we may take three steps up the ladder only to find ourselves at the bottom.

In order to be like Jesus, we must have a broken spirit and a hunger for souls. Only through a process of learning to yield and obey the Master and his call, are we able to live the surrendered life and see the power of God on display. God, the Holy Spirit is armed with the knowledge and plans God had for our life before we were born and is anxiously waiting to guide us to what was chosen for us. He longs to speak to us and take us away from things that would distract us from our call and bring us into fellowship with Him. Each time we hear His voice and obey, we become more anointed, empowered and possessed by His Spirit. God help us to never lose our babe like spirit that we may remain teachable and pliable in the Lord's work.

We are to be the bread of life to this dying generation. There is no way into the deep things of God but by His Spirit. Our flesh is our worst enemy with its lustful cravings and desires.

Dear reader, in-order for us to fulfill the call upon our life, we must become broken before him and allow him to use us where he wills and not our will.

Our cry should be, save me, oh God, from myself. Help me to become broken before You that Your Spirit may set Jesus up to be King in my life. Help me not be complacent and live on what happened in the past but be broken before you in a spirit of humility and get fresh manna for the day. Listen carefully beloved, our ministry cannot be outside of us. You cannot separate the ministry from the person. God had to teach me this and if God is going to use us he will speak and preach through us to others by who we are because of the anointing upon our life. Even our prayers become who we are and is not something that we do. The call of God upon our life is going to cause us to be more sensitive to the things of God that we may be more sensitive to the things concerning his people. We as men and women of God are to be humble but be bold understanding and having compassion to meet the needs where others where they are. I am talking about having answers from the word of God out of the hope that lies within each of us. We are to be faith builders, encouragers that have purposed in our heart that we will not be bought or bribed to compromise the gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember beloved that we are a spiritual vessel that is consecrated unto the master's use.

Chapter 5

The Spirit of Travail

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what to pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered."

This book would not be complete without addressing the spirit of travail which is lacking in some churches today.

The word speaks in 1 Corinthians the 2nd chapter that the Spirit of God searcheth all the deep things of God. In Romans 8:26 we read of the intercession of the Holy Spirit. This is what we call getting into the spirit of prayer. The Holy Spirit helps our inability to pray intelligently about situations by praying with unutterable groaning.

These groans are not voiced as words but are a special intercession toward God's will in the situation. God, the Spirit, knows what the Father's will is for our life. He is able to turn our prayer around and make it more acceptable to God. This is what we call praying in the spirit of travail.

In churches today, you never hear much said about the spirit of intercession and praying until you pray through but it is real and it does get results. There are people in the body of Christ who are called to this special gift.

I had a prayer intercessor come to me with tears and a broken spirit. When I inquired what was bothering her, I was shocked at her answer. Someone had told her that she did not have an important position in the Lord's body being a prayer intercessor.

Saints, sometimes a prayer intercessor will go hours without sleep praying for a ministry to be successful that souls would be saved and lives would be changed. I asked this young lady if she could see her heart to which she rightly replied no. I asked her how she knew that it was there and she replied because she was alive. I replied that if she needed it to pump blood through her body that she might live then it makes her dependent upon its function for her to sustain life. She replied, "Yes that is right." I said very intently with a loud voice, "You are the heart, without you and others like you; no ministry could stand the onslaughts of the enemy".

Beloved, when a person gets into the spirit of intercession and travail, they are doing spiritual warfare in the heavenly realm. They actually feel the pain in their belly of some unseen trap or attack aimed against the one they are interceding for. It can be likened to the birth pains that a woman soon to give birth would experience.

The word of God in Isaiah 66:8 says that when Zion (church) travailed, she brought forth her children. But the word also gives warning in another place that the children have come to birth and there is not enough strength for the birth.

We all know what happens when this happens in the natural. The mother could die and also pose a threat for what is in her also to die. God help us realize that we are up against a real enemy who does not like us because we are made in the likeness of our creator.

We need to get alone with God and spend some quality time in prayer and intercession. Jesus left us the example to follow as he would be up all night praying and talking with His heavenly father. I remember having the spirit of travail come upon me while preaching the word. I was in so much travail that I was stooped over holding my belly from the intense pain.

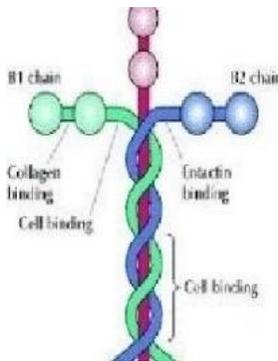
The church was about to give birth and God was allowing me to experience the battle going on in front of me for the souls gathered in this meeting.

God bless the dear saints of God today who will give up precious sleep to moan and agonize before the throne of God for the souls of men.

God knows he can count on these precious warriors at a minute's notice and they will drop everything to do service for the King. Beloved, we find in Luke 22 that Jesus speaks informing us that as the Father has given unto him a Kingdom he has given unto us.

Beloved, it is time to get past the cross and realize who we are in Christ. We find in John 14 that Jesus speaks of going to prepare us a place and most ministers preach that he is speaking about heaven but in reality he is speaking about the cross. He is speaking in John 17 about the Glory which he had with God before the world was. The scriptures also state that Christ was slain before the foundation of the world. The scriptures also state that all creation is waiting with groans for the Sons of God to be manifested. Christ went to the cross to prepare us away to get to God and all that we lost in Adam we gained through Christ and are now translated out of the fallen kingdom of

darkness into the new covenant and kingdom of God where we are recognized as Sons and daughters of the most high God. There is no curse in this kingdom that can keep us in bondage but only blessing where we can rule and reign with him. Satan challenged God on justice and that is where and why we exist today. God spoke everything into existence but he got personal when he made Adam from the dust of the earth and put his cell structure together with a glue like substance called **Laminin** which is in the **shape** of a **cross**. Jesus bore that same cell structure therefore when we need to become an intercessor for someone we can remember Psalms 91 where God states that he remembers our frame that we are but dust but also visualize who we are in his Kingdom and do spiritual warfare against an enemy that has already been unseated and defeated.



Praise God!

Chapter 6

Entering Into the Secret Place

Saints, I hope you have enjoyed the valuable insights in the previous chapters of this book but now it is time to discover the secret to dwelling and abiding in that most holy place where only a few have arrived.

We start by studying the First and Third chapters of the book of Ephesians where we will find the Apostle Paul praying for the Ephesian people the most important prayer that a person can pray for another believer. He is praying that God would take these people deeper and deeper into an intimate knowledge of who He is. We all know there are several names of God and each one defines His character and I strongly suggest that you do a study on his names and you will like me be in full adoration of who He is. We find in Exodus 19:18 that Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord descended upon it with fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The people heard the sound of a trumpet sounding loud and increasing in volume followed by a voice proclaiming His name and proclaiming His glory.

Beloved, there is something in these scriptures that stood out to me that showed the relationship Moses had with God. Saints, the word says that Moses spoke and God answered him by a voice.

Paul in the First Chapter of Ephesians is praying and asking God to grant a prayer to the Ephesians that only the Holy Spirit is able to give. We find in Chapter Two and verse 18 that we have access to God by His Spirit.

Notice, Paul is not asking for more strength, more motivation or more determination for these men but for them to be endued with Spiritual Wisdom and Revelation that would bring them to a greater understanding and revelation of the Knowledge of God.

We look at the First Chapter and starting at the 17th verse we find the prayer prayed by the Apostle Paul for these Ephesian people. I want to emphasize that when we pray this prayer by praying these scriptures mentioned above that we are praying a prayer that God recognizes.

Beloved, are you hungry for that deeper walk and seek for that intimate relationship with the living God? To get the insight we need to gain entrance into this sacred place, I strongly suggest you study the life of King David and find out what real worship is all about.

True worship begins when we see our Lord for who he is, catch a glimpse of His holiness. It is how we esteem (Value) (Admire) Him for who He is. We worship him in our heart and we praise Him with our voice to vent out the worship that is filling our heart. I want you to know that there is power unleashed when we enter into true worship and praise. It will get his attention and cause the burdens that are attempting to hold us captive to lose their grasp as we get our eyes and focus on Him who loves us and gave Himself for us.

Saints it is time to seek his face like never before and enter in to what I like to call the fifth dimension which is the place that God dwells where time and space are not governed by the law of physics that govern this planet. It is a place where spiritual law will and can override natural law.

Beloved, I intend to get into some of my experiences God allowed me to experiment in this realm in a later chapter. Beloved, we must have Solitude (isolation) (seclusion) (sabbatical) which is time alone with God. Solitude is the key to hearing God's voice in knowing Him and preaching His Word with an anointing that will break the grasp that the powers of darkness have on the people.

Jesus said that when we pray, we are to go into our closets in private and it is in that private place that Satan is restricted and cannot hear our prayers because we are covered by the shield of His love. It is time to get past the sanctuary of worship and enter in to a wonderful relationship with Christ who is not flesh and blood but an Eternal Being. Nothing should ever be allowed to take the place of being in His presence. There should never be a question in our mind when it comes to our relationship with Him. I am NOT talking about people places and things, including family, which are temporal and will come to an end but our place of being in direct relationship with Him. This trusted relationship will determine how much He can trust us with in the world to come. Beloved, we need to come into a place of holy reverence for who He is and what He has done for us that we might be called sons and daughters of the most high God. We have got to get past regular worship which is filled with man-made forms and agendas which exemplify the flesh more than the Creator. I am talking about when church becomes more than good meetings and good preaching. It is when we get tired of church in the norm and the world being able to sit comfortably in our meetings and there is no conviction of their sin and way of life.

Beloved, when we enter in and seek His presence with our whole heart, we are guaranteed by His word that He shall be found. The problem is that people today want a neat religion that they can control.

I now will relate the intimate secret in praying this prayer and getting results. No one outside of Christ can pray this prayer because it must be prayed in the spirit. I now ask you dear reader if you are ready to develop that special prayer time and pray these scriptures every day? Paul stated in the word to pray without ceasing which actually means not a lengthy prayer but actually means like an everyday cough.

Beloved, I strongly suggest you memorize these powerful scriptures and get them in your spirit man. I conditioned myself some years back to memorize and pray these scriptures every time I had a spare moment on my hands. I would catch myself quoting and praying these scriptures while driving my 18 wheeler late at night and usually around 3 am. I found that most demonic activity has calmed down at that time of the morning.

Dear reader, are you ready to go further?

Turn to the Third Chapter of Ephesians and start at the 1st verse. Here we find the Apostle Paul launching deeper in this prayer and thanking God for who He is in a spirit of worship. He then asks God to grant unto them to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man that they might know the unfathomable Love of Christ.

Here Paul is praying for the spiritual growth and well-being of these Ephesians that they might know the length, the depth, and the height of God's love shown to us through the giving of His son to suffer our penalty of death and by raising Him up for our justification that we may become sons and daughters of the most high God. When we become sons and daughters and have received the spirit of adoption into His royal family, then this prayer states that there is nothing that we can think of that he is not able to bring to pass. The bottom line is that God will honor this prayer and the Christian Life has God's Mercy as its foundation. All our songs, praise, prayers, communion services, preaching and our giving reflects upon the mercy of God that is clearly seen in Jesus Christ the Son. Dear reader, because of His mercy, my whole life that was upside down and empty of meaning is now one of worship and adoration for this wonderful God whom I call my friend.

Saints, There is nothing the church needs more today than a fresh encounter with the holiness and presence of the living God. Men and women have made attempts to bring God down to their level and lower His standard and requirements for living but when His presence and holiness is introduced to us by His Spirit then we find and discover that He is the Standard and has called all men and women unto repentance. The scriptures reveal that great men of God trembled and fell on their faces when they found themselves in the presence of the holy Angels and we can only imagine what it will be like to meet this awesome Eternal being one day and give an account of our lives.

This Awesome Creator has extended unto each of us an invitation to accept His pardon and His grace through the finished work of his son Jesus Christ in giving his life as a ransom for all that receive His pardon and forgiveness. We have received the Spirit of His Son into our hearts making us Sons, Daughters, and Heirs of His royal family. This Awesome God is calling us to come out of the outer court of the sanctuary and into the inner court of His presence and grace. Christ has offered to share His Glory and his throne with His people for the scriptures state that one day we shall judge Angels.

When we dwell in this intimate place, the powers of darkness cannot pervade for it is our private time of knowing God and experiencing Him in a way that can only be described as complete intimacy. I tell people that approach me concerning my walk with Christ and the high anointing on my life that they can go drink from the same fountain that I drink from and that is the fresh, clear water of the Holy Spirit by spending time with Him in solitude.

Do you want to see the beauty, and the splendor and the glory and the majesty of God?

Look unto Jesus. He is far superior to the angels. He is far superior to Moses, the great leader, the greatest prophet to arise in all of Israel.

Jesus is greater than all of the prophets for He is more than a great prophet.

Jesus is God in human flesh. He is greater than Israel's high priest for He is the ultimate High Priest, the One who would go into the Holy Place once and for all to pay the price and give the sacrifice. God did not make a covenant with us who would not be able to keep it but made an everlasting covenant with His Son and when we accept His plan of salvation we are drafted into that covenant as sons and daughters of the most high God.

Beloved, the new covenant is better than the old covenant because when Christ shed His blood on that old Roman cross over two thousand years ago, it was not something that had to be repeated over and over again like the shedding of the blood of goats and bulls and sheep or any other animal. Christ's blood was like no other blood that flowed on the face of this planet. He made a covenant with His eternal blood so that you and I once and for all could be forgiven. By this covenant, He says in Hebrews chapter 10, "Let us draw near" into that holy place". You and I have been given access into the very holy of holies because a High Priest has gone in and offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. You and I can now come into the presence of a Holy God. All of this was done by and through the finished work of Jesus.

God's Son, Jesus, did not do away with the law which was like a doctor diagnosing our problem but fulfilled its requirements to pay our sin debt and bridge the gap between us and God. The law was then put aside as a requirement for sin which could never be a permanent solution to man's sin problem. God raised Jesus up for our justification and through faith in Him and His finished work; we can become the children of the Living God. God has given us something to pursue.

We find it in Hebrews 12:14 "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord."

1. What is the purpose?

2. What is it we are pursuing?

3. Peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

We define holiness as something just for us, but as we study the history of great revivals when the holiness of God comes we find that people are broken in humility. What happens is that peace is made between brothers and sisters in Christ. All the barriers that have been erected by man and by Satan and by the flesh are torn down. Racial barriers, denominational barriers, barriers of broken fellowship, past hurts and pain are torn down when we get in the pursuit of peace with all men and the pursuit of holiness.

God is righteous and we need to have the same desires that He has. When something is wicked before us, we need to call it what it is. When something is pure and holy before us, we need to hold on to it and have a burning desire for it. Our passion, desire, and hunger should be on the things that are pleasing to God.

Beloved, are we hungry and do we have a strong desire for God to control our lives? We need to spend time in God's word and presence, kneeling before Him and meeting with Him. God wants to revitalize and renew us. If we do not maintain a prayer life and make that a regular part of our Christian walk, we will not be able to cope with all the trials and tests that are sure to come our way. The desire for God and his righteousness should be a driving force in our lives. Jesus said that we are to go into our closets in private and it is in that private place we are to pray unto the Lord and that is the hidden place where Satan cannot hear our prayers where we are covered by the shield of His love.

Beloved, when we dwell there, that is where the powers of darkness cannot pervade for it is our private time of knowing God so well and experiencing Him so well that we drink the wine of Christ and experience the life that He purchased for us as new creations through the blood of His atoning sacrifice. We are formed and held there in the secret place where God's mercy meets God's judgment and together we were formed before the foundations of the world by the palm of an all-knowing God who loves us and ransomed us through His sacrifice.

We can experience liberation from the powers of darkness and the anointing of the Lord will fill us to the overflowing nature of the everlasting glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we abide in the secret place we are hidden from the enemy and the enemy cannot touch us therefore in that secret place where we are hidden from the enemy the forces of darkness cannot prevail against us so therefore we can pray in the power of the Holy Spirit without fear because God has given us a sound mind and strength to pray in the power of His Spirit thus defeating the powers of darkness, through the anointing and indwelling presence of Christ within us who gives us strength to be an overcomer.

We can use an illustration of placing our hand in a glove. By itself, the glove can do nothing but when we place our hand in it then it not only has a living substance in it but it also has the strength of the life of that substance in it. Because we have been redeemed, Christ is now dwelling inside us and we not only have the power of attorney to act in His name but we have the strength of that power within (Christ in me; the hope of glory) which causes us to declare that we can do all things through Christ that strengthens us.

The bottom line is this: It is the deep placed within me calling unto the deep riches of His glory.

Beloved are you ready to discover how to enter the secret place with God which is a roadmap for us to enter the sacred place where no devil would dare tread?

This place to and in God must be opened by an invitation through his Holy Spirit which we find in Hebrews the ninth chapter that Jesus offered himself to God through his eternal spirit to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.⁹Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory, Selah.

Dear reader this is the way to get to God and now let's get into the place where the Holy Spirit can make the Father and Son real to us.

Psalms 24:1-5

The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.² For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Beloved, the Greek word for pure means Holy, cleansed, or genuine! Moses at the burning bush was in the presence of a powerful being that is perfect in all his ways.

Jesus in Matthew the fifth chapter speaks that the pure in heart shall see God. He is not only speaking of a future day but he is speaking of being able to enter his presence like Moses did today. In-order for us to enter this secret sacred place we must become honest with our-self and with God. Listen beloved, God wants to meet and speak to us but the question is this; Is our mind open to hear? Is our heart hardened or are we too busy to listen? Beloved, the bible is God's word and to understand his voice you must make and attempt to know his word.

How do we interact with the world around us and how can we know that we are actually hearing and speaking with God? Beloved, what happens when we see and hear things that we know is not right but our soul man which consists of our mind and emotions keep feeding it to our spirit man for we are not all you see. We are spirit beings that exist for a short span of time in a mortal body. There will come a time and place in our life that this body will be taken from us but we will still exist. We cannot die because we are eternal spirits and that is one reason Jesus preached hard on hell and the coming judgement. Our spirit man which consists of our inner conscience knows this input is wrong and will without hesitation reject it as something that is not good for us but what say if we keep feeding it to our spirit man trying to convince him that this is what we want? I tell you that he will soon become lax and the warnings from him will not be as strong.

A good example is a restless person who at one point in their life accepted God's free pardon and became a child of God but here they are through something that has hurt their inner man through a bad relationship or even marriage, betrayal etc. They suddenly find themselves sunk back building walls around their hurt inner man.

Feeling less than a human they start looking for comfort and even slipping to look at pornography thinking maybe if they learn more about the world they might be loved and acted? Their inward man is telling them it is dangerous and not good for them but they keep slipping to do it anyway and before long its deadly lures have them in a trapped situation. Below is a good diagram of what God is urging me to explain and through all of this he will make away of escape but first we must realize that he foreknew us and he is one that sees and knows all. Nothing is hid from his sight but we have a mediator Jesus Christ the middle man the one that intercedes on our behalf but before he came God allowed men and women to receive visitations from his Holy Angels and some were known to tremble in their presence.



We find in the book of Revelation that the Holy Angels that were in his presence hid their faces before him. Beloved, we have become a spoiled stubborn generation that has had everything handed to us but did not men in bible time's fear and tremble in the presence of the Holy Angels of God?

Paul warns Timothy in 2 timothy chapter two that it was best to flee youthful lusts or passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along with those that call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. Beloved, people are important to God and he does not want us living in fear and unbelief but in the power and victory of the cross where he became our sin substitute and defeated Satan taking the keys of death and the grave away from him. How can we live a successful life with meaning and purpose? To get the secret things of God revealed to us, we must be able to hear and know his voice.

Do you Know It?

Are you in a position to hear is instructions? Beloved, praying in the spirit and meditating upon is word helps remove the hindrances that we like unto mountains or obstacles which can stand in our way. Teach us dear Lord to apply the truths of your word in greater ways. A-Men

Chapter 7

When Your Stubbornness Talks Back

The children of Israel had just come up out of Egypt and had conquered all their enemies utterly destroying them. Yes, God had provided for them abundantly and was continually blessing them in spite of their rebellious ways and bouts of disobedience. They had come to the top of Mt. Pisgah and Moses sent messengers to the king of the Amorites saying "Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink [of] the waters of the well: [but] we will go along by the king's [high] way, until we be past thy borders.

Numbers 21:22. However, Sihon, the king of the Amorites refused to let them pass through his borders peacefully and gathered his people together and fought against the children of Israel. The children of Israel prevailed, took their land, and settled in the plains of Moab. (Numbers 21: 24-35)

Numbers 22:1 says "And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan [by] Jericho." Balak, the king of Moab, the son of Zippor and all of Moab became distressed because of Israel and they saw what Israel had done to the Amorites
Numbers 22:3

"And Moab was sore afraid of the people because they [were] many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel."

Balak, the king, feared that Israel would destroy the Moabites like they had the Amorites. Therefore he met with the board of elders of the Moabites "And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all [that are] round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor [was] king of the Moabites at that time." (Numbers 22:4) Balak along with this board of elders discussed a plan of action against the Israelites and set out to hire a man of God by the name of Balaam.

Numbers 22:5-6 "He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which [is] by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold,

they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: Come now, therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they [are] too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, [that] we may smite them, and [that] I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest [is] blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."

Balaam, the son of Beor, was a prophet of God that lived in Pethor, which is on the banks of the Euphrates River. His reputation had been established as one that had the power to curse or bless. Numbers 22:5-7 "He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which [is] by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me. Come now, therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they [are] too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, [that] we may smite them, and [that] I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest [is] blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak." "And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and

they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak." (Numbers 22:7) Balaam being a prophet of God listened to what they had to say.

When you listen to the words of the enemy it opens the door for access into the mind to start planting his thoughts which go contrary to what is right.

"And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam." (Numbers 22:8)

The thought of reward had been **planted** in **Balaam's mind** and by having them stay the night gave him time to think on that which was planted.

Many times when the enemy plants a contrary thought in our minds instead of rebuking that thought we meditate on it giving it room to grow.

"And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they [are] blessed." (Numbers 22:12) Balaam did what he should have done and inquired of the Lord, but like many people today he didn't listen to what the Lord said. He let the words of the Lord go in one ear and out the other. "And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you

into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you." (Numbers 22:13) Here Balaam says the Lord refuseth me to leave.

Many times we will ask God for something and because we don't like His answer will leave the door of opportunity open for the devil to come and sow his fiery darts.

The Enemy knows what we want and he will disguise it and send it our way to distract us from receiving what God has for us. He will do this through a voice, a dream or even through someone else.

Remember, the enemy knows what we desire for he has studied us for many years.

"And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. And Balak sent yet again princes, more honourable than they." (Numbers 22:14 & 15)

The devil may leave you for a little while, but if you left the door of opportunity open you can be certain that he will come again and the next time will be more cunning and more persuasive than before. He has a way of making things happen that looks like God did them and without discernment, you will not be able to tell the difference.

"And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more." (Numbers 22:16-18) He set his sight on the gift and not the giver: verse 17 says "For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people."

We find that Verse 21 says "And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab." God's permissive will allowed Balaam make his own decision. Balaam decided to go with the princes of Moab, which was against the Will of God.

Verse 22 says "And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass and his two servants [were] with him." Many people ask the question why God was angered when He told him to go.

Beloved, God never told Balaam to go in verse 12. God said "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they [are] blessed." Balaam here is in trouble with God.

Verses 22 through 30 describe the actions of the ass which saw the angel of the Lord standing ready to kill Balaam for his disobedience.

The ass tried to warn Balaam on three different occasions that danger was just ahead, but Balaam's mind was determined to do what Balak had requested of him in order to receive the reward of divination rather than listen to and obey the Will of God.

Verse 28 says "And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?"

This proves that Balaam had a one track mind. Even though God opened the mouth of the ass to speak, it was not then, and is not now, a common practice for any animal to speak. Balaam was so focused on his own personal satisfaction that he could not see what God had done.

In verse 29 we are told "And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now, would I kill thee."

Balaam communicated with the talking ass yet his mind was so focused upon himself, for he said thou hast mocked me. Verse 30 says "And the ass said unto Balaam, [Am] not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since [I was] thine unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee?"

Verses 31 through 33 say "Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because [thy] way is perverse before me: And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive to the things of God."

I often imagine what the children of God looked like as Balaam looked at their tents from the top of the cliff. God had instructed Joshua to have the different tribes pitch their tents in a certain direction and line with the ark being in the center. If we study this closely, we will discover what Balaam saw. Looking at Israel from the top of that high cliff, the picture would be that of a cross.

God always worked in shadows showing his greatest plan to redeem fallen man and here we see it as he sees his chosen people spread out resembling a cross which one day would be his chosen way to smite his Son and allow Him to hang between the heavens and the earth to pay the sin debt for all mankind.

We find in this chapter that God allowed Balaam's stubbornness to talk back through the mouth of a stubborn mule. You might ask what is so unique in this, well it is because a horse will throw its rider and run off but a mule will throw its rider and wait on him to get some sense that he will not get his way.

This is typical of the Holy Ghost who sometimes will back off and wait on us to realize it must be done God's way.

Balaam was not able to curse what God had blessed but later gave Balak a plan of action to cause the Children of Israel to disobey God which would bring the curse upon them. That's what is meant by the counsel of Balaam. Back in the 23rd chapter we find that Balaam and Balak went their separate ways, yet later Balaam is killed with them because he had come back and told Balak how they could defeat the Children of Israel and cause God to punish them.

Numbers 31:16 says "Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD." Balaam caused a stumbling block to be set before God's people causing them to fall.

Revelation 2:14 says "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."

Stumbling block comes from the Greek word 4625 skandalon skan'-dal-on ("scandal" probably from a derivative of 2578; a trap-stick (bent sapling), i.e. snare (figuratively, cause of displeasure or sin):--occasion to fall (of stumbling), offense, thing that offends, stumbling block. Wow, we find here in the book of Revelation 2:14 that Balaam made it into Gods book as one who is to be avoided.

Like some of the popular preachers today, he is known for his love of money, popularity, prosperity, worldly fame, and prestige because he devised a plan counseling Balak how to set a stumbling block in front of God's people causing them to fall. He sold out the people of God for a price.

The end of the story is that Balaam caused the people of God to sin and God instructed the people to hang the heads of the people of that had sinned upon a fence facing a certain way to appease His wrath but He also instructed them to place Balaam's head beside theirs.

Let me speak with all the authority of Heaven that any preacher that does not hold to the gospel truth and seeks to become prosperous at the expense of God's people is nothing more than a Balaam selling out the people of God.

Matthew 5:16 says "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify God".

The Lord is stating that our life is a light to others. He also said for us to be a light and not build our own kingdom like some are attempting today to do.

2nd Peter 1-3 says "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam [the son] of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet."

(2nd Peter 2:15-19 & 22) These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

I close with John 10 verses 28 and 29 "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of god, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

What punishment would be worse than to die without mercy? How dreadful when one would reject the plan of God and abuse his mercy and grace, and yes, foreboding love?

If we die without accepting God's redemption plan, the law of God is going to demand full payment for our sins and cause us to be guilty of the bloodshed by the Lord Jesus. The abused grace and mercy of God will call for vengeance. The blessed word in Hebrews 9 verse 14 shows clearly that Christ offered His blood through the Eternal Spirit establishing an everlasting covenant with God which satisfied God's wrath when he gave his life as a ransom for us all. ***"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14)***

The blood not only protects and places a barrier between us and the enemy but it cleanses us from all sin allowing a murderer to be forgiven and allows the risen Christ to live His life through him. Yes dear reader, God made the way plain and it is up to us to either accept his pardon for our sin or reject it and be found guilty before an angry God who at death will require the innocent blood of his Son upon our head.

Let's face it; there is no other religion that can take the guilt and stain of blood from a murder's hands but Christianity which is not a religion but is based on a personal relationship with God. The scriptures teach that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all unrighteousness. You might ask how his red blood is able to make us white as snow. Dear ones, it is a spiritual transformation that takes place in the heart of man. Just as one would apply soap to wash their body we apply the blood in receiving his great sacrifice and daily reading his word to enrich our soul.

One can work in a soap factory and even stand next to it but it will not clean unless it is applied. We apply the blood in receiving his free gift of salvation which is given freely without merit.

God chose the foolishness of preaching to save them that will believe in his (Jesus) virgin birth, death and resurrection. Dear reader, He is the other Adam and he was once one of us. The word states in Isaiah 53:10 that “Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin.” Beloved this means Jesus the other Adam had a soul just like you and me. The word also states in God’s Holy word found in 2cd Corinthians 5:19 that “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Thoughts (Reconsolidating the debt into one) (Recolonizing) Dear reader, Jesus not only had a soul but Isaiah 53;10 states that his soul (Jesus) was made an offering for sin and verse 11 states that “thou shalt see the travail or anguish of his soul and be satisfied.

The reward of his sufferings is to establish his church here on Earth that the redeemed family of God may enjoy fellowship with our father.

The true church of God made up of believers in his finished work through Christ is not a religion like all the others but a way of life maintaining a relationship with a wonderful God who desires a family.

When we accept Jesus as our savior, we are adopted into God’s family as heirs. Jesus is the only name that God recognizes. (Acts 4:12)

There is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved. The Bible takes sin very seriously, more so than perhaps any other religion. Sin alienates us from the presence of God. Sin is rooted in the heart of man. Sin cannot be removed by any self-help program.

No other religion has any viable help to offer for the removal of sin.

I close with a well-documented fact that happened in Chicago that caused a stir among the many world religions that had their representatives there to prove their religion was the way to God.

During one session, Dr. Joseph Cook, of Boston, suddenly rose and said: ‘Gentlemen, I have sit and listened to each of you attempt to prove to us that your religion is the one that will get us to God and get his attention but I beg to introduce to you a woman with a great sorrow.

Bloodstains are on her hands, and nothing she has tried will remove them. The blood is that of murderer.

She has been driven to desperation in her distress.

I believe if my mind does not deceive me that he was speaking of Lady Macbeth that was a required reading in

school. Is there anything in your religion that will remove her sin and give her peace as an unexpected silence fell upon the gathering?

Not a single reply was heard.

Raising his eyes heavenwards, Dr. Cook then cried out. 'John can you tell this woman how to get rid of her awful sin?'

The great preacher waited as if listening for a reply. Suddenly he cried, 'Listen John speaks; Chapter 1 verse 7 Quote KJV 'The Blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin'.

Not a soul broke the silence; the representatives of Eastern religions and Western cults sat dumb as they had nothing in their teachings that would provide the needed answer.

Glory to the Lamb of God, now we know why the songs in our worship services have such a ring of hope as the words proclaim the gospel and the plan of God for his Creation.

"What can wash away my sin, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

Beloved, the sin nature passed upon the human race inherited through the fall of Adam demanded the blood shed at Calvary for the remission of sins.

In the face of human need, the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone could meet the need and I do not care what our past is like or what we have done even to the place of being confined in a prison, the devil cannot hold our past against us as to make us feel guilty because once we have accepted the blood of Christ as God's requirement for our sin, we are set free from the law of sin and death.

Romans the eight chapter says, 'For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death that we might become the righteousness (right standing with God) of God in Christ Jesus'

This peace with God will cause a person to be able to forgive someone who has violated them or their family such as a rapist or even a murderer for they now see the real picture and that is that people without a changed nature who have not dealt with the sin problem will act like and serve their master which is Satan.

Thank God for a wonderful God that predestined our birth and life for his cause and purpose. Yes, thank God for the blood of Jesus which will protect us from evil, make our life count and keep the enemy from bringing his facts against us. Beloved, the world has the peace of God but we who are saved have peace with him because we have been cleansed by the blood of God's precious lamb. Yes dear reader, the fellowship we lost through Adam can now be restored by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus as God's final payment for our sin. Beloved, now that we have gleaned from this study and discovered that our birth on Earth was not an accident but predestined for his divine purpose, let us fall before him in reverence and ask him to forgive our sins and transgressions.

Let us pray, Lord we believe you sent Jesus to pay the sin debt and die in our place. We believe he died and rose again for our justification. Lord we accept your free pardon and we ask you to create in us a clean heart and right spirit; Lord wash us in the blood of your dear Son and remove anything that we may have inherited unpleasing to you from our blood line. In closing we ask that you make our life count and with our whole heart, we pledge our allegiance to you and your kingdom.

Chapter 8

Paying the Price

Saints, God is looking for a person and a people who are serious, hungry, and desperate for a mighty visitation of His holiness upon His people. He demands that our hands and hearts be clean before God and before man (Psalms. 24:3-5). We covered this in our preface in the beginning of this book. Once conditions have been met as outlined in 2 Chronicles 7:14, God will visit us with the cleansing fire that will bring hope, love, meaning, and purpose to lives that were once in bondage and sin. God looks for those who will pray, wait, and confidently expect that He will fulfill His promise. If we are really serious to see God descend with cleansing fire upon us then my question would be, are we ready to expend much time in daily prayer? Let us remember that God has instructed us to humble ourselves before Him, and pray, then the Living God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land.

Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and turn seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

I remember as a young boy hearing of how a great revival in Kingsport, Tennessee shook the city and surrounding areas as God's presence could be felt everywhere. I will now share with you of the testimonies of eyewitnesses that I personally interviewed concerning this Great Awakening.

The city was in turmoil as people were being killed left and right. There was no regard for the law as most of them were also crooked. The bootleggers were basically running the town and no one dared double-cross them. It was during this time that a concerned citizen began to go on a fast and pray for a move of God. He got so serious with his fast that he ended up in the hospital. The doctors informed him if he continued this fast and lifestyle they would find him dead and they did later find him dead with his head in his Bible. It was months later that Ralph Cook and Henry McCann started a revival meeting. It went on for several nights but nothing seemed to be moving and they

made a statement that they were going to close the services. It was then that a little girl began to weep and beg them not to close the meetings. In tears, she began to speak concerning all the disregard for the law and the merciless killings taking place every day ending with, "My daddy is not saved." The ministers were touched and agreed to go another night. People heard of the little girl and many showed up the next night. As the service got started the little girl and some of her friends got out of their seats and cried on the altar for a move of God. The next night not only did more of the young people cry on the altar but some of their parents joined them. It was not long till some of the bootleggers came to see what was going on and were brought under conviction.

The power of God descended upon that place till people saw themselves naked before the eyes of a Holy God and many gave their lives to Him in this revival. The bootleggers went to their businesses that night, poured out their untaxed whiskey and placed a sign on their door {Gone out of business}. It is said that the presence of God could tangibly be felt on the streets of that city. Those same bootleggers became preachers and worship leaders and I myself have had the opportunity to worship in their services.

Saints, just like the condition and mindset that people witnessed back then with murders happening every day in the streets, we see the decay of morals and the drifting away from God and His ways increasing as we enter into the end time attack the enemy is launching against God's people because he knows he has but a short time. We need concerned people to get serious with God and believe for a mighty, heaven-sent revival that will shake the present Church to its foundations and principals. The result will be an ushering in of a cleansing and empowering that will turn our nation around. As we come into holiness and purity, we will be keenly aware that our present way of life today is totally unacceptable to a holy God. Our prayer should be that His Church would fall on its knees in obedience and prayer. With computers in nearly every home, our nation today is intoxicated with sex and lewd entertainment. Christians today are deceived into thinking that as long as they pray and go through the forms of worship that they have a right to go to God when they have a need and He will drop everything and meet their need. Yet, He says so clearly in His word, that if there is sin in our hearts "***He will not hear us***" (*Psalm 66:18*).

Psalm 66:18 reads "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." *Titus 2:11-14* says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Church, we desperately need a move of God to bring us back to a spirit of solitude, prayer, and holiness. Let's face reality, with the greed and killing we are witnessing throughout our land. Saints, we must prepare ourselves for true revival. Preparation for revival comes when we allow God to work in us to bring us to a place of repentance and a new walk of obedience to the Lord.

We Need Revival.

1. Revival is God in His holiness doing a work among His people.
2. Revival is not Evangelism.
3. Revival is not proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Christ.

A. Revival is God renewing our hearts.

B. Revival is when God is known and respected as God. Saints, we must prepare ourselves for true revival.

Preparation for revival comes when we allow God to work in us to bring us to a place of repentance and a new walk of obedience to the Lord. If we have a desire to get to know God, we must get to know Him in His sovereignty, that He is Almighty God. We must know Him as the sovereign God, the sovereign majesty.

He is the One who put the mountains in place, the One who hung the stars in space and knows them all by name. We need to know that He is the Creator of all things. We need to come to a realization that He is the God who has placed everything into existence and nothing exists without a purpose. There is nothing that exists without Him. There will be no revival until deep within our heart and soul we know and reverence Him in this kind of way. The hope we have in our hearts is His Spirit causing us to realize our calling and destiny which was chosen for us before the foundation of the world.

Our destiny is not in front of us but lies within our heart. It's the deepness within each of us calling out to all the unsearchable richness that He is. It is the ideas, dreams, and visions that seem to come out of no-where giving us answers and guidance as we give Him all our being. We have the blessed hope that one day; we shall bear His image and likeness. Abraham hoped against hope and it was counted unto Him as righteousness and caused the Living God, to call him His friend. Saints, we each were chosen by this wonderful Creator to do a work in His kingdom. Let us now seek Him with all our heart for His word says "Ask Him for rain in the Time (Essential) of the latter rain and He would make bright clouds and bring showers of blessing". Zechariah. 10:1

Zechariah 10:1 says "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

Chapter 9

The Need for Unity

Saints, we have come to a climax (contest) of the church age as we know it. Our freedoms are being taken away by liberal courts that do not recognize the God who showed Himself strong through the leaders in the founding of this republic. They are orchestrating our laws to make us a democracy where the majority rules instead of a republic that believes all men were created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. We need more than anything to live in peace and harmony with all men.

We need to conduct our lives in a spirit of love and thankfulness for what the Lord has allowed to come into our life to bless us. The scriptures teach that God is love and in order to have a firm base and foundation for the work of the Holy Spirit, we must have unity and love.

These are the two foundational stones that must be in place for the gifts of the Spirit to operate. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will not function without unity and love in the body of Christ.

Saints, there are times when the church forgets why it exists. Even Christians seem to forget what Jesus saved them for and some tend to think that church is all about them. They think that their relationship with Jesus is totally focused on their agenda and needs. I want you to know it is not about us but about Him. The church was born in a spirit of love and unity. Each of us is chosen to fill the right place in the body of Christ. God wants us to flow in the body and fulfill His call upon our life. The problem is that some have developed pride and thought they could isolate themselves from the body and build their own kingdom. They call themselves "God's man for the hour". This causes them to be isolated from their covering and causes people to associate their gifts to the person and not the body.

Beloved, God sees all of us as one body; the body of Christ. We are now entering a time of spiritual cleansing and we are all becoming the same size. There are no big I's and no little U's. in the body of Christ. We are being conditioned now by the Holy Spirit where everyone is flowing together in the gifts.

We are entering a time of unity in the body of Christ and we are no accident.

Nobody has our DNA or our fingerprints. We each have a lot to fill in God's eternal plan and purpose. Nobody can do what you were chosen to do which leaves no place for jealousy to be found in our ranks.

Saints, God needs all kinds of people to reach all the different cultures and ethnic groups in our world. We need to begin acting like Christians and start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. To do this, we must have the right attitude toward God and our fellow men. There are three principals to remember to walk in that will produce lasting results. Beloved, we are one body bound by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ making us blood brothers and sisters in Christ and not doctrines or denominations:

- A. We are blood brothers and sisters in Christ.**
- B. We need to realize that we are in a fight but not with each other.**
- C. The enemy loves for us to fight among ourselves.**

Saints, there is a cosmic war going on around us between the forces of good and the forces of evil and we that are born on this planet at birth are drawn into this war. If we are in a fight, and we are not fighting each other then we must realize that we need to fight together as one colossal body. When we do this, we will experience a spiritual strength and become a powerful force as we flow together in unity.

There is a powerful strength and force discovered as we dwell together in unity. We will see the power and love of God begin to be displayed all around us. The enemy knows this and that is why he tries to bring division. I have always said that if a brother or sister draws a circle and leaves you out, swallow your pride and draw a bigger circle bringing them in. God wants us to prosper and flow in the body as children of faith and power. He wants us to live circumspectly in this cruel world making the most out of every opportunity. When we miss an opportunity, it cannot be reclaimed. We complain about giving a little time to God's work and evangelism but did you seem to forget that every moment is a precious gift from God. God wants us to manage our time and invest it in something worthwhile. Beloved, did you know that there is strength in working together especially if one shall chase a thousand.

Chapter 10

Awaken the Sleeping Church

Dear reader, do you remember the parable in Matthew twenty-five concerning the Kingdom of God that is likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. In order to do this subject justice, I need to relate to you the reader that there were two phases to Jewish weddings. First, the bridegroom to be would visit the bride's home and observe some religious ceremonies such as pouring a glass of wine in a glass and placing it in front of her which was a gesture of a proposal in front of her family. If she drank from the cup, this was an answer that she has accepted the proposal and is now engaged to be married to her groom later at a set date and that certain requirements would be met that would be arranged by his father. Notice the excitement at the table as all eyes are upon her in silence to see if she will drink from the cup and the release of tensions as she takes the cup and with a smile proceeds to sip the wine. The bridegroom then leaves her but not without leaving his best friend behind to see after her needs. This best friend is a type of God's Spirit

that is with us to encourage us when we are in severe trials and disappointments that tear at our soul. This best man is there to assure us that he still loves us and we must keep ourselves pure and ready so that we would not disappoint our groom when he comes for us. This is a type of keeping our- self unspotted from the world. After the proposal is made, the groom must go back to his father's house and begin making preparations to provide a place and be able to make a good living for his new bride and in Jewish custom, the father is the one that will oversee the work and let him know when everything is in order and send him to get his bride.

Special note: Most Jewish weddings were held at night and once the bride, the groom, and the guests were inside, a guard was placed at the door to keep unwanted guests out. Anyone not arriving with the wedding party was denied entrance in the event someone would want to crash the party. It also was not unusual for these weddings to last for days. The call would be reported that the groom had left his father's house to come get his bride but no one would know how many places he would stop along the way to her house. When the report was received, the bridesmaids were to give the bride purification baths and make sure she was ready to meet her espoused groom at his arrival.

Here in the gospel of Matthew, we find the ten virgins asleep. Ministers like to use this parable often relating to a church that is asleep in troublesome times. There are three classes of people that stand out in this parable and I shall list them for your further study.

- A. The Bridegroom
- B. The Five wise bridesmaids whose hearts were prepared to serve
- C. The Five foolish bridesmaids whose hearts were not prepared to serve.

The lamp oil in this parable was used to light the path for the wedding party therefore it is and cannot represent the Holy Spirit nor can it represent Salvation for neither of these can be bought. The oil would represent our being a dedicated servant to our Lord and living a total surrendered life that would bring honor to his wonderful name. The bridesmaids in this parable are not the bride; they are the young unmarried virgins who are the friends of the bride. The foolish in this parable are likened to those in the church who are there for show. They find fault with everything but do not want to be a part of finding a solution to fixing the problem. They choose to honor themselves and shun their responsibilities thus ignoring the custom of being prepared to serve. These kinds of people can be

found in most gatherings that call themselves a church. They may dress like professing Christians and even act like professing believers in the assembly. They may even come and worship amongst other believers but the difference is their hearts have not been prepared? God's Holy Spirit is the one who will help us be prepared. Remember, He is the best man that is left behind to help us be prepared to serve.

We must realize that the bottom line in this parable is that some people are not what they appear to be! These foolish people were not willing to help serve and make a sacrifice for the Kingdom of God. These young bridesmaids were friends of the bride but chose to take a chance on her wedding by taking shortcuts. They thought they could do it their way and hope all would turn out right in the end but they soon found themselves an embarrassment to themselves and to the bride who had placed her trust in them. There are some in the church today who appear to be ready to meet the Lord but have never surrendered their life to Christ. They go through all the patterns of being right and being a good church member but they have never surrendered to be a servant and serve. Some people have gone forth attempting to build their Kingdom instead of following the command of our Lord to be a light that others may see.

Because of these five foolish young maidens choosing to do it their way, the wedding party would be made to walk in less light on a dark path.

The church body as a whole today seems to be on rocky ground. They are like a person who has found themselves in a powerful earthquake. The buildings around them are falling, concrete and steel are being twisted to pieces and they are losing their balance. They are reeling back and forth as they try to make sense of what is taking place. Their ability to make sound decisions is limited because of all the shock and destruction that is going on around them. My question to us dear reader is how did we get in this lukewarm condition and what are we going to do to try and make ourselves ready to meet our Lord when he calls? The call has gone out that requires action on our part and according to this parable, God will honor those who are prepared but many are satisfied by being entertained. Many churches today are not concerned about souls and changed lives but how many people they can get to help build their kingdom. God did not call us to build our kingdom but to be a light. The truth is that we are not hearing much word today, only man's ideas and programs. We have a gospel that has risen today that will allow the flesh to stay alive when God's word says that we must die daily to our

agendas, desires, and self-righteousness. People are living below the standards that the atoning blood of Jesus has purchased for them. They are being led by deceptive lying spirits and they are allowing those spirits to dominate their lives. I always strive to give a remedy in my writings especially if I expose or diagnose some problems in the church that need addressing and that I shall do. First, let us review what has brought us to the dangerous world conditions that we now live in and face every day. It was in the 60's that a newspaper came out with the headline in bold type declaring that the Living God is dead. It was then that the Beatles came over from England with their secular music infiltrating the hearts of our young teens. One song titled, "The Yellow Submarine" was referring to the high of experimenting with hallucinating drugs. God began to work through the Christian populace by having a songwriter come out with a song stating "If God is dead, who is this living in my Soul"? Let's look at where we are and how far the moral standards of our nation have been let down by men and women who were supposed to be watching for our souls. Because of the Luke warmness that infiltrated the church, we are living in an age of spiritual confusion and darkness. We now have people that were born in the era called the baby boomers who mostly were involved in the

protest of the Vietnam War as they lived it up on college campuses with their free love and unprotected sex. We now have some of these same people holding offices in our government. We have teachers using books in our school teaching evolution and denying Creation telling our young people that life does not mean anything that we were merely a tadpole that came out of the ocean or the offspring from a monkey. Beloved, we have denied the very God that clearly showed his protection in the founding of this republic which caused such men as Benjamin Franklin to make the statement "It is undeniable that a Sovereign Being is responsible for the founding of this Republic and it would do us good to remember this formidable friend".

Friend, God helped establish a nation that would be a safe haven for His church to take His gospel to a lost and dying world and that he has done for two hundred plus years. George Washington was surrounded by the British when a mysterious fog set in allowing he and his men to escape up the Delaware River and just when they got out of gun range the fog lifted to allow the British to see them escaping. Without warning, a wind arose that kept the British ships from chasing them or we would probably be flying the British flag today instead of the blessed stars and stripes. The enemy decided that since we were a strong

unified republic that was protected by a mighty power that had shown Himself strong in our founding that they would have to find a way to bring us down for our God was too strong for them to attack us. Like Daniel of old, they decided the only way to get to us would be through our morals and find a way to indoctrinate our young to the point that this Sovereign Being would have to turn his back on us and that is what they did through our music, Hollywood, and MTV. During the end of World War II, the industrial revolution set in taking mothers away from their children to make a living in the factories that were springing up throughout our land. This left our young unsupervised and allowed MTV to raise our children. Laws were passed that legalized abortions until 1.5 million babies are aborted every year. Prayer was outlawed in schools and public gatherings leading to teens shooting it out in our streets and in our schools. Today, student rape, teen pregnancy, drug deals, muggings and shootings are considered to be the norm of the day. The Holy Bible is rejected by the secular humanistic school boards while pornography, humanism, occultism and Satanism are the regular curriculum. There is something wrong with this picture but what is it? We must have a Spiritual cleansing that will bring a visitation of God's power to burst forth and

vanquish the darkness of sin and declare the righteousness of Jesus and His lordship as being the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. God is raising up people who will spend time with Him in prayer and communion. God's plan for this hour is for His people to turn from their worldliness, and prayer-less lives, yes, and repent of their selfish fleshly cravings for power and positions. He desires for them to repent of their church quarrels and denominational jealousy. God wants our pulpits to once again thunder and burn with the power and the cleansing fire of His Holy Spirit through men and women that have a made up mind to not compromise the truth for a meal ticket. Church, it is time to wake up to the call and task upon us and strip ourselves from the love of this world and the love of self. Yes, and turn to the Lord with our whole heart with fasting and our prayers being saturated with our tears until we hear from heaven. Let us remember that our view of the God will affect our view of our fellow man and as the word says, "How can we say we love God whom we have not seen and hate our brother whom we have seen who is made in his image.

Chapter 11

God-Centered People

"The word states that "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death." I reflect back on my childhood as if it was yesterday hearing this preached from the pulpit of that ole Methodist church as my late grandfather's voice would penetrate my young heart that there is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death." - Proverbs 16:25 (KJV).

Growing up as a young teen, and like most teenagers, I was experimenting with drugs and booze. My uncontrollable lifestyle was causing me to be in and out of trouble. My dad and mom being encouraged by our family physician were making plans to send me to a psychiatrist. I knew people that had been sent to these head shrinks and they seemed like they were in their own little world. In my mind as a young teen, I was not going to see someone that listened to people's problems all day long because that alone would tend to show its toll on the human mind. To have someone reflect on my early childhood would bring back way to many bad memories for me and from what my friends told me about their visits made me feel

uncomfortable to even consider that option. I remember asking some of my friends concerning their recent sessions with a psychiatrist if they feel like they are getting the help they need? I would receive different replies but one really got to me. One of my friends stated that before they made up their mind to see their psychiatrist, they did not want anyone looking at them or asking them simple questions. This is common in the day we live in especially with all the pressures of life we encounter on a daily basis. The human personality is deep and beyond our own imagination. These professionally trained doctors are sometimes needed to help one confront things the patient is running away from but the real problem is a problem of the heart. Sometimes what we think is helpful isn't helpful at all because it is not dealing with the real issue and that is sin. Because of the fall of Adam, sin entered the world and separated man from his fellowship with his creator. God says there is none good and man's heart is deceitful and continually evil. (Jeremiah 17 verse 9) The law was given by God to reveal to man that God is Holy and perfect and man born in sin is unable to approach him because of his sinful condition. The law diagnoses this sinful state of man and reveals that in order to be accepted by a perfect Creator, he must have a new heart. Under the law, an innocent lamb or dove must give

up its life as a sacrifice to abstain Gods judgment on sin. This would only prolong Gods judgment but the sin issue must be dealt with. God sacrificed His only begotten son to bridge the gap for man to be declared righteous in His presence. God made an Everlasting covenant with His Son when He raised Him from the dead and set Him over all things to be the head of His church which is His body. Beloved, this is where doctor Grace comes in. God made a way through the death, burial, and resurrection of His son for man to receive a free pardon for his sin. Christ who knew no sin was made sin for us. This is called grace. Grace consists of the everlasting covenant God made with His son that satisfied His wrath toward sin. Because of this unmerited favor from heaven, man can now accept this free pardon and get a new heart. This allows man to once again communicate with his creator. Once man receives this pardon and receives Christ in his heart, he can now live a God- centered life. Jesus declared in John 10 that He came to give life and that we can have it more abundantly, or in other words, He came and gave His life that we may have eternal life, which is a more and better life than we could ever imagine here and in the world to come. Jesus gave this promise as He spoke of Himself as the Good Shepherd. It is only as we seek to follow God's direction that we will bring

glory to God and know the abundant life Jesus promised to give! The happiest people are those that know this abundant life. We no longer think of self and its selfish desires because we discovered that God has a plan for our life and is busy in and behind the scenes working to make our life prosper. The law diagnosed our sin problem but could not give us a new heart. Grace was able to make a way for us to receive a new heart but also able to introduce us to the one who donated our new heart and that is our Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ. Christ has not only given us a new heart but now comes to live in the life of the believer fulfilling the scripture, He sent the spirit of His son into our new heart crying Abba Father causing us to be adopted into the family of God as His sons and daughters. (Galatians 4 verse 6). The Holy Spirit seals our adoption in Christ and into the family of God. This is why a huge, full grown, man will cry like a baby when they sense the presence of God's wonderful spirit. They are no longer their own but have made themselves available for the work of God that He may leave His signature through them to future generations. God-centered people read their bible and pray daily for their mind is upon seeing the kingdom of God flourish. They are not concerned about satisfying self but live a life of holiness and consecration to the Lord. They

refuse to give in to the flesh and its fleshly desires but make every attempt to crucify the flesh by walking in the spirit by prayer and dedication. God-centered people realize that this world is not their home and that because of their new heart, the world's view of life is different than theirs. The bottom line is that because of Christ in me, the hope of glory, my heart is very sensitive. I am not my own therefore pride and jealousy have no place in my God-centered life. A God-centered person has a tender heart full of love and may sometimes show emotion by crying. This is not a weakness but the outward sign of a tender heart. Let us not be ruled or controlled by our senses but be thankful for a new tender heart that desires for others to enjoy the freedom in Christ that we sometimes take for granted. Matthew 12 verse 35 reads as thus, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth evil things." Be Blessed and Be A Blessing.

Chapter 12

Self-Centered People

I do not know where to begin to give this chapter justice and pray for the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct my thoughts. The word states that in the last days, men will become sensual which means walking after what they can see, hear, taste, memory and feel or in other words walking after their five senses having not the spirit.

I could write a whole chapter on each one of these senses especially memory because some do not read their bible but take what they heard someone else say as coming from the bible. We call these self-centered people. They are people that are concerned with satisfying their own selfish desires. They usually have no concern for the well-being of others but will use and mistreat others to get what they want. They want what they want and do not care who they have to hurt to get it. They live a selfish usually unhappy life for their fleshly desires is always prompting them to get more. Sadly to say some form of this selfish behavior can be found in some churches today.

A self-centered person usually will not have a disciplined prayer life but will want what others have without paying the price to get it. This allows an enemy spirit of deception to come in and cause them to make selfish decisions to satisfy their selfish desires. It does not bother them to cause division among others to accomplish their goals. They can easily point out a fault in the character others but never admit to having one in their own. It does not bother them to spread gossip and slander the name and character of another person.

I close this chapter with the word of God for it is the absolute truth and standard for which we shall all be judged.

James 4:1-17 reads as thus, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another. Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Need I say more, the word says we can tell that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren which fulfills the royal law that we love our neighbor as thyself. "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13 verse 31)

In Ephesians the 5th chapter, Paul speaks of redeeming our time and managing it wisely. Too many have the mistaken idea that the building is the church. God's son, Jesus, is not coming back for buildings but a bride that is ready.

We are not here to fill up space, nor are we here to build our own kingdom.

We are here to be a light to bring hope, meaning, and purpose in a life that is searching for the truth and to be released from the enemy's hold on their life.

Let us labor together for this common cause that we may fulfill the great commission and hear the words from our Lord "you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joys of the Lord."

Chapter 13

Deadness In the Top Fruit In the Bottom

I began this chapter with a vision embedded deep within my mind of a tree that is dead at the top but whatever had caused the tree to die had not reached the bottom branches which are still green with life and producing fruit. Such is the picture of the church here on earth in the 21st century. I remember reading about the outpouring of God's Spirit upon this planet through such men as the Wesley Brothers and one of their converts who became a great soul winner evangelizing the whole New England Coast, Brother George Whitfield. Later we discover that God used such men as Brother Seymour in 1906 in the Azusa street revival followed later by Billy Sunday, William Brannon, Kathryn Kuhlman, T.L. Osbourne, A.A. Allen, R.W. Schambaugh, and many others. My question is, "what did they have that we seem to lack today and why do we not see the mighty manifestations of God's miracle working power on the scale that they enjoyed?"

After seeking the Lord concerning this and carefully reviewing their life and ministry, I believe I found the answer. Beloved, these men and women of God maintained a devoted prayer life and enjoyed being intimate with their Father. They viewed God as being their daddy and their best friend. They had total reverence and respect for who he is and what he did for all mankind in making a way through His Son for the gap that separated His greatest creation lost through the fall and sin of Adam to be restored with all of the heavens benefits in the offering up of His Son to pay in full man's penalty for sin which is death. God raised Him from the dead. God also established an everlasting covenant with his Son entitling all who accept his free pardon to become sons and daughters of the Most High God.

These men were fearless in their beliefs that the same God, who rolled back the Red Sea making a way for the people of God to escape the pursuing Egyptian army, is the same God that is active in His creation today. God used the faith and bravery of these great men to show Himself mighty and strong confirming their ministries and callings with great signs and wonders. Some of these miracles caused medical science to take a second look at the result of the power of prayer.

Beloved, we say we have it but what is missing and my question for the church today would be where did we go wrong and where is the power the church was borne in?

I believe I can answer that by using an example of a frog in a kettle of water. You place a frog in hot water and he will jump out but if you place something in the water for him to sit on and gradually turn up the heat, he will sit and never move till he is overcome by the heat and will die. This is the picture of the decay and complacency of the church as we see it today.

It is known that several leading ministries were born out of the Azusa street revival but in order to contain their flock, leaders started placing man-made rules and fences or in other words doctrines around their people to keep them from visiting other ministries.

It was not long till church standards were lowered in order to attract more people but what really happened was they lost their sight of the purpose God saved them for and that is to be a light to a lost and dying world.

With the standard lowered and the lack of a disciplined prayer life in the leaders caused a vacuum for the false prophets to move in.

Beloved, it did not take very long for people to realize that they could profit from the ministry by pretending to be operating in the spiritual gifts receiving large offerings attempting to build their own kingdom. This is where we are and such is the picture of the church today.

Many people now seek out a church that is lax on sin and allow them to feel comfortable instead of facing their sin. They leave more entertained than elevated. Many preachers do not believe in the virgin birth which is an essential requirement to receive God's free pardon for sin. These self-centered people seek for a gospel that allows the flesh to stay alive and does not demand a sacrifice for man's fallen nature or in other words, they seek for a feel good gospel.

Beloved, for us to get back on the right path, there are two foundational stones that must be in place and these are Love and Unity. These stones must also be in place for the gifts of the Spirit to operate in the church.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit will not function without unity and love in the body of Christ and they will not be present when we maintain our selfish attitudes.

Dear reader, let's take a look at today's church as it is portrayed to a lost and hurting world and we might discover what is lacking in our industry. First, we need to ask the question, "Why am I here?" There are times when the church forgets why it exists. Even Christians seem to forget what Jesus saved them for. They tend to think that church is all about them. They think that their relationship with Jesus is totally focused on their agenda and needs. I want to re-emphasize that it is not about us but about Him.

The church was borne in power and in unity. We each are chosen to fill the right place in the body. God wants us to flow in the body and fulfill His call upon our life. The problem is that some have developed pride and thought they could isolate themselves from the body and build their own kingdom. They call themselves "God's man for the hour. This mindset causes them to be isolated from their covering and leads people to associate their gifts to the person and not the body.

God sees all of us as one body; the body of Christ.

Because of the Luke warmness that infiltrated the church, we are living in an age of spiritual confusion and darkness. Beloved, we now have people that were born in the era called the baby boomers who mostly were involved in the protest of the Vietnam War, These people were known for living it up on college campuses with their free love and unprotected sex.

We now have some of these same people holding offices in our government.

We have teachers using books in our school teaching evolution and denying creation telling our young people that life does not mean anything that we were merely a tadpole that came out of the ocean or the offspring from a monkey.

Beloved, we have denied the very God that clearly showed His protection in the founding of this republic which caused such men as Benjamin Franklin to make the statement "It is undeniable that a Sovereign Being is responsible for the founding of this Republic and it would do us good to remember this formidable friend".

Dear reader, God helped establish a nation that would be a safe haven for His church to take His gospel of the kingdom to a lost and dying world; and that He has done for two hundred plus years.

Look at George Washington outnumbered and surrounded by the British it did not look good but look at God when a mysterious fog set in allowing he and his men to escape up the Delaware River and just when they got out of gun range the fog lifted to allow the British to see them escaping. Without warning, a wind arose that kept the British ships from chasing them or we would probably be flying the British flag today instead of the blessed stars and stripes. The enemy decided that since we were a strong unified republic that was protected by a mighty power that had shown Himself strong in our founding that they would have to find a way to bring us down for our God was too strong to attack us.

Like Daniel of old, they decided the only way to get to us would be through our morals and find a way to indoctrinate our young to the point that this Sovereign Being would have to turn His back on us and that is what they did through our music, Hollywood, and MTV.

During the end of World War II, the industrial revolution set in taking mothers away from their children to make a living in the factories that were springing up throughout our land. This left our young unsupervised and allowed MTV to raise our children. Laws were passed that legalized abortion till 1.5 million babies are aborted every year. Prayer was outlawed in schools and public gatherings leading to teens shooting it out in our streets and in our schools.

Today, student rape, teen pregnancy, drug deals, muggings, and shootings are considered to be a norm of the day. The Holy Bible is rejected by the secular humanistic school boards while pornography, humanism, occultism and Satanism are the regular curriculum.

There is something wrong with this picture but what is it? We must have a Spiritual cleansing that will bring a visitation of God's power to burst forth and vanquish the darkness of sin and declare the righteousness of Jesus and His lordship as being the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

God is raising up people who will spend time with Him in prayer and communion. God's plan for this hour is for His people to turn from their worldliness, and prayerless lives, yes, and repent of their selfish fleshly cravings for power and positions. He desires for them to repent of their church quarrels and denominational jealousy. God wants our pulpits to once again thunder and burn with the power and the cleansing fire of His Holy Spirit through men and women that have a made up mind to not compromise the truth for a meal ticket.

It seems the church in our day has forgotten the reason why it was born and why it exists. We that are saved are the adopted sons and daughters in the family of God. We are the body of Christ on earth and consist of one colossal body. We may not attend the same houses of worship but we are never disconnected from the body. We are to be an influence in a dark fallen world and be a light to show the way to God.

We now have young people stepping forward calling themselves Chief Apostles, Apostles, Prophets and other titles but where did they come from and who are they accountable to? Who is to judge the word they are giving?

How can they be a leader when they have had no training?

A Jezebel spirit is at work in many of these self-proclaimed people. This spirit has deceived many of them by whispering in their ears, "I'll get it for you and you will not have to pay the price others have paid." These people believe they are hearing from God and step forth writing their own books and making their seminar CDs but you had better not challenge any of their teachings for they tell their followers that they get their information direct from God. This is ludicrous and is strongly condemned by the word of God.

The word says if a word is given then let two or three-judge the word to see if it lines up with the word.

1 Corinthians 14 verse 29 reads "Let the prophets speak two or three and let the others, judge." This is a no-no to these want-to-be leaders.

Who are their mentors and who are they accountable to? They tell their followers that they are the only source to get their information from and some people will follow anything.

This is a bad situation for the environment for the church today but God is raising up people in this end time to make a difference. They come from unethical backgrounds and some have endured a hard upbringing.

Dear God, my prayer is, bring us back to humility and cause us to not glory in any of our achievements as one that is proud but help us keep our eyes on You, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Help us to be like Daniel and pray a prayer that will shake a whole empire. Help us not to glory in anything save the cross of Jesus Christ.

The Army of God is soon to march into the face of the enemy and take back what the enemy crept in and stole from God's people.

I am talking about those who have been hurt in churches mainly because of organizations with their strict denominational rules and unforgiving pastors who fit the category of the elder brother in the parable of the prodigal son. Some of these precious people had fallen into sin and had been cleansed and set free by the power of God but soon met opposition from church elders that informed them that because of their past they no longer qualify to be in ministry.

I am here as a living witness to tell you by experience that the living God has allowed some of us to get down in the mud and cellars of life to be treated worse than a human should ever be treated because he has some undesirables that we are to meet in this end time push of the Spirit of God to rescue as many as possible from the grasp of Satan. Beloved, I am stating that there are people who like the woman at the well, that have made plans for their life, however, circumstances and events acting as a steering wheel sending them on a dangerous path, caused them to end up living on the streets, incarcerated and even divorced. Man may look down at them from their high seats of judgment and human reason may say that they may have been cleansed but are not worthy to lead, but wait a minute; did not God say the publicans and the harlots would go in to His Kingdom before the rulers filled with pride would get in.

Let's get real, You have no way of relating to those on the streets or those who have suffered heartbreak through divorce or homeless living under a bridge unless you have been through what these men and women have had to brave.

We can use an example of finding some birds that have become injured and we make every attempt to show them mercy but because we are not on their level by being a bird, they will run from us because to them we are just a big monster. Beloved, we have people today driving trucks that used to be Bishops, Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, and Church Elders. Some of these people have completed bible seminary and have had a successful ministry but because of a tragedy in their life like divorce or some other happening, they have been told by some church elder that they are no longer eligible for ministry. There is a problem here that needs to be addressed and that is this. There is an anointing on these withered people that is shaking the gates of hell and preachers have gone to their graves craving to experience this kind of anointing. What did Jesus answer the woman at the well when she said Lord, I have no husband? He said, "You have rightly said that you have no husband. You have had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly." (John 4:17-18)

I rest my case with a message to the church elders of this ending day of grace.

You had better be prepared because the forgotten church of the hedge is on the horizon and they are the ones left behind but they are God's chosen ones to usher in the soon coming of our Lord. Beloved, we are living in the age where we desperately need a spiritual house cleaning to get rid of the confessed sin and ungodliness in Christian leaders. I believe that the living God is getting an Army together that has been through the storms of life that have been trained and conditioned to meet the enemy on every front. You will be surprised to find that many of these powerful soldiers of the cross are not very well known by the religious hierarchy of our day. These men and women have had to fight for every inch of ground gained because of their past mistakes.

These men and women have been through God's school of grace and have their degree. They have not had anything given to them but they have qualified for it through their training in the field. Yes, our undesirables who make up the forgotten church of the hedge will be the worship leaders and the leaders of clergy in this last push by the Spirit of God to rescue as many as possible from Satan's rebellion.

There is a lost and hungry world out there that is looking for answers and we have them. We have been through the tests of life and gained strength from our battles. Saints, we are now entering a time of spiritual cleansing and we are all becoming the same size. There are no big I's and no little U's in the Kingdom of God. We are being conditioned now by the Holy Spirit where everyone is flowing together in the gifts. Saints, let us labor together for the common cause and Let it be the real thing.

More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world, and more people have been driven from the church by the hardness and ugliness of so-called Christianity than by all the doubts in the world. John 13:35 reads "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The Foundation Stone of Love

The visitors in church may not be able to explain it or define it, but they know when it is there and when it is not and it would not hurt us one bit to back off the hammer and let another driver enter from an exit ramp for what are we to gain by placing him and others in harm's way?

God help us to work together and bring love and unity back into this great industry and especially the church!

We are entering a time of unity in the body of Christ. We are no accident and we did not come from a tree or crawl out of the ocean.

Nobody has our DNA or our fingerprints. We each have a lot to fill in God's eternal plan and purpose. Nobody else can do what we were chosen to do so there is no place for jealousy to be in our ranks.

God needs all kinds of people to reach all the different cultures and ethnic groups in our world. We need to start caring for one another and quit being selfish and isolated. We must have the right attitude toward God and our fellow men.

We the body of Christ are bound by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and not doctrines or denominations.

We are blood brothers and sisters in Christ.

We need to realize that we are in a fight between good and evil. There is an enemy who is bent on our destruction. The enemy loves for us to fight among ourselves. If we are in a fight, and we are not fighting each other then we must realize that we need to fight together as one colossal body.

When we align ourselves to fight together, we will experience a spiritual strength and become a powerful force to be reckoned with as we flow together in unity.

There is a powerful strength and force in unity. Beloved, as we flow together in unity, we will see the power and love of God begin to spread all around us. I know I already used this in this study but for some reason the Spirit of God is directing me to reemphasize it again. The enemy knows this and that is why he tries to bring division. I have always said that if a brother or sister draws a circle and leaves you out, swallow your pride and draw a bigger circle bringing them in.

God wants us to prosper and flow in the body as children of faith and power. He wants us to live circumspectly in this cruel world making the most out of every opportunity.

When we miss an opportunity, it cannot be reclaimed. Every moment is a precious gift from God. God wants us to manage our time and invest it in something worthwhile. Fellow believers, did you know that there is strength in working together? In Ephesians the 5th chapter, Paul speaks of redeeming our time and managing it and ourselves wisely.

Too many have the mistaken idea that the building is the church. God's son Jesus is not coming back for buildings but a bride that hath made herself ready.

We are not here to fill up space, nor are we here to build our own kingdom but we are here to be an influence in a dark fallen world that is full of confusion and hate.

We are to be an influence but not let the world system influence us.

Chapter 14

Don't Chase the Dove Away

This book would not be complete if I did not expound upon some things that can not only interrupt the flow of God's Spirit in a service but also hinder us in our Christian walk as children of the most high God. First let me explain why I was led of the Lord to use the dove in the title of this chapter as a reference to God's Spirit and God's abiding presence. I have took the liberty to provide you with several references concerning the dove as used in the holy scriptures and we all remember it was the bird sent out by Noah to see if the water had receded from the Earth ***Genesis 8:8-12*** - Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

The dove is recognized as a symbol of purity. Many times the dove can be found pictured carrying the olive leaf as a symbol of peace, and purity. In God's word, we find the dove being used as a symbol of purity. The words listed below help define the word purity and are as follows?

*{morality · goodness · righteousness · rectitude · saintliness
s piety · honor · honesty · integrity · uprightness · decency
worthiness · ethicality · blamelessness · guiltlessness ·
innocence · chastity · sinlessness · spotlessness}*

The dove can be found in the book of Luke to describe the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus when he was baptized by the Apostle John.

Luke 3:22

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Easton's Bible Dictionary – The Dove

Doves and turtle-doves were the only birds that could be offered in sacrifice, as they were clean according to the Mosaic law (Genesis 15:9 ;Leviticus 5:7 ; 12:6 ; Luke 2:24). The dove was the harbinger of peace to Noah (Genesis 8:8 Genesis 8:10). It is often mentioned as the emblem of purity (Psalms 68:13). It is a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2 ; Matthew 3:16 ; Mark 1:10 ; Luke 3:22 ; John 1:32); also of tender and devoted affection (Cant 1:15 ;2:14). David in his distress wished that he had the wings of a dove, that he might fly away and be at rest (Psalms 55:6-8). There is a species of dove found at Damascus "whose feathers, all except the wings, are literally as yellow as gold" (68:13).

Beloved, it is no secret that through the pages of Church history, God has allowed his spirit to empower and use men and women of God in mighty services that miracles and healings occurred that would cause medical doctors to stand in awe. I have great respect for these patriarchs of our faith who paved the way for us to read about their life experiences with the God of the bible and develop within our own hearts a hunger to experience God's presence in our own life.

These powerful men and women of God allowed the Lord to use them to leave his signature through them to future generations including us today. They left behind some profound revelations and eyewitnesses who themselves have experienced a one on one covenant relationship with the Living God of the bible. These patriarchs all agreed that He is the same today as He was in bible days and he desires to be found. The lives lived by these saints, is a treasured map that leads to a treasure buried in a remote hidden place just waiting for someone to find it and claim it.

I am praying that as you read this book that you will explore the depths of God's Spirit in such a way that you will never be satisfied with church in the norm like we have in many settings today.

I will now make an attempt by the Spirit of God to expound on the strategy and tools of the enemy that can and will hinder the flow of God's spirit in our lives and ministry.

Before I expound upon these dangerous schemes of the enemy, let me post for you some scriptures that I think will give us clarity concerning how God feels when we grieve or insult his spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 King James Version (KJV)

³⁰ *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

I was able to find what I believe is a good outline concerning God's Spirit and how we can grieve or insult his Spirit by (gotquestions.org) and I placed them below for us to glean from. This study will help understand where I am going in this chapter concerning the sins of the flesh that will hinder the flow of God's Spirit in our life and ministry.

What does it mean to grieve & quench the Holy Spirit and why did God say that if we do we can become his enemy?

When the word “quench” is used in Scripture, it is speaking of suppressing fire. When believers put on the shield of faith, as part of their armor of God (Ephesians 6:16), they are extinguishing the power of the fiery darts from Satan. Christ described hell as a place where the fire would not be “quenched” (Mark 9:44, 46, 48). Likewise, the Holy Spirit is a fire dwelling in each believer. He wants to express Himself in our actions and attitudes.

When we as believers do not allow the Holy Spirit to be seen in our actions then when we do what we know is wrong, we suppress or quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19). We do not allow the Spirit to reveal Himself the way that He wants to. Beloved, in-order to better understand what it means to grieve the Spirit, we must first understand that this indicates God’s Spirit possesses personality.

Only a person can be grieved; therefore, the Spirit must be a divine person in order to have this emotion. Once we understand this, we can better understand how He is grieved, mainly because we too are grieved. Ephesians 4:30 tells us that we should not grieve the Spirit.

Beloved, we grieve the Spirit by living like the pagans (4:17-19), by lying (4:25), by being angry (4:26-27), by stealing (4:28), by cursing (4:29), by being bitter (4:31), by being unforgiving (4:32), and by being sexually immoral (5:3-5).

To grieve the Spirit is to act out in a sinful manner, whether it is in thought only or in both thought and deed. Quenching and grieving the Spirit are similar in their effects. Both hinder a godly lifestyle. Both happen when a believer sins against God and follows his or her own worldly desires. The only correct road to follow is the road that leads the believer closer to God and purity, and farther away from the world and sin. Just as we do not like to be grieved, and just as we do not seek to quench what is good—so we should not grieve or quench the Holy Spirit by refusing to follow His leading. This teaching consists of some powerful insight concerning the abiding and indwelling presence of God’s Spirit living within that is armed with the vast knowledge of God’s preordained plan for our life and our divine purpose for him allowing us as spirit beings to be born and enjoy life on his planet called Earth.

I will now attempt to explain why we are unique and special to him. I want to cover some of this in this chapter before I point out the two sins that will grieve God's Spirit and hinder his work in our life and ministry.

Dear reader you are not a mistake but were created to fulfill and accomplish something significant and make a difference in your generation. Out of all the thousands of sperm that was released, God allow you to make it and become a person. You were allowed to experience life because you have a divine purpose for being on this planet.

You were created to accomplish something special that no other person on Earth can accomplish, that God may leave his signature through your life. God placed the plans for our life within us when we were born and that is why we are to delight our self in him that he may bring these hidden desires into a reality. Every person born on this planet was created to stand out as a unique person. They may be from a different culture or nation but they have a divine purpose. They may be a dictator ruling with an iron fist but they have a divine purpose. They may be a murderer, a rapist or may be mixed up in their gender but they have a divine purpose and if we view them as to who they are or what they have done then we have failed to see

how God sees them and we may have been the very one that he would use to help them discover that they are loved with an unconditional love by their creator and he allowed them to make the egg and experience life because he has a divine purpose for their existence. Dear reader, No one has your finger prints nor do they have your DNA. You are special and were created to stand out, not blend in.

Our God knows every piece of matter that is in the universe and everything seen and unseen has a purpose for its existence.

The living God has carefully taken time to plan each part of our life in advance which I call our moment of time that we will live on this planet. In eternity past, He worked out the course that our life would take and he knows everything that will happen to us in this life span. Nothing takes this wonderful creator by surprise. He is able to look at our past, present and future all at the same time. His Holy Spirit was there when our moment of time was planned. In the beginning; the Living God carefully looked down through the ages of time and yes, through every generation that would be born and planned every intricate detail of every life that would live on earth.

God has a plan to rescue as many as possible from Satan's camp and gather together unto himself a people that he would call his family. He foreknew who would choose his plan and he also knew that the majority would reject it and be lost forever. We were predestined to become his sons and daughters at the cross. He approaches us with the preaching of the cross which encourages us to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our accepting Jesus is the first step in his plan that was predestined for us before the foundation of the world. God demonstrated a desire to save people by his Love, his Grace and his workmanship in our doing good works to glorify his name in the Earth.

We must understand that God's divine plan for us is in the Spirit and his Holy Spirit is in us enforcing this plan as Spiritual law.

God's Spirit is the enforcer of Spiritual law. He will take charge and control of the circumstances that surround us and cause natural law to be for or against us. He represents us in heaven and we need his classroom. His great reservoir of wisdom and council resides within our spirit just waiting to be released. Saints, we must come to the realization that who we are in the body of Christ, is more important than what we can do and accomplish on our own.

We may read God's word but we will not find a book with our name on it but our purpose and calling can be revealed through the personal inward work of the Blessed Holy Spirit. He knows our purpose and calling for he was in the Father's presence when our life was planned.

Beloved, we must realize that God knows us and we are important to him. WE must also realize that life matters because God loves us. Dear reader, there is no room for depression and loneliness if we understand that God loved us enough to send his son to die in our place that we through faith might become the sons of God and be adopted into his royal family and become an heir with God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

It is time to come to a life of holiness and walk in the light of God's word. We need to speak his word out loud into the atmosphere that his promises and benefits are working in us.

God watches over his word to fulfill it. Listen dear reader, if God cares about the sparrows and knows when one dies, then he cares about you. He cares for the spouses who have lost their partner in life. He cares about the mother who has a son on death roll. He cares about those incarcerated and serving their sentence for their crimes

against society and he cares for those who feel that they are all alone. I will now make an humble attempt to expound in the next chapter on the two sins of the flesh that will hinder the flow of God's Spirit in our life and ministry but first let me say this; {People are important to God and he does not want us living in bondage but in the power and victory of the cross. }

The Sin of mankind was dealt a mighty blow by our savior at the cross. God raised him up for our justification that we could come into his holy presence as one who had no sin. We are declared righteous through the blood of Jesus. We need to start living as one that knows God from the free pardon of sin and put the devil where he belongs and that is under our feet. Friends; we must never give the devil an inch in our lives. He will lure us to take the bait like an angler trying to catch a fish. He will make it look appealing but remember, if we do take the bait, it will have consequences and place us in bondage.

It is time to come to God and come out of irons. What is the source of strength and stability in your life?

Dear friend, if your trust is in anything but the Lord, then you are walking on unsteady ground. }

Chapter 15

The Sin of Pride and Racism

The two sins of the flesh that will hinder the flow of God's Spirit in our life and ministry are Pride and Racism"

Before you close the chapter, let me please ask you some questions then I will expound upon the danger behind these schemes of the enemy to divide and conquer?

1. Did you have anything to do with what era in history you would be born?
2. Did you have any say as to what gender you would be and who your parents would be?
3. Did you have anything to do or say concerning what nationality or what race you would be born into?
4. Did you have anything to do or say concerning the gifts that would be placed within you at birth?

This dear reader is why God hates a proud look because as you discovered earlier in this chapter, out of the billions of people upon this planet, no one is like you. No one has your brain waves, your DNA, your finger prints and your gifts that is why we have no right to place our self as being superior to another person here and abroad.

I want to place the definition of pride for us to view and see if any of these traits identify in us and if they do then we need to quickly repent before God and ask him to cleanse us with his blood according to John 1 v9.

Pride- is an inwardly directed emotion that carries two antithetical meanings. With a negative connotation pride refers to a foolishly^[1] and irrationally corrupt sense of one's personal value, status or accomplishments, used synonymously with hubris. With a positive connotation, pride refers to a humble and content sense of attachment toward one's own or another's choices and actions, or toward a whole group of people, and is a product of praise, independent self-reflection, and a fulfilled feeling of belonging.

In **Judaism, pride** is called the root of all evil. In Christianity, pride is the original and most serious of the seven deadly sins, the father of all sins.

Philosophers and social psychologists have noted that pride is a complex secondary emotion which requires the development of a sense of self and the mastery of relevant conceptual distinctions (e.g. that pride is distinct from happiness and joy) through language-based interaction with others.^[2] Some social psychologists identify the nonverbal expression of pride as a means of sending a functional, automatically perceived signal of high social status.^[3] In contrast, pride could also be defined as a lowly disagreement with the truth. One definition of pride in the former sense comes from St. Augustine: "the love of one's own excellence".^[4] A similar definition comes from Meher Baba: "Pride is the specific feeling through which egoism manifests."^[5]

Dear reader, if you have read this chapter and meditated on its truths, you are on your way to a revival within your soul that will surely not be able to be contained.

Let me now expound upon the scheme the enemy of our soul is using to divide our churches and our nation and that sin is Racism. I want to also state that this is not something we are born with but is a hellish taught behavior that has no place in the body of Christ.

The Azusa Street revival in 1906 that touched the world was started when some white people in Los Angeles was praying for a move of God. The Lord heard their prayer and directed a black man by the name of with a patch over one eye to their residence late at night. The black people were under a curfew and were forbidden to be out at that time of the night. There was knock at their door and there stood a black man. When they asked what he wanted, he replied, you been praying for revival and God directed me to come here. The Azusa Street Revival was a historic Pentecostal revival meeting that took place in Los Angeles, California and is the origin of the Pentecostal movement. It was led by William J. Seymour, an African American preacher.

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The participants were criticized by the secular media and Christian theologians for behaviors considered to be outrageous and unorthodox, especially at the time.

Today, the revival is considered by historians to be the primary catalyst for the spread of Pentecostalism in the 20th century.

Near the end of this great outpouring of God's Spirit, The white people began to complain about the worship of whites and blacks together.

The persecution became so great that soon the Azusa street mission was deserted by the whites and became a mostly black church.

The fires of revival that swept the world had been hindered as racism once again grieved the flow of God's Spirit.

Dear reader, how can we as a people that had no say as to when we would be born, what gender we would be or even what race God would allow us to be born into, think that we as frail human beings that are dependent upon him for the next breath we breathe could even think that we or our race of people is superior to another when God is the one that chose and carefully planned when, where, and what race they would be born to experience life and to fulfill his divine purpose for their life which one day all of us will stand in front of him the giver of life and give an account of the life we are now living to fulfill His divine purpose and call upon our life.

The enemy's plan is to divide and conquer as holds true the old saying "United we stand and Divided we Fall?"

I could write many chapters on this subject but even the late **A. A. Allen** and my **Apostle Don Stewart** that grew up with and was mentored by him encountered protests and faced courts for having mixed multitudes in their services. Thank God for these two great men of God who saw all men and women as human beings made in the image and likeness of almighty God with a divine purpose for their life on this planet.

Dear reader, I think you can agree with me that this world and especially this Nation desperately needs a move of God to bring a correction and a reverential fear upon us.

I am talking about the cleansing fire of God that would cause us to put aside our differences and come together in unity of the faith for in psalms 133 God spoke volumes concerning unity among the believers. King James Version (KJV)

Psalms 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

³As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Pride and Racism are hindering blocks to a true revival and there is no room for it to exist in the life of a true Christian therefore churches and religious organizations that send their missionaries into other countries and rejoice over their pictures being took with other races but refuse to allow other races to attend their church are not of God and are caught up in pride and religious bigotry.

Racism is a taught behavior and God will have No part of it for Proverbs the 6th chapter states that God hates a proud look. My question again is how can one claim to know God and be a part of something that God hates with a passion.

Dear reader, until we can see people the way God sees them and realize if they miss heaven that will be a part of God that he can never get back then we will be missing the chance to experience the fires of a life changing revival where lives can be changed for eternity.

Beloved, Let us contend for the faith and agree on the virgin birth, the death, burial and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior who gave his life for all races, creeds and people that they may be rescued from the rebellion of Satan and be adopted into the family of God.

Racism (Wikipedia)-Is the belief in the superiority of one race over another, resulting in discrimination and prejudice towards people based on their race or ethnicity.

Today, the use of the term "racism" does not easily fall under a single definition.^[1]

The ideology underlying racist practices often includes the idea that humans can be subdivided into distinct groups that are different due to their social behavior and their innate capacities as well as the idea that they can be ranked as inferior or superior.^[2]

The Holocaust which led to the genocide of many millions of people based on an ideology of racial hierarchy is a well-known historical example of institutionalized racism, and so is the apartheid regime in South Africa, as well as slavery and segregation in the United States.

Racism was also an aspect of the social organization of many colonial states and empires.

While the concepts of race and ethnicity are considered to be separate in contemporary social science, the two terms have a long history of equivalence in both popular usage and older social science literature.

"Ethnicity" is often used in a sense close to one traditionally attributed to "race": the division of human groups based on qualities assumed to be essential or innate to the group (e.g. shared ancestry or shared behavior). Therefore, racism and racial discrimination are often used to describe discrimination on an ethnic or cultural basis.

Let us not get caught up in the religious system we have to day and let us treat all men with love, respect and honor and I assure you this will get God's attention and he will send the dove into our life and ministry.

Dear Lord, I ask you to use this book to awaken our inner man and bring us to unity and harmony that will bring a move of God that will bring deliverance and healing to our nation. God please bring us to the place of brokenness over our sin. We have come to realize through this study and through your word that there will be no revival until we see our goal as the pursuit of Jesus, and we see ourselves in the light of the image of Christ. May we with this revelation, fall on our faces and say, "O God, I cannot go this way anymore. I cannot think these thoughts. I cannot feel these feelings. I cannot flirt around with this sin," and dear Lord, I repent. Cleanse me with fresh fire and send us revival, In Jesus mighty name we ask A-Men.

Chapter 16

The Fifth Dimension

I do not know where to begin with this chapter as it will be beyond anyone believing it could occur. I titled this chapter the fifth dimension because I believe it is the time and the season for the supernatural. The Wikipedia states that "the fifth dimension is a space with 5 dimensions or the fourth dimension of time used in relativity physics." Einstein taught on time and physics. It has to do with us becoming aware that God placed no limits or boundaries concerning how far we may go in the Spirit.

The prophet Ezekiel in Ezekiel Chapter 47 verse 5 speaks of the depths of the Spirit as being a river that no man can pass over. God is not bound or confined by the laws that govern this planet and sometimes He allows His greatest creation to cross into a spiritual realm where the Spiritual law will override the natural law. It is as though time sometimes seems as if it is standing still and the laws and elements set in place to govern this planet must give way to God and His word operating through His chosen vessel in this realm. I am speaking about supernatural events and happenings that I have witnessed in my own life

and ministry. It all started when I was barely 10 years old as I was attempting to read my Bible in the place that my late grandfather had used in his sermon at the Methodist church. I was reading in the book of Revelation concerning the city that sits upon the seven mountains. I had no sooner read it that a voice spoke out in the room and said. "That is Rome Italy?" I became frightened not knowing who or what was in the room with me. I started paying more attention to my granddad's sermons and developed a keen interest in God's word. I wanted to learn more about a Creator that was so interested in me. I would steal away by myself and ask Him to reveal Himself to me and tell Him that I wanted to meet him. It was not long till I had an encounter that scared me so bad I gave up on wanting to meet Him. One night in my room I had my Bible open and it was as if a man was wetting his finger to turn the pages and they started turning like this without anyone near the Bible. I became frightened and begged the unseen fingers to stop and it did for a long time. Later in my adult years, God began to use me in healing and the supernatural. I remember one occasion somewhere in the mountains of Virginia this unseen hand showing up again.

A local pastor there and his son in law had asked me to accompany them to an old run down church in the mountains to pray. The church was not in good shape and I noticed a hornet's nest on the church corner. During this time, I was praying up to four and five hours a night while driving my eighteen wheeler. This nest was about eye level and I knew the son-in-law needed an encounter with God. I felt led to walk over and look at these creatures of God sitting on their nest. I walked over and looked at them up close and they never offered to move. I felt led to pray and we dropped to our knees in prayer. I remember quoting some scripture from the ground.

By the time we stood on our feet the wind had increased and I begin to relate to these ministers how God had actually turned the pages in my Bible several times in my life and wondered if He would do it in front of them. Suddenly, the wind began to turn the pages in my Bible but what really got my attention is when they stopped turning when they reached the placed in the scriptures that I had quoted while in prayer.

Saints, I do not believe that this book would hold all the stories and occasions God has used me in the other realm. Once, an eye doctor informed me that all his test results point to the fact that Glaucoma had started to take root in my eyes. Saints, I got mad and preached out of his office even ending up in his waiting room saying, "No doctor, that is only a delusion and that mess does not exist in my body because I do not live or operate in the fallen kingdom through the fall of Adam. I live and operate in the established kingdom of God claiming the victory of the covenant God made with His son. Well, the good doctor asked me to calm down and show up the next morning at his other office located in the hospital and he would run the same tests there but he also informed me he thought it was a waste of time and money.

I made a few phone calls but knowing and reflecting on the mighty miracle services where the presence of God moved to do mighty healings. Saints, I showed up the next morning and allowed the doctor to run his tests. At the conclusion of his findings, the good young doctor came in and sit beside me. He said, "Jerry, I do not understand what is going on but all I can say is that whatever was showing up yesterday is not there today."

Saints, what if I had allowed the results of the first test to influence my thinking? The enemy would have had a field day with me diminishing my faith but again, I am not moved by what I see but by what the Spirit of God has to say within me through His word.

I suffered some tremendous losses and endured many trials even losing my earthly father and later my own mom who was killed in an automobile accident. It was during this time I also was in an accident in my eighteen wheeler with a young mother using the side of my trailer to take her own life.

Beloved, this and many more trials including divorce came my way all within three years' time but let me tell you that God was right by my side through it all. He later brought me out with an anointing and unshakable faith. I did not want to place this in this book but we just need to hold on to our faith and not allow the pressures of life on the outside get on the inside. It was during this time that alarms would be activated if I showed up after hours in businesses, including several Walmart's in located in different cities.

One time when I was a young preacher, one of my old mentors had died and I often would visit his grave in a lonely countryside to be alone with God. I remember on one occasion that I was disturbed about some things and visited this man of God's grave. The grave was located on a hillside a good distance from a nearby church. I crossed the field and entered the bottom of the graveyard and decided to pray. I began to relate to God how this man had been used by Him to touch my life and that I missed him terribly. Suddenly, I heard a noise in the nearby woods and a small twisting wind tunnel was making its way out of the woods bringing leaves and twisting them in a circle. As if guided by an unseen hand, the wind tunnel made its way across the graveyard and stopped on top of the man of God's grave. It stayed there for a few minutes and I felt the urge to open my Bible. It opened to Paul speaking in 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 2 and 3 concerning a man being called up into the third heaven. God was informing me that this man of God was with Him and I had all I need to finish my course.

Another incident happened at a tent revival in Virginia, I had the Lord have a small twister appear in front of my pulpit scaring me and others but the Lord knew there was a man there that had plans to kill and burn down the house of one of the worshipers there. This supernatural occurrence caused this man to run to these people begging forgiveness.

I will share two more supernatural happenings and one I do not expect you to believe, but God as my witness, every word in this book is true. I had suffered severe trials and was at the Flying J truck stop in Oklahoma City doing my laundry. I noticed a heavy set woman in the laundry room on her laptop. I was taking my clothes out of the dryer when this woman left the room leaving her purse and laptop there with me. When she returned, I begin to make conversation with her and point out how she could be without a laptop and purse if I had not been in the room. She showed no expression as I begin to inform her that I was a minister and she should not make foolish mistakes like that. With a smile, she informed me that God had told her who I was and that she was a chaplain at the local prison. Well, I walked into the nearby TV room which was vacant. I sat in one of the chairs when all of a sudden my phone came on in my shirt pocket all by itself then

suddenly the electricity in the building went off and came back on. I took my phone out and noticed it was charging by itself. I stood up to show the chaplain and it stopped. I sit back down and it started again until it got to where it would not only do it in my truck but it would do it if I was in the same building. This went on for a little over a month and was witnessed by over 50 people from coast to coast.

Beloved, I once had the thought that maybe the government had something to do with it but knowing and experiencing God like I have I dismissed that thought. I remember before my divorce that my mother in law who was a powerful pastor who did not like me too much and I wanted her to witness the phone charging itself. I made it a point to remove the battery then insert it in front of her and it came on saying phone was off but charging. She began to praise God in front of her husband and Son shouting, I know it is the end time now and Jesus is soon coming.

This next story may be too much for some but it actually happened and I think about it even today with all the new viruses appearing etc. Later, maybe a month later, I dropped the phone that had been charging itself and broke the face in I think three places. I remember taking a little screwdriver used for tightening the screw in glasses and sticking it through the holes the fall had made in the phone. I also remember that my load was taking me through Oklahoma City and I wanted to take the broken miracle phone inside the truck stop and be in the place reflect on the day it all started with the overweight chaplain. Saints, I was already nearing the exit and decided to reach down and pick up the phone. As I reached for the phone, I noticed that there was something different about the feel of the face. It did not have sharp edges and I am puzzled to this day that this phone had a brand new face.

All I can say is God is God and He is the Supreme Majesty who created all things with His word.

I don't understand this but I will say it has strengthened my faith to not fear anything seen or unseen and trust Him who has all power to finish the work He started within me and bring me to a good end.

Dear reader are you still hungry and do you wish to have a living relationship with him in the here and now? Are you like me and in your moments with him say “lord I want to know you, I don’t want to get there and discover that I could have experienced more in this life that could be used to set your people free?”

Is this you then may I ask what is the source of strength and stability in your life, if it is anything but the Lord, then you are walking on unsteady ground.

The Lord never changes.

The LORD is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the Earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and His ways are higher than ours.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

It is an established fact that even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the LORD will renew (exchange) their strength for his. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint as warriors in their Christian walk.

Beloved, one does not need a physic or horoscope to predict their future, all they need do is delight in themselves in the Lord and look at what lies within. Our future is not ahead of us as some would think but it was placed within us at birth. Sometimes, God allows us to suffer and be put in a no-win situation that we are unable to conquer. This is better equipping us to comfort others and put our trust more in Him. I have found that when I have come out of a severe trial, that I will have more of the anointing of God on my life and ministry.

Dear reader, I had most of my supernatural experiences with God even being allowed to meet His Angels on the road while enduring some of the greatest hardships and trials that life can offer. From experience I can say is, learn from the test and remember, greater is He that is within you than He that is in the world. Saints, we are anointed to go through the trial before hand because God has anointed us for the position before He places us in it. He is not going to place you in the situation then anoint you when you get in it for you have been prepared and anointed for the position before you arrived. You, dear Saint, will be the one with new ideas and able to solve problems that will arise because of the one that lives within you who knows the end from the beginning.

The enemy of our soul does not realize that the more he is allowed to test you, the more power you are going to have with God when God's grace brings you out on the other side. There is no such thing as skipping over the mountains tops without going through a valley. What I am trying to say is that the valley experience is like doing your regular exercises which strengthen the muscles.

So what are you waiting on? Pray that you will be counted worthy to be a faithful soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ? Are you now ready to flex your muscles? Endure hardness as a good soldier and when life gives you a lemon, make lemonade and remember, God is a God that is more than enough. Beloved, Stretch your faith and sow in the fifth dimension. Jesus has left us with talents and abilities that he expects us to do something with. He expects us to use those precious gifts to multiply the Kingdom. We are to lift up and edify our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. One great thing about our God is that he has not left us here on Earth helpless. Jesus did not leave us with the Great Commission helpless to carry it out. He has given us talents and gifts that can be used of God to accomplish the task we have been commanded to do.

Chapter 17

The Mission Ahead

Saints, we must realize that our ministry is legitimate only if it reflects and represents Christ in all His offices. It must reflect on His name and eternal redemptive purposes in ministering to the lost, broken, and oppressed peoples of the world.

If we are going to have a life-changing revival in our time, we are going to have to place our emphasis on the Lordship and person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our prayer should be that God would place the zeal of His missionary spirit deep within our hearts. Our first and foremost ministry in what we are called to do in this hurting world should be our worship to the Living God. We gain a great deal of whom we are and the bond that holds us together through the way we worship. Worship moves us past this earthly realm which consists of time and space and allows us to enter into the eternal realm where God is. There we discover God's purposes of reconciliation to a lost and hurting world.

Throughout the history of Christianity, God has always had a people seeking for more of Him and His word. These precious pilgrims have pushed to get behind the veil and explore the meaning of spirit baptism and spiritual gifts. God has chosen His church as the vehicle to extend His Kingdom in the earth. If we are to see a much-needed move of God in this end time, we are going to have to get real with a real God. God's highest revelation is in His son Jesus Christ. He is the express image of the invisible God. He is the radiance of God's glory and being.

I started to title this chapter as the pursuit of purity or holiness. We must realize that revival and the pursuit of holiness go hand in hand. When we conduct a thorough study of revival and church history, we discover that God always brings to light the hidden sin in the life of the believer. God must bring us to the place of brokenness over our sin. There will be no revival until we make our goal the pursuit of Jesus, and we see ourselves in the light of His image. Today, we see the decay of morals in our weakening society and the drifting away from God and His word.

Beloved, no serious Christian should question the need for a mighty, heaven-sent soul searching revival that will shake the present Church to its foundations. The result will be an ushering in of a spiritual cleansing and empowering that will turn our nation around so that our present way of life will be seen as totally unacceptable to a holy God.

2 Chronicles 7:14 reads as thus, "If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Saints, the world is looking for something that is life changing and something that can be seen. The world knows that things such as our economy and weather patterns are out of sync. Without true sold out Christians, the world is void of information about God's expectations of us as His followers, and of His agape love. It seems today that God's people are asleep in their pews with their religious traditions and lethargy. The word of God states that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

The church leadership should be held accountable for any misinterpretations of God's word and not make excuses when they fall. God is looking for His people to have an intimate relationship with him. A lot of preachers are teaching, but they are not reaching souls. God's people understand that by humbling themselves in prayer and devotion, that they deny themselves and take up their cross and follow after righteousness. This would involve spending time in His word. God will bring revival to us and for us when we obey His voice and not be distracted by those other voices that are misleading and seductive.

The enemy of our souls will tremble if we make up our mind to position ourselves for revival and get down by doing God's business. Satan will fight on every front to prevent us from touching the throne room of God with our prayers. Saints, there is a price to pay for a move of God. We offer our self as a sacrifice, and we are that sacrifice. God's promises hold true and he is not reluctant to hold back any good thing from us. Saints, the holy move of God will cost us long hours and sleepless nights. Let us get into a spirit of prayer as He burdens our hearts for dying souls. Victory comes as we begin to obey the prompting of God's spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives and ministry.

Church, it is time for the final revival!

This revival will defy science and medicine because the time has come where the medicinal has lost its power to heal us. I once wrote a journal entitled "Dwelling in the Secret Place." When we abide in the secret place with God, we are hidden from the enemy and the enemy cannot touch us.

Beloved, there is a place in God where the forces of darkness cannot prevail against us. It is in this secret place that we find that we can pray effectively in the power of the Holy Spirit without fear because "God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, of love and a sound mind." His word teaches that we are able to overcome the works of darkness, through His anointing and indwelling presence of Christ within us. He gives us an indwelling strength to meet every challenge that may befall us.

Remember to keep prayer alive in your hearts because prayer will command the forces of hell to stand still.

Remember, Revival begins within us!

Chapter 18

Conditions of Revival Covenant 2 Chronicles 7:14

Saints, I found this chapter in some of my old notes and wish to print it for you just the way I wrote it several years ago but it sums up this whole book and I think it speaks volumes. I wish I could say that I wrote it but it is an awesome piece of study that deserves to be heard!

From the booklet, "*When God Stepped down from Heaven.*" Humbling: "*If My people...shall humble themselves...*"

This will consist of humbling before God, before others, and before self. Included in this process will be deep, honest, heart-searching, heart-confession, turning from sin, forsaking of habits, restitution for wrong doings, and complete rededication to God and His work.

Praying: "*and pray...*" By absolute faith in the certainty of God keeping His promise; travailing before God in earnest prayer, even declaring before Him His covenant promise, until He hears from heaven! This praying will not depend upon the amount of support received from others who join you, neither will it be influenced by those who refuse to join you.

Wow, its basis will be the solid fact of God's covenant promise that – if WE will...then HE will hear from heaven!

Turning: *"and turn from their wicked ways..."* Before there can be rededication, there must be renunciation! To have *"clean hands and a pure heart"* (Psa. 24:4) there must be a "turning away" from anything that could contaminate spiritual life. God is in His holy temple; to approach Him we must needs stand upon holy ground – to do this we must be holy people. It is here where the real heart-searching must take place, for there are many things that represent "wicked ways" in the eyes of God that are perhaps held very lightly in our estimation. Achan's sin is a very easy one to fall into – the "shekels of silver" and "wedge of gold," the "Babylonian garment" make strong appeals to the "flesh," and it is often a very easy step to yield to these desires, and bring them into the "tent" and then cover them up by making excuses to our own conscience (see Joshua, chapter 7). We may cover things up from the eyes of our fellow men, but nothing is hidden from God; and the blessing of God may well depend on not only a clean life, but a clean dwelling place. There may be contaminating "idols" in the home that will have to go before we have completely "turned from our wicked ways." Are we

prepared to do that? Are we prepared to wait before God in honest heart-searching until He has revealed every "wickedness" that would hinder, and then, definitely, and determinedly by the grace of God turn from them, whatever the sacrifice might entail? Then, and then only, shall we stand upon covenant ground, and hear the mighty God of Bible days not only declare: *"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things"* (Jer. 33:3) – but we shall also see Him move into action in the greatest spiritual awakening that our land has ever experienced. We close by quoting these challenging words:

"We may organize, we may plan, but until we get on our faces before God and do business with a covenant-keeping God, we shall not see revival. We can have our conferences and conventions, and speak of our wonderful times, but what we want and what we need is a fresh manifestation of the mighty power of God that brings men down in deep conviction to seek the Savior."

My Conclusion

The time for revival is now and we must not miss this great opportunity before us to witness our King rise from His place and bring some order and correction to a society that has lost control of their senses and morals. Let us now begin to lay aside some meals and get our spirit strong that we may be able to do warfare in the spirit realm. Remember, if we feed the flesh, the flesh will get strong and override our spirit but if we deny our flesh, and feed our spirit man daily from God's word, then our spirit man will be the stronger one and we can begin to see things change around us for our good.

God has a plan to rescue as many as possible from Satan's camp and gather together unto Himself a people that He would call His family. He foreknew who would choose His plan and He also knew that the majority would reject it and be lost forever.

We were predestined to become His sons and daughters at the cross. He approaches us with the preaching of the cross which encourages us to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Our accepting Jesus is the first step in His plan that was predestined for us before the foundation of the world.

God demonstrated a desire to save people by His Love, His Grace, and His workmanship in our doing good works to glorify His name in the Earth.

We must understand that God's divine plan for us is of the Spirit and His Holy Spirit is in us enforcing this plan as Spiritual law. His Spirit is the enforcer of Spiritual law. He will take charge and control of the circumstances that surround us and cause natural law to be for or against us. He represents us in heaven and we need His classroom. His great reservoir of wisdom and council resides within our spirit just waiting to be released.

Beloved, we will not find a book with our name on it but our purpose and calling can be revealed through the personal inward work of the Blessed Holy Spirit.

Beloved, He knows our purpose and calling for He was in the Father's presence when our life was planned. Saints, do not place boundaries and limits on God for He is above anything we can imagine with our infinite minds and is able to work behind the scenes to fulfill His purpose on Earth with and through whomever he chooses to bring his desire to pass. Beloved, let us fall on our face before him and say here I am Lord, make my life count.

Closing Prayer

Father God we come before you in Jesus Name and ask you to give us the Grace of good judgment to keep on making good decisions for we realize that it is a Kingdom Principle! Lord help us to be all we can be for the up-building of Thy Kingdom and give us a life changing revival in our soul, our communities and our Nation! Dear Lord help us realize that if we have a calling on our life, it is because you choose people that are incapable of producing life qualities on their own that will be acceptable in your sight but it is possible for you to do it through us when we give you preeminence in our life. Saints we must come to realize and accept the fact that God had a plan for us as leaders before we were born and all of our life experiences have been a training ground to fulfill this plan in making us the leaders that will make a difference in our culture and leave a legacy behind for future generations. Beloved, when we come to the end of this life's journey, we should be so empty from pouring into the life of others that we have nothing left to give. In Jesus name A-Men.

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The non-traditional aspect of Jerry's ministry allows him to go into places and retrieve those, who otherwise may be out of reach of other ministries.

In this end-time push of the spirit, God is using his warriors, such as Jerry Hulse to impact the world and make change. His inspirational books have been used of God to touch many and can be found in many countries throughout the world.

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Withered Hand Ministries, Inc have created a special page on their website where some of Jerry's books can be downloaded for free and to God be the Glory for every life touched and changed. A-Men (www.witheredhand.org)

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Jerry and His Mentor

Chief Apostle David A.A. Mungo

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"I've been friends with Jerry Hulse now for many years. I've also known Jerry to be a devout man of God all those years. Whenever we see each other our conversation will always center on Jesus and what He has been showing Jerry recently. I've never known anyone who represents our Lord Jesus Christ better than Jerry Hulse. I'm happy to endorse Jerry as a true friend, minister, and man of God. May God Bless you, and may God Bless America!"

Sincerely, Mark Crouch



Apostle Brendon Stewart

"Jerry Hulse is a fantastic writer and great Man of God, You will love this book"



Brother Jerry ministered with me in the Philippines. I assure you - he loves God, preaches with authority & anointing, and lives what he preaches. I know you will be blessed by this book!

Missionary Evangelist - Dr. Bill Sawyer PhD MBA



Tommy Browder

Jerry thanks for praying for me at Health South in Kingsport, Tennessee 21 years ago. You didn't know it but I was at death's door and JESUS CHRIST brought me back and I'm still going PRAISE HIS NAME.

Matthew Browder

Jerry Hulse prophesied over me years ago how God was going to use me. It's happened and happening! He has been an encouragement to me and my family. I believe he has a heart for God, the people and ministry!



This book is a God divine voice of God's tool to edify, instruct and teach the people of God. It's a must eat so get your aprons, knife, fork, spoons, milk. Let us all eat!

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Let it be known that Brother Jerry W. Hulse is one man I can really thank God for. I have known him for about 2 years. I have found him to be a man of faith and he lives his life by faith. If I had to pick someone to be on my team, I would surely pick Brother Jerry Hulse.

Congratulations my friend,

Elder James LockhartKROVFM RADIO

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**My name is Evangelist Barbara Pittman
I am the host of “Jesus In The Morning Radio Show.” I am writing this correspondence to endorse Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse as a Preacher and Author. Jerry has been a guest on Jesus in the Morning radio talk show, which broadcasts internationally every week. The listener’s response was great. I support Evangelist Jerry W. Hulse by sharing his works as an author and evangelist throughout the country and internationally while as a guest on Jesus in the Morning Radio Talk Show.
Best Regards,
Barbara Pittman**
