

The Biblical Month of "AV".

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I often ask myself, do the readers understand how to pray after reading a text of prophesy. The answer is to ask the LORD how did this relate in the bible for then and how does it relate now? How would YOU have me to pray Lord?

In developing this calendar prayer guide prophets are used to bring current words from the LORD*. (See last page.) Each month the contributors change and some months have multiple contributions from a particular author depending on what they received that month. Many Christians do not have access to publications such as the Elijah List, Judaism 101, teachings from Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler and many other contributing authors which are included.* 1 Thessalonians 5:20 Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets (do not depreciate prophetic revelations) nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning.

It's been two years since we started publishing the Republic Prayer Calendar based on the Hebrew Lunar Cycle so for anyone joining us for the first time I want to give some background. In Genesis 1:1 the very first words GOD speaks is "In the beginning" and according to Rabbinical teaching, the very first commandment given to the children of Israel while in Egypt was to sanctify the "New Moon". From that point on the nation of GOD was to look at the Moon for the setting of their days and evenings and as a means to reconcile the times and seasons. The Biblical day begins at sundown, and ends at sundown the following day. At sundown, it is known as the dawning of a new day.

Genesis 1:5, And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. Even history is set into motion as God said that the world may be understood as seven 1,000 days with the last 7th, 1,000 year of days would be the time being the Millennial Reign of Christ.

The Lunar cycle has only 29.5 days or 354 days per year whereas the solar cycle has 365 days per year. An additional month is added every 3rd year to coordinate with the

solar calendar for agricultural seasons. The reason the numerical date may not look like the previous years is because of this shift. The Month begins with the rising of the "New Moon". The Hebrew year begins in spring every year in the Month of Nissan when Passover occurs. Every month is related to a specific tribe, feast and season.

As we begin the month of AV keep in mind that man changed the calendar, GOD didn't.

The church today misses a very important part of their history and understanding. There was never really a new church started. They worshipped and practiced Hebrew. The difference was Christ completed the requirements of the Law and made us "New Men" in Him. If you think about it we are literally Hebrew as we were adopted or grafted in to the Kingdom.

With that in mind we will not miss out on what God is doing by honoring the feast or HIS Calendar. At the same time we will honor our Lord Yeshua the Christ and we may learn something.

This is the only month which is not named in the Bible. It is a summer month of 30 days. Av usually occurs in July–August on the Gregorian calendar. The Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 29a, states that "when we enter the month of Av, our joy is diminished". According to the Hebrew Bible, the Tribe of Simeon was one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The Book of Judges locates its territory inside the boundaries of the Tribe of Judah. It is one of the ten lost tribes.

The Hebrew letter for the month of Av is the letter TET. (In Hebrew, AV means, "father.") – resembles a womb – a month when earth contracts – the secret of pregnancy moves into the earth realm Tribe: Simeon – to hear; be concerned Characteristics: The month you metamorphose or disintegrate. The month the Lion roars. (Amos 3:8) The month where God destroys so He can reconstruct. Consider what you hear and determine how to develop a new level of discernment or oppose counsel and advice. Listen carefully! You will hear key impressions this month.

THE HEBREW MONTH of AV

The Hebrew month of Av is the fifth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. The name Av literally means "father." Av derives from the root, which means, "to will" or "to desire." This month is the "low point" of the Jewish calendar.

Notice the following events that took place on that date:

Av 9 - 587 BC – The armies of Babylon destroyed Solomon's Temple.

Av 9 - AD 70 – The Romans destroyed the 2nd temple.

Av 9 – AD 135 – The final defeat of Jews by Rome.

Av 9 – AD 1095 – The 1st Crusade is launched, which kills thousands of Jews.

Av 9 – AD 1290 – The Jews are expelled from England.

Av 9 – AD 1492 – The Jews are expelled from Spain

Av 9 – AD 1942 – The Jews were deported from the Warsaw ghetto to the death camps.

Av 9 – AD 2005 – The expulsion of the Jews from Gaza began. I don't think anyone can view the history of this date and think all this is just coincidence. Why does this happen? The 9th of Av was the date of Israel's sin of unbelief at Kadish Barnea. God had brought Israel out of Egypt by His mighty power. He showed them His faithfulness in the wilderness and taught them at Sinai and revealed His glory. Finally He brought them up to the border of the Promised Land at Kadish Barnea. The spies went in and brought back samples of the fruit of the land. They said, "This is a wonderful, fruitful land just as God promised. But ten of the spies added, "We don't have the strength to take the land." Two of the spies gave the minority report, "God can give the land into our hands!" As so often happens, there was a voice of faith, and a voice of unbelief. When this happens, we need to be careful to choose correctly.

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Israel repeated the sin of Kadish Barnea all over again when Jesus came. Hebrews tells us that when Jesus came, they tasted the good fruit of the age to come. They heard His words, and saw His miracles, but turned back in unbelief and refused to enter or receive His promise of the Messiah. But the Word assures us that one day Israel will turn and believe in Jesus as Messiah. Like Israel in Joshua's day, a future generation will enter in; when that happens, the 9th of Av curse will finally be broken. God still wants Av to be a month of blessing and celebration of His goodness.

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We Can Choose to RECEIVE a Curse! We Can Choose to BREAK a Curse! We Can Choose to BELIEVE God's PROMISE! We Can Choose to ENTER God's BLESSING! So receive His Promise and mix it with FAITH this month! Av is the month of Simeon. He messed up, but there is redemptive power for Simeon. You are grafted into an inheritance. If you are a blood-bought Christian, you are grafted into the covenant of Abraham. In that covenant there are iniquitous patterns. Through the blood of Jesus all things are reconciled, but the devil will try to activate these iniquitous patterns and cause them to manifest. If you have instability in your bloodline, there are times when you must have your spiritual disciplines in place so that a spirit does not come in and wipe you out. Here is how the devil's workers operate: they are no respecters of persons, and they do not play fair. If they see that you are having a bad day, they will swarm you. They do not back off just because you are struggling. They will take opportunity to try to convince you to align with them. They understand iniquitous patterns. When Satan was kicked out of heaven, iniquity was found in him. Therefore any time we agree with him, a root forms. This is why we must deal with the roots in our generations.

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A TIME TO ADVANCE

You can always look at sovereign happenings this month. What I mean by sovereign happenings is that God makes decisions to do certain things based upon what we have decided at other times. We are making decisions, which will manifest sooner or later. God is not a God who just turns His head away and lets us do what we want to do. He records what we do in a book, "It is written!" Av is associated with the constellation of Leo (the lion). This is the month the Lion roars (Amos 3:8). This is one of the most incredible prophetic months. When the lion – the people of God – roar, a prophetic covering is created.

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Again, be very aware of your partnerships during this month. Watch your alignments. The Hebrews associate Av with a new level of discernment. In this month you are developing a new level of discernment, or you are opposing counsel and advice. If you look back in your life, you can identify times when people gave you counsel and advice; but you thought you knew more than anyone else and did not act on the advice.

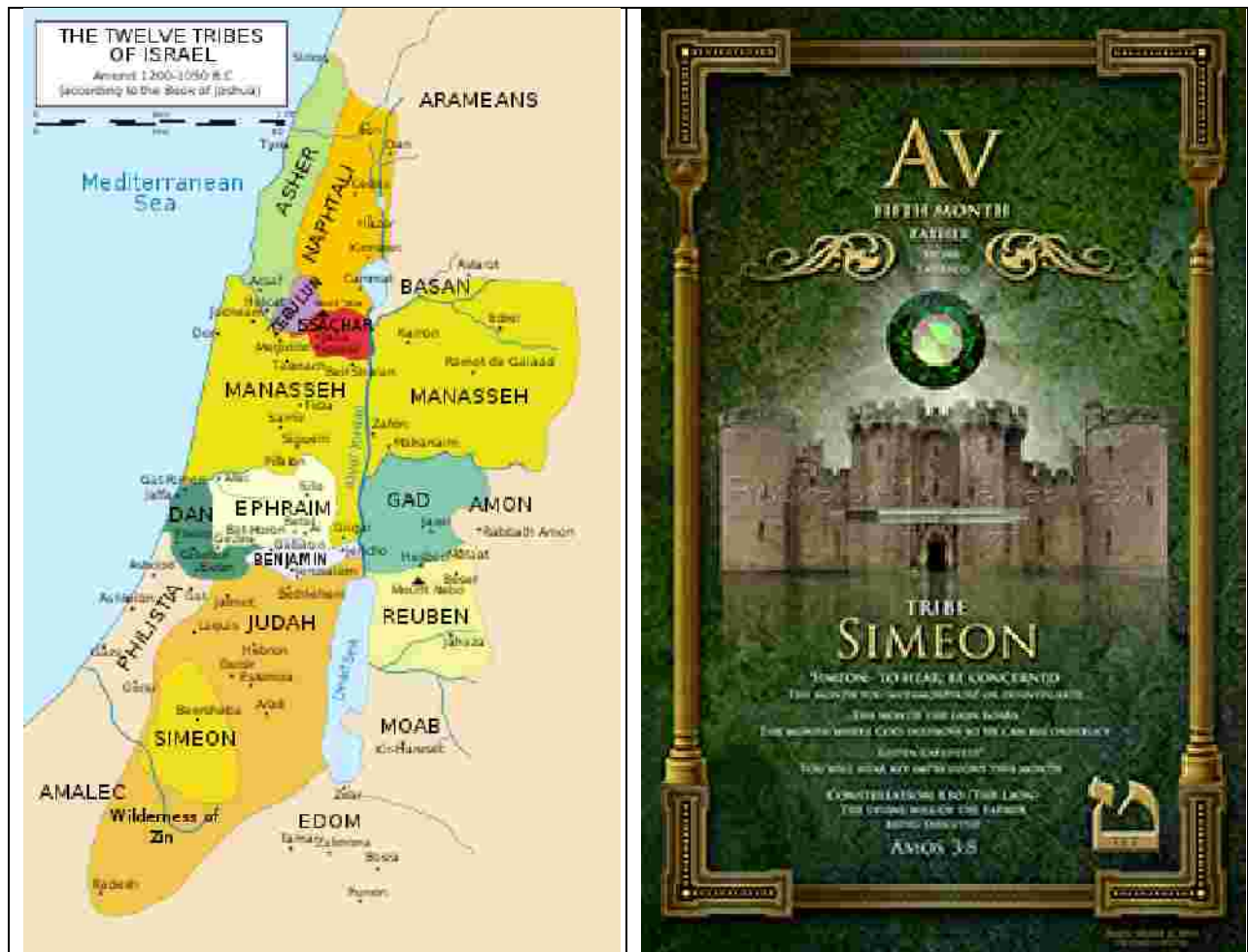
The Bible says in Psalm 32 that He takes hold of the reins of your life and guides you by His eye. In this process, if you have not allowed Him to work with you, then you are resisting His leading like a horse or mule that has to be harnessed. The Lord will give us a chance to follow Him and go through things, but sometimes resistance to His leading

is going on. Use wisdom, and allow the Lord to guide you and hone your discernment for these critical days ahead.

Tribe of Simeon

Simeon, one of the 12 tribes of Israel that in biblical times comprised the people of Israel who later became the Jewish people. The tribe was named after the second son born to Jacob and his first wife, Leah.

In time, part of the tribe of Simeon was apparently absorbed by Judah, while other members possibly relocated in the north. After the death of King Solomon (922 bc), Palestine split into the northern Kingdom of Israel and the southern Kingdom of Judah. If the tribe of Simeon is counted among the tribes that formed the northern kingdom, then it too was assimilated by other peoples after the Kingdom of Israel was conquered by the Assyrians in 721 bc. One way or another, the tribe of Simeon disappeared from history and is thus numbered among the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.



Territory

At its height, the territory occupied by the Tribe of Simeon was in the southwest of Canaan, bordered on the east and south by the tribe of Judah; the boundaries with the tribe of Judah are vague, and it seems that Simeon may have been an enclave within the west of the territory of the tribe of Judah. Simeon was one of the less significant tribes in the Kingdom of Judah.

Attempts to reconstruct the territory of Simeon work with three biblical lists: Joshua 19:2-9, 1 Chronicles 4:28-32, which list towns belonging to Simeon, and Joshua 15:20-30, which lists these same towns as part of the territory of Judah. Nadav Na'aman divides scholarly work on the subject into two "schools of thought," which he calls "the Alt school" (following Albrecht Alt) and the "other school." The Alt school takes the list in Joshua 15 as reflecting the historical situation during the reign of Josiah, and sees the other two as later, and less reliable, attempts by editors to work out the earlier Simeonite territory. The "other school" sees the first two lists as reflecting the actual historical situation in the time of David (compare 1 Chronicles 4:31), and Joshua 15 as reflecting the situation at a later date. According to Na'aman, Simeonites settled in a pattern which overlapped Judah: while maintaining a distinct tribal identity and organization throughout the First Temple period (until 586 BC), Simeonites and Judahites lived in some of the same areas.

Origin

According to the Hebrew Bible, the tribe consisted of descendants of Simeon, the second son of Jacob and of Leah, from whom it took its name. However, Arthur Peake (1919) suggested that the narratives about the twelve sons of Jacob in Genesis might include later tribal history "disguised as personal history," in which the later histories of these tribal groups are recast in the form of narratives about supposed ancestors. Likewise, the consensus position of contemporary scholarship is that "there is little or no historical memory of pre-Israelite events or circumstances in Genesis."

In the biblical account, following the completion of the conquest of Canaan by the Israelites, Joshua allocated the land among the twelve tribes. Kenneth Kitchen, a well-known conservative biblical scholar, dates this event to slightly after 1200 BCE. However, the consensus view of modern scholars is that the conquest of Joshua as described in the Book of Joshua never occurred.

Martin Noth argued that the six tribes that the Bible traces to Leah, including Simeon, were once part of an amphictyony prior to the later coalition of twelve tribes. According to Niels Peter Lemche, "Noth's amphictyonic hypothesis determined a whole generation of Old Testament scholars' way of thinking." However, more recently a large number of scholars have dissented from Noth's theory.

In the opening words of the Book of Judges, following the death of Joshua, the Israelites "asked the Lord" which tribe should be first to go to occupy its allotted territory, and the tribe of Judah was identified as the first tribe. According to this narrative, the tribe of Judah invited the tribe of Simeon to fight with them in alliance to secure each of their allotted territories.

However, the tribe of Simeon is not mentioned in the ancient Song of Deborah, generally considered one of the earliest-written parts of the Hebrew Bible, and the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (1906) claims that Simeon was probably "not always counted as a tribe."¹ According to Israel Finkelstein, the south of Canaan, in which Simeon was situated, was simply an insignificant rural backwater at the time the poem was written. Another possibility is that Simeon, along with Judah, had simply not joined the Israelite confederacy at this point, or that they had seceded.

Biblical narrative

Towns belonging to Simeon are listed in the Book of Joshua; elsewhere in Joshua these towns are ascribed to Judah. Most modern scholars view the Book of Joshua as being spliced together from several different source texts, in this particular case, the lists of towns being different documents, from different periods to each other.

The tribe seems to have dwindled in size, and the size of the tribe dramatically drops by over half between the two censuses recorded in the Book of Numbers. Although the Bible places these censuses during the Exodus, some textual scholars place their authorship in the period of Priestly Source, which Richard Elliot Freedman dates to between 722 and 609 BC. Other scholars usually place the Priestly Source in the post-exilic period, and some deny its existence altogether. The tribe is completely absent from the Blessing of Moses which some textual scholars date associate with the Deuteronomist, some Septuagint manuscripts appear to have attempted to *correct* this, adding the name of *Simeon* to the latter half of verse 6, which some scholars view as unwarranted based on the Hebrew manuscripts.

The impression gained from the Books of Chronicles is that the tribe was not entirely fixed in location; at one point it is mentioned that some members of the tribe migrated southwards to Gedor, so as to find suitable pasture for their sheep. In the following verse, which may or may not be related, it is mentioned that during the reign of Hezekiah, part of the tribe came to the land of some Meunim, and slaughtered them, taking the land in their place. Further verses state that about 500 men from the tribe migrated to Mount Seir, slaughtering the Amalekites who had previously settled there.

As part of the kingdom of Judah, whatever remained of Simeon was ultimately subjected to the Babylonian captivity; when the captivity ended, all remaining distinctions between Simeon and the other tribes in the kingdom of Judah had been lost in favour of a common identity as Jews.

In Revelation 7:7, the Tribe of Simeon is once again listed among the Twelve Tribes of Israel with 12,000 of the sons of Israel from the tribe sealed on the forehead.

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Clearly, there are certain patterns between heaven and earth that God set up. Based on our response to a sovereign God, we change the atmospheric conditions around us.

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The Month of the Lion



The astrological sign of Av is the lion, which represents tragedy and potential for redemption. Our sages teach, "The lion [Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar] came, under the constellation of lion [Leo], and destroyed the Lion of G-d [Jerusalem] . . . so that

the Lion [Moshiach] shall come, under the constellation of lion, and build the Lion of G-d [Jerusalem]."

The Talmud relates that Moshiach was born on the very day when the Temples were destroyed: the 9th of Av. Moshiach was born from the tribe of Judah, whose symbol is the lion. This teaches us that the tragedies and suffering associated with the 9th of Av will turn into joy with the coming of Moshiach.

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A Time of Mourning

The first nine days of Av are a period of mourning. We refrain from eating meat and drinking wine, except on Shabbat and on celebrations, such as a bar mitzvah, a brit (circumcision) or the completion of a tractate of the Talmud.

We also refrain from washing clothing (except for those of a baby) and wearing freshly washed clothing, swimming and bathing for pleasure, and remodeling a home. We avoid unnecessary travel, and postpone the sanctification of the moon and celebrating a couple's engagement until after Tisha B'Av.

On a spiritual level, we also take time to increase mitzvah observance and our performance of kind deeds to improve the world.

The Worst Day in the World

On the 9th of Av, we commemorate several tragedies, among them: The Jews who left Egypt with Moses were condemned to wander and die in the desert for 40 years; the destruction of both Holy Temples by the Babylonians in 423 BCE and by the Romans in 69 CE; and the Jews of Betar who were killed.

Later in history, in 1290, the Jews of England were expelled by King Edward; and the Jews of Spain were expelled by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in 1492. In 1942, the deportation of Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka extermination camp began.

The day is commemorated as a day of fasting and mourning.



We Read the Book of Lamentations on the 9th of Av

In the book of Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah recorded the imminent destruction of the First Temple and the exile of the Jewish people.

G-d instructed Jeremiah to write down the words. He spoke about Israel and Judah in order to warn the house of Judah about tragedies that would occur if they did not repent. Jeremiah, imprisoned at the time, dictated three chapters to his student, Baruch ben Neriah, who wrote down the impending tragedies in past tense, as though they had already occurred. Per Jeremiah's instruction, Baruch read the scroll to the Jewish people, who had gathered at the Temple. Rashi relates that the scroll was read before King Jehoiakim, who, after hearing just a few verses, threw the scroll into the fireplace.

As Jeremiah prophesied, on the 9th of Av, the Temple were destroyed and the Jews were led into captivity. Ever since this tragedy, we read the book of Lamentations on the eve of the 9th of Av.

The 15th of Av Is Known as One of the Happiest Days in Jewish History

This day, Tu B'Av, signifies rebirth after destruction and is a day for new beginnings. On this day, the daughters of Jerusalem would borrow linen garments in order not to embarrass others who did not have beautiful clothing and dance in the vineyards to find prospective grooms. The Talmud considers this day the greatest festival of the year, followed by Yom Kippur, as its essence represents the future redemption.

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AV 1: August 2, 2019

"What is God Handing Out at a Rapid Pace Right Now?" By: Amie Rogers

I have, always jokingly and somewhat seriously, referred to certain things in my life to be like the movie "Groundhog Day." In this movie, the character is trapped in a town due to a storm, and ends up living the same day over and over. In the beginning, he is upset and frustrated by it and starts to do things to end the day early, but after a while his attitude begins to change. He embraces the routine and finds ways to settle into it. As he settles in the contentment of this routine, one night he lays his head down to sleep and wakes up to a new day...it was now the next day; with the previous day no longer on repeat. I felt to share this because many of you have felt the same way. Things in your life, be it relationships, work, health, finances – all these things have seemed to be on this unbreakable cycle and constantly hitting a ceiling you thought would be shattered by now.

The Lord is Handing You Revelation and Strategies

The Lord is handing out revelation and strategies at a rapid pace right now because He wants you free from this more than you do! It is time to ask Him for specific strategies for each situation in your life. It's time to walk through the doors with authority and take that new ground. You are the one to shift the trajectory not just for your life, but also for generations to come.

"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open." (Is. 22:22 NIV)

As I awoke on July 1, I felt the Lord say this month is going to be one of freedom! Here in the United States we just celebrated Independence Day, but Heaven is declaring a much deeper freedom that is being released for all of His children!

A Ledger, a Key and an Invitation

On June 11, the Lord gave me a very vivid dream. In this dream, I was back in the late 1700s. I rushed into an office with two other ladies. The mood felt very concerned and almost panicked, but I was not that way. I was in there on a mission; I knew exactly what I went in there to get. I walked over to the desk and began to riffle through the papers and envelopes. I picked up three envelopes and sat down to open them. The first envelope contained an old financial ledger. As I scanned the entries I saw names like Ben Franklin and George Washington, but there were other entries where I began to say, "These transactions are illegal, this is wrong!"

The second envelope contained a fancy party invitation. The third envelope contained a key. As the key fell into my hand, I knew exactly what it went to. I walked over to the edge of the rug on the floor, pulled it back, and saw that in the floor was a keyhole. I put the key in and opened up the door. Inside was a huge treasure of jewelry. There were massive, jeweled necklaces and headpieces all the way down to tiny, plain, gold rings that would belong to a little girl. I noticed this jewelry was not just from the 1700s, but from different eras like the early 1800s, the 1920s and all the way to our current time. A certain ring caught my eye and I picked it up declaring, "This is part of my inheritance!" and I placed it on my finger. I then looked to the two women who were there with me and I said it was time to go. They ran and hid in a closet and I climbed into a late 1960s car and drove away.

From this dream, the Lord gave me this revelation to share with you:

1. The ledger: The Lord is revealing all the wrongdoings of past generations, the ones they did and the ones done to them, in order to break off any ties the enemy has had access to.
2. The key: The Lord is saying, "You are the key to unlock all of this!" He has placed keys in your hands for such a time as this. It is time, now! Don't go cowering into the closet of ignorance and fear. It is time to rip open the door and take hold of all that has always been yours.



3. The invitation: This invitation was one of exclusivity and the Lord has extended it to you. This is an invitation to break through and break loose all the oppressive spirits that used to have access. When you break through this, a freedom will be made manifest over you! "Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations – their kings led in triumphal procession...The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I WILL DO THIS SWIFTLY." (Is. 60:11, 22 NIV, emphasis added), "But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in Heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to JESUS THE MEDIATOR of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled BLOOD THAT SPEAKS A BETTER WORD than the blood of Abel." (Heb. 12:22-24 NIV, emphasis added), "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecc. 3:1 NIV)

Revealing the Hidden Things

Hidden things are being revealed right now, in every area of concern and contention. There is new wisdom, discernment and strategies to swiftly put an end to hang-ups of the past and open the doors to step into this next season. This isn't going to happen while you sleep; it will happen in your intercession, so start opening your mouth. Get in that quiet time. Intercede over those dreams, over those prophetic promises you've held close to your heart. Speak restoration over those relationships;

declare that healing over every level of sickness. Slam the gavel down on all areas of injustice and demand a 10-fold payback of everything – and I mean EVERYTHING – the enemy has stolen! IT IS TIME.

“I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.” (Is. 45:2-3 NIV)

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AV 2: August 3, 2019

A compilation of the Robinson family!

Yes, I know you have been praying You have asked Me specifically for your desires. This has been more than your needs. You have received, haven't you? Yes, you have and you are thanking and praising Me for the answers. Keep doing what you have done. Keep asking and you will keep receiving. You have found some ways that if others knew, asked, believed and obeyed they too could receive as you have. Give testimony of this.

Psalm 22:22 (NLT) "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people." Bev Robinson

There is nothing too big for Me. You think if only God knew what I am going through, He would rethink His thoughts about nothing being too big. All you can see is that your situation is too colossal for God to handle. You see that I am able to view the ants

which are much too small to worry about as well as the huge inhabitants of the oceans blue. Since I care for them, I will care for you as well.

Jeremiah 32:27 (CSB) "Look, I am the Lord, the God over every creature. Is anything too difficult for me?" Kevin Robinson

It pleases Me that you have set goals and that you take positive strides toward those goals. I see that you work to reach the goals that I have put in your heart. I also see that, as you work toward those goals, you get careless or weary. You are so close to My goal for you. I call you to no longer stop before you reach those goals I have for you. Finish the race!

Philippians 3:12-14 (NASB) "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Jonas Bohlin

Waiting is a good thing. It gives you time to think through exactly what you wish to say or do. Your friends and loved ones deserve your very best and, when you take time before responding, there come blessings with your clarity. Those who hear your words will appreciate your efforts. It will whet their appetites for more from you. Let this motivate you to rise above the ordinary and average. Pray for the effect on those close by to be life-changing. Make your Father proud!

Proverbs 10:19-20 (NASB) "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little." Ras Robinson

From the initial look of things, it appears that you seem a bit dissatisfied with all the things I have so generously supplied for you. For some reason you've become disappointed with My abundant provision. Stop and take a moment to see what is at the bottom of your "want" tank. Your needs are taken care of by Me. Rethink your motives concerning your desire for material needs. Be thankful for the small things and flourish.

Luke 12:15 (TPT) "Speaking to the people, Jesus continued, "Be alert and guard your heart from greed and always wishing for what you don't have. For your life can never be measured by the amount of things you possess" Kevin Robinson

You are tempted to go with the status quo. This makes you feel comfortable and honestly you can "check out." This is actually a spirit of slumber and you need to put it aside. My kingdom is active with power and energy. Participating requires effort on your part. Decide now to be a part of My active kingdom charged with power and dynamics! Once you choose, you will never want to return to the normal.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NASB) "For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power." Robin Robinson Bohlin

AV 3: August 4, 2019

Gloria Copeland

Do you struggle with worry, stress or fear? You can go free and never worry.

What am I going to do? Have you ever had that thought? A seeming crisis looms in your finances or your job, you received a bad report about your health, or an important relationship seems to be crumbling right before your eyes. The pressure mounts, and your problem-solving mode kicks in. All day and night, you contemplate the solution, wondering if there even is one. Concern moves to worry, and worry morphs into all-out fear. Before you know it, panic sets in, and you're in total torment.

Believer in the Lord, this is not how you are meant to live! God's plan has always been that you live in perfect peace and ultimately find deliverance from trials. That's why God is vehemently against worry. It does not produce anything but stress, strain and death. Jesus preached against it; Paul preached against it. The whole Bible is against worry because Satan designed it.

Consider these scriptures: "Do not be anxious about anything" (Philippians 4:6, *NIV*), "Don't let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1), "Don't worry" (Matthew 6:31). And that's just the beginning. Yet many of us still act as if it's an option, as if we're free to worry if we want to. But we're not! Worrying is a sin. It's one of those things the Word of God directly commands us to not do.

That's why, at one point, Kenneth E. Hagin promised God he would never worry again, and he set out to keep his promise. Kenneth Copeland has made the same commitment. He refuses to let the sun go down on a single care. But one thing is sure—it is a challenge. Gloria Copeland says, "Casting your cares on God is an act of faith. It may not be easy at first, but it is necessary if you want to live in victory."

Today can be the last day you ever have a care in this world. Does that sound appealing to you? Make a decision right now that you will do whatever it takes to cast your cares—every care—on the Lord and into His hands. Use these five practical ways to cast your cares on Jesus and make this the first day that you never carry a worry again.

1. Cast Your Cares by Stopping Worried Thoughts Before They Start

"We take captive every thought." –2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

The mind is where the battle between worry (fear) and peace (faith) takes place. Whatever you allow to captivate your mind will rule your life. So, if you want the Word of God to reign over your thoughts, you have to resist the devil when he tries to plant anything contrary to it in your mind.

That's why, in order to cast your cares, you have to stop worried thoughts before they even start.

You know how it begins. You get a phone call, an email or something in the mail—and it's not good news. Immediately, your mind begins racing. This is where the road divides, and you make a choice: Are you going to begin to worry, or will you stand firm in your faith and tell the devil to split? The only way to do the latter is to take that thought captive—immediately! That means to stop it in its tracks, and keep it from being free to roam in your mind.

When you first begin this practice, it may seem like you're taking worried thoughts captive every two minutes. Gloria Copeland describes her experience when she first learned how to cast her cares on the Lord:

"An anxious thought would pop into my mind, and I would rebuke it. A few minutes later, I would find myself having another worried thought, and I would take it captive. I would say, 'No, I refuse to take the care of that. Jesus, in accordance with Your Word, I roll the care of that over on You, because I know You care for me.'"

It may be tough at first, but the good news is, if you'll be diligent to fight that battle against worry by keeping the Word in your heart and in your mouth, the time will come

when that Word and the knowledge of God's faithfulness is so big on the inside of you, you won't have to fight it anymore.

Action Step:

Once you've taken a thought captive, when that worried thought tries to creep back in, immediately begin praying in the spirit. You'll find it is impossible to worry when your spirit is in line with God's.

There is nothing higher than God and His Word! Any other indulgence you seek for a temporary high is just a substitute for God

2. Cast Your Cares by Replacing Worry With the Word

"Meditate on [the Word] day and night." –Joshua 1:8

The next step to casting your cares on Jesus is to replace your worry with the Word. Many people want God to supernaturally remove their worry, but that is not the way to get the peace of God. Peace comes by acting on the Word that says to cast all of your worry and anxiety over on Him. You must replace those thoughts with the Word. Philippians 4:8 (*KJV*) says to think on whatever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

You are the one who has to control your mind, but you are not without help! The Word says that the peace of God will garrison and mount guard over your heart and mind (Philippians 4:7, *AMPC*). The Greater One who dwells within you is able to help you as you are obedient to replace your worries with His Word.

[Learn 4 Ways to Be Led by the Spirit of God here.](#)

Every time a situation arises, be armed and ready with a response from God's Word. God's Word always has an answer to any situation or problem! The more time you spend meditating on His Word, the quicker you will be with your response to the devil, just as Jesus was when the devil tried to tempt Him. No matter what the devil said, Jesus fired back instantly with the truth of God's Word.

That's how you need to be, too.

Action Step:

You can't combat thoughts with thoughts. You combat thoughts with words. Test it yourself! Silently, begin counting from one to 10. Now, out loud say your name. What happened to your counting? It stopped. Your mind had to stop and see what your

mouth had to say. When you have a worried thought, speak the Word out loud—it will work every time.

3. Cast Your Cares by Getting Rid of False Humility

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you. –1 Peter 5:6-7 (NKJV)

In 1 Peter 5:6-7, God tells us that it takes humility to cast our cares on Him. What is humility? Contrary to what some may think, true humility is not believing you are unworthy to receive God’s care. Instead, it’s humbling yourself under His mighty hand—the Word of God, and putting it first place (rather than what you think about a situation).

Thinking you have to solve your own problems is also false humility. Remember, when you carry the care, you work, and God rests. When He carries the care because you have cast it on Him, He works, and you rest.

When you humble yourself before God and cast your cares on Him, you are submitting to Him and acknowledging that He has more wisdom and power to handle your situation than you do. You have released yourself and your life to God, trusting Him and obeying His every command. Anything less is pride.

Also notice in 1 Peter 5:6-7, He doesn’t say to cast 75% of your care on Him or everything except worry for your kids. Furthermore, He did not say, “everything but your finances.” No, God clearly instructs us to cast *every single worry out of our thinking*, and roll them *all* over onto Him. When you do this, you are humbling yourself before Him, and you can expect Him to go to work on your behalf and exalt you in due time.

[If financial struggles have been the cause of your worry, find 5 Ways to Overcome Financial Pressure here.](#)

Here’s an illustration that will help you learn how to cast your cares on Jesus. Let’s say you were standing about 20 feet away from someone. If you tossed the keys to your automobile to that person, those keys still exist, but you don’t have them anymore.

That’s what we need to do with our cares. We must cast them over on the Lord and not take them back! If Satan brings a worried thought to your mind, saying, “What if...,” then you can tell him to talk to God about it. It is in His hands, not yours!

Once you do that, changes will start to take place in your life. Problems you’ve been fretting about for years will start being solved. You’ll no longer be tying God’s hands by

worrying. His power can begin to operate because you've acted in faith and cast your cares on Him!

Action Step:

Every morning when you wake up, make this confession of faith, "I'm a believer. I'm not a doubter. The Word works in me. Right now, I humble myself under the mighty hand of God. I cast all my cares over on Him. From this moment forward, I refuse to worry. Instead, I will pray. I will use my faith and believe, and He'll exalt me over the problem and over the devil. For I belong to Jesus, and He cares for me!"

4. Cast Your Cares by Wearing All Your Armor

"Put on the whole armor of God." –Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)

By now, you probably know that fighting any battle without the whole armor of God is a bad idea. When you're dealing with worry, it's no different.

First Thessalonians 5:8 tells us who live in the light to be clearheaded, wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

Think about where the helmet of salvation sits—over your mind. The helmet protects your thoughts from the lies of the enemy. The helmet also covers your ears—which keeps you from hearing the enemy's threatening lies.

If you have a tendency to be fearful and to worry, consider what you're watching on television or listening to. What are you hearing? Programming that is negative (like most news channels) or those that stir up a spirit of fear are not going to feed your faith and protect your thoughts. Guard your heart by guarding your eyes and ears from ideas that will make you think gloom and doom all the time.

When Gloria Copeland has a fearful thought, she responds immediately by saying, "I don't believe that." She knows those thoughts are just the devil trying to sell her something, so he can have a door to get in. She doesn't even give him a chance.

The same is true when you go to bed. Don't go to bed with a care on your heart! It's giving the devil an opportunity. Instead, say, "You are not putting that on me, Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." You may have to do that night after night for a while, but the thoughts will eventually go away. Keep that armor on.

Action Step:

Study Ephesians 6, and see how you can use each piece of the armor of God every day to cast your cares on Jesus. Find scriptures (the sword of the Spirit) that cover your situation, write them down, put them on the refrigerator, and read them out loud every

day. The Word of God is a weapon that will drive that fear out! Have a game plan in advance.

5. Cast Your Cares by Finding a Faith Buddy

“Encourage one another and build one another up.” –1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

If you really want to cast your cares and take a stand against worry, find a faith buddy—someone who will hold you accountable for your words, thoughts and actions. We all need at least one person like that in our lives—someone who lives and walks by faith and can call us to a higher level. Now, don't get mad when you get corrected—correction is love, helping you grow.

Why do we need help in this fight of faith? Gloria Copeland says, “There's a big difference between Boy Scouts and boot camp. You train how you fight, and you fight how you train.” So, find a faith buddy to train with, and you'll fight the good fight with power.

Action Step:

Spend time praying and asking the Lord to reveal who would be a good faith buddy for you. Prepare to offer encouragement and accountability in return.

This kind of rest will cause rivers of His living water to bring stability where there is chaos, completeness where there is brokenness, restore order where there is disorder and holiness where there is unrighteousness running rampant in the nations.

We are living in a day where we will get to see the bursting forth of these ancient wells.

Don't Let Go Now!

You may be exhausted from holding on to the promise, but this is where you strike and keep on striking. You are on the threshold of your breakthrough, you are about to charge over enemy garrisons and reclaim your well. Don't stop declaring. Don't stop partnering with what He has promised, for you will see His deliverance. You are not contending for your ancient wells alone, but for the ancient wells of the nations. A desperate and thirsty world is crying out for an authentic outpouring of His Spirit.

A world lost in chaos and confusion, taken captive by the mindsets and lies of the enemy, is crying out and thirsting for water...the water of His Spirit. It is up to you and I to lay our lives down and press into the longings of His Spirit, press into His promises

and CHARGE on what is rightfully ours. These ancient wells are promises stored up in the heavenly realm for you, for your family, for your children and your children's children. When you strike the ground for them, you are going to see His Spirit pour out over your life and the lives of those around you.

The nations are waiting to drink from the rivers of His living water THROUGH YOUR LIFE. Are you willing to lay everything down for this cause of seeing His ancient wells bursting through you? The time is now!

AV 4: August 5, 2019

I HAD A DREAM RECENTLY AND I HEARD THE LORD SPEAK "POSSESSED WITH MY PURPOSE..." by Lana Vawser Ministries

This week I had a very powerful dream and as I sought the Lord's heart for what He was saying in the midst of this dream I heard the Lord speak...

"POSSESSED WITH MY PURPOSE!!!"

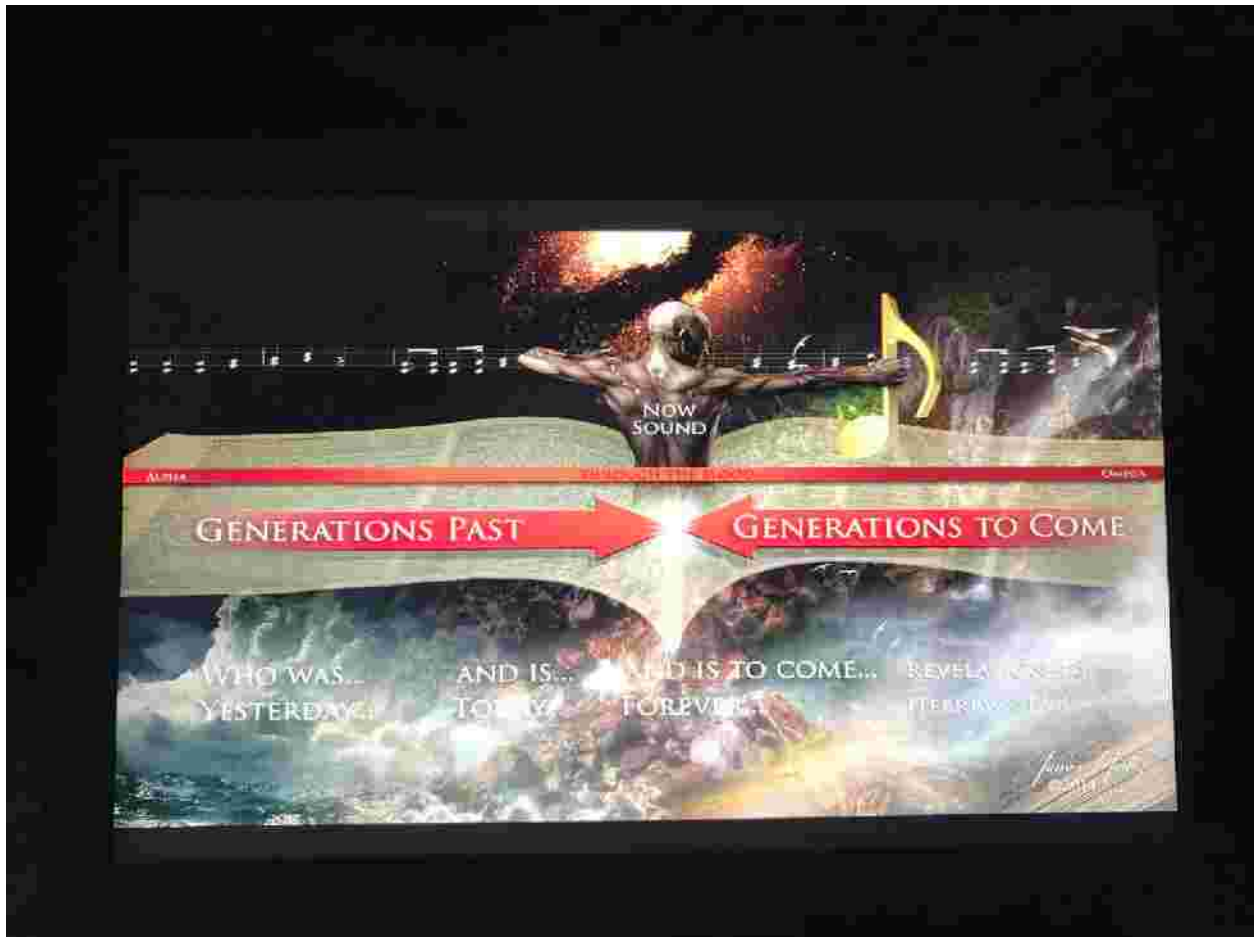
So often we hear the word "possessed" and we can categorize the word as "negative" and often to do with the demonic. When the Lord spoke those words "POSSESSED WITH PURPOSE" there was such a deep, deep sense of abandonment to Jesus and laying down our lives to follow Him to see His name glorified and Kingdom extended upon the earth that filled the dream. In the dream the young man I was watching was completely overtaken by the purposes of God that he left everything to commit himself to the purposes of God in and through his life. Humility filled the atmosphere SO intensely in the dream. It was all about Jesus and His purposes and plans on the earth that this young man would hold onto nothing else but move forward in radical abandonment and obedience to Jesus to follow Him anywhere.

There has been such a battle for many right now where they feel completely consumed by the battles they are facing. There are many that feel completely consumed by the giants they are fighting and the Lord showed me that the enemy is attempting to distract and "deactivate" God's people by keeping them in weariness to keep them from arising in their authority in Christ.

There is a POWERFUL shift taking place right now, there is POWERFUL change that is taking place, the turbulence of transition has increased but that's because we are breaking through the barrier.

BREAKING THROUGH THE SOUND BARRIER TO HEAR HIM CLEARER THAN EVER

There has been SO much "chatter" in the atmosphere. There has been SO much "mental torment" and "battle of the mind" and many in the body of Christ have been wondering what's wrong with them, "what are these thoughts I am having?", "what's wrong with me?". Friends, there is an intense battle of the mind taking place right now, there is an intense battle in the spirit happening bringing confusion and the enemy attempting to cause God's people to listen to the wrong voice/s, the wrong sound, WHY? because God is RELEASING A NEW SOUND!!!!



There is a new SOUND being released on the earth, the sound of His heart, the sound of the fear of God being restored, the sound of the reintroduction of His power, the

sound of His Glory and Majesty being revealed in ways we have never seen The sound of revival! The sound of harvest! The sound of signs, wonders and miracles! The sound of salvation! The sound of intimacy with Jesus getting louder than ever. The sound of the Gospel reaching every corner of the earth. The sound of impossibilities bowing to the name of Jesus. The sound of healing, deliverance, freedom. God is AMPLIFYING the SOUND of His Kingdom being established on the earth. He is amplifying the sound of His sons and daughters arising in their authority and revelation of their identity to do what they have been called to do on the earth. It's the SOUND of the King of Glory stepping in.

So the enemy is attempting to "confuse" and "distort" the sound. It is IMPERATIVE right now to be asking for wisdom and discernment like never before. Bind the spirit of chaos. Bind the spirit of fear. Bind the spirit of confusion. Bind the spirit of insanity. We aren't chasing demons and looking for demons behind every tree. We are Jesus focused, we have our eyes on Him, but we must also not be ignorant of the enemy's schemes. (2 Corinthians 2:11) Look to Jesus and worship! Lift up His name and WORSHIP Him!

The Lord showed me that there is all this 'noise' in the atmosphere because of the new sound being released on the earth and because we are transitioning and breaking through the SOUND BARRIER to hear His voice with clarity like NEVER before.

The Lord is bringing the people of God DEEPER into Matthew 4:4, deeper than we have ever been:

"Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that flows out of the mouth of God"

God is maturing the body of Christ to know His voice, to discern His voice from the voice of the enemy and to live by His Word in every circumstance like never before. The wisdom and strategy of heaven is being released to the people of God that have ears to hear like never before. He is inviting us into a deeper place of communing with Him and hearing His voice.

POSSESSED WITH PURPOSE

Expect the encounter Jesus and the power of God in this new era where you will be overtaken by the PURPOSES of God like never before The revelation of God's love and His power is going to so consume you, overtake you and fill you in a new and fresh way that you will throw your life down before Him in fresh surrender.

The Lord is bringing the body of Christ into a place of deeper yieldedness and into a deeper place of surrender that when we hear His voice, we leave all behind and follow Him. (Luke 5:11)

The distraction that has attempted to stop you is going to be suddenly diminished as powerful encounters with Jesus and the strong arm of God to deliver take place in your life. You will transition from feeling like you are "fighting for your life" to "possessed with His purposes" like never before. You are going to encounter His heart and the revelation of who He is in life-transforming ways that is going to ignite a fire of His purposes upon your life to love others, to preach the Gospel, to raise the dead, to cast out demons, to heal the sick etc. It is going to SO increase like never before that you will be completely consumed afresh and overtaken by HIS HEART.

POSSESSED BY HIS PASSION

Where you have felt such a deep weariness and feeling constantly in battle mode, the Lord is shifting you in these encounters with Him to being EMPOWERED by His Spirit in ways you have never experienced. To go further than you have been. To do what you never thought you could do, not in your strength, but in the empowerment of His Spirit.

These encounters are so life-changing, so life transforming that you will receive His heart in such a new and fresh way, everything will change. For many, these encounters will change your direction, they will change your outlook, they will change your ministry, they will change your life. Doesn't mean you have been doing things wrong at all, but it's a new era and God is doing something completely new. Many of you are about to receive His heart for things you never had before. You will instantly receive His heart in these encounters, your heart will break and burn like His does and you will be overtaken by His passion and purposes. FROM that place, new ministries will be birthed and your lives will take a completely new course as you follow the purposes and plans of God. Weariness will break off, heaviness will shatter, confusion will diminish and you will be possessed with new vision, a new excitement for life with Jesus, new strategy, new creativity and new pathways.

The intense battle that has almost taken you out, almost killed you is going to make SO MUCH MORE SENSE as these encounters take place. You will go forth with COURAGE, STRENGTH, RESOLVE and the fire of God filling every part of you as you are totally possessed by His empowerment in a new and fresh way, His purposes and passions.

Some of the greatest movements, ministries and expressions of the heart of God are about to SUDDENLY come out of the fire RIGHT NOW to see the purposes of God

released upon the earth in such POWERFUL ways to usher in the greatest harvest we have ever seen and friend, YOU are part of it.

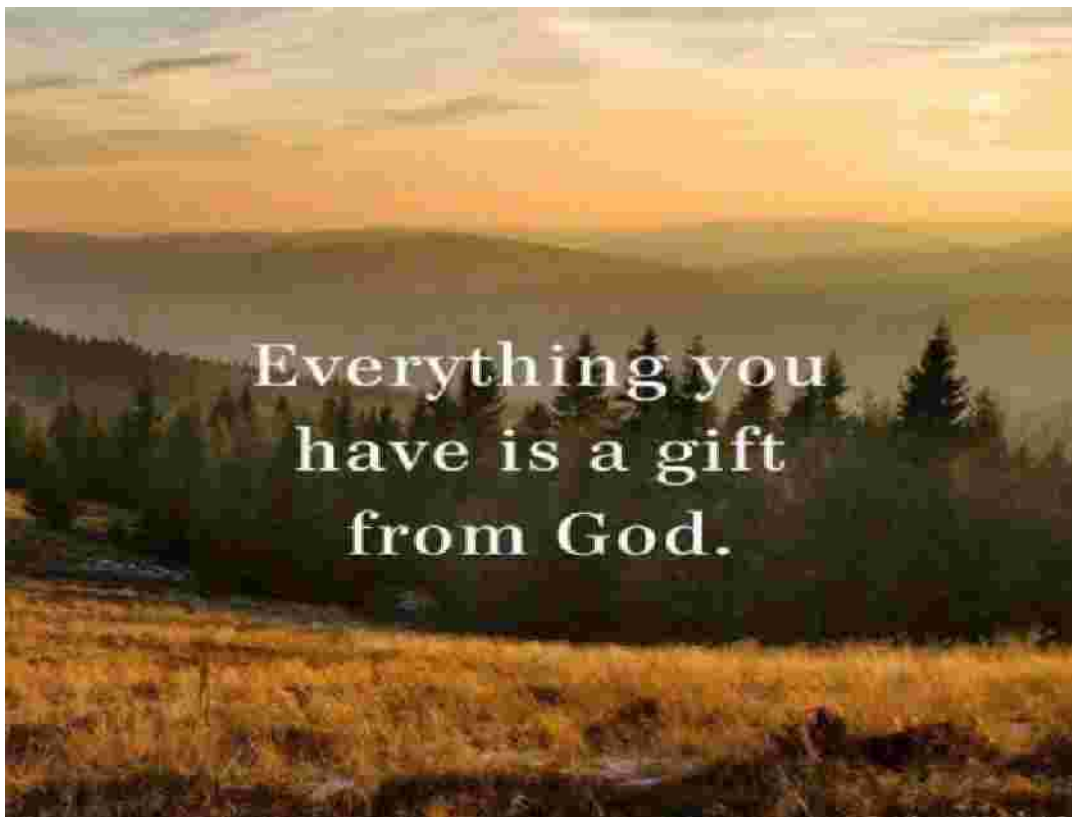
Don't give up! Keep going! The divine time has arrived!

Matthew 5:3-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

³ “Blessed [spiritually prosperous, happy, to be admired] are the poor in spirit [those devoid of spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [both now and forever].

⁴ “Blessed [forgiven, refreshed by God’s grace] are those who mourn [over their sins and repent], for they will be comforted [when the burden of sin is lifted].

⁵ “Blessed [inwardly peaceful, spiritually secure, worthy of respect] are the gentle [the kind-hearted, the sweet-spirited, the self-controlled], for they will inherit the earth.



AV 5, August 6, 2019

"It's Time to Shift into Overdrive!" Alane Haynes, San Diego, CA

The last few days, I have sensed a shift. I have received clarity of direction and definition regarding assignments the Lord has given, and a resurgence of energy bringing strength and courage for obedience. As I began seeking the Lord, I heard two things back to back: "We have entered the lightening phase" and "It's time to shift into overdrive"

When I hear the Holy Spirit speaking to me in unfamiliar terms, I know that there is something significant He wants me to hear. Initially I assumed "lightening" meant letting go of burdens and weights and becoming more filled with light. Over the last few weeks, the Lord had been emphasizing the importance of staying focused and alert, abiding in Him, not taking the bait of offense or going into agreement with evil reports, thereby allowing darkness to dim His light.

"The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." (Luke 11:34-35 KJV)

"Lightening"

I felt the Holy Spirit nudge me to do some research. I found out that "lightening" is also a medical term used to describe one of the last stages of pregnancy, when the head of the baby engages in the pelvic canal! This quickened me because we are in a birthing year, and this confirmed what I had been sensing in the recent shift.

There is a birthing of what the Spirit of God has conceived that is coming forth, and in these final stages of labor it is critical to keep Christ fully engaged in our lives as the Head, to shift as He leads, yielding completely to His direction, and letting the Spirit of God navigate for the birthing to come forth in His perfect formation and timing. He will bring those things to birth that He has begun in the Spirit!

"Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?' saith the LORD: 'Shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb?' saith thy God." (Isaiah 66:8-9 KJV)

Overdrive

I looked up the meaning of overdrive and found that it is a gear in a motor vehicle providing a gear ratio higher than that of the drive gear or top gear, so that engine speed and fuel consumption are reduced in highway travel. Overdrive is actually the highest gear of the transmission, but it uses less fuel and reduces strain on the engine. A second definition for overdrive is *being in a state of heightened activity*.

We are in a time of heightened activity in the spiritual realm of both light and dark forces. We can't afford to get distracted, give place to the enemy, or spin our wheels in the rut of religious formulas. I was reminded of the final stages of labor, when getting ready for the final push is critical, and when it is easy to become exhausted by exerting too much energy too soon!

I sensed the Holy Spirit saying that it is time to shift into overdrive – the highest gear – where all that we do is by the leading and power of His Spirit. It is a labor to enter into and stay in that position, but this provides the most peace and the least physical, mental and emotional exertion.

Labor to Rest

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:9-11 KJV)

Labor to enter into the rest that God desires us to birth from; let the headship of JESUS be engaged in all that you are birthing for the Kingdom. Shift into spiritual overdrive, the highest and most efficient gear!

I am hearing God say, "Be alert and aware; sense My movement and allow Me to move you into lightening. You will receive clarity and definition in areas that have been obscure and shapeless. For the hour is at hand for the birthing of My Kingdom in and through your life. There is a heightening of activity in the spiritual realm, and you are seeing manifestation in the physical realm.

"Your body and soul will want to respond in familiar ways, yet I am saying, 'Shift into overdrive – the highest realm – where you are at rest and in peace, and My highest thoughts and plans will be made known to you by My Spirit.' For this is the time of

birthing a mighty move of My Spirit that cannot come forth in ways known to the mind of man, for the NEW THING that is coming forth has not yet been seen.

"Allow My Spirit to fully lead, give My Son the full governing authority over your life and your ministries, and His headship will be engaged fully and perfectly in position to birth what I have purposed, and bring forth My Kingdom."

AV 6: August 7, 2019

"What to Expect When God Promotes You" Jennifer Eivaz, Turlock, CA

There are some prophetic words that just need to be reposted again and again. Don't forget this one. Print it out and put it in your journal. Remind yourself of the process and don't bail out.

"...Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings!" (Amos 9:13 MSG)

Your promotion will produce personal chaos. This is a blessing and not a curse. Know that if God is with you, you won't fail. He will give you the grace to recalibrate and rebalance. Cling to God tightly and press forward anyway. Don't return to the familiar or the comfortable. The cloud has moved. His grace is now found in the new place and not the old.

Don't Take off Your Crown!

He is gently reminding you that He has crowned you with glory and honor (Psalm 8:5 NKJV). You are to rise and shine...not duck and hide. Promotion is a visible event. It's not done in secret. Heaven will orchestrate its own coronation ceremony. Like Joshua, you will experience the Lord exalting you in front of people in order to establish His assignment on your life. Accept your assignment and don't take off your crown. Staying visible is valuable, and this is what glorifies God in this season.

Have You Lost Your Confidence?

"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward."
(Hebrews 10:35 NKJV)

Your personal confidence will feel unusually challenged in this season. Have you lost your confidence? Go back to where you gave it away and take it back. Your confidence, rooted in Christ, holds great reward!

Healing a Disease

At the same time, the Lord wants to heal a disease in the Body of Christ. It's the disease of insecurity and jealousy. When you know who you are in Christ, you are no longer jealous. The Word is the cure. Go back to the written Word. Anchor yourself to it.

Be Strong and Courageous!

Be strong and courageous! Courage is now a command more than it is a feeling. God is your rock and your sure foundation. He will teach you to swim in deeper waters. He will be with your mouth and teach you how to speak. You will learn to fight at a higher level. Stand assured because He is with you.

AV 7, August 8, 2019

"What is This Pearl of Great Price?" Jesse Shamp, Nashville, TN

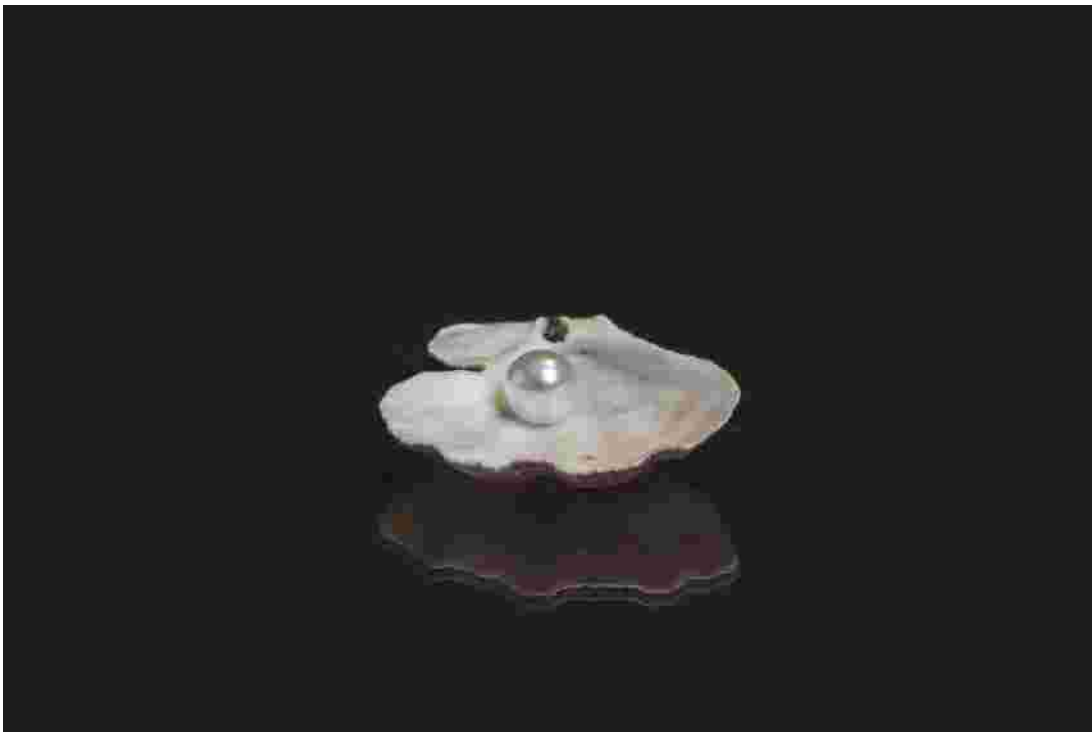
I've held this word, locked away in my heart, for a season. This is something from my treasure box! The Bible compares revelation to precious pearls (Matthew 7:6). Some things you experience in the Lord are so sacred that you don't want to share them with anyone. Yet, I have felt the timing of the Lord to share this encounter. First, let me say this: Every prophetic encounter must bring us to a more intimate walk with the Lord and must reveal to us the revelation of the Scriptures.

I recently found myself in a very powerful encounter. It was a dream, but also an encounter, for I was in the realm of the spirit! For a season, the Lord would not permit me to share about it, but recently I've felt that it was time to release it! My desire is to bring you on the journey that led me to this encounter. I feel that it is important that I steward this revelation well. It has been a series of visions, dreams, and encounters over the past several months.

The Lord has been speaking about the heart of the Body of Christ and how we are to examine our hearts in this season. God is truly releasing another level of the prophetic anointing in this hour. However, it is vital that we have a foundation of love. Every gift mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 should be ministered through the precious fruit of the Spirit, love!

The Pearl of Great Price

It was around Valentine's day that I had released something on social media about the late Prophet Bob Jones. I never had the chance to know Bob Jones personally, but I have spoken with many that did walk with this great prophet. I was pondering the time that I heard Bob Jones speak... it was many years ago during a conference at Jeff Jansen's church, Global Fire Ministries, in Murfreesboro, TN. I remember when Bob Jones began to speak, He spoke of a parable in the Bible: "The Pearl of Great Price."



Bob interpreted the parable to mean that the pearl of great price was *love*. Bob shared an encounter that he had. On August 8, 1995, Bob Jones had died and found himself in Heaven. He stood in a line and saw to the left of him a line of people that were going to spend an eternity in Hell. Bob was in another line of people that was approaching the Lord. As those in this line approached the Lord, the Lord would ask them, "Did you learn to love

The Lord told Bob that he had died before his time, and that he needed to go back for souls. Then Bob urged the Lord that he didn't want to go back, but the Lord told him that he could enter into to Heaven if he would merely look at the line of people that were going to Hell. Bob then told the Lord that he would go back for just one soul! The Lord told him, "You're not going back for one soul. You're going back for a billion souls!" What Bob prophesied in reference to the billion soul harvest is that it would be the greatest awakening of all time!

Did You Learn to Love?

After Bob shared his visitation from the Lord, he then asked the audience, "*Did you learn to love?*" I've heard a lot of messages over the years, but it was as if those words were planted in my own heart and have, since then, been a part of me. Many that walked with Prophet Bob Jones have shared with me personally that the message of love was Bob's life message.

On Valentine's Day, I went to sleep, thinking of those words that Bob left us with. As I slept, I had a dream. In the dream, it was as if I was awake, and I saw Bob Jones come from Heaven into my bedroom. The dream was so real and so vivid, I was a bit frightened! Bob Jones was in a glorified body and the glory of God was all around him. He had piercing, dark eyes that would change to blue, and he was watching me. He was looking to see if I had prepared the soil of my heart for the agape love of God. He was watching me to see if I was one that would be willing to carry on his life message, "Did you learn to love?"

This dream, that was really an encounter, was so real that I woke up out of a dead sleep at five o'clock in the morning and looked over to where Bob Jones was standing in the dream. I could feel the atmosphere of Heaven in the room, and I could sense the cloud of witnesses that were looking in. Hebrews 12 mentions the cloud of witnesses that are cheering us on to run the race! It was a holy moment, and what I feel the Lord is saying is this:

God is not just looking for the gifted, but God is looking to those that would minister the gifts of the Spirit from a foundation of love.

A Foundation of Love

I've always found it interesting, as Paul writes his letter to the church of Corinthians in the twelfth chapter, that he reveals in depth the importance of the gifts of the Spirit, but he also begins to bring to light the different, unique expressions and functions of different offices. Paul states how we are all part of

the Body of Christ. The hand may have a different function than the eye or the hearing, but we are all a part of that one Body.

In the fourteenth chapter Paul says, "Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy" (1 Corinthians 14:1 NASB).

In the middle of these chapters, we find the foundation which must be laid in order that we may minister the gifts of the Spirit properly. That foundation is love! It could be said that the love of God is a mighty river that flows from the heart, mingled with the gifts of the Spirit.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)

As disciples and ministers of Christ, we are to mature in the fruits of the Spirit, not only the gifts. It is not that the fruits of the Spirit are somehow secondary to gifts. I believe they are meant to flow together. The first fruit mentioned in the book of Galatians is love (Galatians 5:22). Love, as a fruit of the Spirit, is expected of us as disciples of Christ.

"...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37 KJV)

How are we to love the Lord with all that we are? By keeping His commandments!

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). In order to love God, it requires sacrifice. It requires us to forgive and even to love our enemies.

When we have truly encountered the love of God and have an intimate walk with Him, we can better understand the manifestation of prophecy!

Paul shares the importance of the function of prophecy, saying, "...he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3 KJV).



Looking for a Pure River

Whenever I spend extra time with the Lord, I find that I am seeing more in the spirit. Once, I was sitting on my sofa, and suddenly, I split into a vision of a river flowing... it was a golden river, filled with God's glory! Then I saw another river that was black, filled with all kinds of pollution.



"Does a spring send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh."(James 3:11-12 AMP)

As I was seeing this vision, this Scripture, from the book of James, burned in my spirit! The Lord showed me this beautiful river of prophecy that flowed like golden oil. At the same time, I saw another river that was black, flowing into it. I had trouble accepting what the Lord was showing me—that the two rivers, unfortunately, could flow together simultaneously.

I believe the Lord is saying this: *We want a pure river flowing from our Av “ hearts.* John, the revelator, spoke of a pure river, pure as crystal (Revelation 22:1). He spoke of how the river was flowing out of the throne and out of the Lamb.

As I sought the Lord on this, the Lord gave me a few keys to how we may have a pure flow of prophecy.

Guard Your Heart

There are many ways that our hearts can become contaminated through bitterness, hurt, sin and so on. Think of how many opportunities Jesus had to be bitter or hurt. Yet, He graciously and willingly walked in compassion. We must seek the Lord to have this same compassion as He had during His earthly ministry.

In the midst of this vision, the Lord said to me, "If you continue to guard your heart, you will have a pure stream!" The anointing flows from the heart of man, the anointing of God flows from you like a river. Jesus even told us that rivers of living water would flow from our innermost being (John 7:38). This is why it is so important that we are careful about what we see, or hear, or meditate on as it all affects the heart.

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

So many times, in the Word of God, we see the importance of the heart of man! Jesus said, "Do not let not your heart be troubled..." (John 14:1).

The heart of man is the spirit and soul of man. Peter spoke of the hidden man of the heart (1 Peter 3:4).

We are truly in a season of examining our hearts before the Lord. It is a season of pruning.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every Branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." (John 15:1-2 KJV)

AV 9, August 10, 2019

Over and over again Israel had to deal with curses because they rejected the LORD and chased after other gods. Have you dealt with the enemy of your soul in your life?

10 Signs You Have Bowed Your Knee to Baal by: Joseph Mattera

Baal was a false god the feckless Jewish King Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel attempted to force upon the nation of Israel during the time of Elijah the Prophet (see 1 Kings 18). Consequently, during this tumultuous time – most Jews kept their faith and identity outwardly but bowed to Baal when necessary to appease Jezebel as well as mainstream culture.

The same is happening today with so-called Christians who espouse anti-biblical views that honor the prevailing culture but dishonor God.

During his opposition to Jezebel, Elijah grew weary because nobody else came forward to stand with him and the Lord. At that point God told him that there was a remnant of 7,000 who had not bowed their knee to Baal (see 1 Kings 19 and Romans 11:2-4). The challenge Elijah had was that the preponderance of this remnant was hiding in caves (see 1 Kings 18:13), leaving him all alone to battle the dark forces working through the political system.

In the present day it also seems like there is only a remnant of biblically based confessing churches and believers willing to stand against the forces of hell manifesting itself through intolerant group-think activists who want to abolish the first amendment, squelch religious freedom, and silence all opposition through Jezebellion laws.

In the context of this article, I use the term "Baal worship" or "bowing to Baal" to refer to professing Christians who acquiesce to the world and compromise the Word of God. The following are 10 signs you have already bowed your knee to Baal:

1. You accept, celebrate, and teach that God blesses alternate forms of marriage and family that dishonor the God of Scripture
Jesus said “in the beginning God made them male and female” when affirming that the form of marriage He affirmed was between one man and one woman (see Matthew 19:4-6). Not marriage between one man and multiple women, robots (humanoids?), or other unbiblical expressions outside of this one man/one woman rubric. Truly holding onto this biblical view of marriage has become the tell-tale sign of either fidelity to Scripture or cultural compromise.

2. You live out the values of pop culture even when it collides with the way of Jesus
Many (church attending) Baal bowing “believers” may not say or preach the wrong thing but their life choices belie and betray the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints (see Jude 3).

3. You are afraid to represent Christ in public because of a fear of persecution
Many believers allow themselves to be intimidated by mainstream culture and kowtow to Baal because of their intense desire to “fit in” with the crowd. They ignore the fact that Jesus taught that those persecuted for righteousness will be blessed (see Matthew 5:11,12).

4. You put personal happiness above the will of God
Many “Christians” desire above all: a life of comfort and ease. Many have falsely been brought into a church with the false claims of the prosperity Gospel. However, the moment their quality of life is threatened legally they will prostrate themselves so low before Baal they will clog their nose with the dust of the ground! The apostle John had something to say to you when he admonished believers not to love the world nor the things of the world (see 1 John 2:15-17). Your desire for happiness causes you to worship God only when convenient which means you bow to Baal when it’s inconvenient!

5. You love the praise of men more than the praises of God
You’re so insecure that you bow to Baal and sell your soul for the affirmation of your co-workers, neighbors, and culture. The apostle John illustrated your life when he wrote that many of the rulers among the Jews believed in Jesus but were afraid to confess Him because they loved the praises of men more than the approval of God (see John 12:42,43). Furthermore, the apostle James said that friendship with the world is to be

at enmity with God (see James 4:4). In your desire to appease the world you unfriend God and friend Baal.

6. You lack a biblical world view

Your view of reality and truth is shaped more by secular culture than the scriptures. As a matter of fact—your lifestyle choices demonstrate that you lift the values, views, and vision of secular culture above the Word of God. However—one day—while the world and its Baal worshippers are licking the dust in disgrace, those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars in the firmament (see Daniel 12: 2-3). Your ignorance and lack of pursuing biblical truth is your downfall, resulting in your pathetic obeisance to Baal.

7. You drink the Kool-Aid of groupthink

Instead of studying the Scriptures with a goal of cultivating the fear of the Lord and discernment so you can apply His truth in culture, you superficially believe and advance the views of pop culture, secular media, and/or your political party without digging beneath the surface. Consequently, you bow your knee to the Baal of celebrity pundits who make a living off of your ignorance.

8. You seek first “self-actualization” instead of God’s Kingdom

Jesus called His true followers to lose their life so they can find it (see Mark 8:35).

Some popular preachers allure people by promising them they can be true to themselves and their desires while serving God. This is only true if a person delights in the Lord (see Psalm 37:4) which enables God to trust their desires since they emanate out of a love for Him.

In this world, the most sacred principle is self expression – in the Scriptures – the most reasonable act is to offer your body wholly up to God so as not to be conformed to this world (see Romans 12:1-3). If your main desire in life is self actualization you will bow your knee to the Baal god of self love – if your main desire is the worship of the One true God, then your self life will be crucified so Christ can live through you (see Galatians 2:20).

9. You are beholden more to a political party than to His Kingdom

It is so easy to allow other people and/or a group to do the thinking and speaking for you. The problem with this is – in a two-party system like we have in the USA – it is virtually impossible for a political entity that depends upon playing to their base to stay in power to always remain true to biblical standards.

Hence, when you blindly support your political party or leaders (because of entitlements, skin color, racism, economic empowerment or rhetoric) then you will invariably find yourself at times bowing your knee to Baal.

10. Your identity is intentionally shaped by things other than God's design for you

As a God lover – you derive your identity primarily from the fact you are a child of God (see Ephesians 1:3-7, 1 John 3:1). When your primary identity emanates from your ethnicity, vocation or sexual preferences- you will bow your knee to Baal any time you have to choose between them and biblical standards.

AV 10: August 11, 2019

Chaplain Wade Butler

Every day we make choices, good, bad or to we chose the choice of omission, (not doing what we either know is right or the LORD has told us to do and we failed to do it.) Let's look at choosing or choice.

Joshua 24:15

If it is unacceptable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

John 3:36

He who believes *and* trusts in the Son *and* accepts Him [as Savior] has eternal life [that is, already possesses it]; but he who does not believe the Son *and* chooses to reject Him, [disobeying Him and denying Him as Savior] will not see [eternal] life, but [instead] the wrath of God hangs over him *continually*."

Romans 1:25

because [by choice] they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Hebrews 12:17

For you know that later on, when he wanted [to regain title to] his inheritance of the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no opportunity for repentance [there was no way to repair what he had done, no chance to recall the choice he had made], even though he sought for it with [bitter] tears.

The word definitely directs you to repentance and in some cases the Courts of Heaven! Everything that we do shows our choices. Many have consequences beyond our imagination. Choose life.

AV 11: August 12, 2019

These verses about fear and anxiety remind us that God is in control.

By Lesli White

Anxiety and fear are relentless. These are two of the enemy's most popular weapons that he uses against us. Unchecked fear can keep you in bed for hours past what is healthy or wise. Anxiety can also show us as a fiery anger, in unkind speech and hurtful attitudes. The longer you struggle with fear, the more likely it is for you to be overwhelmed by it, allowing it to control your every decision and move. Choosing not to deal with it can leave you with scars. Even still, we have a promise that "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability" (1 Corinthians 10:13), and this includes the sinful unbelief of an anxious heart. One of the best ways to rid yourself of the fear that is plaguing you is to turn to Scripture. Here are eight Bible verses that remind us God is in control.

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Sometimes, we can read certain verses from Scripture a hundred times and fail to take them to heart the way the Lord wants us to. Other times, we can linger on a verse or two, and let them minister life, healing and comfort to us. Isaiah 41:10 is so rich with the promises of God that it warrants some special attention from us. Ultimately, the Lord wants to impart to us through this verse that we shouldn't be afraid. "Fear not [there is nothing to fear]." One reason why God warns us against fear is that it can short-circuit the answered prayers and blessings that He has in store for us.

Psalm 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

By definition, a refuge is a safe place. When the Bible describes God as our refuge, it is saying that God is our safe place when we need protection from something. Knowing God is our refuge enables us to trust Him more freely. We need not fear situations or people who threaten our well-being, whether in a physical or spiritual sense. There is no situation we will ever face that is out of God's control, so the best place to be, always, is right with Him.

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

According to data released by Amazon on the most highlighted passage in Kindle e-books, the most popular passage from the Bible is this passage from Philippians. Most biblical scholars agree that the apostle Paul composed Philippians while he was in prison so the fact that Paul was able to reject anxiety even during his own imprisonment makes the passage all the more encouraging. Although it might seem novel to see biblical writers addressing modern worries, the lesson from this passage is timeless and can affect anyone. The life of faith is filled with constant challenge to risk more to become our true selves.

1 John 4:18

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The One who fears is not made perfect in love."

In the previous verse (verse 17), John tells us how to have confidence or boldness on the Day of Judgment. And in verse 18, he tells us how to cast fear out of our lives.

These are simply positive and negative ways of saying the same thing: getting rid of fear is the negative way of saying become confident. John wants to help us enjoy confidence before God. He does not want us to be paralyzed or depressed by fear of judgment.

Psalm 94:19

“When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.” Psalm 94:19

What this Psalm tells us is that even in rough or desperate situations, we can be filled with the joy of the Lord. He is our consolation and His Word eases anxiety like nothing else can. God can bring joy to your soul even during times when you’re most anxious by simply knowing that He’s present and trusting in His power.

Luke 12:22-26

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

Life is more than food and clothing. God has reminded us of that throughout the Scriptures. Jesus reminded us of it when He faced temptation from Satan. So we shouldn’t worry because God will take care of the big stuff and the little stuff. Worrying doesn’t change things, big or small, except to make those problems appear worse than they really are.

So why let ourselves get so worked up into a frenzy over “big things”? Cast your cares on God and then trust in His wisdom.

Psalm 27:1

“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?”

Like many psalms, King David wrote this from a season of trouble. Yet, it is a song of confidence and triumph because David was not in darkness or ultimate peril because the Lord was his light and salvation. God Himself brought light to David’s life. He did

not despair in darkness and all that it represented. His life was filled with the Lord, and his life was filled with the light.

Revelation 1:17

"Then He placed His right hand on me and said: Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

Jesus said first, "Do not be afraid" This is what we need to hear in these days when many of us are so anxious. Remember, fear doesn't glorify God. Jesus was always saying "fear not" to his frightened disciples. The Gospels record that every time they were in trouble, they expressed themselves in manifestations of fear, anxiety, worry and panic, but the Lord always came along at the right moment and said, "Fear not." We are called to do the same.

One of the best ways to combat two of the enemy's weapon of fear and anxiety is through the power of Scripture. Read God's Word, and repeatedly immerse yourself in it. The more you read, the better you will understand His Word and the truth found in it. While fear may continue to show up for you, when you acknowledge and truly believe God is in control, fear and anxiety will no longer paralyze you.

AV 12: August 13, 2019

Pat Francis: Faith to slay giants

"David said to Saul, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.'" 1 Samuel 17:32.

King Saul and the entire Israelis army cowered under the mighty roar of a ruthless giant called Goliath. They listened to his threats and intimidation for 40 days and became paralyzed by fear. Thousands of trained soldiers lacked the courage to face one giant. But David What others saw as a challenge, David saw as an opportunity. What others saw as impossible David saw as a miracle. This was the time for him to put his trust in God and act out his faith for expected results. God met David at his point of faith.

David faced Goliath and ran towards him with a war cry. "David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1 Samuel 17:45. God is the armies of Israel and His Church. EL CHAYIL is LORD of Armies King of Glory.

David used what he had, a small stone in a sling shot aimed at the giant's head. God did His part. God sent a wind to guide the stone and with such power that it knocked Goliath dead. David had guts and God gave Him CHAYIL (powerful great) glory. David had faith and God gave him favor. To natural eyes David was fighting alone, but in the spiritual realm he was surrounded by a host of warring angels sent to help him. To natural eyes David was undressed for battle, but in the spiritual realm he was covered in the spiritual armor of His LORD and Savior.

God will react to your actions of faith. When you dare to step out against all odds, God will send His armies to help you. If you have faith you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit to slay your giants.

Kingdom Declaration:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

AV 13: August 14, 2019

Refreshment for Weary Ones: Sylvia Gunter

Many Christians are exhausted from running the rat race, even the Christian rat race. Many are weighed down by family demands and tensions. They need strengthening and refreshment to receive God's enabling grace for each day. Pray this for yourself or others who need a fresh touch of the power of the Holy Spirit. You are blessed to be a blessing, and prayer is one of the most powerful ways you can bless others.

Pray this way:

Abba, I come alongside (my loved one) and lift them into Your presence. Thank You for Your love for them. You have given Your word that You have set apart Your godly ones for Yourself. I claim that for (my loved one) today. Give them a fresh touch of Your love in all its fullness. Meet all their needs today, because those who seek the Lord will not lack any good thing.

Please give (my loved one) wisdom and understanding, so that they will take only Your yoke and make only the plans that agree with Your divine purposes. Grant them Your favor and blessing. Increase their confidence in Your ability and presence at work in their lives to evict all fear and doubt.

Father, (my loved one) is tired and needs Your divine strength, because they are running at the edge of their endurance. Heal and strengthen them body, soul, and spirit. Foil Satan's plans to attack in physical and emotional areas that are vulnerable. Let their roots tap deeply into You and enable them to keep on keeping on in the demands on them. Lighten their steps; let them mount up with wings as an eagle, as they wait on You. Reveal any sin that is hindering them, and speak to their heart, as You draw them closer to You. Give them grace for today, and then tomorrow give a whole new supply of Your provision of Yourself. Give them Your sweet presence each moment, and let them feel secure in You. When they don't know the outcome of their situation, show them that in You it is safe not to know, because You are good.

Father, overcome (my loved one's) fears with Your perfect love. Heal (my loved one) where there is pain and hurt. Give them a breakthrough in the situations closest to their hearts, the ones that have wearied them most. Touch and restore the places that have been bruised and shut down. Open them up to new trust in You. Press through walls of disappointment, self-protection, separation, and pain. Minister reconciliation, so that all relationships might enjoy Your unity and sweet fellowship. Release Your fresh touch into each life that has claim upon their spiritual, emotional, and practical responsibility.

We come to Your cross and hide there from all stresses and pressures. Your glory outshines all the plans of the enemy to oppress (my loved one). Mighty Warrior, reveal the real battle that they are up against. Let them rest in You, and stand steadfast, and see that the battle is the Lord's. Let no fiery arrows pierce their safe place in Your refuge. Give them confidence that no weapon formed against them will prosper.

Place (my loved one) in the refreshing stream of Living Water flowing from Your throne. Refresh them each moment in Jesus. Make them oaks of righteousness planted by streams of water, whose leaves do not wither. Bless them according to Your perfect will, as You watch over their way. Show them Your power and the glory of Your great love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pat Francis: The Perfectionist

"Martha, Martha, the Lord answered, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41, 42.

Here we have the contrast of two sisters. Martha was Miss Hospitality, cooking, cleaning and making sure that her guest, Jesus, would have the best meals in the best plates and the best service. Everything had to be perfect and organized. She was a perfectionist.

A perfectionist is described as one who has the disposition to regard anything short of perfection as unacceptable or failure. It is a 'driven' personality that sometimes misses opportunities for rest, self-praise, encouragement, and happiness. Because no one is perfect, a perfectionist is usually their own worse critic. This can sometimes lead to struggle with self-condemnation or impatience with others.

Martha's sister Mary, on the other hand, knew how to enjoy the moment and she seized the opportunity to sit at the feet of Jesus to receive His words of life. Martha was stressed out, tired out, and frustrated because everyone else around her was not stressed out, tired out, and frustrated.

Are you a perfectionist who is constantly driving yourself into frustrations because the work is unending and others are not seeing your effort and plans to save the world? If so, rest today and learn to let some things go. Do not be hard on yourself. Be patient with others. Love yourself because Jesus loves you. You are accepted and powerful enough to accept and celebrate the power in others. Take care of yourself and love YOU. Jesus said: "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31.

Kingdom Declaration:

I love God and I shall love myself so that I can truly love others

Pat Francis: World Peace

The 15th has long been considered the happiest day of the year. This day, Tu B'Av, signifies rebirth after destruction and is a day for new beginnings. On this day, the daughters of Jerusalem would borrow linen garments in order not to embarrass others who did not have beautiful clothing and dance in the vineyards to find prospective grooms. The Talmud considers this day the greatest festival of the year, followed by Yom Kippur, as its essence represents the future redemption and peace for the nation.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27.

In a world of turmoil and uncertainty, the superpowers such as the United Nations, NATO, World Bank, and powerful nations have failed to make, give, and keep peace. The great thinkers of the world meet at different summits without solutions to terrorism, environmental decay, struggling economies, food shortage, and increasing poverty.

God calls himself the 'Prince of Peace'. He owns peace and He gives it to humble hearts. World peace can only come when one by one we choose the Prince of Peace as our Source of peace. God's peace is not circumstantial. It is a peace that flows from His heart to ours with faithful love, great wisdom, and unlimited power.

Peace is silent trust, determined patience, and quiet love. The Peace of God transcends all understanding and with the power to guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7).

Today receive the peace of Jesus Christ and as His peace floods your soul, share it with someone else so that one by one we can create world peace.

Kingdom Declaration:

Jesus Christ is the King of peace and the Savior of the world.

Pat Francis: You are blessed with glory

"A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:" (Matt. 1:1).

When you believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and LORD you receive the Covenant Blessing of Abraham, and the Covenant Glory of David.

1) The Covenant Blessing of Abraham

Abraham is the great patriarch of Israel and Christians: "He is the father of us all" (Rom. 4:16). By faith all believers in Christ are joint-heirs with Jesus and recipients of the covenant blessing of Abraham that includes God's protection, abundant provision, miracles, and great influence. "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit." (Gal. 3:14).

2) The Covenant Glory of David

David was a man with great manifested glory in his life, "Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty." (Ps. 21:5). The Hebrew word that describes David's glory as great is CHAYIL. The CHAYIL glory of David included victories, splendor (brilliance, wisdom, favor) and majesty (authority, wealth, influence) is a glory that is available to all believers in Christ. "Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples." Is. 55:3,4.

David was a witness of the faithful love, forgiveness, and CHAYIL glory of God in His life. God protected and provided for His faithful servant and king. He was forgiven from adultery and murder, he was protected through great battles, and he was an overcomer from poverty as a homeless man living in a cave. Now YOU. Christ in you is the hope of glory waiting to manifest in and through you for His name sake. (Col. 1:27). CHAYIL Glory is the manifested power and glory of the LORD Jesus in and through His servants. Believe, receive, and declare it and God will confirm His great covenant glory through you.

Kingdom Declaration: Father glorify me to bring great glory to your Son and my Savior Jesus Christ.

AV 17: August 18, 2019

Pat Francis: Kingdoms of Influence

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'" Rev. 11:15.

God has made a bold declaration that He will position His believers in the kingdoms (societies) of this world. Jesus told us to pray: "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10. God's will has both a spiritual and a practical aspect to it. We must pray and we must also 'go' and 'do'. Faith without works is dead. God's Kingdom Enforcers are people of influence that He will promote, exalt, and position in the kingdoms of this world.

'The Family is a powerful kingdom of influence of this world. The family is the core unit of society and affects all the kingdoms of this world. The home with a family is an incubator for either healthy or tarnished people. You can be influential in your family through prayer, counsel, practical help, love, and good will. Your prayer will be a protective covering for your family: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household." Acts 16:31.

Religion is also a powerful kingdom of this world because it controls the minds, cultures, systems, and human behavior. By believing in Jesus Christ you are powerful with access to God for divine intervention in the affairs of this world. As you believe, pray, serve, work, and play remember that God has positioned you in the kingdoms of this world to represent Him to save others and to reflect Him so they can see Him through you. Christ in you is the hope of glory for our world.

Kingdom Declaration:

I am a Kingdom Enforcer to influence my world with the love and glory of Jesus Christ.

Pat Francis: Faith in the midst of the storm

"That day when evening came, he said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Mark 4:35.

The Word of the LORD was given, "Let us go over to the other side." Jesus gave them a determined destination. "Us" meant that Jesus would be with them in the journey to their destination. God with them should have made them confident in the power of His preservation, in the security of His peace, and in the guarantee of His protection.

Jesus, the Savior of the world, was in the boat with His disciples. If He can save the world, He can save them in a storm. They stepped out by faith in calm waters, when suddenly a furious storm came up to destroy them. If Jesus can save the world, He can save you.

When in a storm:

1) Do not lose integrity. Keep doing what is right in spite of how you feel and what others might be saying. Regardless of others reaction, keep your integrity by thinking, saying, and doing the right things.

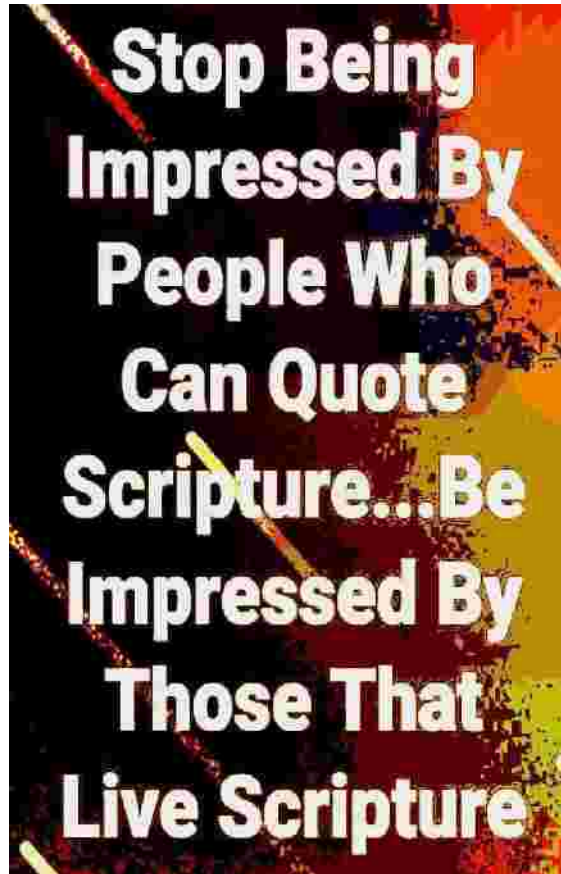
2) Do not lose hope. Keep the promise (Word of the LORD) of Jesus in the forefront of your mind. Say it and rehearse it: "We are going over to the other side."

3) Exalt and Praise God. God is greater than the storm. God is stronger than the winds. Praise God and create an atmosphere for God to save you.

The LORD your God is with you, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Isaiah 43:2. God is with you.

Kingdom Declaration:

The Lord is my Shepherd. He will protect me at all times.



AV 19: August 20, 2019

"Receive This Generational Blessing..."Joey LeTourneau, McCloud, CA

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:5-6)

Much has been written about this verse, and though it's part of a collection of life verses of mine, this writing is less about sharing something new and much more about why and how this passage is a living picture of two wires being reconnected to generate (which is a key word) power into the worldwide awakening many of us are waiting for.

Generate and Generational

Generate and *generational* – two very similar words in root with two different meanings, yet I believe they come together in Malachi 4:5-6.

To generate power is to create or produce through natural process, while generations or "generational" speaks to multiple generations of ages of people born in different time periods.

I believe we are in a *now* moment where these two words come together. We are in a time where the coming together of generations to fulfill one another will create a spark and generate a powerful surge of fresh awakening that no one generation of people could start on their own. There are different movements and gifts among different generations, and each contains special ingredients for revival, but they need one another.

Honor Over Fear

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear..." (1 John 4:18)

It's way too easy to fear others who are different from us. For example, if you simply generalize two generations that are next to one another, it might be easy for the previous generation to fear losing their place and all they sowed and built for years to a new, different move that challenges their understanding. And at the same time, it could be easy for the arising generation to fear being held down or controlled as they bring something new or perhaps misunderstood to the table.

Turning our hearts toward someone else is about honor. Honoring someone else, especially someone different than what we know, doesn't always mean that we will have understanding, but it does mean that we have eyes to see something good, something "God" inside of others. I may not always agree with or understand how or why, but I simply turn myself toward that good/God part that is arriving on the scene for such a time as this.

True Father

"Now this is the testimony of John... He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, 'I am not the Christ... It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal I am not worthy to loose...' Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as he walked, he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus." (John 1:19, 20, 27, 35-37)

John the Baptist, who came in the spirit of Elijah, was to me a true Father in the way that he knew how to honor those new, unexpected things of God. He was someone who gave life to a new generation of God's heart and image, who supported and empowered those who came after him.

John was called (by Jesus) the greatest man born of woman, and I believe it's because John never made it about himself. His job wasn't to hold the reigns or protect his position; his job was to prepare the way until the moment came that he would turn toward the new One rising, point at Him, and literally tell his own followers to follow Jesus now instead. John didn't point to what he was doing, He pointed to what the Father was doing. That's easier said than done, which is why it has such an opportunity to generate such life to flow into this world.

You may have heard the statement, "My ceiling becomes your floor," but picture the reality of that in a building. What if everything you built was now to be a foundation, as the ceiling of your apartment or office was to be the floor of the one called to the space just above you. You can't see what they're doing, and therefore you may not understand it, nor can you control it, but that person couldn't live or operate in this space if it was not being built upon the firm foundation of your space.

Instead of being threatened by the new that is built upon what we have, we must realize that everything in our space is actually fulfilled by the new things being built upon it. We are not competing with one another, but we are being fulfilled by one another. Jesus didn't come to abolish the old covenant, but to see it fulfilled.

The Father's Blessing

"May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples; and give you the blessing of Abraham..." (Genesis 28:3-4)

The Father's blessing over Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (and beyond) is key for this kind of generational empowerment. With so many of us searching and striving for significance – even in Kingdom ways – the Father's blessing reaches down inside of us to almost flip a switch and set us free by telling us, "You are already approved."

22 years ago I received a Father's blessing for my 16th birthday that changed my life. One of the more memorable quotes from my dad was this: "I hope you never believe that just because you're not like me in every area of life that I think you're a

lesser person – that's a common belief among sons of type-A dads. In fact, I believe the best hope for the LeTourneau name lies in the very ways that you are different from me."

At the time I didn't know how revolutionary of a statement this was. Sometimes it can be difficult to bless others, period, let alone bless their differences for fear of what might happen. And I found out later that my dad had those fears.

One night around 1 a.m., six months after that blessing, I burst through my parents door, woke them up and said, "I know I'm supposed to start walking in full-time ministry." What I didn't know was that when I left the room my dad rolled back over and wept. You see, we were a missionary family living by faith and my dad often feared that I would grow up and resent the lifestyle they raised us in. Usually when we have those fears, the last thing we do is bless someone so freely as my dad did me, but that's that generational spark of revival; that generational spark of letting go of control and empowering someone or a generation of someone's to be and fulfill every purpose they were created for, no matter how different they might seem. It lets go and trusts God.

We have seen powerful fruit, beyond what we know, arise from carrying this "Father's Blessing" to all aspects of the world, both in the nations and society. It's honoring and empowering for someone to say, "You are valued, you are loved, you have purpose, and I believe in you!" It frees a person or a generation to live from those truths rather than for them.

A Two-Way Blessing

The Father's blessing does not just have to go from an older generation to a younger one. This part is VERY needed and vital, however, there are too many of our fathers and mothers who never got to receive such a Father's blessing of their own. It's very difficult to give something that you never received. That's why we find it equally important to go to our fathers and mothers and offer them the same words of fulfillment, of purpose, love, life and validation.

That 16th year of my life after the blessing was revolutionary in my heart and walk with the Lord. And three weeks before my 17th birthday, just days before my dad left for a trip to Vietnam, I was privileged amid a group of intercessors to sit with my dad hand in hand, almost like brothers this time, and offer him similar words of unconditional fulfillment for who he was to me, to others and before God. We wept and wept and felt this generational spark or surge birth something new to life!

It was only one week later that we learned my dad had passed away in Vietnam on that trip, but not before we got to live out Malachi 4:5-6 in both directions. Something happened that day – or year for that matter – which is still causing awakening today.

If you have never received this blessing from an earthly parent or spiritual parent, I offer you this now:

I bless you for who you are, for who God created you to be. There is no one who compares to the unique piece of God's heart that you carry. I bless you to fulfill every purpose and dream God has placed inside you, to be fruitful and multiply. You are valued for who you are, not for what you have or earn. You are loved because you are a true son or daughter of God and have an important place in the family. You have special purpose that no one else has. We believe in you, and as you continue to abide in Him, not one of your purposes will fall to the ground. We are thankful for who you are in the family of God.

Fulfilled

Never more than in these past few months have I felt this Malachi 4:5-6 passage ready to be lived out on a worldwide scale. It will generate the power we are looking for in our lives, in our families, in our communities, cultures and in the world. We are ripe for this turning of hearts toward one another, without fear, but freely fulfilling one another to fulfill the Word of God in the world today – together!

AV 20: August 21, 2019

"How to Rebuild God's House and Family" Joey LeTourneau, McCloud, CA

From California to Israel

When my family and I moved back to California in 2014, it was with an eye towards Israel and some of our long-term calling there. Shortly after moving back the Lord showed us why He called us to move back. He offered us a vision of a "bridge" that spanned between California and Israel.

God has continued to show us the vision of this bridge. Not a literal bridge, this "bridge" is meant to be constructed uniquely, lifting people up higher. It's intended to be made up of "refuge-like" properties and lands that God's sons and daughters have been in and are now taking for the Kingdom. They are hot spots on a map, strategically placed, set apart, and are preparation grounds for many that God is raising up between California and Israel—with the intention of rebuilding God's family.

We personally have been contending for such a bridge over the years but it was not until the last number of months we felt a release from the Lord to pursue and possess the vision and to help others by faith do the same.

Angelo and the Timely Gift

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)

This passage was highlighted to me after I had a special encounter. I had the encounter the night after my family and I committed to a specific part the journey of "rebuilding God's house and family." Early in the morning, in one of the most vivid dreams I've ever had, I was awakened to a knock at our door. When I answered, there was an Italian looking man approximately in his sixties who said, "My name is Angelo, I'm your angel and this is one of the happiest days of my life." He then handed me a lavender, ring-sized gift box with a white ribbon before he disappeared. I carefully opened the box and wondered if it was a ring, or what was possibly in such a package. I unfolded the white tissue paper and discovered a single, silver house key.

Now, you have to understand that for us, personally, we are waiting for the right house and property ourselves as we contend to position and align with where the Father wants us to build with Him. So, a house key would be an awesome, personal gift and breakthrough! However, I knew in the dream that Angelo's very intentional happiness in presenting this key wasn't just for our personal breakthrough, but even more for what was being released for this time and the re-building of God's big picture house and family.

A Refuge and a City on a Hill

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge." (Proverbs 14:2)

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:14)

It can sound contradictory to imagine a place that is a refuge, like the shadow of His wings, and yet also for the same place to be a city on a hill that should not be hidden. But we live in a Kingdom that holds these types of beautiful truths in tension with one another. God is raising up existing and new lands that will powerfully embody both at the same time.

These places of refuge, lands of resources, and "hot spots" of God's family are places where the Body of Christ will go to be re-calibrated and refreshed. They are off the beaten path and will allow Believers to "come up higher" out of the task they are engaged with, re-calibrate, and go back into their calling IN the world with renewed vigor, alignment, and with peace and purpose to give.

At the same time these places of refuge will also serve as a "City on a Hill," where weary wanderers of the world will find living water, the bread of life, and the contrasting light they've been searching for. As Jesus often did, there is something powerful to going away consistently to re-calibrate—and not just in the midst of daily rigors or taking a summit once or twice a year. These places will be needed for God's sons and daughters to "get above the cloud line" more often.

These places will be like watering holes and apostolic hubs that live and walk in a Acts 4-like community atmosphere—coming and going to and from all aspects of life and coming from all over the world. They are not program centric but people and presence focused. Watch as these sort of places and relationships come together. Many are already stepping into these lands, many have dreamt of such, and many others will soon join.

How Do We Possess and Build These Lands?

"'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6)

The notes in the New Spirit-Filled Life Bible state this about Zerubbabel as a re-builder of God's house: "Zerubbabel is ultimately responsible for rebuilding the temple, but he is forbidden to trust the resources of man to accomplish this task. So today God's holy temple, the Church, must be built and sustained, not by wealth, by members, by virtue, nor by sheer strength, but 'by My Spirit.'"

We are not apprehending these places and lands by human means, wealth or strength, but by the authority of His Spirit. So don't be discouraged if you don't seem to have the means yet, just keep following Him with faith and obedience and step into the land that He is or will show you.

The process you have endured and persevered through these past seasons may have left you feeling depleted in the natural of tangible resources for building, but God has seasoned and strengthened you with the same kinds of intangible resources that Zerubbabel was charged with trusting in and building through. These intangible resources come alive through the process we've each just endured. The challenging circumstances you are emerging from have actually profited you the very resources you would need to take ground and build up His family in this present time.

The Power of God's Delight, His Favor and His Countenance

"If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey."(Numbers 14:8)

Recently we were driving into the territory God had told us to contend for, asking Him to show us His strategies to possess the land. During our drive the Lord brought this passage of Numbers 14:8 to heart and we started to declare it as we drove, "If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us."

Moments later, a close friend messaged me not knowing the promise God had given us to declare that day. His message said, "Bro, the Lord is delighting in you!" The only "if" written in this promise is the Lord's delight, and God wants to remind us how delighted He is when we step out in faith with Him. The delight of the Lord paves the way to promises realized. So as you look at the land before you which He is speaking about, remember His delight over you is one of your most precious and powerful weapons.

"For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them." (Psalm 44:3)

The Key of David

"The key of the house of David I will lay on His shoulder; so He shall open, and no one shall shut; and He shall shut, and no one shall open." (Isaiah 22:22)



"First love" intimacy is how we utilize this key and where our authority dwells to unlock the doors and gates to these lands and see the Father establish them. The key of David isn't a form of contending for such lands that requires striving; rather it is the simple yet powerful authority where we reach toward the lock by reaching through God's heart, and during the process He cuts that key to match the access point. Entry is granted as now the right key has entered its matching door. Intimacy is the key to apprehending our land.

A Testimony of Simple Faith - "We Ask You God for a House"

Our family has gotten to be part of a number of miraculous testimonies with houses and lands over the years, and to be honest we are even contending for such now. But one testimony I've grown up hearing has always been highlighted. My mom and her siblings were young, their dad was about to pass away within days after being sick for eleven years, and my grandma was working tirelessly on multiple fronts. They had to be out of their house quickly and needed God to provide.

One day, needing to search for a home but without time or money to do so, my grandma pulled over with kids in the car and simply said to the Lord, "You know I don't have time or money to find this new house, but You have promised to provide for us and we ask You God for a house." That very week the neighbor with a big house on a large lot across the street knocked on the door and said, "I was thinking and realized I don't need my house anymore, and you do. I want to give it to you and we can work out some form of compensation later down the line." Thereafter, the family and many friends literally formed something of an "assembly line" passing item after item across the street to move into their new home!

That house became both a refuge and a beacon of light over the years for God's family. Long-term and short-term, it housed leaders, missionaries, those going through difficult seasons, as well as family and friends. The house was a miracle

and then many more miracles happened there. It wasn't gained by man's ways or resources, but by simple faith in a good Father who loves to set up places for His family to be loved and empowered.

May you make this testimony your own and see it multiplied unto the family of God around you!

AV 21: August 22, 2019

What Is the 'Key of David'? Here are seven points, straight out of the Bible, to help you understand this vital truth. By Gerald Flurry: The Trumpet

Revelation 3:7 says Jesus Christ has "the key of David." What is that?

I present a weekly television program called *The Key of David*. We took that name right out of Revelation 3:7 and a couple other scriptures. I have written a booklet on the subject that we offer readers for free.

Do you know what the key of David is? It is one of the deepest truths in the entire Bible, but it is a mystery to most Christians. However, the more you understand it, the more it stirs your imagination. It is a message from God—the message that Jesus Christ gives His Church to deliver to this world in this end time.

The key of David message is actually *Christ's gospel*—the good news He brought when He came to Earth! It gives you a *specific* understanding of that gospel, and it adds a royal dimension. The firstfruits—those saints called out before Christ's Second Coming—will share the throne of David with Christ during the Millennium. If you are going to be in the Kingdom of God, you *must* understand the real gospel: this key of David message!

Revelation 3:7 is part of a message from Jesus Christ to His Church. These are literally His own words, in red letter: "And to the angel [or messenger] of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, *he that hath the key of David*, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."

Christ is “he that hath the key of David.” This message comes *directly from Him*. He gave it to His Church, and He expects His people to share it with the world.

If you want to find God’s true Church, it *has* to be where the key of David message is. And where you find the key of David message, you will find Jesus Christ!

This is not the easiest truth to understand; it takes study and meditation. However, you can grasp quite a lot about it just by studying this passage in Revelation 3. Here are seven points from this short passage that will help you to understand what God is trying to show us in this end time.

1. It is the key ‘of David’

God named this transcendent message after a *man*—a human being just like you and me. King David was a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22) and is an important personality in this. But God wants us to realize that David is a type of *all mankind*.

The truth of the Bible is that God’s *grand strategy* is to save, and to build a relationship with, *all mankind*! Jesus Christ died for *the world*, not just a few people. He died so *everyone’s* sins could be forgiven. The fact that He named this key truth after a human is a clue that He wants each and every human being who has ever lived to understand this message.

This is God’s most highly exalted goal: He is *recreating Himself in man*! David understood that. He repented and obeyed God. He passionately submitted to God. That is why David’s name is here in Revelation 3. God’s plan is to teach every person who has ever lived to submit and repent like David—so they can be born into His Family! This is a universe-size goal God has given us. It’s hard to even imagine. You really have to *study* to understand the beauty and the glory of this goal.

2. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith *HE* that is holy, *HE* that is true, *HE* that hath the key of David, *HE* that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth” (verse 7). Four times Jesus Christ is mentioned here. *He* is the focus. *He* is the Head of the Church! He is the living God, and He wants everybody to know He’s alive. *He* gives that key of David message, and then He opens a door to *deliver* that message. He directly leads His Church.

Notice that this is Christ's message to the church *in Philadelphia*. That is the sixth of seven Church eras described in these chapters. The seventh era, the one we are in now, is *Laodicea* (verses 14-22), an era when about 95 percent of Christ's own Church turned away from Him—and *lost their Head* (Colossians 2:19). Only a remnant of Philadelphia remains.

If you find and hold this key of David, you will know that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church. He *gave* us that wonderful key of David message. Wherever you find that message, you will also find the "*HE* that hath the key of David."

3. Christ has the key of David

Christ personally *has* the key of David; it is *His*. He gives it to us if we desire it and are willing to deliver it. We must deliver that message as a witness to the whole world. (Because of their sins, most won't understand it today. But at least Christ's message will be a witness against them. The Bible also prophesies of a future resurrection in which the vast majority—at that time living under God's government—*will* listen to and understand Christ's key of David message. In time, this truth will capture the imagination of the world.)



In Isaiah 40, God discusses "the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness" of religious confusion. It is God's voice, speaking through a man, and it is crying out with the key of David message! This world has uncountable different religions and a bewildering myriad of Christian denominations. Which one is right? Can they all be right? God says *no*. Only one can be right, and *it has* the voice *and declares the key of David*. This is the specific message and the specific voice.

The key of David is not really that complex, although it is incredibly profound. You do have to study it, because it's right out of the mind of God. It is the most exalted message from God in this end time. It is the royal gospel of Jesus Christ—a message about mere human beings who will become kings sitting on a throne with Christ. If people heed God's calling and Christ's message today, they will be the bride of Christ and sit on a throne with Him as kings and priests (Revelation 1:6). What could be more inspiring? What could be more rewarding than to give yourself to God today and receive the *monumental* reward awaiting His very elect?

4. Christ sets before us an open door

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it?.." (Revelation 3:8). Christ has *opened a door* for His Church to deliver the key of David. It is all *God's* doing—not man's. God gives many special miracles to enable His Church to proclaim this to the world through television, booklets, magazines and other means. This is not a hidden message; it is being broadcast and published through a miraculous open door.

Christ gives the unimaginably wonderful key of David message to His people today so they will deliver it to the world. Most people only have a surface knowledge of this wonderful truth. They can't fathom what God is talking about here. God wants everyone to wake up to the incredible depth of what He wants to give us!

5. No man can shut it

Once Christ opens a door, "no man can shut it." Even if that man led a *trillion-man army*, he could not shut the door God opened! God is challenging the skeptics here. That challenge shows that God is alive! He is a living God! When He sets out to do a work, no man is going to stop Him! He uses His almighty power to make sure *nobody* interferes. How encouraging! God proves to us daily that He is *alive*.

People act like God has nothing to do with this world; but He has a *lot* to do with it, and with all people. He *always warns* when people are heading toward catastrophe—and right now, this world is heading for the worst disaster it has ever experienced! That is the time when you need God, even if you don't know it.

The phrase "no man can shut it" implies that Satan the devil will *always* try to shut that door, using men to stop God's message. There's always an ongoing war with Satan. Our book *Raising the Ruins* talks about that open door, and how the work can be stopped *if*

God's people don't carry out their responsibility. Satan can do a lot of damage, as he has done in this end time.

But even though he is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), Satan can't shut God's open door. He doesn't have any power at all compared to God. We have to stay close to God so He will empower us to deliver His message. Without God's power, we would *never* be able to deliver His message in Satan's world.

Our free booklet *Habakkuk* will show you how we had to fight in court to even get this message out through that open door. God performed miracle after miracle—and this wonderful little booklet will prove that to you. It proves God's existence and how He empowers His very elect.

6. We have kept His Word

Revelation 3:8 continues: "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word?..." God opens this giant door for His very elect if they keep His Word. He gives them His power only if they keep His Word!

Thankfully, the very elect *have* kept God's Word. Though most of God's people have turned *away* from obeying God's Word in this end time, these Philadelphians *never* turn away. They kept God's Word even as others were "casting the truth to the ground" (Daniel 8:11-12; this prophetic book was written for our time today—Daniel 12:4, 9).

If you understand this wonderful message, it will change *everything* in your life. You will have a future that inspires and moves you! If you keep God's Word, He says, you'll be delivering His message through that open door, and no man, not even a trillion men, can ever stop it.

7. We have not denied His name

Revelation 3:8 concludes, "thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." The Greek word for name includes everything that name stands for. In this case it particularly refers to Christ's authority, His rule over His Church. Denying God's name means denying His government:

Christ praises the Philadelphians for *not* denying Christ's name—as *most* of God's people have in this Laodicean era! Tragically, the great majority of God's own Church

have rejected their Head. The Laodiceans denied God's government—they refused to let Christ *rule* them. They wanted to go their own way, the way of Satan's world. As a result, Christ couldn't give them His power, and couldn't open a door for them. He won't do those things unless we submit ourselves to Him! And a church without Christ as its Head can accomplish no more than a man can without his head! God can't use such people.

But there *is* a remnant of faithful saints who *will not deny Christ's name!* As a result, they have the power of God, and an open door that no man can shut! God makes some of the most powerful promises in the Bible here in this passage.

Spiritual Jews

“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee” (Revelation 3:9).

King David was a Jew, as was Jesus Christ. Romans 2:29, Deuteronomy 30:6 and other scriptures explain that when someone is converted, he becomes a *spiritual Jew*. God's grand strategy is to make all of us into *spiritual Jews*. It's not about the *physical* at all. We are all spiritual Jews if we follow *the Jew*, Jesus Christ.

Some of God's own people say they are Jews when they are *not*—God says they are *lying!* We have to know what is a lie and what is not. This requires that we get to know what the key of David is. We must let Christ *show us* so that we'll know who the spiritual Jews are and who are the liars, because there are a lot of liars claiming to be Jews today. This is part of our war with Satan the devil. He is a liar and the truth is not in him (John 8:44).

The “synagogue of Satan” mentioned in Revelation 3:9 was a foothold Satan had inside God's Church that *became* the Laodicean era (verses 14-22). The people have become blind (verses 18-19). Now God is knocking on their door, trying to get in so He can turn them back to Him (verse 20). He keeps pleading with all of His people to turn back to Him so that they can understand and achieve their wonderful key of David future!

But there is a little remnant that is clinging to Jesus Christ's key of David message. They walk through His open door and deliver the most wonderful message imaginable. This is leading to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, when Christ will *personally rule this Earth!* That is the most *wonderful* news you could ever hear!

AV 22: August 23, 2019



Seek Him. Meet Him.
- Psalm 27:4

A WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL FROM SYLVIA GUNTER

Dry Bones Prayers

You may be standing in a desperate situation in the battle of a lifetime. You may feel that you are in the darkest storm of your life. It seems that everything in your world is out of your control. Good news! It is! But God is still in control. El Roi, the God who sees, knows it all and has a plan that he is working out.

One day a friend said, "We were in a new place of desperation of soul that could only squeak 'Jesus' or 'God, help me' or 'God, do something.' These are incredibly powerful squeaks because of the desperation that throws itself entirely on God." This is the cry from a friend's desperate heart for God to do what only God can do.

God gave the vision of the valley of dry bones to his prophet Ezekiel because his heart weeps over the dry bones of his people, as Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. The Spirit of God wants to breathe new life into vast areas of spiritual dryness, barrenness, and deadness.

This passage can be intensely personal. Take strength and comfort from these prayers. Re-center yourself on God's purposes and promises, and take up new prayer weapons to fight the real enemy, not the person or situation. Ask for a weeping heart of mercy, not judgment. Until you can put your tears and your life on the line for the person, marriage, family, church, city, or nation, you do not have the heart and mind of Jesus towards them. Open your Bible to Ezekiel 37 and read, crying out to God for your own "dry bones" situations.

Ezekiel 37

37:1 Father, your hand is upon us in Spirit-led intercession for (my loved one). Purify our hearts by your Spirit and deposit your burden of prayer in us, unmixed

with unsanctified sympathies, anger, bitterness, or human judgments. We are trusting you to bring us through the valley of the shadow of death, as you promised. Lead us to pray as large, deep, and wide as your providence in this situation. Give us a heart of wisdom and mercy that rejoices against judgment for (my loved one).

37:2 We trust that you have gone before and are working, even when we don't see your purposes. Spirit of the Lord, lead us to rightly discern the real condition of (my loved one), not just react to what we think or have been told. You see the dry bones of barrenness and desolation. You know the entrances that (my loved one) has given the kingdom of evil.

37:3 Spirit of counsel, you know everything. You don't need us to inform you. You want from us restful, trusting communion and absolute surrender to your will, your ways, and your timing. We humbly acknowledge our total dependence on you for faith to stand, for knowledge and counsel, for comfort and security, for direction and outcome. Let us speak only your prayers. Let us not accept as final the circumstances of evil and iniquity that our eyes see. You alone know the end from the beginning, and you are the God of the impossible.

37:4 Say to deaf ears, "Hear the word of the Lord!" At your direction, let us discern and pray your purposes for (my loved one) . Speak your words to them and cause them to respond obediently to you. Enable us to pray your prayers for the dry bones of (my loved one's) whole being. Holy Spirit, call forth your purposes and the future and hope that you have planned for (my loved one).

37:5-6 Sovereign Lord, speak your creative and restoring miracle to (my loved one's) life with the same resurrection power that brought Jesus to life from the dead. Breathe new life into them by your Spirit. Set everything in place in your order in their life, so that (my loved one) will know that you are Lord, Sovereign Ruler, rightfully due their loyalty and obedient service.

37:7 By faith, we believe you, obey you, and pray as you command. Answer by your Spirit and open a way where there seems to be no way. You go before, for you are the God of break-through. Give us a sign of encouragement. Let us hear the "rattling bones" coming together as you make (my loved one) who you intend them to be: healthy, whole, functioning, life-giving. By your blood, Lord Jesus, regenerate life in them and cause the marrow of their inner being to begin to sustain life.

37:8 Thank you for every sign of Your goodness we see, no matter how small. You are answering, and we ask you to do it thoroughly. Stop short of nothing less than a new heart, a new spirit, a new life.

37:9 Sovereign Lord, call forth from the north, the south, the east, and the west the breath of life for (my loved one). You formed them in their mother's womb, and as you breathed in them the first breath of their life, breathe into them the new life of the Spirit in all your favor and purpose. Restore them to wholeness.

37:10-11 No situation is hopeless to you. Sovereign Lord, break off the shackles of captivity. Cause (my loved one) to stand up in all the fullness of your redeeming power. Make (my loved one) mighty in your Spirit. Deliver them as an effectual weapon in your hand. Let us see your glory in these things that were intended for evil.

37:12 You have the keys to open the prison doors of sin, bondage, and destruction. Bring this captive out into all their true inheritance in you. Restore them to the family and the family of God.

37:13-14 Father, act in such a way that (my loved one's) transformation will be a testimony to your redemptive power. What you are doing, do quickly. In Jesus' name, Amen.

AV 23: August 24, 2019

Waiting Patiently

Having patiently waited, he obtained the promise. – Hebrews 6:15 NASB

God made promises to Abraham. He never forgot those promises. Even when it did not appear to Abraham that anything was happening, God was in the process of bringing them to fulfillment. Yet Abraham must have had doubts and wondered if God had forgotten about him or changed His mind. He even succumbed to pressure when he had a son through Hagar. But he continued to have to wait. Because he waited patiently, he obtained what God had promised.

The Bible reminds us that waiting is an important part of experiencing God's fulfillment. And if, like Abraham, we are called to wait, we are to wait patiently. It can be easy to forget that God is sovereign. He has a different sense of time than we do. His timing is always perfect, and He had many factors in mind when He laid out His plans.

Ultimately, He wants us to be faithful and trust Him. We need to be persistent and unfaltering, even when nothing appears to be happening. When we wait patiently, God sees that we believe and trust Him. Today, remember that God answers prayers and keeps His promises. He wants you to be persistent in prayer and continue to seek Him for the things you need. Also remember to wait on Him and have faith in every situation. While you wait patiently, worship and praise Him. He is faithful.

Prayer

Father, I believe that Your promises are true. Thank You for answering my prayers. I have faith that You will meet my every need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

AV 24: August 25, 2019

The Lord of Armies, Francis Frangipane Ministries, Inc.

Our nation has been under spiritual and physical attack. God has called His Church to step up, grow up, take up the sword of the Spirit and fight for the future. Beloved, we can see our nation turned away from sin and aggressively turned toward Heaven. Do not Doubt!

It is no secret that today America is the most influential nation in the world. Yet consider how God could use our land if Hollywood experienced a revival or if our government became a model of integrity and justice.

You might be thinking that I'm dreaming, that it will never happen. Again I say, "Do not doubt." For Jesus says, "All things are possible." You may have been a prayer warrior at one time, but you've suffered a setback. Okay, round one is over -- now it is time for round two. God is calling us back to vision and prayer. It is time to reload! It is time to pick up the sword of the Holy Spirit and join the ranks of the overcoming Church. Resist that cloud of oppression and pray.

The Lord and His Army

I know some still say, "I don't get it. I don't understand having a warfare mindset. I just don't see it in the Lord or the Scriptures."

The enemy has been clever. He has been able to obscure in some fashion one of the greatest revelations of the Lord in the Bible. It is an aspect of the divine nature that is revealed in the compound names of God. Some familiar examples of these unique names are *Yahweh-Nissi* ("the Lord My Banner") or *Yahweh-Jirah* ("the Lord My Provider") or *Yahweh-Rapha* ("the Lord My Healer"). In revealing Himself via these names -- on about thirty different occasions in the Bible -- the Lord reveals an aspect of His eternal nature ready to meet the human need of His servants.

Yet one name stands apart from these thirty references. It occurs approximately two hundred ninety times in the Bible -- nearly ten times the sum of all other revelations! What is that name? Let me introduce you to *Yahweh-Sabaoth*, "the Lord of Hosts." From the sheer number of references alone, we see that "the Lord of Hosts" (or the God of Armies) is the divine revelation most frequently demonstrated to mankind in the Bible.

When we talk about fighting for our personal transformation or warring for our families, cities and nations, it is the Lord of Hosts we want to follow into battle. It was the Lord of Hosts who met Joshua on the plains of Jericho (Josh. 5:14), and it was the God of Armies who led David into battle against the Philistines (1 Sam. 17:45).

If we will succeed in our warfare, we need to see the Lord as the great Commander that He is, for it is the Commander of Heaven's armies whom we follow. He is the Master of the universe, Lord of powers, both on earth and in Heaven, "and the armies which are in heaven . . . [are] following Him" (Rev. 19:14).

AV 25: August 26, 2019

"The Gateway to the Glory of God! Here is a Key to Find Blessings in Unusual Places..." Doug Addison, Los Angeles, CA

For the past few months, I have been seeing new gates and doorways opening in the spiritual realm. This is going to shift the spiritual atmosphere over those who are

discouraged and under heavy attack of oppression. Each month I see a different door open in Heaven that releases the opportunity for people to get out of this time of heavy attacks and setbacks.

God is Releasing Answers

"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV)

The spiritual atmosphere is ripe and ready for you to hear God. I have never seen the heavens so open, but it might come with a battle. *Ask the Lord to speak to you and watch for answers to come quickly.*

Opportunities Opening

It is now time to possess the calling and inheritances that are rightfully yours. It is time for you to cross over into the new season of new authority being given to you by the Lord.

"I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron." (Isaiah 45:2 NIV)

This month starts a new season of opportunity. The Lord is going before you right now and leveling the way for you. Obstacles and things that have opposed you are going to be removed.

"I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob My servant, of Israel My chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor..." (Isaiah 45:3-4 NIV)

God is releasing plans and strategies to get you repaid for your losses and to help prepare you for what is coming. *I saw strategies, accelerated blessing and favor flowing from Heaven.* A major part of receiving this is to position yourself for the new and not give up or believe the lies that you have failed or will not make it.

The Lord is releasing spiritual promotions that have kicked up resistance against you. With these promotions has also come new authority to pray and see results. Step up and proclaim what is yours right now and watch as things start to change.

Humility is a Key

"Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 18:4 NKJV)

I often receive the prophetic words each month by going through them myself. When I got this prophetic word, it came with a battle. I was driving and praying in the spirit, and I asked the Lord, "What is the key to get through this time?" I then saw a large sign on a building that said, "Be Humble." The sign was on the side of a liquor store, and the Lord said to me, "If you humble yourself, you are going to find blessings in unusual places."

I had to walk the road of humility several times recently. This means be quick to admit you are wrong, repent and don't get angry when others do things to you. Humility is not something that is taught or even understood in the world today.

Refreshment Coming

"Then the man brought me by the way of the north gate to the front of the temple. I looked and I saw the glory of the Lord filling the temple of the Lord, and I fell facedown." (Ezekiel 44:4 NIV)

In June, I had an encounter with the Lord and saw a door marked 444. Prior to this, I had been seeing 4:44 on the clock. I had a vision of a new door opening in the spirit that is going to usher in new levels of God's glory for healing, restoration and refreshment in your life. This is coming very soon and will revive people who have been weary and wounded.

This is a time to be encouraged even if you feel the opposite! God is about to move suddenly in your life.

AV 26: August 27, 2019

From the writings of SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND by MARSHA BURNS and THE TRUMPET by BILL BURNS:

I know you get in a hurry, but I need you to take your time and be patient. You will get to your due season quickly enough. Remember that there are things to learn and discover on your journey that will be missed if you rush. Relax and take time to enjoy the moment, says the Lord. Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Do not allow distractions to remove My presence from you. Your life will always be better if you allow Me to guide you. I will reveal the hidden things that apply to you and your ways. Trust Me, and work with Me, says the Lord! 3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Refuse to allow disappointment to cloud your perspective. Remember that assumption leads to disappointment, which fosters discouragement. Stay on solid ground emotionally, mentally and spiritually by reserving judgment and giving others latitude. Stay righteous by maintaining your own integrity in every circumstance, says the Lord. Psalm 19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

I am calling you to a new, higher level of effectiveness in the Spirit. As you realize those areas of the flesh that need to be eliminated and act accordingly, your spiritual awareness will increase. Be sensitive to My conviction, and know the difference between conviction and condemnation. Conviction comes by My Spirit. Condemnation is a work of the flesh. Conviction will bring liberty while condemnation will bring more bondage, says the Lord. Yield to this great work of My Spirit. *Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

The Lord says, "Have you forgotten that I love you? Have you forgotten that I forgive you when you ask?" 1 John 1:8-9 if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I want to enlarge the place of your spiritual tent. I want your life in the Spirit to spread out wider, longer, deeper. My desire is for you to remove old religious boundaries to make way for a more expansive life in the Spirit, says the Lord. There is more for you to know and to do in My kingdom. Expansion requires effort, but you are well able to fulfill My desires for you. Isaiah 54:2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes."

Many of you struggle with condemnation even when you know that walking in the flesh is not where you want to be. Know that there is a place of humility where pride has no power to condemn or elevate. As you genuinely walk in the Spirit you will find peace and freedom, says the Lord. You have nothing to prove. Be who you were created to be. Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

I am establishing this summer as a time of celebration for those who have walked in the fire; for those who have endured temptation. This will be a time of joyous activity and spiritual transformation, "Enjoy the season", says the Lord.

I'm calling forth a people who will be wholly devoted to Me. I am calling you for such a time as this when the world is in utter chaos and confusion. Your devotion to Me will manifest as peace and tranquility in the midst of life's storms because you will not be afraid. You will know that you belong to Me and that I take care of My own, says the Lord. *Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven...*

AV 27: August 28, 2019

"The Lord is Handing Out Scrolls for America" By: Larry Sparks

While in Branson, MO, praying with the amazing community at Morningside Church as they dedicated their new Prayer Mountain Chapel, the Lord gave me a vision. I believe this vision has everything to do with an assignment He is extending to prophets, intercessors and, well, everyone—on how to effectively pray for the United States of America. (Note: I love all nations, so I'm convinced that within this message is a strategy to pray for other nations too.)

Ask for the Lord's Translation

In the vision, I simply saw the hand of the Lord reaching out to prophets and intercessors, giving them rolled-up scrolls on behalf of their cities and states. Anytime we have supernatural experiences, visions or dreams, we cannot be content with simply indulging the supernatural imagery without contending for an explanation.

The high benchmark of the prophetic ministry is not, and I repeat, NOT how supernatural or spiritual our prophetic words, visions, dreams, and experiences sound. When we receive messages from Heaven they will always come in a slightly "coded" manner. There will be this veil around them, not because God is making things difficult for us, but rather He's inviting you and me into dynamic communication with Him as friends and intimates. He wants you and me to ask Him for the translation—and He is faithful to provide it!

The veil of mystery surrounding prophetic messages from Heaven cannot motivate us to immediately indulge our "push button" society, where we jump out and simply share the word as is, in its un-interpreted, strongly-symbolic or allegorical format. Certainly not. Instead, when we believe that we receive a prophetic message from Heaven, we need to first present it back to the Lord and ask Him for clarity on what it means.

What Were the Rolled-Up Scrolls?

When I asked the Lord what those scrolls were, He told me they were the scrolls for cities and states in the USA. What was written in these scrolls represented God's will and intended purposes for our cities and states; they carried what God wanted for the United States of America.

Reactive Prayers: Cleaning up Messes Made by the Devil

We cannot pray reactively, we must pray responsively. Reactive prayers sound like we are constantly trying to clean up messes made by the devil. By nature, we are reacting to the very real and present darkness around us. I refuse to pretend away the darkness in our land in favor of a pie-in-the-sky, end-times scenario.

Isaiah 60 gives us a stunning parallel of what to expect in this hour: gross and deep darkness colliding with a people upon whom God arises and shines with superior glory. And that glory is not meant to be contained, but rather have a measurable impact on a society gripped by darkness. Jesus did say we are the salt of the earth and light of the world, which means our presence in the earth should transform things around us.

Responsive Prayers: Responding to What's Written in God's Scrolls

Responsive prayers are not born on Earth; they were birthed in Heaven. They are not motivated by what we “scroll” through on our news-feeds every day, but rather, they are driven by what’s written in God’s scrolls for our cities, states and nations.

The ultimate question should not be *what is the devil doing?* The question is *what is God saying?* The truth is, we will pray prayers that are driven by one or the other. We can pray based on what the enemy is doing in our nation—with such prayers sounding frantic, hopeless and full of despair—OR, we can be very alert and in tune with the darkness, while praying superior prayers not driven by what darkness is doing, but are rather influenced by the word and purposes of the Lord.

How to Pray Responsively

Here are some very practical “next steps” on how to pray responsively to what the Lord is doing right now:

1. Refuse to allow darkness and the devil to influence your prayer life. Practically speaking, this means you watch the news but don’t pray it. You track world events but don’t pray the problems. You don’t agree with the darkness. Be very aware of what’s going on in the earth, but refuse to partner with the enemy’s agenda
2. Ask the Lord, “What do YOU SAY about my city, state and nation?” The news often tells us what the enemy is saying concerning our nations. This is why the scroll imagery, I think, is so important, especially considering the day and age we live in. We’re constantly scrolling through news stories and headlines, being influenced by what we are reading. No doubt many prayers have been crafted based on what our eyes have come across while reading the most recent, horrific news headline. Let’s shift things. Let’s be very aware of what’s going on in the earth, but perhaps more aware of what the Lord wants to do in our cities, states and nations.
3. Specifically ask the Lord for the scroll of your city and state. This is not some mystical thing; it’s a matter of the Lord unveiling to you what He wants to do in the place where you live. More than what we see in the news, we want to see what’s written in Heaven come to pass in the places where we live.
4. Research the prophetic history of your city/state. Often, the unfinished work of the Lord can be discovered by acquainting ourselves with the prophetic history of our cities and states.

Recently, I was overwhelmed by the Lord's presence as He told me things like, "I remember Frank Bartleman. I remember William Seymour. I remember John Wimber. I remember Aimee Semple McPherson." This was all in respect to California, which many tend to write off as perhaps the darkest state in the USA. And yet, there are powerful, spiritual seeds still in the ground. The Lord remembers these seeds and I believe His work is yet unfinished in California. Likewise, it's unfinished in your city and state!

5. Practically ask: "How can I get involved in what God is doing?" Yes, we pray, but oftentimes in prayer, the Lord wants to share prophetic solutions and strategies that demand our engagement. He will tell us to do something so that His will can be released into the earth through you. Of course He is the sovereign God and can do things Himself, but He is looking for agents in the earth realm who He can commission and deploy into every sphere that's been influenced by darkness.

AV 28: August 29, 2019

GOLIATH'S HAVE BEEN SHOUTING AT THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW LEVEL OF BIRTHING, BUT TAKE HEART AS YOU STAND IN FAITH, THE GOLIATH'S ARE COMING DOWN! Lana Vawser

The Lord spoke to me that this is a very significant moment right now in the body of Christ for many reasons, and it is so important right now to be standing in faith and holding to the words that the Lord has given you over your life, your family, your finances, your situations, your city and nations.

There has been a great battle that many have been facing recently, but in the midst of the battle the Lord is increasing and strengthening the faith of His people. The Lord is strengthening and awakening His people to take Him at His Word, and see the power of the Word of God manifested.

The breakthrough's, shifts, signs, wonders and miracles that are beginning to manifest and going to significantly increase as the people of God stand upon His Word and move further into their inheritance, will be the greatest shifts, breakthrough's and miracles than many have ever seen.

The Lord showed me that there have been some Goliath's that have risen up against God's people recently and the battle and fear/intimidation many have been facing has

been intense, but what I noticed, is when the Lord showed me these Goliath's, they were roaring and attempting to bring fear and intimidate because there is a significant BIRTHING that is taking place in the lives of God's people.

There is going to be significant acceleration in the things God is birthing in and through His people in the remainder of this year. Where many have felt like they keep facing battle after battle, the Lord is going to demonstrate His radical, amazing faithfulness in the significant accelerated birthing that He is releasing. Things are going to radically shift. Hearts are going to radically change.

SUDDENLY'S OF GOD

I have been prophesying for a while now about the suddenlies of God, but in the last few weeks, I have felt an increase of momentum in the Lord speaking about SUDDENLY'S. Things are going to SUDDENLY turn around as you keep standing on His Word and accessing by faith, your inheritance in Christ. Now is not the time to just sit and wait, now is the time to arise and be active in your faith to SEE the power of God manifest as His Word is released.

Do not be discouraged, the Lord is shifting you into SUDDENLY'S unlike anything you have seen before. Many are beginning and going to see what it looks like when God steps in. Your standing and contending hasn't been for nothing. Significant birthing is upon you as you move further into the land of promise that is exploding with joy in His faithfulness. Your heart and soul will receive great refreshing in the SUDDENLY'S of God.

Many of you have been transitioning for a long time now, and the Lord has been speaking to many of you about the great birthing and breakthrough that was to come. It is now here! It is time! It is time to see the goodness of God with your eyes and your land full of manifested blessing, breakthrough and joy.

What God is birthing in and through you will take place SUDDENLY and the landscape of your heart and life will SUDDENLY change overnight.

There are UNPRECEDENTED demonstrations of the power of God upon you and as He continues to move and establish and re-establish you, NOTHING will stop you!!!! The boulders that have blocked your way, the Goliath's that have stood before you, they are all being removed by the hand of God and you partnering in faith with His Word.

Many of you have been battling things that keep "coming up" and breakthrough seems further away than ever, but I heard the Lord say...

"YOUR BREAKTHROUGH HAS GAINED INTEREST"

Not only are you going to see tremendous breakthrough that has ALREADY begun and been decreed by the Lord, but you are going to see a MAJOR DEMONSTRATION of ACCELERATED SUDDENLY'S where you will see the breakthrough explode in greater ways and directions than you have even imagined.

The Lord has seen the battle and your faithfulness to stand in the battle holding His hand. He has seen how the enemy has attempted to sift you and steal from you, but the Lord is decreeing NO MORE.

The Goliath's are coming down and you are being INCREASED in your faith and confidence in Him and the Word and what HE speaks as your true reality.

Many of you have been decreeing His Word for SO long and seen little breakthrough..

Now you shall decree His Word and you shall see ACCELERATED BREAKTHROUGH! Restoration, recompense and increase is being poured out into your life in greater momentum and increase.

Some of the greatest SUDDENLY'S of God are upon you. Not by what "you can do" or "attempt to orchestrate" but the mighty hand of God, the power of God moving to bring significant turnarounds and suddenlies testifying to the world..

"God just did what only GOD COULD DO!!!!"

Some of the greatest SUDDENLY'S of God are bursting forth right now! Hold onto your sword, hold onto your faith. It's not "coming", it's upon you and you're moving into it. The enemy is attempting to distract you and blind you with the Goliath's and things going on around you, but it's smoke and mirrors. You've already moved into the season of SUDDENLY'S and now it will SUDDENLY MANIFEST in greater acceleration than you have ever seen.

Things aren't what they seem! The enemy is lying to many of you with fear, lies and intimidation. Things won't remain the same, they are about to radically change, for the BETTER!!!!

You're about to see the goodness of God explode in the areas weighing on your heart!!!!!!

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"The Time Has Come! The Lord Says, 'I Am Coming Like a Rushing Flood!'"
Michele Cole, El Dorado Springs, MO

"Lord, When?"

Over these past months (and years for some), many in the Body of Christ are experiencing warfare, unrelenting trials and intense suffering. I've seen in the spirit, the white flag of surrender. I've heard the cries, "No More!" I've seen the tears soaking pillows day and night, and the utter depths of despair and sorrow His remnant Church has been going through. They are asking, "Lord when? When will You come to rescue us from this pit? When will healing come? When will provision come?" My heart has been breaking for all His children crying out. The Lord highlighted this passage to me as to reflect what His Bride may be experiencing.

John 16:20b-22a (TPT), "But know this, your sadness will turn into joy when you see Me again! Just like a woman giving birth experiences intense labor pains in delivering her baby, yet after the child is born she quickly forgets what she went through because of the overwhelming joy of knowing that a new baby has been born into the world. So will you also pass through a time of intense sorrow when I am taken from you, but you will see Me again!"

I perceive that we are at the beginning of birth pangs and the birthing will happen swiftly. Let me explain what God has been speaking to me through some circumstances I've been going through.

A couple weeks ago, out of the blue, I began to experience some intense pain in my right side, radiating to my back. The first night it radiated through my entire midsection. I was also experiencing lightheaded, dizzy spells and almost fainting. It was an unbearable pain! I even said, "This must be what childbirth feels like." Something in my spirit told me to radically change my diet to almost all raw, only healthy fat; no gluten, lean protein and lots of water. I felt such an urgency and commitment that it was a matter of life or death.

These past months have been about radical changes in the way we do things. Through my change in diet, I sensed the Lord showing me that we must choose Him to be our only "Bread" which brings life (John 6). Obedience to whatever He asks is a matter of life and death. The path He has taken us on has been filled with many detours, road blocks and threatening situations.

A Rushing Flood of Healing

My husband and I had a retreat scheduled at the Brook at Bethpage in Southern MO. I wasn't sure I wanted to go because of the pain I was experiencing, but I felt the Lord leading us to go anyway. On our way down, our directions took us off the main highway and down many country roads so that it seemed as if we were in extreme wilderness. We had to detour because of recent heavy rains, so the path there was long. We came to another roadblock with water running over the road, but it was shallow enough to cross. When we arrived at the retreat center, there was another bridge with water flowing pretty high over it. We knew it was the only way in. Water was rushing on the other side of the bridge, so it was quite intimidating. I threw up a prayer asking for grace to cross and over we went.

On the second day at the retreat, we were sitting by the brook. It was peaceful, tranquil, and yet full of life. The Lord spoke to me and said, "I am coming like a rushing flood washing over you, bringing refreshing and healing over My Body. It will be powerful, yet gentle."

That night, the rains began and by morning we were flooded in. The owner of the property said the water bridge that we drove over the day before was now a raging river. The water had come out of his banks and was about 100 feet over the land. The road the property owner came on to tell us this was flooded, and he had a high-sitting truck that barely made it through. That night we lost power.

The Final Sweep

Zechariah 4:6, "'...Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."

We have stepped into a new season and it is only by His Spirit that we will know the way to walk in it.

Later in our week at the retreat, I had a vision. I saw Jesus sweeping a porch. He said, "Final Sweep," and then He put the broom up and grabbed my hand and we

stepped off the porch. With this vision I sensed that the Lord was showing me He is making one final sweep to wipe away anything that is not of Him.

After this vision, immediately I heard that once my new eyeglasses came in, I would see "20/20 vision." Then, clear as day, I heard Him say, "Signed, Sealed and Delivered." At that very moment my doorbell rang and I looked up. It was the UPS man dropping off a package. When I opened the door, I found my new eyeglasses.

Glory Revealed Through You!

After pondering and praying into all of these events the past few weeks, I have a strong sense that the Lord is about to reveal His glory through us. One thing that stood out in THIS season is that when He speaks, IT WILL HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY. I believe what we ask for in prayer will manifest instantly, just as I saw with the flood and the word "final sweep."

These verses jumped off the pages at me during the last two days, bringing such confirmation and understanding of this new season.

John 17 (TPT):

(verse 1), "...Father, the time has come. Unveil the glorious splendor of Your Son, so that I will magnify Your glory!" (verse 4), "I have glorified You on the earth by faithfully doing everything You told me to do." (verse 7), "And now at last they know that everything I have is a gift from You." (verse 10), "...And My glory is revealed through their surrendered lives." (verse 21), "...So that the world will recognize that You sent Me."

All the trials, all the suffering, everything you have endured has been used to bring you to a place of a completely surrendered life. You have surrendered all for what was done on the Cross. You have been faithful in all the Lord has asked of you.

John 16:33 (TPT), "And everything I've taught you is so that the peace which is in Me will be in you and will give you great confidence as you rest in Me..."

THE TIME HAS COME for the Lord's glory to be revealed through you. His desire is to reach the status quo, the hurting, broken and lost. It is through you, His surrendered vessel, that His power and glory is revealed, and He can now use you mightily. You are His chosen servant.

There will be NO DOUBT that the Lord has done ALL He has promised in your life. The promises fulfilled will bless you for your obedience, but also so that the world will take notice. The lost will be found!

Do not look back. Do not look for God in the way you are used to. The Lord says, "You will see Me in a new way! 20/20 vision!"

Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV), "Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen one in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on Earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope.

"This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is My name! I will not yield My glory to another or My praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."



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The Final Invitation, a repeat from last month: Chaplain Wade Butler

Revelation 22: 16-21

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you and to give you assurance of these things for the churches. I am the Root (the Source, the Life) and the Offspring of David, the radiant and bright Morning Star."

¹⁷ The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, believers) say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take and drink the water of life without cost.

¹⁸ I testify and warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book [its predictions, consolations, and admonitions]: if anyone adds [anything] to them, God will add to him the plagues (afflictions, calamities)

which are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from or distorts the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away [from that one] his share from the tree of life and from the holy city (new Jerusalem), which are written in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies and affirms these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus (the Christ, the Messiah) be with all [the saints—all believers, those set apart for God]. Amen.

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