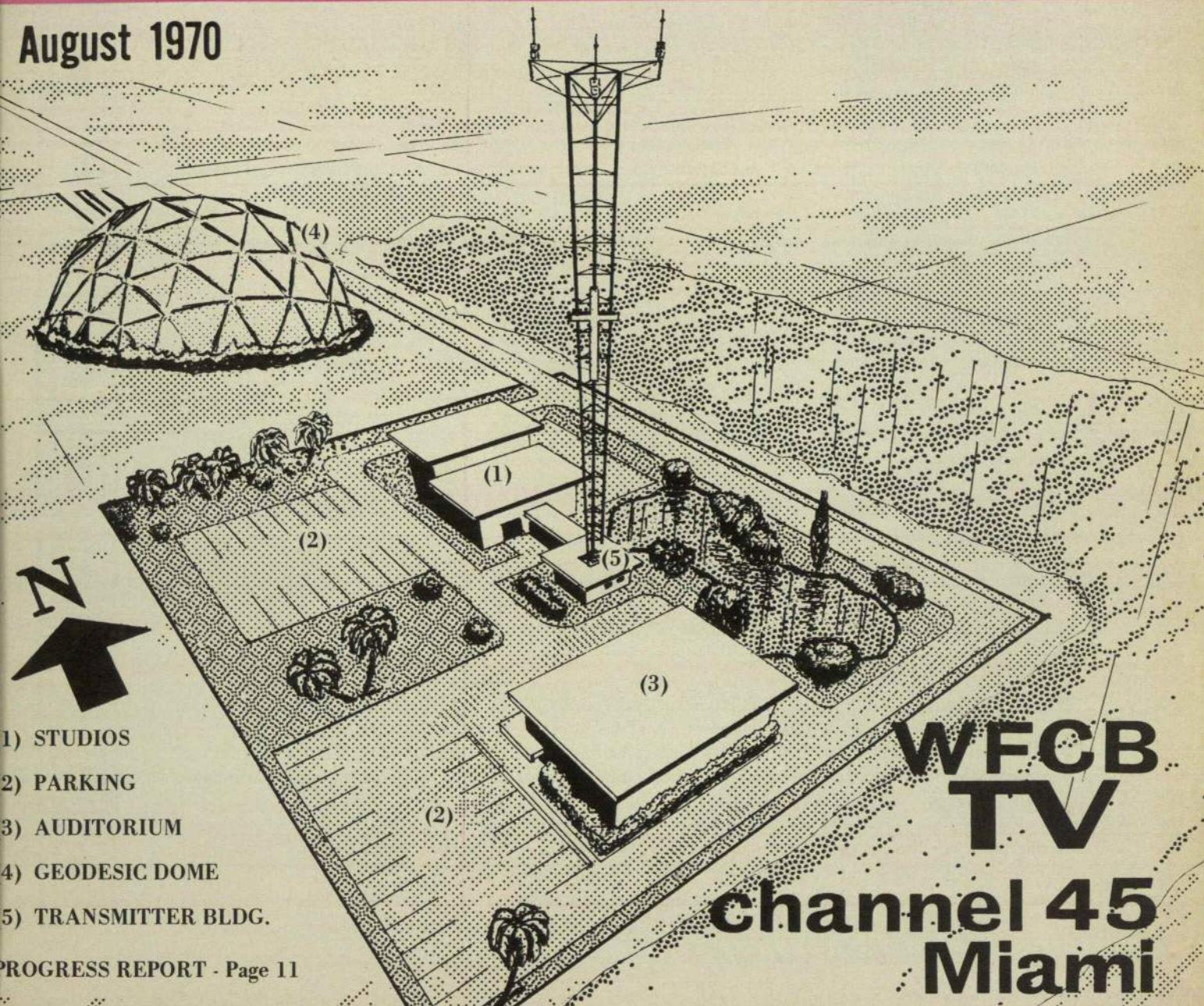


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Personal Message from **Bob Mumford**

Every gathering of the Body of Christ causes excitement in my heart; everywhere there is an unusual air of expectancy. God is speaking! His emphasis is on "spiritual adjustments"; that is, making the necessary changes required by God to flow with His present purpose in the earth.

This adjustment is called by many names, but God forbid that we should limit or reject the purpose due to some incorrect or inadequate terminology. Charismatic renewal, restoration, or Divine Intervention are only adjectives which seek to describe the indescribable - - a spiritual revolution that is taking place universally. Of this I am persuaded: there is needed, and God is causing some **FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES** in the Church and her witness to the world.

This change, however, is not a new philosophy, a new morality, or even a new theology, but a whole-hearted return to the God of the Scriptures and conscientiously living out the implications of that return.

Permit me to suggest three specific goals for every group as we move into the years which lay immediately ahead of us. Let us be diligent to have these three things in our possession.

First, we must seek out and comprehend sound reasons and Biblical evidence for the present outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the world today. There are some who, as in the days of Christ, would dismiss this whole spiritual impact by one wave of their theological preconceptions (John 7:52). If God would permit us to see with the eyes of our heart His eternal purposes given us in Christ and recorded in His Word, personal anxiety would be resolved, permitting us to be more patient with those who do not yet understand. Thus, recognizing fear and frustration as the common cause of rejection, we would be able to love from the heart those who oppose or often resort to slander.

Secondly, we should fervently seek to share with those who are in a position to affect others. Pastors, missionaries, government leaders, club and group leaders, and theologians of every denomination need to meet and examine a "real, live" Charismatic. Everyone is searching for answers in this complex society. If we who confess this experience can expose the leadership of our nation to the reality of the Charismatic renewal, it will, for the most part, cause an abating of their unfounded fears and suspicions. There will follow a **LESSENING OF THE CONFUSION** which results from the wild and wonderful imaginations of men.

We know the answer is Jesus Christ and His Kingdom in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. When we, who know the reality of this dimension, stand forth to be examined and are known to be genuine, committed Christians, confusion subsides. Consequently, this will **SPEED THE PROCESS** of filling the whole earth with His glory, as declared in Numbers 14:21. Thus, the river of God's Holy Spirit will more freely flow out into all the earth (Ezekiel 47).

Finally, God may be pleased to use all of us, or the least of us, to **AWAKEN THE CHURCH** to understand that she indeed is the "hope of the world." However much one may want to reject, despise, or ridicule the Church, she can no longer be ignored! As we find placement and function in the Body of Christ, the world will be forced to recognize the Church as a world force, a power that must be considered in writing the final chapters of the history of man.



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SEARCHING the TIMES

by CHARLES SIMPSON

Today the Lord Jesus is baptizing multitudes in His Holy Spirit. To some this is strange and questionable. It should not be, for the scripture clearly states a last great outpouring on ALL FLESH (Joel 2:28) is coming. To many who are being confronted for the first time, and are receiving the fullness, the purpose of such an outpouring is vague. Many facets of God's great purpose could be suggested: To make us witnesses unto Jesus, to unify the Body of Christ, to bring deliverance, etc. I should like to suggest one of the significant reasons for a great infusion of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to search the times in the light of God's purposes. It should be noted that one of the results of the great outpouring is to prophesy (Joel 2:28). While all prophecy is not predicting or foretelling the future, that is certainly one aspect. And prophecy from God certainly "forthtells" in the light of the times.

One of the chief ministries of the Holy Spirit is to be our guide. (John 16:12-15). Life being a pilgrimage, the Holy Spirit is given to guide us through the events of the years. Great outpourings and revivals in the past have come at crucial times in history. The Shantung Revival in China (1930's-40's) came in preparation for communist occupation. The Indonesian Revival (1960's) came as the communists were seeking to take over, but were prevented. The Reformation came as a New Hemisphere was about to be discovered. The "Acts" Revival came as a new era in God's plan was being initiated and an old era was being phased out. In all these

revivals, the participants had a sense of history and crisis. Once again the world is receiving a visitation, no doubt the most significant of all. This visitation is not localized nationally or denominationally. It should follow therefore, that the whole world has come to a crisis point. Receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit involves much more than a personal blessing. He has come to deliver us THROUGH these times.

The Lord God spoke to Jeremiah (Ch. 29:10) that Judah would be captive in Babylon for 70 years (605-535). After that He said, "I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you; in causing you to return to this place." It is significant that God told Jeremiah the number of years Judah would be captive. Seven, of course, is the perfect number. Ten represents affliction or test. Complete testing and purging was God's purpose toward captive Judah in Babylon. Contrary to the natural conclusion, it was not those left in Judah whom God blessed, rather those who went through captivity. Those left in Jerusalem were the ones who missed God's plan, and upon whom wrath came (Jer. 29:15-19). One may have thought in those days that the ones who were taken away were so removed because they were "written off"; however, the reverse was true. Jeremiah told the King to surrender to Babylon. This infuriated the blind leaders and the people. They didn't know what God's plan was. Had they known, they would have been chastened, but not destroyed. It is also interesting that the captivity came

in three stages; 605, 597, 587-6. Each time Babylon took out a large number of Jews. (God can and does use the unrighteous to work His ultimate will). Through Jeremiah, God said to those who listened that the captivity would be limited to God's perfect testing, and would be followed by a visitation. The VISITATION would occur to bring about a RESTORATION. God's ultimate purpose was not evil but peace (vs. 11). The time would come when Judah would begin to call upon the Lord and He would hear. They would find Him when they searched for Him with all their heart. Then this visitation would begin (Jer.29:12-14).

It is no accident, therefore, in 536 (approx.), Daniel 9:2,3 tells that Daniel saw by the books, that God told Jeremiah 70 years would be accomplished, and in that very year he set his face to seek the Lord "by prayer and supplication with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." Years before when Daniel had sought God to reveal unto him the King's dream, he learned that God "changed the times and the seasons" (Dan.2:21). Now, in his old age Daniel is seeking God for Jerusalem and captive Judah. This was a most significant time. Darius had just been made King of Babylon under Cyrus, King over all Medo-Persia. Cyrus had also been foretold by the Lord, 180 years in advance (Isaiah 44:28; 45:4). Daniel knew the season was changing. Cyrus' spirit would soon be "stirred up" (Ezra 1:1) to loose Judah. Ezra and others would be "stirred up" to go to Jerusalem.

These were men like those of another era of whom the Word says "That had understanding of the time, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chron. 12:32).

Once again the season is changing. The political shift is so apparent that maps and historians reveal obsolete data by the time the public gets it. We need men today who understand the times and know what we ought to do. It is significant and sad that many unbelievers and curious souls know that the times are changing, while sleepy church members are so dull to crisis times. Hippies sing of the End that is near; far out sounds ring in the age of "aquarius" (spirit); ouija boards replace Monopoly as a best selling game among children; astrology becomes the national newspaper Bible; terms like astroprojection become TV jargon. One can almost hear Paul saying "and that, KNOWING THE TIME, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:11,12).

The Holy Spirit has come to guide us and search the times. When King Saul failed as Israel's King, God rebuked Samuel for crying over him. "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel" (I Sam. 16:1). Weeping over the past and present collapse of something that was never God's perfect will, displeases God and indicates our blindness to His delivering power.

"Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse, the Bethlehemite for I have provided me a king among his sons". God is not frustrated. He is anointing a

new king and raising up His eternal Kingdom.

When Jesus was preparing the disciples for His physical departure, He promised to them the Holy Spirit, and told them what the Holy Spirit would do for them. He said, "I must go away so you can receive the One who will go along beside you" (paraphrase) - (John 16:7). He told them that the Spirit would guide them into all truth, and tell them what he heard (from Heaven's counsel), and show them things to come. Jesus hears on earth and speaks to the Father (intercession), but the Spirit hears in heaven and speaks to the Body on earth (revelation). He is our spiritual hotline, radar, compass, computer and infinitely more, personified in the righteous and loving, personal Spirit of God. Transversing this tempestuous leg of homeward journeying, without the Holy Spirit's omniscient direction, is the height of folly.

What are we searching for in these times? The answer will become more apparent as the times progress. Are we searching for salvation or deliverance? Someone will ask, if I've been born again, have I not been saved? Yes. But the new birth is only the beginning of salvation. The term salvation encompasses the total redemptive process including new birth, healing, deliverance, Baptism, s a n c t i f i c a t i o n , and resurrection . . . until we are presented faultless before Him. II Cor. 1:10 tells us we have been saved (delivered), we are being continually delivered, and we shall be delivered. So, salvation is being revealed to us by the Spirit through these times. We are looking to Him. Psalm 23 says "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" . . . not, "around the valley". And it is walking

THROUGH that will make you stay close to the Guide. The new birth makes one eligible for guidance. Baptism in the Spirit is a real encounter with the Guide. Of course Jesus is our deliverer, so the Spirit will magnify Him.

I Peter 1:9 reminds that our salvation is received now by faith. Jesus has already purchased it, and it is complete and pure by faith (vs. 10). The prophets in the Old Testament SEARCHED and inquired diligently as to how God would deliver his people (vs. 11). The Spirit of the Messiah was in turn causing them to search for Him. They saw beforehand that He would come and suffer, then be glorified triumphantly (Isaiah 53). God revealed this to Isaiah 700 years before Jesus actually came to earth. It was the Holy Spirit that caused him to inquire and write it down for the benefit of those who would live in the fullness of time: when Christ would suffer. It was the same Holy Spirit that 700 years later anointed John the Baptist, Simeon, Anna, and others, to see God's salvation in Jesus Christ when he suffered. Prophets and Apostles of Jesus' day, by the Spirit spoke and faithfully wrote what had been searched out and revealed to them. Now the Spirit of God is being poured upon us to search out and proclaim those things which the prophets have written concerning our day. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST" (I Peter 1:13). "For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

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Can we expect His blessing now
If His laws we will not obey?

Satan's forces are hard at work
Throughout our favored land,
To wreck, pull down and to destroy,
And shall we idly stand?
He struck a blow at our public schools
And sent us this decree,
No more prayer and Bible reading,
Is this really the land of the free?

We surely know in days gone by
That nations lost the fight
When they turned aside from the living God,
And failed to do the right.
Our weapons are not carnal,
But great through God's mighty power.
Yes, by prayer and faith believing,
This could be our greatest hour.

As the Bible says, If we humble ourselves
And seek God's face and pray,
Forsake our sins, He will hear from Heaven.
Yes, He will heal our land this way.
So why not Americans everywhere,
Rise up! Be loyal and true!
Let's pray for our President and the land we love,
And see what our God will do!

By Esther Burns

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The Prayer of

by CATHERINE MARSHALL



Like most people, when I first began active experimentation with prayer, I was full of questions, such as: why are some agonizingly sincere prayers granted, while others are not?

Today I still have questions. Mysteries about prayer are always ahead of present knowledge - luring, beckoning on to further experimentation.

But one thing I do know; I learned it through hard experience. It's a way of prayer that has resulted consistently in a glorious answer, glorious because each time power beyond human reckoning has been released. This is the Prayer of Relinquishment.

I got my first glimpse of it in the fall of 1943. I had then been ill for six months with a wide-spread lung infection, and a bevy of specialists seemed unable to help. Persistent prayer, using all the faith I could muster, had resulted in - nothing. I was still in bed full time.

One afternoon a pamphlet was put in my hands. It was the story of a missionary who had been an invalid for eight years. Constantly she had prayed that God would make her well so that she might do His work.

Finally, worn out with futile petition, she prayed, "All right, I give up. If You want me to be an invalid, that's Your business. Anyway, I want You even more than I want health. You decide." In two weeks the woman was out of bed, completely well.

This made no sense to me, yet I could not forget the story. On the morning of September 14th - how can I ever forget the date? - I came to the same point of abject acceptance. "I'm tired of asking," was the burden of my prayer. "I'm beaten, through. God, You decide what You want for me."

Tears flowed. I had no faith as I understood faith, I expected nothing. The gift of my sick self was made with no trace of graciousness.

And the result? It was as if I had touched a button that opened windows in heaven; as if some dynamo of heavenly power began flowing, flowing. Within a few hours, I had experienced the presence of the Living Christ in a way that wiped away all doubt and revolutionized my life. From that moment my recovery began.

Relinquishment

Through this incident and others that followed, God was trying to teach me something important about prayer. Gradually, I saw that a demanding spirit, with self-will as its rudder, blocks prayer. I understood that the reason for this is that God absolutely refuses to violate our free will. Therefore, unless self-will is voluntarily given up, even God cannot move to answer prayer.

In time, I gained more understanding about the Prayer of Relinquishment through the experiences of others in contemporary life and through books. Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a pattern for us, I learned. Christ could have avoided the Cross. He did not have to go up to Jerusalem that last time. He could have compromised with the priests, bargained with Caiaphas. He could have capitalized on His following and appeased Judas by setting up the beginning of an earthly kingdom. Pilate wanted to release Him, all but begged Him to say the right words - so that he might. Even in the Garden on the night of betrayal, He had plenty of time and opportunity to flee, but Christ used His free will to leave the decision up to His Father.

J.B. Phillips in his book on the Gospels (The Gospels - Translated into Modern English) brings Jesus' prayer into focus for us. "Dear Father, all things are possible to You. Please let me not have to drink this cup. Yet it is not what I want, but what You want."

The prayer was not answered as the human Jesus wished. Yet power has been flowing from His Cross ever since.

Even at the moment when Christ was bowing to the possibility of an awful death by crucifixion, He never forgot either the presence or the power of God. The prayer of relinquishment must not be interpreted negatively. It does not let us lie down in the dust of a godless universe and steel ourselves just for the worst.

Rather it says: "This is my situation at the moment. I'll face the reality of it, but I'll also accept willingly whatever a loving Father sends." Acceptance therefore

never slams the door on hope.

Yet even with hope our relinquishment must be the real thing, because this giving up of self-will is the hardest thing we human beings are ever called on to do.

I remember the agony of one attractive young girl, Sara B., who shared with me her doubts about her engagement. "I love Jeb," she said, "and Jeb loves me. But the problem is, he drinks. Not that he's an alcoholic, you know. Yet the drinking is a sort of symbol of a lot of ideas he has. This has bothered me so much that I wonder if God is trying to tell me to give up Jeb."

As we talked, Sara came to her own conclusion. It was that she would lose something infinitely precious if she did not follow the highest and the best that she knew. Tears glistened in her eyes as she said, "I'm going to break the engagement. If God wants me to marry Jeb, He will see that things change - about the drinking and all."

Right then, simply and poignantly, she told God of her decision. She was putting her broken dreams and her now unknown future into God's hands.

Jeb's ideas and ideals didn't change, so Sara did not marry him. But a year later Sara wrote me an ecstatic letter. "It nearly killed me to give up Jeb. Yet God knew that He wasn't the one for me. Now I've met The Man and we're to be married. Now I REALLY have something to say about trusting God! . . ."

It's good to remember that not even the Master Shepherd can lead the sheep if the sheep have not this trust and insist on running ahead of Him or taking side paths or just stubbornly refusing to follow Him. That's the why of Christ's insistence on the practical obedience: **AND WHY CALL YE ME, LORD, LORD, AND DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?** (Luke 6:46). Our pliability must be complete, from our wills right on through to our actions.

When we come right down to it, how can we make obedience real, except as we give over our self-will in reference to each of life's episodes as it unfolds?

That's why it shouldn't surprise us that at the heart of the secret of answered prayer lies the Law of Relinquishment.

So Mrs. Nathaniel Hawthorne, wife of the famous American author, found as she wrestled in prayer in the city of Rome one February day in 1860. Una, the Hawthorne's eldest daughter, was dying of a virulent form of malaria. The attending physician, Dr. Franco, had that afternoon warned that unless the young girl's fever abated before morning, she would die.

As Mrs. Hawthorne sat by Una's bed, her thoughts went to what her husband had said earlier that day. "I cannot endure the alterations of hope and fear; therefore I have settled with myself not to hope at all."

But the mother could not share Nathaniel's hopelessness. Una could not, must not die. This daughter strongly resembled her father, had the finest mind, the most complex character of all the Hawthorne children. Why should some capricious Providence demand that they give her up?

As the night deepened, the girl lay so still that she seemed to be in the anteroom of death. The mother went to the window and looked out on the piazza. There was no moonlight; a dark and silent sky was heavy with clouds.

"I cannot bear this loss - cannot - cannot . . ." Then suddenly, unaccountably, another thought took over. "Why should I doubt the goodness of God? Let Him take Una, if He sees best. I can GIVE her to Him. No, I won't fight against Him anymore."

Then an even stranger thing happened. Having made the greatest sacrifice, Mrs. Hawthorne expected to feel sadder. Instead she felt lighter, happier than at any time since Una's long illness had begun.

Some minutes later she walked back to the girl's bedside, felt her daughter's forehead. It was moist and cool. Una was sleeping naturally. And the mother rushed

into the next room to tell her husband that a miracle had happened.

Now the intriguing question is: what is the spiritual law implicit in this Prayer of Relinquishment?

Fear is like a screen erected between us and God, so that His power cannot get through to us. So, how does one get rid of fear?

This is not easy when the life of someone dear hangs in the balance, or when what we want most is involved. At such times, every emotion, every passion, is tied up in the dread that what we fear most is about to come upon us. Obviously only drastic measures can deal with such a gigantic fear and the demanding spirit that usually goes along with it. My experience has been that trying to deal with it by repeating faith affirmations is not drastic enough.

So then we are squarely up against the Law of Relinquishment. Was Jesus showing us how to use this law when He said, RESIST NOT EVIL? (Matt. 5:39). In God's eyes, fear is evil because it's an acting out of lack of trust in Him. So Jesus is advising: Resist not fear. (Note that He made only one exception to this: Fear him (the devil) which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell) Matt. 10:28.

In other words, Jesus is saying, admit the possibility of what you fear most. And lo, as you stop fleeing, force yourself to walk up to the fear, look it full in the face - never forgetting that God and His power are still the supreme reality - the fear evaporates. Drastic? Yes, but it is one sure way of releasing prayer power unto human affairs.

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I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For Kings, and for ALL that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. I Timothy 2:1-3.



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Those who are intimately involved in the birth of the new TV ministry are becoming increasingly aware that birth pains are a vital part of establishing new life. The construction of a full color, maximum power television facility is a major undertaking when viewed only as a secular project. Problems such as engineering, financing, Federal licensing, facility planning, securing and training the required staff, establishing a public relations, advertising and sales program, conceiving and producing unique broadcast programs, etc., all add up to an enormous task. Undertaking such a project by natural means and for secular goals would indeed be a tremendously demanding venture.

When we view our lack of TV experience and the small number of persons involved, the progress to date has been truly miraculous. God has moved wonderfully to bring in staff members who have the abilities that are required for each area and He has multiplied the talents of each person to equip him for unusual effectiveness. Beyond that He has established contacts with specialists who have volunteered services at crucial times.

One of the first answers to prayer for experienced professional help came when a dear Christian brother in Miami telephoned with the statement that God had been urging him for a week to call us and volunteer his services in developing a public promotion and sales program. This dynamic brother has had experience in these areas with a northern TV station before becoming pastor of a church in Miami.

Immediately after we had released the order to the Ampex Corporation for the transmitter, antenna, and tower equipment and to the Norelco Corporation for the camera and film chains, God brought us to the realization that unusual engineering skills and TV equipment experience were required to develop the specifications for the remaining studio equipment. Our prayers for experienced engineering assistance were answered almost one day later when Don Poling came to us on a consulting basis from a local TV station. A few days later he became a full time staff member serving as Chief Engineer.

Soon after, we were moved to pray for someone to assume responsibility for initiating an advertising and promotion program. That very day God moved Bob Feller to telephone us with an expression of interest which eventually became a commitment to join WFCB in late July.

More recently, Stewart West, who has accumulated considerable breadth of experience in radio and TV operation, has become part of the programming staff. His background and contacts throughout the radio and TV industry are important assets and his program, directing, and administrative talents will also serve usefully in the operation.

These are but four of the several lives in which God has been actively working to staff the TV ministry. They are welcome additions to help share the load previously carried by Don Bohl, Roger Dodrill, Eldon Purvis and myself.

While the design and construction stage is progressing much slower than anticipated, it is apparent to all that God's timetable is on schedule and that the final result will be in His time and according to His plan. Our original schedule called for completion in May of 1970. Presently, we are endeavoring to complete the facility by early winter and initiate broadcasts in November. We expect this to vary and fit into God's timing as the various steps fall into place during the next few weeks.

Since our last report, we have released a \$794,000 order to the Ampex Corporation, which includes the transmitter, antenna, tower, monitoring instruments and video tape recorders. In addition, we have ordered \$392,000 worth of studio cameras and film chain equipment from the Norelco Corporation. In both cases we believe that God has led us to secure the best equipment for the job to be done.

Currently, we are preparing to release the final phase of studio broadcasting equipment. This audio and terminal equipment completes the complex technical package, leaving only the lighting, rigging, and miscellaneous studio gear outstanding.

The spiritual and practical trials and tests to which we have been subjected these past few weeks are a great encouragement to us. We know that God is preparing everyone adequately for the challenge that is ahead. His major problem is not the construction of a physical TV facility and the organization of an operating staff. This God can accomplish most easily. The time consuming, patient work of the Father, to shape His people into useful and obedient instruments is the important task.

We praise God that He has met our every need in this venture and that the step by step progress is evidence of His love and faithfulness in all matters. As we continue to release the necessary equipment for completing the studio package, we request your prayers that all will be done only in His way and timing.

Tom Monroe, General Manager

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

In Acts 2:4 we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This is a classic Scripture. It is read in pulpits all over the world. Yet there are millions of Christians who have never made an application of it for themselves. Some of them don't know that it is an experience for us today.

I received the baptism with the Holy Spirit when I was 18. It was shortly after my conversion and dramatic healing of tuberculosis and stuttering. I could have had the experience sooner. But in those days people equated the baptism with the Holy Spirit with great emotionalism, and it was too much for me as a young person to accept. At one time I struggled over it to the extent that I almost went away from it. But I was convinced by reading the Bible that the baptism with the Holy Spirit was authentic and necessary. I also saw the genuineness and reality of it in the

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lives of my parents and my sister, and I wanted it. Therefore, I had to rise above some of the things that had discouraged me from entering into this experience. But I did receive it. And I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit in my life is the power behind the ministry of healing, the building of Oral Roberts University, as well as the vast television outreach we have today.

In 1947, when I felt led of God to begin this ministry, I was baffled by overwhelming problems and questions. God had entrusted to me a commission to take His healing power to my generation. But how could I do it? I didn't know how. I talked with people and they simply confused me with their advice.

I'd read in the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - the accounts of Christ himself healing and delivering the people. I'd read the Book of Acts and had seen how He filled His

followers with the Holy Spirit and they also had this power and compassion for healing the sick. I remember praying and asking God to let me see Christ as Peter and John had seen Him - not in the flesh maybe, but in some way. I wanted something dramatic. I thought if I could see Christ as they did, I could then do what God was telling me to do.

As I prayed, out of my heart came this question, "Son, do you have the baptism with the Holy Spirit?"

"Yes."

"Do you know what you have?"

In all honesty I had to say no.

God said, "You don't have to see Jesus. When you have the baptism with the Holy Spirit, it's like having Jesus by your side."

That settled my doubts and my questions. That is what gave me the courage to launch the Abundant Life Ministry and to go into the arena of human suffering and pray for the sick.

Through the years I spoke in tongues only at those times when I was in deep prayer or when I was under a burden. Or, when I was happy and praising the Lord, sometimes I would go into speaking in tongues. But this did not happen often. I did not know that this experience was within the control of my faith and my will and that I could have it as often as I needed to have it for personal edification and for strength and power in my inner man. (I Cor. 14:4; Jude 20.)

In 1961 a crisis experience taught me this. What do you do when God says to your heart, "I want you to build a university and build it out of the same ingredient that I used when I made the earth - - nothing". You don't have land, buildings, faculty, or students. And on every side people are telling you, "You can't do it."

Well, I began to pray. And I noticed that when I was in deep prayer, I would go into praying in tongues. Or, if I began to feel victory in my heart, I would usually

end up praising God in tongues. I also discovered that when I spoke in tongues I felt a new illumination of my mind, a new courage, and new ability. Each time, I knew we could build the University. But between those times I didn't feel the courage or the strength to attempt it. So I questioned, "Why can't I pray or praise God in tongues when I need to do it?"

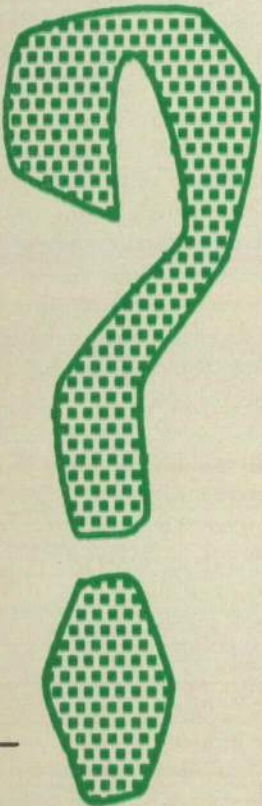
Out of necessity I began a search into the work of the Holy Spirit. I met with well-educated and deeply spiritual men, and we studied the Bible. Eventually, I arrived at a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and His work in our daily lives. It opened up my inner man to the possibility that through a continual flow of the Spirit in our lives, we can be strengthened and enabled to carry out God's will. My understanding is this:

MORE OF JESUS

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is not a denominational experience. People in all churches are receiving this experience. It is simply more of Jesus. Jesus is the Baptizer. It is a baptism, an immersion in the Holy Spirit by Jesus. (Matt. 3:11).

The whole ministry of the Holy Spirit centers around Jesus - revealing Him to us and shedding light on Him so we can see Him better. Through the Holy Spirit we receive an enlargement of Jesus. It's like having a television camera focused on Christ. And you see Him, you hear Him, you feel Him, you experience Him. Through the Spirit you begin to have a real understanding of people, an understanding of human relationships, and an understanding of yourself.

In the Holy Spirit you are always dealing with the Person of Christ. He is shaping your life. At the heart of all you do is the Person of Jesus. You relate all you are and all you attempt to do to Him. It is a highly personal relationship with God.



NEW LANGUAGE IN THE SPIRIT

When you receive this experience you receive a divinely given ability to communicate with God in prayer and praise with a new tongue. (Acts 2:4). What you say is supernaturally given, although you speak the words. The Holy Spirit does not speak in tongues. The person who has the Holy Spirit speaks in tongues. It is God and you.

As the Spirit floods up within you, it is like your left hand and your right hand joining together. Your spirit and the Holy Spirit coming together create a new language. You speak to God out of your inner self as contrasted to your ability to speak in your own tongue with your own intellect. Just as your mind selects the words you say in your everyday language, so in tongues the Holy Spirit gives you words and sentences which your inner man expresses to God.

Why?

Have you ever tried to pray when you did not know what to say? I've had this experience on countless occasions. When you speak in tongues you are expressing out of the very depths of your being what your heart longs to say to God. You may feel under a load, or "uptight". But as the Spirit prays through you, you feel a release. New strength comes into your inner self. And you know that God has heard your prayer, because "the Spirit . . . maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God". (Romans 8:26,27).

POWER TO BE A WITNESS

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is also an endowment of power to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). The word power in the Greek is *dunamis*, meaning dynamite. So the power that Christ gives His

followers through the Holy Spirit is dynamic power!

In the Holy Spirit you build your life pattern around a Person and you share this Person - Jesus. You witness of Him. A witness in a courtroom can only speak what he has seen, heard, or experienced. He is not to speculate. And no one can be an authentic witness of Christ by merely repeating what somebody else said or did. He has to experience this himself. He has to know Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit you can come to know Jesus in a new way, a more intimate way, so that you witness for Him with boldness and enthusiasm. (John 15:26; Acts 9:27,29). You don't have to run around telling people that you speak in tongues. Your experience will come out in your character. It will be reflected in your relationships with people.

REPENT AND RECEIVE

The first step to receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit is repentance. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". (Acts 2:38).

Repent and be baptized for the remission of what? Sin. What is a good explanation of sin? Mine is, trying to do what I want to do instead of what God wants me to do. Maybe you have a better explanation of sin. But to receive this gift, somewhere in your life you have to be willing to give up your own way, your sins, and repent of them. And what will happen? You will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

I can almost hear someone saying, "I thought I received the Holy Spirit when I accepted Christ."

Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on

Him ³should receive)" (John 7:38,39). When you are saved, these wonderful rivers begin to flow. God begins to baptize you with the Holy Spirit when He saves you. You really don't have to separate this experience by months or years. When you come to Christ and you know how to yield to Him, God will give you the fullness of His Spirit. He wants to give it to you. (Luke 11:13). Many sincere Christians have not received this baptism simply because they have not been taught how to yield to the Spirit.

HOW TO YIELD

Recall in your experience how the Spirit of the Lord has risen inside you. Haven't you felt that? Maybe it was while you read the Word of God, or heard an inspirational song or testimony. As the Holy Spirit begins to well up in your heart, at that moment, it is so easy, by an act of faith, to stop speaking in your own tongue and let this inner spirit be released. Let it come over your tongue.

Speaking in tongues is just as natural as breathing. It's simply submitting your total self to Christ. Your language in the Spirit may be only a few words to begin with, but your vocabulary will grow as you exercise it in the Lord daily.

This is a terrific experience. To have the baptism with the Holy Spirit is simply to have more of Jesus, to make you more like Him and to give you greater power to be a witness for Him. I urge you to start moving and walking in the Spirit now and determine every day of your life that you will pray in the Spirit and obey God. As you do, your life will open up like a flower and you will do exploits in Christ's Name.

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DENOMINATIONAL SECTARIANISM?



Rasik Lal, the author of the following article, co-pastors "New Life Center" in Christchurch, New Zealand. He and Pastor Peter Morrow are doing an outstanding work in this second largest city of the country.

Writing to the Church at Corinth, among whom there was envying and strife and division and of whom the Apostle Paul was apprehensive lest he found them filled with conceit and disunity, he declares "and all things are of God who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation, to wit that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us. We pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." (II Cor. 5:18-20).

Ministry of Reconciliation Two-fold

1. Sinners to God.
2. Believers with one another.

This article is concerned with the reconciliation of, and presentation of right relationships among believers.

The problems of the Church at Corinth are in greater or lesser degree still the problems of the Church today. The negative, egocentric attitudes mentioned above, together with open or secret criticism, spiritual pride, isolationism and suspicion may be excusable in a measure in babes, (often they are oblivious of them) but the prevalence and persistence of these among older and supposedly more spiritual Christians must grieve the Holy Spirit, especially when they are often dressed up in a spiritual masquerade when criticism may pass as spiritual discernment and isolationism as "protection of the flock", etc. Man may shudder at the thought of

repeating the Crucifixion or once more laying stripes on the body of Jesus, but tongue-lashing, bitterness, etc. towards believers cause the Body of Christ to be just as much broken without being regarded as equally heinous.

This Question is a Serious One

The question of right relationships with fellow Christians is therefore a very serious one. The scriptures given below clearly and emphatically show that God has elevated the regard for fellow Christians to such a height that love towards brethren is intertwined with love for God.

(a) "If any man say I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar for he that loveth not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. And this have we from Him that he who loveth God loveth his brother also." (I John 4:21).

(b) "If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another . . ." (I John 1:7)

(c) On one hand John 5:24 declares "verily, verily I say unto you that he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death into life." On the other hand I John 3:14,15 assures us that "we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer and ye know no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

(d) "Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be danger of the judgment. But I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother, 'Raca' (i.e., vain or empty inside) shall be in danger of the council but whosoever shall say 'Thou fool', shall be in danger of hell fire." (Matt. 5:21-22).

The Paths of Restoration

The Holy Spirit is today not only restoring revelation but also right relationships and leading us along the following paths of restoration:

(1) - a. A deep heart knowledge that our salvation and basis of fellowship with one another is, and remains centered in the person of Jesus Christ, not in any Church organization or doctrine or set of rules. Any other basis breeds sectarianism and isolationism. Receiving of further light does not change our basis of fellowship - it is still Christ.

b. The Holy Spirit is doing a deep work of purging and pruning in the life of whole-hearted Christians. He is teaching them that Jesus is Lord and they are His

servants, yes, even His bondslaves, that they have been bought with a price, redeemed not with corruptible things as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. He is subduing tendencies to overlord, to be possessive, among Christians in authority. He wishes to so subdue them till all clamouring to have one's own way, even in spiritual matters has ceased and Christ is indeed recognized as the Head and the source of all authority.

A True Appreciation

(2) - We are all exhorted to speak the truth in love, growing up unto Him in all things which is the Head even Christ from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measures of every part, maketh increase of the body unto edifying of itself into love. (Eph. 4:15,16). The day of the one man ministry has passed; no personality will be exalted. What God did through a man here and there He is doing now through brethren working together. Those who wish to be lone-rangers will have to ultimately admit the "the body is not one member but many." (I Cor. 12:14). Moreover the Spirit by whom we are gathered into one body is imparting revelation to different members of the body for the express purpose of making us inter-dependent. For He desires no schism in the body but that members have the same care one for another. (I Cor. 12:35).

Knowing the True Nature of Grace

(3) - The handiwork of God is characterized by diversity with an underlying unity. Man in his fallen state and Christians in their carnality see diversities as disharmony and accentuating differences, and as the world would say, "They cannot see the wood for the trees." When the Corinthian Christians were contending 'I am of Paul and I am of Apollos' thereby accentuating differences and making this a basis of divisions, in Paul's language they were saying 'If the foot shall say because I am not the hand I am not of the body.' (I Cor. 14:15). Paul himself seeing the basic unity states, "I have planted and Apollos watered, but God gave the increase . . . Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one . . . We are labourers together with God." It is time we say that one ministry is not to be set off against another ministry. Let not the pastor decry the work of an evangelist nor vice versa.

Much vying for position (competitiveness) and variance would cease with a greater knowledge of the true nature of the Grace of God as Paul explains in I Cor. 4:6,7 (Phillips) "I have used myself and Apollos above as an illustration, so that you might learn from what I have said about us not to assess man above his value in God's sight, and may thus avoid the friction that

comes from exalting one teacher above another. For who makes you different from someone else, and what have you got that was not given to you? And if anything has been given to you, why boast of it as if it were something you had achieved yourself?" Speaking of our vocation, Eph. 4:7 says "But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Jealousy and envying in spiritual matters would disappear as we see the sovereignty and grace of God "who divides to every man severally as He wills."

The Fruit of the Spirit

(4) - In maintaining harmonious relationships among the members of the body of Christ the manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is more and more essential.

"Brethren by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word even this 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself' but if you bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another . . ." Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another. (Gal. 5:8).

"Charity (love) suffereth long, is kind, love envieth not, love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked." I Cor.13. Is it any wonder Paul, after exhorting the Colossian Christians to put on "bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so do ye" he crowns it with "above all things put on charity (love) which is the bond of perfectness" (Col.3:14). Older Christians will have to be longsuffering towards the younger instead of being hasty and selfrighteous in their condemnation, and younger Christians must serve the older in love, seeking not their own. Faults and failings will be inevitable in the meantime. How precious is the virtue of forbearance in maintaining the unity of the spirit, and how necessary is the spirit of meekness in correcting a fellow Christian lest we aggravate the breach instead of healing it.

Dealing with Erring Brethren

(5) - a. If thou bring any gifts to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift. (Matt. 5:23,24).

The principle is clear enough; we cannot continue to worship God in truth if no steps are taken to heal (or attempt to heal) breaches with others.

b. Take heed to yourselves, if thy brother trespasses against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent forgive him, and if he trespass against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying "I repent", thou shalt forgive him. Luke 17: 3,4. If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither

will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:14,15.

c. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee thou hast gained thy brother, but if he shall not hear thee then take with thee two or three witnesses that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them tell it unto the Church but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican. Matt. 18:15. The order of approach is most important. Failure to adhere to this will breed lack of confidence and suspicion. Proverbs 25:9 says "debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself, and disclose not the secret to another." (translation).

d. Brethren if any man be overtaken in a fault ye that are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted. Gal. 6:1. The whole aim of discipline is to restore in love, but not at the expense of truth.

Control of Tongue

(6) - God has endowed us with a powerful "little member" - the tongue. Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21). Deep scars in human hearts result from its improper use, hence the scripture counsels us to "be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." James 1:19. Therewith (the tongue) bless we God, even the Father and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not so to be. James 3.

Fellowship

(7) - We have been called to fellowship. "That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (I John 1:3). True fellowship breaks down reservations, dispels suspicions, which are often the product of a lack, or breakdown, of communication. The early Church continued steadfastly in fellowship (Acts 2:42). It provides an opportunity to unburden our hearts by confession (lest any grievance should fester within). It is possible to differ in many aspects (not all) yet have fellowship on the basis of a common salvation in Jesus Christ.

May we follow the paths of restoration that the scripture may be fulfilled thus "behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life for evermore." Psalms 113.

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One of our readers has been led of the Lord to write this story for children. We would be happy to hear from you as to whether you like children's material for New Wine Magazine. Tell us what you think about Jesus and what He has done for you.

The DARE

By Anna Lee Carlton

Lynne and Suzy sat in the shade of the palm tree and watched Lynne's next door neighbors packing their car to leave on vacation. Lynne sighed deeply and said, "This time next week you'll be going. Everyone has a vacation but us. I never have gone any where. Daddy and Mother say they can't leave the business."

Lynne was on the verge of tears she was so sorry for herself.

Suzy looked at her good friend with deep pity, yet with a puzzled look. "I can't understand you, Lynne. You are the one that always tells me that if you pray and ask God for something He will give it to you. But I don't believe that! My mother says people have to work out their own problems while God takes care of this world. He's too busy to bother with our little problems."

Suzy jumped up and stood legs apart with hands on her hips and challenged Lynne. "Well, this is a good time for you to prove it! See if God will bother with you and your vacation. My family takes a vacation trip every year because my daddy has the time to do so. You have never had a trip because your daddy has to stay in the



store all year. Just see if God can do anything for you when your daddy can't do it. Prove it! I dare you!"

With that Suzy turned and ran down the street and across a vacant lot to the next street where she lived.

Lynne sat quietly thinking and talking to God. She prayed, "Lord Jesus, you want good things for me, I know. You love me even better than my mother and daddy. I want a vacation trip some place. Will you help me to get a trip? And please, dear Jesus, help Suzy to know that you answer prayer."

The next afternoon Lynne went to a children's meeting at the home of Mrs. Noble. Several children from the neighborhood attended this meeting. Mrs. Noble taught the children from the Bible and they learned how to give their life into God's care. Lynne had become a Christian and had received the Holy Spirit in her life.

At prayer time this day Lynne shared with the others about her desire for a vacation and how Suzy had dared her to prove that God would answer her prayer.



Mrs. Noble taught the children from the Bible.....

Mrs. Noble reminded the children that Jesus had said, "When you pray believe that you are going to receive what you ask for and you will have it." She then explained that believing meant to act like you were going to get what you ask for. To see it as done in your mind.

Mrs. Noble stood and said, "Oh, boys and girls, I believe that the Holy Spirit is pleased that Lynne has accepted this opportunity to prove to Suzy that Jesus answers prayer. Let's all join hands and pray for God to open the way for Lynne to go on a vacation. Then let's all imagine in our minds that Lynne is on a trip."

When the prayer was over, Ken, a big blond boy, said, "Mrs. Noble, I could see Lynne riding in a car up in the mountains while we were praying." Mrs. Noble smiled at Ken, "That may come to pass."

Lynne felt like she floated home that afternoon she was so happy.

The next Monday when Suzy came over to tell Lynne goodbye for two weeks she said, "I'll send you some post cards and bring back some pictures for you to enjoy."

"Good!", Lynne smiled, "I'll do the same for you when I go on my trip."

Suzy's eyes grew round. "Are you really going on a trip? Where?"

Lynne grinned broadly. The secret in her heart pounded like a hammer. "I don't know where yet or when, but I do know I'm going."

A smirk spread over Suzy's face making her look like someone else. "Oh, you aren't fooling me, Lynne. You aren't going on any vacation. Praying about a vacation is a waste of time. You'll see." With that Suzy was gone.

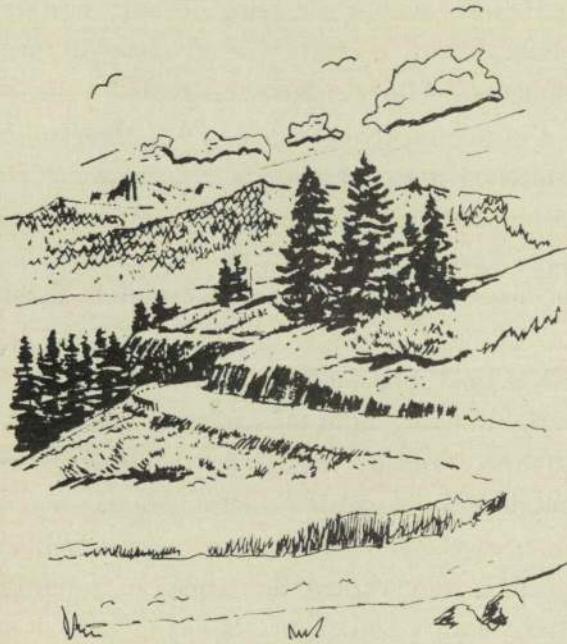
Lynne continued to pray but never mentioned it to her parents. She continued to think about her vacation trip and all the fun she would have. She even got the atlas and studied the map of the near-by states. Her daddy noticed her interest in geography and got her several road maps and taught her how to read them. He pointed out the big cities on the maps. Mother joined the game and used the encyclopedia to get information about some of the cities. Even Ted, Lynne's younger brother, joined in and learned the names of some big cities. Mother and Daddy began to talk about the mountain country where he grew up as a boy. Lynne and Ted were all ears and they listened eagerly to the tales of the mountains. Nearly every night they asked more questions and daddy answered them with a wistfulness in his voice. Lynne began to feel her daddy's homesickness for the mountains that he loved so much.

One night Lynne prayed, "Thank you, Jesus, for our vacation trip. I think it will be to the mountains, don't you? Thank you anyway because I'm going to have fun on the trip. And don't forget about Suzy."

That week Lynne shared with the children at Mrs. Noble's home meeting. "I think I am going to the mountains. Daddy and Mother haven't said anything yet, but I believe it anyway."

Mrs. Noble led the children in a prayer of thanks and praise for Lynne's vacation trip.

Suzy returned home with all of her vacation treasures. She proudly shared them with Lynne. Nothing was said about Lynne's vacation but Suzy was surprised that Lynne knew so much about some of the big cities she had passed through.



One day Lynne looked at the calendar and noticed that there were only three more weeks before school started and still no plans for a vacation trip. Her heart began to doubt if really God was going to give her the trip after all. That night she cried out to God with a heavy heart. "God, are you going to let Suzy go on thinking you don't care about me and my vacation trip? Please, dear Jesus, hurry up and work this trip up because there isn't much time left." She finally went to sleep with a peaceful feeling.

The next night after a mysterious long distance phone call, Mother and Daddy called the two children together. They told them the surprising news that they were planning a trip up

to the mountains. They didn't want to tell them until they were sure Uncle Charlie could come run the store for them. The phone call was from Uncle Charlie and he would be there the next day. They would leave on Friday for a two week trip.

Lynne was so quiet Mother asked, "Why, Lynne, don't you want to go on a trip?"

Lynne smiled sheepishly, "Yes, indeed I do. I just knew all the time we were going . . . well, nearly all the time." Then she told them how she had prayed and asked for the vacation. Daddy looked at Lynne with such a surprised expression. "Well that explains the miracle then."

"What miracle?" Lynne asked.

"Charlie selling his business and being free to come. He has been trying to sell his business for two years. He told me only a month ago that it looked impossible for him to sell in time for him to relieve me this summer. Then two weeks ago he found a buyer and today the deal was closed and the new people took over . . . now he is free to come."

The next morning Lynne went skipping up Suzy's walk and called for her.

Suzy came out with a sleepy bored look on her face then stopped short when she saw the glow on her friend's face.

"We leave Friday for the mountains," Lynne announced gaily as she clasped her hands first in front and then in back and took half steps forward and sideways.

Suzy's eyes popped wide open. "You do? Honest? Is it really true?"

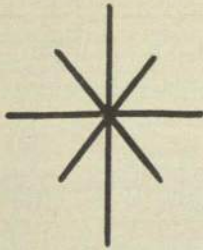
Lynne just nodded, she was too excited to talk.

Suzy sat down on the steps with her chin in her hands. "I didn't believe God would do it. I thought He was too busy. But I guess He has! Hey, let's go tell my mother all about it."

Suzy grabbed Lynne's hand and the two girls ran to share with Mrs. Todd. ■■■■■■■■■■

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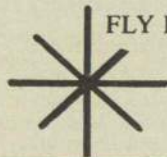
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A Message From ZION..... TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

A Jerusalem Jew
Speaks on the Mideast

As one has spent most of his life studying the mysteries of the Scriptures (particularly the Book of Daniel), and redemption calculations of the people of Israel in the Kabbalistic writings, I turn to the American nation and her leaders in the following words:

The war of the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness approaches (God and Magog).

A mystical tie exists between Israel and America. America was discovered in 1492 by Columbus, a Marano Jew; and in that same year, all the Jews of Spain were expelled, a part of the dispersed quickly reaching the new land.

The great nation of America was brought up on love of the Bible; and the high ideals of the Puritan founders were derived from the Book of the Prophets. This people was chosen by Divine Providence to be a mighty nation, in order to stand as a wall of defense against the powers of darkness, and to be a help to Israel in its founding and preservation.

America became mighty because of the diligence of her sons and the understanding of her great leaders. But would she have had all the resources and ability in the first and second world wars had it not been for the strong mystical tie which exists between this nation and the nation of Israel? The GOD of Israel saved America from defeat in war, and



this because of the exalted task given her - to help Israel in her Restoration. Britain also was saved from defeat in the first world war because of the Balfour Declaration which opened the way for the Jews to return to the Land of Israel. When Britain betrayed her task, she received her recompense from Heaven in the heavy bombings in the second world war. America partly performed her duty in the great sacrifice of her sons, and her benevolence in opening doors to the oppressed. But over against the positive, there is a heavy negative in the balance - the deeds which she has omitted.

1. When Hitler destroyed six million Jews, America did not take the stand that she should have in the light of her spiritual heritage which she owes to the people of Israel under GOD. President Roosevelt himself was strangely inactive. Furthermore, sadly, General Marshall supported Britain when she hindered immigration to Israel, turning back boats of the desperate returning exiles and even allowing the sinking of some of them. Consequently, the wrath of the GOD of Israel arose, and punishment came in the form of the Vietnam war. For it is written: "I am a father to Israel . . . my firstborn . . . all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD". Politics is only an outward expression of hidden causes in the spiritual world.

2. Also, today, when the American delegate in the United Nations or the Security Council attempts to defend Israel, it is with apology and embarrassment. Americans are paying and will yet pay for this lack of courage to uphold right and truth. It is written: "Be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them."

Moreover, the help to Israel comes sparingly. The Arabs receive enormous quantities of weapons, practically free of charge, while Israel must pay the maximum for the few score Phantoms, which should be given without charge because of Israel's role in defense of the free world, and because of the divine spiritual tie which exists between the two nations, only because of which America has risen to its heights.

Mighty atheistic and epicurean powers of darkness, together with Communist forces and Moslem fanaticism, have risen up to a united war against the Sons of Light. Private and international morals have fallen to the depths. According to the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant, therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate . . . and few men are left."

Further, the nudity and pornography in public places in the United States adds to this heavy negative on the American scales, which is apt to tip the balance to her woe. According to reports, great segments of the nation live in adultery or sexual perversion. We read that many of the American churches have become like social clubs for the rowdy and frustrated youth. Also, the national Protestant church, in not taking a firm stand, is backing Arab leaders' design to destroy Israel. This can only bring judgment upon themselves, as GOD fulfills His promise to Israel: "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

My urgent warning to the spiritual leaders of America is: Do not allow the avalanche of corruption to destroy your people. The Battle of Armageddon fast approaches, and the physical power of your nuclear weapons will avail nothing if there is not a return to your original paths. This will be possible only by means of a strong tie with Israel and her spiritual destiny. Faithfulness to Israel in her struggle, and the extension of help in her defense and in the building up of the Holy Land, is the only way in which you can save America from the final bitter end of all empires. If America abundantly supplies Israel's needs (as always brothers in trouble help one another), then it will not be necessary to spend billions of dollars on wars in Asia. The GOD of Israel will help her in the inevitable war approaching, the war of the Sons of Light against the Sons of Darkness. The thing is certain that the victory will be to the Sons of Light, with Israel marching at their head, according to the unfailing Word and plan of God.

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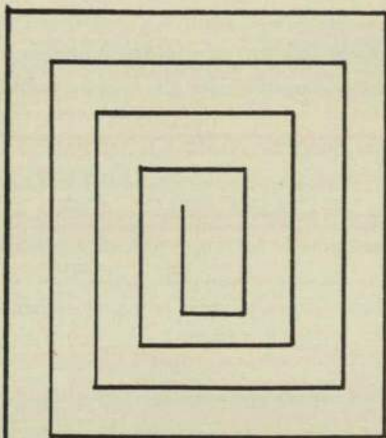
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(Author of CHESBONOTH HaGEUALH - Redemption Accountings and Chazon HaChaim - vision of Life). Rehov HaChish 11, Katamon, Jerusalem, Israel, March 30, 1970

Comments by the Editor

Our interest in the foregoing message was such that we had it printed in letter form, and mailed to all of the Senators and Representatives of the U.S. Government. Also to more than fifty governors. These were mailed personally to each one. Please pray with us that the facts contained in it may enlighten, and direct the hearts of these men to favor Israel in her battle for equality and justice.

The above article was printed in THE MOUNT ZION REPORTER, published in Jerusalem, Israel, May, 1970.



Breaking Bread... by Rev. Charles Simpson

"And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them . . . " (Luke 22:19). "And they continued daily with one accord breaking bread from house to house . . . " (Acts 2:46).

Continued from the Gospel of John

Writer: John; Date: 90 A.D. (Approximately); Origin: Ephesus; Theme: 20:31 . . . "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name."

SUBJECT: THE SECOND BIRTH - - HOW? (Part II)
(John 3:1-16).

1. John 3:4

2. John 3:9

3. I Cor. 2:14

4. John 3:3

5. John 3:5 (John 1:13)

6. John 3:14,15 - Numbers 21:4-9

(1) Nicodemus, Jewish leader, religious, pious, and the image of man's goodness, ran head on into spiritual truth and was mystified. (2) "How can these things be?" (3) "The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God." Nicodemus wanted to know God. (4) He wanted to be a part of the Kingdom of God. No doubt, he thought he was. Jesus says otherwise. How could he become a part?

(5) First, Jesus emphasizes that this second birth is by the Holy Spirit. While repentance is the act of our will to be different - - the actual change into a new person comes by a miracle of the Holy Spirit. (6) To illustrate exactly how it takes place, Jesus alludes to an Old Testament event, with which Nicodemus was very familiar. The people were in the Exodus and because of trial, had become discouraged. They immediately began to criticize their leaders. It displeased the Lord so, that fiery serpents went among the people biting them, and many Israelites died. (God's people should be careful about criticizing their leaders. It displeases the Lord greatly, in that it sorely weakens the Kingdom, discourages leaders, and causes the weak to stumble.) When the people realized their sin, and asked Moses to

7. Exodus 27:2

- The altar, where judgment occurred was overlaid with Brass

8. II Cor. 5:21

9. Romans 8:3

10. John 3:15

11. John 3:16

12. Genesis 22:2

13. John 3:17-18

14. II Cor. 1:9,10

15. I Thess. 5:23,24

16. Luke 1: 26-38

17. Galatians 2: 20

pray for them, the Lord told them to do this: make a Brass Serpent, put it on a high pole, and tell the people that if they are bitten to look up to that Brazen Serpent in faith and God would heal. And he did. (7) Brass in the Word of God is a symbol of justice and judgment. The Serpent is a picture of sin. So the Brazen Serpent pictures God's judgment on sin, and were healed from its effect.

Jesus now tells Nicodemus, that just as the Serpent was lifted up, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. He now spoke of Himself as the Son of man. (8) As one of us, He who knew no sin became sin, (9) and was made in the likeness of sinful flesh. He was to be made like a Serpent. (How repulsive to the Son of God this must have been.) He would take on all our sin, the sickness and the poisonous result, and become the picture of it. Then He would be lifted up as a snake, and judged openly before all men. And if anyone who had himself been bitten, and knew the danger of sin, would look to Jesus, he would be born again. (10) He would by believing not perish, but live forever. Hallelujah!

All the human race is "snake bitten." Jesus is the only "anti-venom serum".

(11) Jesus further told Nicodemus, that God so loved (not just Israel) the whole world, that He gave His only Son, ((12) as Abraham offered Isaac) that if anyone would look in faith He would be delivered from death.

(13) Jesus didn't come to condemn people. Mankind was already "snake-bitten" before Jesus came. Men don't need to be condemned, they already are. Rather Jesus came to be condemned for us, that through His crucifixion we might be delivered from death.

It should be noted that the second birth is an initial beginning, for the whole process of deliverance or salvation. (14) While the second or NEW BIRTH is a ONCE and for all experience (that Nicodemus had not had), SALVATION is a CONTINUING experience whereby we are continually saved or delivered from this world that is ruled by Satan. (15) While the New Birth is a new spirit and new heart, salvation or deliverance involves our total being: Spirit, Soul and Body. To the yielded, new-born spirit, the Holy Spirit gives guidance through confession, baptism, healing, etc., until we are presented in a resurrected body, totally redeemed from the curse. NEW BIRTH, or conversion is the BEGINNING. SALVATION is the WHOLE PROCESS.

(16) Gabriel told Mary, "You will conceive . . ." Her answer was, "How?" His reply: 1. The Holy Ghost shall overshadow. 2. He will give you Divine seed (I believe He came by the word spoken by Gabriel even then.) 3. And she said, "Be unto me according to thy word." Jesus was conceived in Mary. In a similar way, new life is formed in us: The Spirit broods over us in conviction, the messenger of the Lord gives us the promise, and we receive it in faith. (17) Then we can say, "I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me."

How YOU can have - - - - - a "supernatural" Ministry

by

John H. Osteen

The Bible says, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . ." Mark 16:17.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, that will I do. . . . If ye ask anything in my Name I will do it." John 14:12-14.

There is no doubt that God wants all His children to have a supernatural ministry in bringing deliverance to this needy world. He has made this plain again and again. His power and gifts are not for a select few, but for all believers. The Bible says, "These signs shall follow THEM THAT BELIEVE; In my Name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents (conquer demons in Jesus' Name); and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:17,18. The Lord said, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN . . .". He said concerning the gifts of the Spirit that "he divideth to EVERY MAN severally as He will". I Cor. 12:7,11.

The Lord has commanded you to go spread the gospel. He has told you to cast out devils. He has instructed you to lay hands on the sick that they might recover. He wants to use you by His Spirit to reach the lost, bound and sick around you.

One day Peter was with the rest of the disciples in a boat. He saw Jesus coming to them walking on the water. This frightened the others, but it thrilled Peter. He said in effect; Lord, I see you doing something supernatural and it thrills me. I want to do things like that. Let me come walk on the water like you.

Did this displease Jesus? Did he rebuke Peter and say, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Don't you know I am the Son of the living God. What makes you think you can do what I am doing? Stay in the boat!" Did He say that? No! It pleased Jesus that one of his disciples wanted to do what He was doing supernaturally. He said to Peter, "COME"! And Peter walked on the water! Hallelujah!!!

One day I was sailing thru life in my little Baptist boat. I began to study the Bible in my search for deeper things. As I read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, I saw the Son of the Living God. He was healing the sick. He was casting out demons. He was setting the captive free. He was bringing men to God thru the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, how it thrilled me. I cried, Jesus, I want to do what I see you doing. He said, COME!! Thank God I marched out of my little Baptist boat and walked out to do what Jesus was doing. Others have stayed in the boat where it is safe. They are not in danger of sinking, but they are not where the miracles are. Oh for men and women who will risk all for Jesus. Oh for people who will rise up and walk out trusting only in the power of Jesus!

Now perhaps you are in the same place. Are you in a little denominationalized boat sailing safely thru life? Have you seen Jesus as He really is and ever shall be? Have you become dissatisfied with "going in religious circles?" Does your heart cry out to be used of God in this awful hour when the coming of the Lord draws nigh?

Then hear the sweet voice of Jesus say to you, "Come, come my child and do what I have called you to do. March out of that boat even though all others refuse to go with you!" Place Jesus and the will of God above and beyond your denomination. Obey God rather than Man.

How, then can you have a supernatural ministry? What are you to do as you come forth in Jesus' Name?

Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . ." Believe is linked to signs. Some one says, I don't believe in signs and wonders. Then they are not for you. They are for believers! Others say, I don't believe in speaking in tongues, prophesying, casting out devils, healing the sick and the gifts of the Spirit. Then they are not for you. They are for BELIEVERS.

These signs will not follow DOUBTERS, but they will follow BELIEVERS.

Let me mention three things you as a Spirit filled Christian must believe to enter into a supernatural ministry.

First: **YOU MUST BELIEVE YOU ARE THE PERSON GOD SAYS YOU ARE.**

You must know who you are in the sight of God, man and the devil. God knows far more about you than you do yourself.

Let me talk about **YOU**. I am not talking about your body, but **YOU**. You as a spirit live in a body. One day you will leave the body and live forever with the Lord. It is not your body that sees, hears, feels, talks and acts, but **YOU** on the **INSIDE** of the body. When **YOU** move out then the body cannot see, feel, hear, talk and act. But you will still be doing these things thru out eternity. **YOU** down on the inside of that body are the one I am talking about in this message.

The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ he is a **NEW CREATURE**. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17.

This is talking about **YOU** inside of that body. When you were saved you became a **NEW CREATION**. Old things **PASSED AWAY** and behold **ALL THINGS BECAME NEW**. God's work of grace was on the **INSIDE**. This is what the Bible calls the new birth; the washing of regeneration and the **NEW MAN**. John 3:3; Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:24.

During the days I struggled with these things for myself I constantly read and studied the Bible. One day there came, as it were, a man stepping forth from the pages of Scripture. Not a real man, but one I could see in my spirit. He marched forth in power. He sparkled with the supernatural gifts. He was strong and courageous. Devils trembled as they saw him. He laid his hands on the sick and they recovered. He set the captives free. He walked like a son of a King. Royalty was in his every step. He was more than a conqueror. He knew no fear. As he went forth he delivered mankind, brought fear to every demon and gladdened the heart of God.

I said in amazement, Lord, who is this? The answer came, "This is a New Testament **BELIEVER! THIS IS ONE OF THE NEW CREATURES!**"

You and I can be like this if we will only realize **WHO WE ARE**. The Bible says concerning this new creature the following things:

There is therefore now **NO CONDEMNATION**. Ro. 8:1.

We are **CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS**. Eph. 4:24.

He became sin for us that we might become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**. II Cor. 5:21.

We are partakers of the **DIVINE NATURE**. II Peter 1:4.

He washed us from our sin in His own Blood. Rev. 1:5.

We are accepted in the Beloved. Eph. 1:6.

We **HAVE** everlasting **LIFE** and shall not perish, but have passed from death unto **LIFE**. John 5:24.

Our names are written in the Lamb's book of **LIFE**. Phil. 4:3.

We are **MORE** than conquerors. Rom. 8:37.

We can do all things thru Christ who strengthens us. Phil. 4:13.

He took our **SINS**, our **SICKNESSES**, **OUR CURSE AND OUR DEATH** and has set us **FREE**. And whom the Son sets free is **FREE INDEED**. Isa. 53; Matt. 8:17; Gal. 3:13; John 8:36.

Oh, praise be to His holy Name forever! Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!!

Think of this; We have His life, His Blood, His Nature, His Promises, His Name and His Power! He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us **ALL THINGS**.

We are not weak worms of the dust! What God has cleansed call not common nor unclean. We are Sons of God! We are children of the King! God looks upon us as though we had never sinned. We are restored! What the first Adam lost, the second **ADAM** gained back for us. **WE ARE NEW CREATURES!** We will hold our heads up high. We are not ashamed. We are not afraid. We are sent forth into the world with a commission from on high. We know that greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world.

No more whining! No more groveling in the dust! No more condemning ourselves! Inside of our body of clay stands a **NEW** person who has been fashioned by the mighty hands of God.

This is the **FIRST STEP** in launching forth to do something for God.

Secondly, **YOU MUST BELIEVE YOU ARE WHERE GOD SAYS YOU ARE.**

You must recognize your present sphere of life and activity. What does God say about it? He says, "He hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His Dear Son." Col.1:13.

There are two kingdoms in this world. The kingdom of DARKNESS and the Kingdom of HIS DEAR SON. Once you were in the kingdom of darkness. There satan had power over you. The Bible says he is the "spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" and he takes people "captive at his will". Eph. 2:2; II Tim. 2:26.

But when God saved you and you became a NEW CREATURE, He TRANSLATED you out of the power and authority of darkness and into the Kingdom of God. Notice the present tense - HATH - HATH - HATH. It is not something that will happen, but it is already a reality. You once stood in darkness under the power of satan and looked out at the Kingdom of God where people served Jesus with joy in their hearts. Now you stand with Jesus looking out and into the kingdom of darkness where multitudes still live in need of salvation.

You have been translated OUT to help others get out.

You have been DELIVERED to help get others delivered.

You have been RELEASED to release others.

You are FREE from the power of satan that you might go forth and free others.

You were saved by the help, prayers, witnessing and action of other Christians. You must do the same for others.

SATAN HAS NO POWER NOR AUTHORITY OVER YOU AS A NEW CREATURE.

Satan fears and trembles in your presence.

The Bible says, Resist the devil and he will flee (run in terror) from you.

Because you are now out of satan's kingdom and in the Kingdom of God, Jesus says to you, "I give you power and authority OVER ALL DEVILS." Luke 9:1.

"Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY. And nothing shall by any means HURT YOU" Luke 10:19.

Jesus said in effect, don't ask me to do it for I give this power TO YOU.

YOU CAST OUT DEVILS! YOU DELIVER THE CAPTIVES! YOU TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS! IN MY NAME, ye can do these things!

Lift up your head, new creature! **YOU ARE IN THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON AND THE DEVIL HAS NO POWER OVER YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL POWER OVER HIM IN THE NAME OF JESUS.**

Let us go one step further. The third thing you must do to launch forth successfully is this:

YOU MUST BELIEVE YOU CAN DO THE THINGS GOD SAYS YOU CAN DO AND BELIEVE IT SO STRONGLY YOU ACTUALLY START DOING THEM.

Here is where so many fail.

For a long time I stayed in my office praying for the gifts of the Spirit to operate in my life after I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Nothing happened. I don't know what I expected. I suppose I thought an angel would come down like a little fairy and hit me on the head with a wand and announce to me that certain gifts would now come forth in my life.

God seemed to say to me one day, What good would a spiritual gift do you now in your office if I gave it to you? There are no sick here to be healed; there are no captives here to be delivered. There are no lost here to be won. Go forth and stand before the needy peoples of the world and preach my Word and I will be present to confirm MY WORD.

I DECIDED I COULD DO WHAT GOD SAID I COULD DO NO MATTER HOW I FELT. I knew God could not lie. He said I could do these things so I launched forth.

I arranged a city wide meeting not far from my home town. Hundreds came. I stood there on the platform and told them why Jesus died and rose again. I told them what He said I could do. He said I could cast out devils; lay hands on the sick and they would recover and set the captives free. I invited them to test the Lord by coming for help.

To my utter amazement it looked like EVERYONE came. Such a line of people! What a challenge!

The devil said, What are you going to do when they don't get delivered? I said, devil, what are you going to do when they DO get delivered?!!

The first man to come was a Spanish man about thirty years of age. He had a dumb spirit and could not talk. A hush came over the audience. I did what Jesus said I could do. I acted like He told me the truth. I commanded that dumb spirit to leave the man. The spirit obeyed my voice as I spoke in the NAME OF JESUS. I placed the microphone up to the man's mouth and asked him to say something. He said, THANK YOU JESUS! The crowd began to shout and praise the Lord. The move was on and it has been on ever since for me.

Since that time I have gone all over this nation, Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America, India, Europe, the Philippine Islands and many other parts of the world doing the same thing. I expect to meet at least a million souls one of these days around the throne of God who have been redeemed out of these countries. Hallelujah!

I challenge you to do these three things.

Believe that YOU ARE THE PERSON GOD SAYS YOU ARE.

Believe you are WHERE GOD SAYS YOU ARE.

Believe you CAN DO WHAT GOD SAYS YOU CAN DO and begin to ACT LIKE IT TODAY.

You will discover that Jesus is present as you preach His Word. He will confirm His promises. He will perform whatever you ask or demand in His Name. You will rejoice that "He watches over His Word to perform it."

Rise up new creature! Stand tall for Jesus! Look around you. You are in the KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON. Assault the kingdom of Satan in Jesus' Name. Millions wait for the message of grace and mercy. Millions await the sound of your footstep coming to their rescue with the gospel.

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NEWS



By Bob Feller

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Don Basham, Bob Mumford and Derek Prince, all charismatic leaders well known to readers of New Wine and to those who have attended previous Holy Spirit Teaching Missions, were joined for the May 19-25 seminar by Kevin Ranaghan of Notre Dame University; a prime force behind the charismatic movement among Roman Catholics.

Also ministering in song and the spoken word were Terry and Andrew, from the Church of South Chard, England.

Among the highlights of the week was a series of messages by Bob Mumford, "Five Steps to Personal Victory", which is now available on tape from the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission.

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