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# EDITORIAL



## *Personal Message from* ELDON PURVIS



The Spirit is moving everywhere . He is saying one thing to us and that is the word *restoration* . All across this nation and throughout the world we are hearing reports of the church coming together in spiritual unity. Praise the Lord for men who have the courage to move out and be used of the Lord to call His sheep together. The flock has been divided for centuries by those who have used the sheep to build their own kingdoms rather than the Kingdom of God. Today, however, the Body of Christ is stirring and recognizing the necessity of a corporate expression rather than following after individual men and ministries.

Surely Ezekiel's prophecy (34:10) is coming to pass, " . . . I will deliver my flock from their mouth." We hear sounds of praise and worship from the Body of Christ as the headship of Christ is restored.

In the Book of Revelation John heard a voice and when he turned he saw seven golden lampstands to be a type of the church in each city. Revelation 2:7 says, "Hear, you who have ears to hear, what the Spirit says to the churches! To him who is victorious I will give the right to eat from the tree of life that stands in the Garden of God." (N.E.B.) Today the Holy Spirit is speaking to geographical centers - - the church in Fort Lauderdale, the church in San Francisco, Miami, Houston, etc. The point is, are we in a position to hear His Voice and receive His blessing? The Jews who left their captivity in Russia, Germany, Britain, France and other nations and returned to the land of Israel (their inheritance) are being blessed and are hearing from the Lord. In fact, they are in the safest place - with the Lord Almighty defending them from the entire antagonistic world. Praise the Lord! Spiritual Israel is no different. Many believers are coming out of years of spiritual captivity, and now they must come *into* what the Lord is doing in order to receive His defense from the world and the forces of spiritual confusion.

I have a vision of a matured church free from division and man-appointed leaders; a church that is united through the Holy Spirit, and as a body hearing from Him. John saw this nineteen hundred years ago. It is becoming obvious to many of us that what John saw is presently becoming a reality.

As the world is standing united against the nation of Israel, so may we expect principalities and powers in high places to stand against the church of Jesus Christ in every locality. However, we know God is standing with Israel, both the natural and the spiritual. The time is *now* for us to return to our place of blessing and service in the united Body of Christ of which *He* is the Head.

In many U. S. cities this move is already in evidence with the Lord raising up many new elders to watch over the sheep and bring them into greater spiritual maturity, providing spiritual food and drink to quench the thirst and take away the hunger, rather than fill the head with knowledge. In these last days through simple prayer of faithful men our Lord is performing miracles for the physical man, but the greater miracle is that the spoken word from these same men will set the spirit of man free so that he may become a disciple indeed. Then he will find himself fitted into the Body of Christ with the other members who are experiencing the Lord Jesus as Head.

Prepare yourselves; some tremendous events lie immediately before us. The Spirit is speaking. Are you in the place to hear?



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### ABOUT THE COVER

JERUSALEM: In recent weeks the interest in Jerusalem, the City of Peace, has grown rapidly. Contained within the Old City walls are many sites sacred to Jew, Christian and Moslem. Among them are: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus took place; the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) which dates from the Temple of Solomon; the Dome of the Rock where the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven. - - Pilgrims of all faiths have flocked to the city by the millions since it was opened to all as a result of the now famous "Six Days in June". (Credit Israel Govt. Tourist Office)





# The Co-Ordinator's Report. ■ ■ ELDON PURVIS ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

## CARIBBEAN - HOLY SPIRIT TEACHING MISSION

The Leadership Course in Jamaica was a wonderful success. Derek Prince, Don Basham, Charles Simpson and Joseph Mattsson-Boze led fifty brothers and sisters into new revelations with signs following. Many people with short legs were prayed for and the Lord Jesus blessed with miracles.

The next course will be in mid-winter of 1971.

Trevor and Sue Lancashire have arrived from England enroute to Jamaica to take on the leadership of the center in Montego Bay that is nearing completion.

## CHARISMATIC EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

Last spring the idea came that we were to organize Charismatic Education Centers in various cities and Praise the Lord the first one has come into existence in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach, Florida. Ralph and Margo Glidden are moving to Fort Lauderdale from Jacksonville to start the first elementary and high school for the children of the Lord. We have the assurance that all the facilities and teachers will be made available.

## CHARISMATIC COURSES AND CONFERENCES: "ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE"

International Holy Spirit Teaching Mission, Galt Ocean Mile Hotel, on the beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Ministering will be Derek Prince, Bob Mumford, Charles Simpson, Don Basham and others. October 5th through the 11th. A concentrated training course for those wishing to go on with our Lord.

## WITNESSING AND TEACHING TOURS - TO CHARISMATIC GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD SPECIAL TOURS

Holy Land - 7 day - with Bob Mumford - October 22nd through 29th - Air travel, hotels, meals, tours and lectures by teachers from Hebrew University included. Please register NOW by sending \$25.00 deposit. Also direct flight from Miami to Israel \$632.00 - - \$539.00 from New York. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and families.

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## INTER-CHURCH CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 1-3, 1970

Location: White Memorial Camp, Council Grove, Ks.

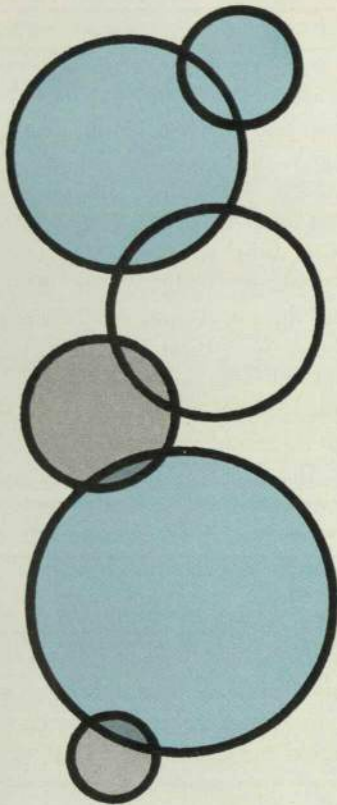
Don W. Basham, author of FACE UP WITH A MIRACLE and Edward Atkinson, M.D. from Greenville, Penna., will share about the move of the Holy Spirit among all denominations and give scriptural teaching of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as SAVIOUR, BAPTIZER and HEALER.

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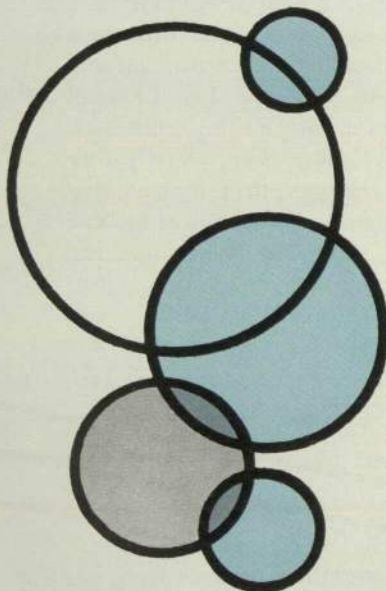
God is moving through Bob Mumford and Roy Dyer to establish a VIDEO-TAPE teaching and witness ministry. This new technique, successful as a communication media in industry, will provide house groups with a pre-recorded type TV program. This audio-visual tool should greatly expand and multiply the effectiveness of the recorded message in the teaching ministry.



# MY ~~RACE~~ IS OVER



A testimony by  
Gail Hardcastle  
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NEW WINE

"Is your soul running as though pursued, with no opportunity to rest and feed?" What a beautiful, yet haunting question. The wording is poetic, but, when you look beyond the words, you find a frightening truth. Our lives seem to run a continuous race; chasing around in circles until we collapse, fatigued and dizzy. All too often, we start up again before our soul has had a chance to catch its breath. We tend to be like the cat that chases its tail. So intent are we that we often fail to see the fruitlessness of our task. Nor do we see how simple it is to pull out of our tailspin and find the true meaning and value of our lives.

All this really takes is a word. ONE SMALL WORD. And our devotion to it. That all-powerful word! Simply . . . GOD! Three small letters, yet an infinite amount of love and life.

"Ah", you say. "I already believe in God and I go to church every Sunday. It's all real nice, man, but it hasn't changed my life at all." Very true. I've often said that myself. We worship God the Father, glorify God the Son, but we so often have forgotten completely God the Holy Spirit. Here lies the true strength and love of God.

By His Spirit God can enter us wholly, encompass us completely, and guide us successfully to our destination. Such a strong force in our religious lives and one so completely neglected!

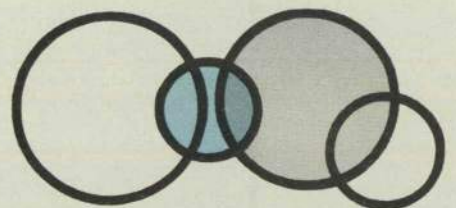
How do we find this exciting sounding spirit? How do we get it to fill OUR lives? There are no incantations, no magic words or stirring spells, no terrible sacrifices

we must make. We only have to be open in mind and heart, that's all! We need only ASK!

The Holy Spirit has filled a huge vacuum in my life. He has taken away the emptiness and hunger and replaced it with a joy and a peace and a love beyond compare. He has picked me up off the floors of girls' homes and jails. He has forgiven my sins. My past is far behind me. All I have is the future and with God there can be no greater an expectation.

I often have trouble believing that the Lord would pick someone like myself, unknown, insignificant, disliked in this world, and love them so much He changed their entire life. It was beyond my comprehension. But He did. And He can do the same for you. Just ask. Ask for forgiveness. . . for God's forgiveness is complete. Ask God to lift your burdens . . . for Christ died on the cross and took our burdens. Ask for God to fill you so completely, so fully with His Spirit that you never need be lonely, hurt or afraid again. For when God loves you and you know it, there is no end to the beauty in your life. He has put it there. No one else could. Do as I do; praise the Lord, love Him, thank Him and keep Him always close to you. The difference in your life will be miraculous.

My race is over. God loves me. I'm a new-born citizen in the Kingdom of God. Now I'm walking down the heavenly road to Jesus Christ. As one of my favorite songs go: "Come and Go with Me to My Father's House". ● ●



FIVE



# THE ROSE GARDEN



Christian fellowships tend to oscillate between mountain top and valley experiences. The necessity for a valley road is not understood by many believers. In some respects the pruning actions required to produce fruit in Christian lives can be compared to the steps in cultivating prize roses. We are part of God's Rose Garden and there are times (on the mountain peaks) when many blossoms (manifestations of the Holy Spirit) are in bloom. During these periods people come from far and wide to participate and admire the fruit, but when summer draws to a close, the Heavenly Husbandman comes into His Rose Garden and cuts down the roses. In His Divine Wisdom, He cuts the vines back hard, right to the ground.

He knows what he is doing. He is after bigger and better blooms next season, everything of the past has to go, all the old dead wood. There were blooms on the same wood last year, but that wood will never, never bear again, so it must go. It must be cut down; miracles, signs and wonders, healings, fillings with the Holy Ghost, many, many saved, lovely blooms, the blessing of the Lord, summertime, everything looked gay and beautiful, but we forget there are seasons in God's time table, we cannot have summertime all the time.

There is a must about this; there must be a wintertime. It does the

roses good, can't you hear the roots of these roses saying, "Well, I've nothing to keep going, all my blooms are gone and I have no leaves or branches". Yes, I tried to keep the thing going. I went to every meeting, tried to keep the tree afresh, but to no avail. We forget it's wintertime, the rough winds are blowing, all the freshness is gone, no more blooms. Go through the same motions and no results. The only answer is pruning time; we don't like the knife. And so I look a sorry mess, no one will admire me cut right down like this, no one will come near, there is nothing to attract at all. On comes the biting frost; I begin to shiver, but the Heavenly Husbandman has His eye ALWAYS upon me. He knows, so He gets some of that farm-yard manure, and makes a lovely overcoat for me, and wraps it all around. That feels warmer! Of course when I had my blooms, I would not have given you one glance, Lizzy Manure heap . . . your smell was not sweet like mine; folks often put their noses right up against me and said how wonderful; I wish I could take you with me . . . but you, Lizzy Manure heap, when people come near you, the folks hold their noses, and say, how disgusting. You know, Lizzy Drip, she caused a real stench in the meeting, but somehow these days, I love to have her wrapped around me. What has happened? I must be changing, I am



cut right down.

Of course, I am being shunned, just like she is all the time. She is being given a wide berth; no one wants to go near her, and I have found that I am in the same circumstances. These cold biting frosty words come against us both; of course, I have forgotten what I used to be like. When the winter winds started to blow, some one came hard and cold against me . . . dark clouds came over . . . the sun could not penetrate them. I soon lost my freshness, the leaves dropped off, branches got broken, we did have a time of it, and all that was left was prickles. I seemed to prick every one that came near me, so the Husbandman cut us down.

Then Mr. Rain had his eye on the situation; he saw Lizzy Drip and I were great pals. I'll show them! So he keeps on and on non-stop; so Lizzy the overcoat soon gets wet through. Down and down Mr. Rain goes, and my roots are getting stronger and stronger, and going deeper and deeper in mother earth. But when is he going to stop this keeping on keeping on; if he doesn't stop we won't have any summer at all . . . no more roses . . . it must stop some time. No, says the roots, I can see I have nothing any more to keep going, so I can get stronger myself. You see, next year I shall have bigger and better blooms. He has taken away the first because there is a second.

Did you say there is . . . yes, there is, Glory . . . there is the establishing of the second.

But Mr. Rain if you don't stop, I shall get washed out of the ground, out of where I want to be. And you, Lizzy, you seem to be disappearing all together. You are so one with me these days, I must say I feel stronger since we have had such fellowship together; my roots have gone deeper since I knew you. I am so thankful I met you, and shared the rough time together. It sure made us one!

Of course, Lizzy, you were not much good in that smelly heap, it was I that made you of value! Oh yes, said Lizzy, you would not be very productive without me, either. Now then, Lizzy, says Mr. Rain, you were pretty hard after Mr. Wind had a good row with you. It was I who softened you up, else you would not have been any good to Rosy at all. And you, Rosy, you would not have looked at Lizzy when you had those lovely blooms! You know why, don't you? . . . On comes the Husbandman, with a white peg in his hand, and he pushes it in the ground right beside me. And would you believe it . . . on it, is my name, PEACE. That's what I am . . . when it's frosty, raining, and blowing, I never alter: I am PEACE. I forget, all that comes against me cannot alter my nature; in fact, it is doing me good. I am just as much PEACE when Mr.

Frost and Rain are coming against me, as I am now, when the sun is high in the sky and I am being covered again with a lovely green coat . . . and all these lovely large buds showing again! My, I never thought that I would see this day again! What wisdom the Husbandman had in stripping me of everything; it's sure great again now. And Rosy heard the Husbandman talking to some admirers that were passing, "What a lovely show of roses". Yes, they are . . . wonderful, just what I wanted. I am so pleased with them. You see, God was so good; everything was in our favour: plenty of biting frost, plenty of rain and wind, and of course we must not forget Lizzy the lovely manure heap! Now, says Rosy, before you disappear altogether, Lizzy, I want to thank you for keeping me warm, when Mr. Wind was so hard against me and rowing with me. Thank you too, Mr. Rain. Lizzy and I would never have been one, if you hadn't been so persistent with us, although I thought I could not have stood much more of you. Thank you for the part you played for my benefit.

These lines seem to come to me: "There are going to be bigger and better blooms when the Husbandman has finished with us. Springtime is coming, we are all going through it. There is a great cleaning up going on . . . or, in other words, IT'S PRUNING TIME"! ● ●

Uncle Sid Purse  
South Chard, England



# SPIRITUAL

# PRAYER

by MRS. MARGARET ERDMAN

**T**he baptism in the Holy Spirit is not just an experience of one certain occasion, but a constant and permanent consciousness of the divine presence in the human body. In the initial experience, the believer is given a supernatural sign that he may never doubt the reality of his experience, and that he have a constant evidence of God's presence in his mortal body.

According to the Scriptures, the palpable evidence of the existence of God's supernatural presence in the believer, is that of speaking in a language which has never been learned. According to human reasoning, this is an impossibility, but it becomes a living reality when the Christian surrenders his body, soul and spirit to the Lord.

It is the complete surrender of our being which initiates this supernatural work in us. The mind and the tongue are two of the most important members of the human body. All of our life we have thought that which we wish to think, and as a result we have spoken according to our human will, for the tongue speaks that dictated by the mind. God wishes to completely possess our mind and tongue, that we may think as He thinks and speak that which He would speak.

Therefore, when the surrender unto the Lord is a complete one, when we no longer desire to act according to our own will, when we turn over to Him all of our opinions, preoccupations, worries, egoism and pride: in effect, all that has occupied our mind and tongue up to this time, then He will take possession of these two members of our body, erasing all human matter to give

us the sweet experience of uttering His thoughts as we speak in the tongues of the Holy Ghost.

## NEW LIFE IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Our spirit is that part of our being which can and which should have perfect communion with our God. Adam's spirit remained in a state of spiritual death after he sinned, and since then every person born into the world is born without the capacity to have true fellowship with God. As humans we may say prayers, but the saying of prayers is not fellowship.

After receiving Christ as our Saviour, God begins a new work in the believer; there is a consciousness of a definite relationship with the Lord. However, this relationship yet exists upon the mental level; a further experience is needed that our fellowship with God be lifted to the spiritual level. When we receive the Holy Spirit, our spirit is unbound from human hindrances and made apt for the supernatural work of the Spirit of God within us. From this time on, our relationship with God is not only mental, but spiritual; we no longer pray only with the mind, but through our spirit.

It is written in I Corinthians 14:14-15, "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth." The mind, or in other words, our understanding, only knows how to ask for our material necessities. The human mind is not capacitated to communicate spiritually with God. The greater part of praying consists usually of asking God for the material and physical needs. There is an immense difference between asking and worshipping, between





begging God for something and being lifted to the spiritual level of the Lord.

God has provided a supernatural way by which we may be elevated above the natural order of things, that we become participants of His spiritual treasures. It is written in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The word "spirit" here is written with a small letter, signifying that it is not speaking of the Holy Spirit but of our human spirit, the part of our being whose function is to have intimate communion with God.

Jesus said that we **MUST** worship God in our spirit. He did not say we must worship in our mind, for that is an impossibility. Although we may ardently desire to worship God with our mental capacity, we miserably fail because it is not the place designated and equipped to do so. When we begin to pray in "other tongues", a true adoration proceeds from our spirit which is now unbound from the natural in order that it may function in accordance with the supernatural. Our spirit, through speaking in tongues, has perfect communion with God upon His own level; the words coming forth are now worthy of His divinity.

Has your spirit been unbound, beloved, and filled with the Holy Spirit, so that you truly worship God as He merits worship? Let us remember that Jesus said it is a must for the Christian. He has provided His Holy Spirit for us, that we no longer dwell only on the mental level of human thoughts and feelings. God desires to have an unobstructed fellowship with us, without the

contaminations of worldly vanities and preoccupations and insignificant trivialities which usually occupy the human mind.

When we pray in other tongues, we "worship in spirit and in truth". When we pray with our human understanding, we are mostly concerned with our material needs. This we do not condemn, for it is perfectly legitimate to bring such to God according to the Scriptures. Matthew 7:7 says: "Ask and ye shall receive," and there are many other such biblical verses to confirm the same.

Besides this, Paul says we should pray with our understanding, but we should note the he does not say we should pray only with our understanding. On the contrary, he says, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit (in other tongues), and I will pray with the understanding also" (I Cor. 14:15). We are to exercise both these ways of praying; there is a time to pray with the understanding, just as there is a time to pray with the spirit.

#### SPIRITUAL EDIFICATION

If we put all the emphasis on mental praying, we will never reap the benefits of a complete spiritual experience. In I Cor. 14:4, it says: "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself". Our spirit needs edification, even as our mind needs to be edified. When we consider that our spirit is superior to the other parts of our being, how sad to think of all the days, months, and years it is neglected because we do not wish to use the divine method which God has provided for its edification, that of speaking in the tongues of His Spirit.

Spiritual tongues are not given only as the initial evidence of the Spirit's baptism, but for the constant edifying of our spirit. Paul implies that it is necessary to speak frequently in other tongues in order that our spirit be edified; it is necessary to pray with our spirit that we may be lifted up to a level where it is possible for God to have spiritual communion with us (I Cor. 14:4,14).

The Scripture speaks of the "fellowship of the Spirit" (Phil. 2:1). Perhaps we have read these words and heard them said many times, but have we comprehended their true significance?

On one occasion I was called to preach in a church where I was informed that they desired teaching on the Holy Spirit. What was my surprise upon my arrival to find that the pastor and his wife did not believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the biblical evidence of spiritual tongues! However, since they had invited me they could hardly ask me to leave, so I remained for the stipulated week of meetings.

The last Sunday of the services I preached in the morning, but at night, without having given me any notice whatsoever, the pastor took the pulpit and preached. Of course, in the natural, this was an open offence. My flesh felt the wound and my mind was about to become indignant, but in that very instant the Holy Spirit who had come to dwell in me began to speak



in other tongues in my inward being.

What a difference! The blessed Comforter was comforting me, and He brought to my mind this verse which speaks of the "fellowship of the Spirit". For the first time I understood its profound significance, and all during that meeting I had sweet communion with the Spirit, so that when I left the service I felt absolutely nothing against those who had offended me. When I said goodbye to them, it was they who could not look me straight in the eyes, not I. Had the offence been left in my mind to irritate and boil up into resentment and detestation, I would have been the one not able to look them in the eyes, but the blessed Spirit had poured divine thoughts into my spirit from the mind of the Lord which entirely blotted out my human feelings. The Spirit triumphed, and His fellowship was sufficient to keep the fellowship with my brethren unbroken, as far as I was concerned.

If we are going to experience true fellowship with God in its highest sense, it will have to be on this spiritual level and not on the level of our mind. The mind fills itself up with offences, but the spirit is filled only with praises and worship of the Lord. For this reason it is imperative that we pray in tongues so that our spirit may have complete dominion over our mind, and the mind thereby have dominion over the flesh. Through the use of spiritual tongues it is possible to defeat every satanic attack upon our mind, praise the Lord!

#### SPIRITUAL INTERCESSION

According to the Scriptures, "tongues" are also given to be used in intercession. Romans 8:26 says: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. . . . He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God".

Perhaps we think we know how to pray effectually, yet may we ask: Where is the fruit of all our prayers? The truth is, as God says here, "we know not what we should pray for as we ought," and we should plainly confess that it is so. We do not know how to duly pray because the human understanding is limited; we only know that which we have seen or experienced; we cannot in any way know the needs which are outside of our reduced knowledge. For this reason mental praying is limited to that which we already know, which is very little compared to that which we know not.

When we pray in the tongues of the Spirit, even that which we do not know is dealt with. By means of speaking in other tongues, the Spirit "intercedes for us and for the saints," because He knows that which man does not know; He knoweth all things, even the complete will of the Father.

Permit me to illustrate this with a personal experience. Upon arrival in another country unknown to me up to that time, I began to preach in different

churches, one or two nights in each one, according to the schedule which had been arranged. One night after the service I retired to sleep, but in the late hours of the night I awoke to encounter myself in a prayer battle which lasted three whole hours. During that time I could pray scarcely at all with my understanding; a supreme force was leading me to pray in the tongues of the Holy Ghost.

Since at that time I was just entering into the things of the Spirit, I felt a desperation in my soul. Several times I called unto my Lord. "Why cannot I win this battle?" After three hours of rigorous conflict, I lay down to sleep very restlessly the remainder of the night.

The following morning a young man who had heard the message of the night before came to see me. He said he was having such terrible battles in his mind that at times he thought he would lose his reason; he had not been able to gain the victory in spite of the fact that he was a believer in Christ. I explained to him that he never would have complete or permanent victory without the Holy Spirit, because it is the Spirit within us who imparts to us the "mind of Christ" (I Cor. 2:12-16). I prayed with him and he received the baptism in the Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the palpable evidence of the divine presence in his being.

While he was thus speaking, I began to thank God for this experience. I felt much joy, for it was the first time I had prayed for someone to receive the Holy Ghost. In that moment the Lord spoke directly to me, and said: "This is the reason for the battle last night!" Then it was that I understood the meaning of the text: "The Spirit helps our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us and for the saints."

Since I had not known that young man, I could scarcely have prayed for him with my own understanding; however, the Spirit knew him and prayed for him through me in other tongues, and then brought him to me to receive God's divine promise. The day afterward, an evangelist sought me out; his need was the same, and he too received the Holy Spirit. God revealed to me that the battle which ensued that night in "tongues" was over these two persons, both unknown to me, but known unto God.

What does it matter if we do not know what we are saying when we pray in tongues, if the results are so glorious? The ministry of the evangelist mentioned has been greatly blessed of God since then, and hundreds have received the anointing of the Spirit through him. No wonder the devil battled that night! I would never have prayed for these two brethren since I in no wise knew them, had it not been for the Spirit's intercession in other tongues. Praise God, Satan may be able to enter into our mind with his doubts and fears and weaknesses, but there is one place where he cannot enter: Our spirit sealed by the Holy Ghost, from where we pray in "other tongues."



Jesus said to His disciples: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41). Have we thought about the significance of these words? When it says that the spirit is willing, to what is it referring? The meaning is this: Our spirit is always willing to intercede in other tongues, because there is no weariness nor negligence there. The weariness and negligence exist in the flesh and carnal mind.

There are times when we know we should pray, but sleep overcomes us. We would be completely defeated if it were not that God has provided a way for us to overcome the flesh. "The Spirit helps our infirmities," glory unto Him! Although the flesh and the mind may surrender to our feelings, the spirit never does, because in it dwells the invincible, untiring, weariless Comforter. No matter how tired we may be, we can pray in spiritual tongues, because they have nothing whatsoever to do with our mind, only with our spirit. Thus we may have the victory in every situation.

Traveling on a bus, with everyone around us talking of the vain things of the world, our human mind does not lend itself to prayer because it is influenced by its surroundings. However, our spirit is entirely immune to the surroundings and can pray in other tongues in the midst of all confusion.

Bound by illness, the mind is oppressed by satanic forces and finds it almost impossible to pray, but our spirit is free from all outside influence, diabolical or otherwise, praise God. Thus we can reap the benefit of spiritual edification under the most adverse circumstances, by letting the Holy Ghost give utterance to that which comes from the divine mind, through the supernatural language given us as we yield Him our mind and our tongue.

#### THE REST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God has given us this means of praying to impart to us His perfect rest. Isaiah 28:11-12 says: "For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear".

What is this rest and refreshing? The tongues of the Spirit! Paul the apostle quotes this verse in I Cor. 14, where his discourse is given on the significance of spiritual tongues. Yes, beloved brother and sister, the despised, rejected, ridiculed and oftentimes condemned tongues are a divine source of rest for those who receive them.

In the act of praying in the tongues of the Spirit the mind is delivered from all its worries, problems, fears, and feelings: all is given over to the divine Mind so that God may have complete charge of all the affairs of the life.

God says: "There remaineth 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" (Heb. 4:9-10). God has planned that we place all that we have and are in His hands, that our mind be purified of all its human burdens and brought into perfect rest and confidence in Him to take care of all the needs and problems of the life.

However, even as it was prophesied by Isaiah, there are many who do not enter into this rest: they seem to prefer their tired and worried mind rather than to receive the Holy Spirit and the rest which He imparts. The reason for this lies in the pride of the flesh which wants to continue thinking and reasoning for itself. In reality it is necessary to humble one's self in order to leave the mind in the hands of God.

God's people of old did not enter into His rest, according to Hebrews 3:18, and the 19th verse gives the reason: "They could not enter because of unbelief." In the 4th chapter and 6th verse it also says "They entered not in because of disobedience" (Sp. version). Thus we see that the two great reasons for not receiving the Holy Spirit are unbelief and disobedience. God calls us unto the Promised Land of His rest. The Promised Land is a figure of the victorious life in Christ through the Holy Ghost. There are battles to be fought, there are enemies to defeat, but it is no longer we who fight alone; the Spirit also combats in our favor. This is the rest, this is the refreshing.

Do you not desire this glorious overcoming life? If so, surrender yourself wholly unto God's Spirit and He will work it out in you. You will be delivered from a mere religious life to live a new life in your spirit. You will have a fellowship with God that you would not have dreamed possible. You will be spiritually edified as never before, and you will be able to defeat every human offence through the sweet fellowship of the Spirit. Besides all this, you will be used of God in extensive and effectual intercession, which will bring the results God has purposed. And last, but certainly not least, you will enter into divine rest, which cannot be experienced in any other way. The human mind has no rest in itself.

Spiritual tongues are the tongues of our Lord, imparting to us the sweetness of His life, and this life delivers us from the carnal mind, for they come not from the mind, but from the spirit wherein the fulness of the Lord dwells.

We pray that this overcoming life in spiritual prayer will be confirmed in thousands and thousands of beloved Christian brethren around the world.

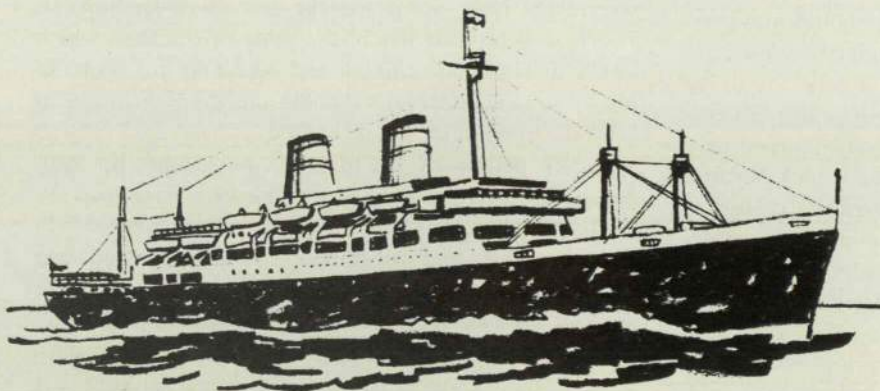
"Remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

"These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 17-21).



# PRESENT DAY EVENTS

# AND



(1) Dear Reader. You and I are vitally concerned, with THREE THINGS, as we move into the FIRST YEAR of the SEVENTIES. They are: (1) The ever increasing Signs of World-crisis; (2) The nearing Divine Intervention in human affairs; and (3) its PERSONAL EFFECT upon us all. Only a few days ago, we have heard on every side, the age-old Songs of Bethlehem, and those inspiring words of the Angels, when the curtains of heaven were drawn aside for a few minutes, and the humble shepherds listened to the Divine Message of hope. That message has greater assurance today, even than at that time; "FEAR NOT"; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be TO ALL PEOPLE . . . and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the Highest - - and on Earth Peace - - Good will toward men." (Luke 2:10,13,14).

You will note the sequence of those last few words in three sections: God First. . . World peace next and the result . . . Good will toward men.

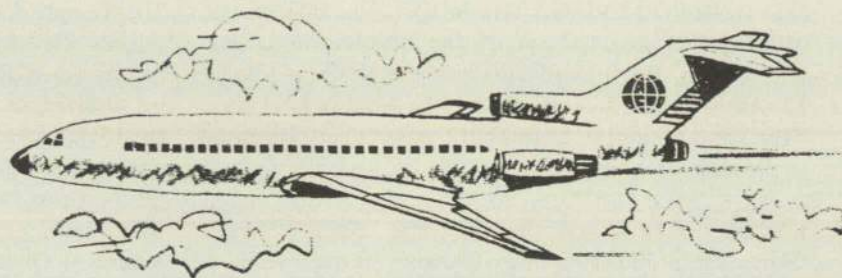
Unfortunately, man's estimation of God and His Son is far from being given priority. It is Man First; the lust for power; the craze for fleeing affluence; the trust in the

"stockpiles" of armaments; his Laodicean assurance "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17). Man's trust in himself, in "leagues", in "power blocs", "conferences" and "peace efforts", and their dismal failures, bear out the rest of the prophetic verse "AND THOU KNOWEST NOT THAT THOU ART WRETCHED AND MISERABLE, AND POOR AND BLIND AND NAKED". The horrible record of the last 60 years has been paralleled with the brilliance of an era of unsurpassed knowledge, discovery, invention and transport; and is a shocking paradox. The blood of millions cries from this ground, and the seas; and the gigantic trail of ruin, death, maimed, orphans . . . and the yet still mightier preparation for greater destruction and violence, cries to high heaven for vengeance.

(2) HARVEST . We go into the "70's" with a festering sore in Vietnam; a war in the Middle East, in which Arab nations challenge God to their own destruction; then the great nation which strengthens them, urges them on, and double-crosses other nations with the soothing cry of "Peace, peace": a nation to which the U.N.O. weakly agreed when Moscow objected to the "Lord's Prayer"



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## MEANING IN THE BIBLE

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being used at the opening of U.N.O. conferences; a nation which knows not God and persecutes those who trust in Him. Is it any wonder the the Great Creator, whose works stare us in the face at every step, is angry with **THIS GENERATION** more so than any since Adam. Do you doubt this? If so, stay for a moment; get your Bible and read these four references and many more like them, which directly concern us now in the "seventh" (1) Isaiah 30:27; (2) Jeremiah 25:31; (3) Mark 14:19-20; (4) Luke 21:22, 25-26.

Now, take a look back through this century; some of our older readers will have watched the events. Years 1900-1910 - the German preparation for naval warfare; whilst the Hague Conference vainly sought world peace. Years 1910-20 - which brought the Balkan wars; then the Great War of 1914-17 which banished the Turk and opened the gates of Jerusalem to Israel. Then years 1920-30 - which saw the Genevian Peace Palace, the British Mandate over Palestine, and the preparation for the next war.

Then the "30" - which produced Hitler, the 2nd world war, and the massacre of 6 million Jews, but pushed the

Palestine Gate open still wider. Then the "40" - which was the end of the British Mandate and the establishment of the Jewish State on May 14th, 1948, in which Arabs will yet share benefits, and could also have done so at that time. (Note the steady deterioration of world affairs even at this time.)

Then the "50" - which pushed Britain further out of the Middle East; the abortive attempt by Britain and France to get back the Suez Canal which had been seized by Egypt; then world fear, when the Atomic Bomb made its appearance. Then the "60" - which brought the more dreadful weapon, the Nuclear Bomb; and then the sudden furthering of Israel's divinely foretold return to Jerusalem, in the taking of the Old City, Gaza, Sinai and the West Bank of the Jordan, in the Six-Day War of June 5-11, 1967.

Listen to His words to Jerusalem, and Israel: "Behold your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, ye shall not see henceforth till ye shall say **"BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"**. In other words, Israel had to be back in the Old City - **FIRST** - to welcome Him in His sudden appearance (Luke 21:27,35).



(3) **APOLLO 12 VISITS THE MOON.** The 60's closed with another mighty sign of the nearness of Divine intervention, the 3 astronauts visit the Moon in Apollo 12. As we commented previously, the Word of God says, "The heavens are the Lord's but the earth hath He given to the children of men."

It is interesting to note that the name "Apollo" means "destroyer"; and also the following extract from a speech by a Sydney Church leader, on Dec. 22nd. "Apollo, the chief deity of the Greeks represented the personification of Greek life and culture. The Christian God had replaced the dying gods of Greece and Rome . . . today by an ironic turn of events, Apollo has returned, and Apollo spacecraft are a supreme expression of our scientific culture. We almost worship the scientific projection of our civilization."

And as we read in Genesis 1:17, God set the Moon "in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth", not to be an experimental station for man, and his declared intention to visit other planets.

"America has begun the conquest of space," on Nov. 22nd, the "Australian" said, and for moonstruck scientists that's just the beginning. "Today the Moon, tomorrow the planets . . . and to the planets man is now sure to go". This is man's opinion, but he knows not that his puny efforts are subject to the Great Creator, and it is surely no coincidence that His smouldering anger is reserved for our days. The "Seventies" could well see ocular proof of this.

(4) **EL AKSA MOSQUE.** The trial of the Australian Denis Michael Rohan, who set fire to the El Aksa Mosque on Aug. 21st last, has now concluded, and the verdict was, "Not guilty", owing to insanity, and he has been committed to a mental hospital in Jerusalem.

The Mosque is said to be "the third holiest shrine of Islam". Rohan had claimed that he had been commissioned by God to rebuild the Temple of Solomon and that he would be made king of Jerusalem. It is not the first time that certain ones have appeared claiming a Divine Mission to be the world king, or the messiah, and the student of the Word will remember the words of the Lord Jesus in Matt. 24:23 (and Mark 13:21-22). "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not, for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." It is also more than coincidence, and notable too . . . a closing event of the 50's, that the action of the depths, against Israel, and increased with the burning of the Mosque stirred Arab opinion to "perpetual hatred", so clearly foretold in Ezekiel 35:5, and again "In the Time of the End".

The Temple for "All Nations" will yet be built on the original site of Solomon's Temple, but first the site must be cleared of all the buildings there now, as will be seen by studying Zech. ch. 14:4; Ezek. 38:19-20; Isa. 2:19,22; ch. 13:13; Isa. 24: 18-20; Rev. 16:18 . It will be noted also that an earthquake happened at the death of Jesus on the Cross (Matt. 28:2) but a far mightier one occurs when Jesus returns, and when His feet stand on the Mount of Olives. (Zech. 14:4). It is obvious from verse 10, "All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: AND IT SHALL BE LIFTED UP . . .," that this earthquake is of great intensity and result, undoubtedly providing the necessary levelled site for the **HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS**. If anyone wishes to study the Bible references about this wonderful edifice they are to be found in II Sam. 7:13; Psa. 68:29; ch. 92:13; Isa. 4:6; ch. 44:28; Ezek. 43:5, ch. 48:10; Hag. 2:9; and Zech. 1:16; 6:13-15,19.

(5) **THE RABAT CONFERENCE.** At Rabat, a seaport on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, an important meeting of 11 Arab representatives and 3 Arab kings, met to consider joint action against Israel. It was headed by Pres. Nasser, and it was not surprising that owing to feuds in Arab relationships, it broke up in disorder.

But it is noteworthy that nine Arab States, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Yemen and South Yemen solidly supported joint action; and more interesting to note that these form mainly the Arab States mentioned in Psalm 83. This Psalm mentions them by name as being the latter day Arab section of the confederacy dominated by Assur (or Assyria-Moscow). Verse 18 settles conclusively that it is in the "latter days" that this combination "takes crafty counsel against thy people", and it should be remembered that this Psalm was written about 4000 years ago. It is still ahead of the newspapers.

(6) **PEACE AND DISARMAMENT.** Whilst the proliferation of armaments continues, nuclear weapons, poison gas and germ warfare materials, the nations desperately attempt to find some way out of the horrible possibilities which could eventuate in the use of these human creations. The lurking suspicions in the minds of several nations, and their distrust of one another is a great stumbling block. Double talk is the order of the day, as it was in 1939 when peace talks were being held in Washington, and suddenly Pearl Harbor was attacked, with terrific loss of life and a mighty naval disaster.

And of more interest still, is the fact that the Arab sections which dissented at the conference, included the "Sheba and Dedan" section, with their oil interests.



Students of Bible prophecy will remember that in Ezekiel ch. 38, the Great Invader of Israel's land, identified now very definitely by Israel's leaders, as Russia, comes against them **SUDDENLY** (v.9). "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm . . .". The only opposition they meet, is a question-challenge from the Tarshish group mentioned in v. 13, and it would appear that "Sheba and Dedan" mentioned as being with the Tarshish objector the only Middle East power aligned - - are the same ones who walked out of the Rabat conference. The reason given by the news report was "There appears to be as much reluctance as ever by the rich or conservative Arab States such as Saudi Arabia, Tunisia or Morocco, to giving more power of leadership to President Nasser." Obviously the connections with U.S.A. and Britain in the oil field are a powerful urge to beware of the Moscow dominated Arab League, and certainly an interesting connection with the prophecy of Ezekiel 38:13. Thus the history of the future has already been traced out by the Divine hand, and undoubtedly the Rabat Conference was not a failure but one more sure link, in the prophetic forecast which (1) brings the Arab-Moscow confederacy against Israel; (2) brings their Redeemer suddenly to Zion (Isa.59:20); (3) fulfils the prayer of thousands "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done in Earth as in Heaven" (Matt.5:10).

At Helsinki on Dec. 26th, it was reported that the two main powers now meeting there discussed the possibility of limiting the terrible powers of their respective defense systems: the U.S.A. "targeted warheads" known as "MIRVS" and the Russian counter defense system known as "S.S.9 missiles". The world at large knows little about the fearful threat to human existence, if these two powers came into collision with such weapons. One commentator said on Dec. 23rd, "The plain fact is that while the Helsinki talks proceed, the nuclear-strategic balance is still deteriorating in a frightful manner". On Dec. 26th, it was reported by one London newspaper that the "development of the MIRVS (U.S.A.) has already progressed so far that it is too late to stop this most dangerous round in the strategic arms race". Meanwhile the Helsinki talks have been postponed until the next round of discussions take place in Vienna in April of next year. In the meantime the danger of some serious rupture remains; as one newspaper says - - it's a race against time.

However, the student of God's prophetic Word knows more than the delegates to these awesome meetings. He knows that the Lord provided for it, when He said in Mark 13:20, "And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved, but for the elect's sake whom He has chosen, He hath shortened the days". Jesus is not given a ruined world to reign over, but a world of nations, to whom He will: (1) Command to submit (Rev. 14:7); (2) Rule with a rod of iron (Rev.

2:27); (3) He will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31); (4) All nations and languages shall serve Him (Dan. 7:14); (5) and finally the prophecy uttered 4000 years ago shall be fulfilled "**FOR THE KINGDOM IS THE LORD'S AND HE IS GOVERNOR AMONG THE NATIONS**" (Psa. 22:28).

Yet the reader will note the hovering spectre of world destruction if God did not intervene, and thus **THE IMMINENCE OF THE LORD'S RETURN** as we enter into the "seventies".

(7) **THE RISE OF THE COMMANDOS.** The rise of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and its leader Yasser Arafat, has added a new dimension to the war in the Middle East, for it is plain to all that Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt are at war. Bomb outrages, hi-jacking of aircraft, sudden descents upon innocent victims, and the blowing up of pipelines, and the difficulty in Israel of knowing friend from foe, have all brought fear and anxiety. How true are the words of Zechariah (ch. 8:10), whose prophecy about these days reads, "**FOR BEFORE THESE DAYS THERE WAS NO HIRE FOR MAN, NOR ANY HIRE FOR BEAST, NEITHER WAS THERE ANY PEACE TO HIM THAT WENT OUT OR CAME IN, BECAUSE OF THE AFFLICTION: FOR I SET ALL MEN EVERYONE AGAINST HIS NEIGHBOR**". Then follows the assurance of better days, and in vs. 22, the declaration that "**MANY PEOPLE AND STRONG NATIONS SHALL COME TO SEEK THE LORD OF HOSTS IN JERUSALEM AND TO PRAY BEFORE THE LORD**".

The commandos will then have learned the truth about Israel when their God is "**SANCTIFIED IN THEM IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS**" (Ezek. 39:27).

(8) **THREATS AND PREPARATIONS.** Jerusalem (and that means Israel) is fast becoming a "burdensome stone" to the nations, and especially to the Big Four Powers who think that they can find a formula for peace in the Middle East. On Dec. 3rd, it was reported from New York that the four ambassadors had met 15 times earlier this year without success. The latest U.S.A. 12 point proposal of Dec. 31st, which requests Israel to give up much of the territory captured on June 5th, 1967, including the west bank of the Jordan and control of Old Jerusalem, has been dismissed summarily by Israel.

The U.S.A. Plan is said to be a "soft line" to the Arabs, but seeing that U.S.A. knows nothing of the Plan of God with Israel (which would benefit Jews, Arabs and Gentiles alike), it is clear that a stalemate is the present situation. Meanwhile the daily battles with Egypt, Jordan and Syria continue, and will do so until some unforeseen event happens which will bring sudden Russian intervention, so long foretold. ● ●



PSALM 127 *Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

*It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*

*Lo, children are an heritage from the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

*As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.*

*Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

## Experiencing Spiritual Usefulness

**D**o you know the difference between religion and spirituality? Religion comes from a Latin word which means to "tie back". It is man's effort to tie himself back to God.

What God does is spiritual.

Religious activity is often fruitless, it can be damaging, it may be worse than nothing.

Jesus couldn't deal with the religious people in His day. They could not see their need for Him. Christians today can become very religious too, inwardly and outwardly.

"Except the Lord build the house (That is spiritual), they labor in vain that build it (That's religious)."

You can build a three-million-dollar church building without God. Many people do it, and God is nowhere around. It happens all over America and it is frightening.

Once I built a church. I dug a hole fifty feet wide, and 75 feet long. I had \$300, and God told me to dig that hole. After paying the man with the bulldozer \$150, I had \$150 left.

The next morning I went down into that hole and said, "God, if You don't put a church in this hole, You had better bury me in it."

Don't ever dig a hole unless God tells you to.

So there I was in the hole, and a contractor came up and said "I understand you are building a church?" "Yes," I replied, and he said, "How much do you think it is going to cost you?"

In my mind I was considering \$10,000 dollars, and the contractor said, "I'd say \$150,000 at least!" I leaned up against a tree and almost fainted.

Later, I went to the bank to borrow three thousand dollars to lay the foundation. I had all the papers signed, and as I walked into the bank God said: "Don't borrow any money." I had to tell the banker I didn't want his money. I told him that God had impressed us to build the church on a pay as you go basis.

On the way home, I bought \$100 worth of concrete and spent the other fifty on odds and ends. There I was, flat broke and all we had was a big hole and a little bit of concrete.

I stood by that hole and wondered how God was going to erect a building there. A man drove up and got out of his car. I'd never seen him before. He walked over to me and said, "What are you doing, preacher?" I answered, "I'm building a church."

He looked at the hole for a little while and I could see tears come into his eyes. Then he took something out of his pocket and handed it to me. Off he drove and when I looked in my hand, there was a \$100 bill!

I could feel my own eyes fill with tears. "Thank you, Lord, for the confirmation".

Christianity is based on supernaturalism. God works in ways that are mysterious and supernatural to man.

When our church was half-way up I said: "Lord, we need 130 twenty-two-foot timbers." Soon after I went to preach in a nearby town, and the pastor there told me that they were tearing down a high school. I went over to see, and there were my timbers. Of course I had expected them clean and delivered on a truck to our church, but instead there they were, rafters in an attic.

All the men in the church got together, brought the timbers down, took out all the nails and built us a church!

Day by day God provided the things we needed. When we were laying blocks we needed a carpenter to build a door frame. A man came walking up to me and said "I don't like it, but God sent me!" He was a carpenter, and he helped us through the rest of the building program.

One day while standing inside the half-finished building (the floor, sides, and the roof were completed), I said, "God, truly You are building this house." The presence of God came into that place so strongly that I





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could feel His manifest presence, and tears filled my eyes.

God made me to know, "If I do not build the house, I am not obligated to fill it." I said, "Lord, I've felt You here from the beginning." He said, "I'll build it, and I'll fill it."

There have been churches filled with the presence of God. I have seen them grow and have seen the members decide to build a larger building. But when they moved into the new building, God stayed behind.

Please do not get involved in anything in which you do not have evidence that God is in. If you feel God wants you to do something, say, "Lord, how do I know that You are present?" And when He opens up the way or closes the door, say, "Thank you, Lord, for the evidence."

If you do not have evidence that God is present in a project, for His sake, stay out of it. Get away from it, because it is only religious. That which is merely religious will run you in circles. And when you are through running you will be nowhere.

That which is born of God is spiritual, and God will take care of it.

The Psalmist says, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late and eat the bread of sorrow." That motivation is religious.

A friend of mine in seminary used to set his alarm clock for 4 a.m. Thus he could get up and be the first light on, so that others when they look out their windows would see that he was up first and would think he was very spiritual. That smacks of religion.

I have been through this, too. I have fasted long, and all I got was skinny! Like Martin Luther, trying to beat myself with chains so that I could become spiritual.

It is vain for you to try to make yourself look holy. Holiness is not looking; holiness is being. A friend of mine was graduated from Bible school, and when I saw

him he didn't have a tie on. I looked at him and said, "What happened?" "Brother," he replied, "we can't have those vain things!"

If you are in bondage to a necktie you need deliverance! If you think that your dress, or your hair-do, or your fasting, or your prayers add anything to your salvation, then you do not understand anything of the grace of Jesus Christ.

As long as you stay in religious confusion, you are not going to become spiritual by staying up all hours. Look at Moffat's translation of the last part of verse 2 in our Psalm: "God's gifts come to his beloved ones as they sleep."

We are God's loved ones. Christianity is a love affair. When our personal experience begins to degenerate from being a love affair, the thrill is gone.

Christ is the bridegroom, I am the bride. As we enter into a love relationship, something is born from that union.

Our spiritual usefulness is always a result of our love relationship with Christ. In a sense we become spiritual fathers and mothers. Our relationship with Christ brings fruit, brings forth children, new converts, a ministry.

We are responsible for our spiritual children. Have you ever tried to force your beliefs on another? Have you tried to argue someone into the Kingdom? Have you pulled someone into church and pushed them up to the altar to give their hearts to Christ? Three weeks later they are gone.

You say, "Lord, I don't understand why those people did not stay with it." His reply: "Because they haven't been born."

Ministries that are born out of our relationship with Christ produce fruits. Fruitfulness should not be a strain or a struggle. We can hardly wait to share what is born in us as a result of our relationship with the Lord.

I can bring you to Jesus Christ, but I cannot love Him for you. You have to love HIM for yourself. You have to learn that you are free, that you are His and that He is yours. He wants to love you and let the Spirit of the Lord come upon you, that you may bring forth fruit.

Pray that God will separate the religious from the spiritual in your mind. When that prayer is answered, it will start a revolution. Because there will be such dramatic changes in your own understanding of what God is doing. God wants a love relationship with us. And through that relationship is born the will, the workings, the gifts, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

What we need most are spiritual fathers and mothers who know how to bring forth fruit in God, so that we may come to understand the Father heart of God and see the ministry of the Lord worked IN us and THROUGH us by the Holy Spirit. ● ●

This is a chapter from Bob Mumford's book, *15 Steps Out*.



# DAD, GET

Someone has said, "When children are little they step on your toes; later they step on your heart".

It is true that as our children grow up we sometimes come to impasses in dealing with them. We don't know how to handle certain situations. It was at such a time that I discovered the practicality of the Holy Spirit. I learned that through the inner release brought about by the Holy Spirit, God can help us in dealing with our children and, when necessary, to heal our relationships with them. Through the Spirit we can solve problems that are beyond our understanding.

My son Richard and I have always been very close. I've been close to all my children, but I developed this certain feeling about Richard. I saw his singing talent as he was growing up and I wanted it for the Lord. But the more I wanted it, the less Richard wanted it. Then he began to sing in coffeehouses, and he was moving toward show business. That hurt me to my toes. It hurt me until I cried. I would often think, If only I were not away in the crusades so much; perhaps if I were home, I could change Richard. But I'd come home and I couldn't.

Finally, he became a student at the University of Kansas. One day

while he was home from college, we went out on the golf course, and inevitably we came to this conflict with each other. That day we just stopped and walked off the course and got into our car. Richard glared at me and said, "Dad, get off my back!"

I'd forgotten that I'd once said that to my daddy. I shouldn't have been surprised, because when I was his age I had said the same thing. I even ran away from home. We sat there in the car, both of us seething inside. But I calmed down and under my breath I began to speak in tongues and to pray in the Spirit. Confidentially, I didn't know what to say to God. I'd run out of prayers. But in the Spirit I said, "All right, Richard. I'll get off your back. I won't bring this up again. I will commit you to the Lord."

Then I said, "Give me your hand". He didn't want to do it, but I took it and very quietly released it in my inner man. It was no longer my battle; it was the Lord's.

Not long afterwards he called Evelyn and said, "Mom, do you suppose Oral Roberts University would accept me for next year?" She asked me, and I said, "I don't know. Richard has taken up a habit or two." When he came to me, I told him he couldn't do the things

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he was doing and be a student on our campus."

He said, "I can quit".

I said, "That will be up to you".

There is a point in dealing with your children when it has to be at arm's length. You are no longer emotionally involved. They are released to God and you can talk without fear. The Holy Spirit operating in your life takes the gift of faith and drops it into your heart so that you can look upon your problems from the vantage point of God himself and believe as God believes.

Richard enrolled at ORU, and he followed the rules of the campus. But we were still having problems. Then he fell in love with the girl who is now his wife. Patti is a fine Christian girl, baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Shortly before their wedding date something happened to their line of communication, particularly in spiritual matters. Although Patti was very much in love with Richard, she knew they didn't have a chance if they got bogged down there. She told him quite frankly that he had not totally committed his life to God. She was really saying, "Richard, you may be a Christian and if you die you will go to heaven, but what earthly good are you for the Lord down here?" She said the wedding was off unless things could be straightened out.

At the time, Evelyn happened to be with me in a crusade in California. She said, "Oral, I feel impressed to go home." When she has these feelings I never oppose her. She got on a plane and was home within a few hours.

Richard was living in the dorm on campus at the time. His mother hadn't been home but a short time when he walked into the house. He

said, "Mother, I'm so glad you are home. I've got to talk to you." Then he told her about the gulf that had come between him and Patti. "I love her," he said. "She won't marry me because she says I'm not committed to God. But I am committed to God."

"Are you, Richard?" Evelyn asked. "I suspect that in your heart you have decided that you are going to have Patti, regardless of whether you have God's approval or not."

He said, "I believe God wants me to have her."

"That's not what I said. You want God with a condition. Are you ready to accept His will and commit your life to Him completely no matter what the outcome? The Lord wants all of you without reservations."

Evelyn and I have had to preach to ourselves and our children what we preach to other people. There are no different laws for different people. There is just one law and that is God's law.

Evelyn said, "Richard, let's pray". He was ready; he cried until he shook. Finally, she said, "Are you willing to say to God, 'With or without Patti I will serve You, Jesus?'"

He said yes. He prayed and totally emptied himself of everything he had held back. Suddenly he raised his hands and began praising the Lord. He was laughing and crying at the same time. As he praised the Lord, the most wonderful thing happened. He began to worship God in a beautiful language of the Spirit.

Richard had received the baptism with the Holy Spirit when he was about 12 years old. But he had never been faced with a real crisis until now, and he had found it easy to escape the need for a release of

the Spirit in his everyday life. His experience was so beautiful because it all happened so naturally.

While the joy of the Lord was flooding his soul, he got on the phone and called me. "Daddy," he said, "everything is all right!" What he meant was, Dad, you are no longer on my back. From now on it's God in every part of my life.

The next morning Richard saw Patti and he told her what had happened. But he didn't have to tell her. She said, "I was praying last night, too. I was upset about our situation and I started to pray. Suddenly my burden lifted. I knew something had happened. I didn't know what exactly, but I wasn't worried anymore. Richard, I am ready to marry you."

They were married in November 1968. It has been a joy to Evelyn and me to see them putting God first in their total lives . . . their home, their time, their giving, and especially their talents. Richard is now ordained and deeply involved in God's work. He and Patti are touching the hearts of thousands with their consecrated singing talents as they minister with us in partners meetings, on our television programs and hour-long TV specials, as well as on tour with the ORU World Action Singers.

Richard was singing at a seminar on campus recently, and he was expressing his song from the depths of his heart. A staff member who knows of Richard's spiritual struggle leaned over and whispered to me, "He's a miracle . . . a living miracle!"

"Yes," I said, "We know that, don't we?" ● ●

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## A SET OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEWLY SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER

**W**hen we receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit, we enter a new exciting life of discipleship to our Blessed Lord. By yielding our tongue to God, and by allowing Him to teach it a new language, we have let Him open the door to this new life. Just as a door is not a house but a way into it, so the yielding of the tongue is only the beginning of this new life in the Spirit. It is important that we do not stand in the doorway, but that we go on in, explore the house, rest in it, use it, enjoy it. As we do this we shall discover new spiritual gifts, a new way of love, and the fruit of the Spirit.

### THE NEW LANGUAGE

The new language which the Spirit has given us is not only a sign of the initial reception of the gift of the Spirit, but also of His continuing presence. It gives us a new and more adequate way to praise and adore Him, and should be used continually for this purpose. For as we continually praise God in this supernatural way, we are being constantly reminded of His supernatural presence. The Spirit-filled Christian can pray without ceasing in the Spirit and have this constant witness within himself to the reality of the Holy Spirit and of His testimony to the Living Christ. For this reason the newly Spirit-filled Christian will

immediately want to practice this new language of the Spirit until it becomes as natural as breathing. As he does, he will experience a new peace and joy in knowing the near presence of the Lord.

### THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

When we enter into the life of the Spirit, we discover certain gifts or manifestations of the Spirit. These are the Spirit's supernatural tools or equipment for Christian service. All are specific and apply to individual situations. Their use is always for a particular time and place and circumstance. Any Spirit-filled Christian can manifest any of these gifts as the Spirit directs. The Spirit gives them "to every man to profit withal."

St. Paul lists in I Cor. 12, nine gifts or manifestations of the Spirit.

(1) The **WORD OF WISDOM** is a supernaturally given revelation of God's direction and guidance for a specific situation. It tells us what God wants us to do.

(2) The **WORD OF KNOWLEDGE** is a revelation of a piece of information which cannot be known in a natural way. It is God's



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diagnosis of a problem, a sickness, or another situation.

(3) The GIFT OF FAITH is an instantaneous complete assurance of God's willingness and ability to act in a given situation. The absence of doubt which the gift brings is an essential accompaniment of the gifts of HEALING AND WORKING OF MIRACLES.

(4) GIFTS OF HEALING are special anointings of the Holy Spirit which enable us to bring God's healing power to those who are sick.

(5) The WORKING OF MIRACLES is a special momentary gift of authority which enables us to perform miracles in the Name of Jesus Christ.

(6) DISCERNING OF SPIRITS is an ability to recognize evil spirits in people or places. We must recognize or discern demons in this way before we can cast them out.

(7) The gift of PROPHECY is an anointing of the Holy Spirit to speak the words of God. It is always for our direction, upbuilding, and encouragement. Sometimes it may be for predicting future events, if God wants us to know them.

(8) The Gift of TONGUES is an obviously supernatural means of God's communication with His people. It is a message given in a language unknown to the speaker and is always used in conjunction with the gift of INTERPRETATION. The GIFT OF TONGUES is not to be confused with the use of tongues as (a) the sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, (b) a means of communication in a language known by the hearers and not by the speakers, and (c) a means of private prayer and intercession.

(9) The gift of INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES gives back in the vernacular the sense of what was said in the gift of TONGUES. These two gifts operating together are equivalent to prophecy.

The exercise of any of these gifts requires cooperation between us and the Holy Spirit. He gives the gifts as He wills. He lets people know in a variety of ways when they are to exercise one of them. For the spoken gifts He will sometimes put in our mind the first few words. In the case of healing often the hands begin to feel anointed. Or, He may simply put into our mind the idea that we are about to exercise one of the gifts.



Our part in this is obedience. He will not operate us like puppets. To exercise the spoken gifts we must open our mouths and speak out the words He gives us. To heal, work miracles, or cast out demons, we must be willing to lay on hands, speak a word of command, or do anything else He may direct us to do. It is generally best not to be too insistent on telling Him when and where we are willing to do these things. His judgment about these things is better than ours.

Any Spirit-filled person may on occasion exercise any of these nine spiritual gifts. When Spirit-filled believers meet together, the Spirit distributes these manifestations to individuals present as the need arises. But the individual believer should be sufficiently yielded to God so that when he confronts human need in his daily walk, he can exercise the necessary spiritual gifts.

Do not be alarmed if you do not immediately see all of the gifts operating in your life. God will develop these abilities in you as you are ready and as need for them arises. It is appropriate to seek these gifts through prayer, through practice, and through increasing obedience to the teaching of the Spirit.

### THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

Love, as defined in the New Testament, is not primarily an emotion, or feeling, or state of mind. It is a course of action. God loved the world which He had created. When He saw that His creatures had gone astray, HE acted. He sent His Son to manifest His love and to win the creature back to harmony with the Creator. The Son, Jesus Christ, forgave sins, healed the sick, cast out demons, and proclaimed God's kingdom. By these acts of love He restored for those who will accept His love the lost harmony within man, between man and man, nation and nation, and between man and God. Our proper response to God's love is two-fold:

- (1) To accept for ourselves these manifestations of His love - forgiveness for our sins, healing for our bodies, minds, and spirits, deliverance from all forces of evil.
- (2) To act as His agents in bringing these manifestations of His love to others. These two responses fulfill Christ's commandments of love of God and neighbor.

To manifest God's love for our fellow man we must have supernatural power. The gifts are tools for manifesting the love of God. But on the other hand, love is necessary for the proper use of the gifts. St. Paul emphasizes this in I Cor. 13 by saying that if we speak "with tongues of men and angels" and exhibit many of the other gifts, such as prophecy, word of knowledge, faith, miracles, etc., but do not use these in love (i.e., to edify or help our neighbor) our ministry is worthless. God's gifts can be used or abused. We fulfill all of God's commandments to us when using spiritual gifts to the glory of God and for the benefit of His creatures.

### THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER

The gift of the Spirit endues the member of the Body of Christ with power for service. The purpose of the Body as a whole is to manifest His love in the continuation of His ministry through preaching and through offering deliverance from sin, sickness and demon power. Each member of the Body has a particular function or ministry. These are not to be confused with the nine spiritual gifts which are specific manifestations of the Spirit. St. Paul lists the following ministries or special functions in the Body in I Cor. 12:28: apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in tongues.

All of the ministries are supernatural. Each individual's ministry is chosen for him by God (though God does consult us concerning our willingness to accept the ministry He chooses). There is no member of the Body without a ministry, for the Body of Christ must not have any useless members.

The ministries listed above do not exhaust the possibilities. St. Paul gives two other lists (in Romans 12:6-8 and Eph. 4:11-12) which, though similar, are not identical. Probably there are as many functions or variations of them as there are members of the Body.



God has a function for you. Do not attempt to decide on it yourself, and then insist on His approval. Let Him tell you, when He thinks you are ready for it. He will let you know, if you pay attention. Meanwhile, always be obedient to do the next thing He says, exercising the gifts of love. This is the preparation for your ministry. As a matter of fact, it is also the way you will fulfill your ministry.

### THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Immediately when we receive the gift of the Spirit He begins some house-cleaning in our lives. Things which used to bother us no longer do so. Fears, irritations and resentments begin to fall away. We begin to see people differently - more as God sees them.

The Spirit will also show us some more obstinate wrongs in our lives - some sins we hardly realized were there. When He does this we have two alternatives. We can put up a fight, making life miserable for both Him and us. Or we can turn these things over to Him to be removed and replaced with better things. If we choose the latter, He will continue this process with one thing at a time, just as fast as we will let Him, until we become mature persons, made over into His image.

We do not try to make ourselves over. We have already tried but have been unsuccessful all our lives. The Holy Spirit is in the sanctifying business. He is the one who can clean up our lives. All we have to do is let Him.

As we use the spiritual gifts in fulfillment of the commandment of love, certain fruit of the Spirit develops in our character. The fruit of the Spirit according to St. Paul (Gal. 5:22-24) is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. We do not produce these character traits in ourselves. They are the inevitable result of obedient exercise of the life of the Spirit. The more we use the spiritual gifts to bring Christ's healing, transforming, forgiving love to His people, the more loving we become, the more joy and peace we have in the assurance of being in His will. We become patient, gentle, and kind because we cannot be irritated with someone to whom we are bringing God's supernatural help. His patience, gentleness, and kindness work through us in the performance of these acts. Our faith grows as we see the power of God working in our lives and in the lives of others. Meekness or teachableness increases as we see the wonderful results that dependence on God produces. We become temperate because we do not want any excess to stand in the way of our performing what God wants us to do.

This sanctification is a life-long process, the end of which is that we should "all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, into a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

### A FINAL WORD OF ADVICE

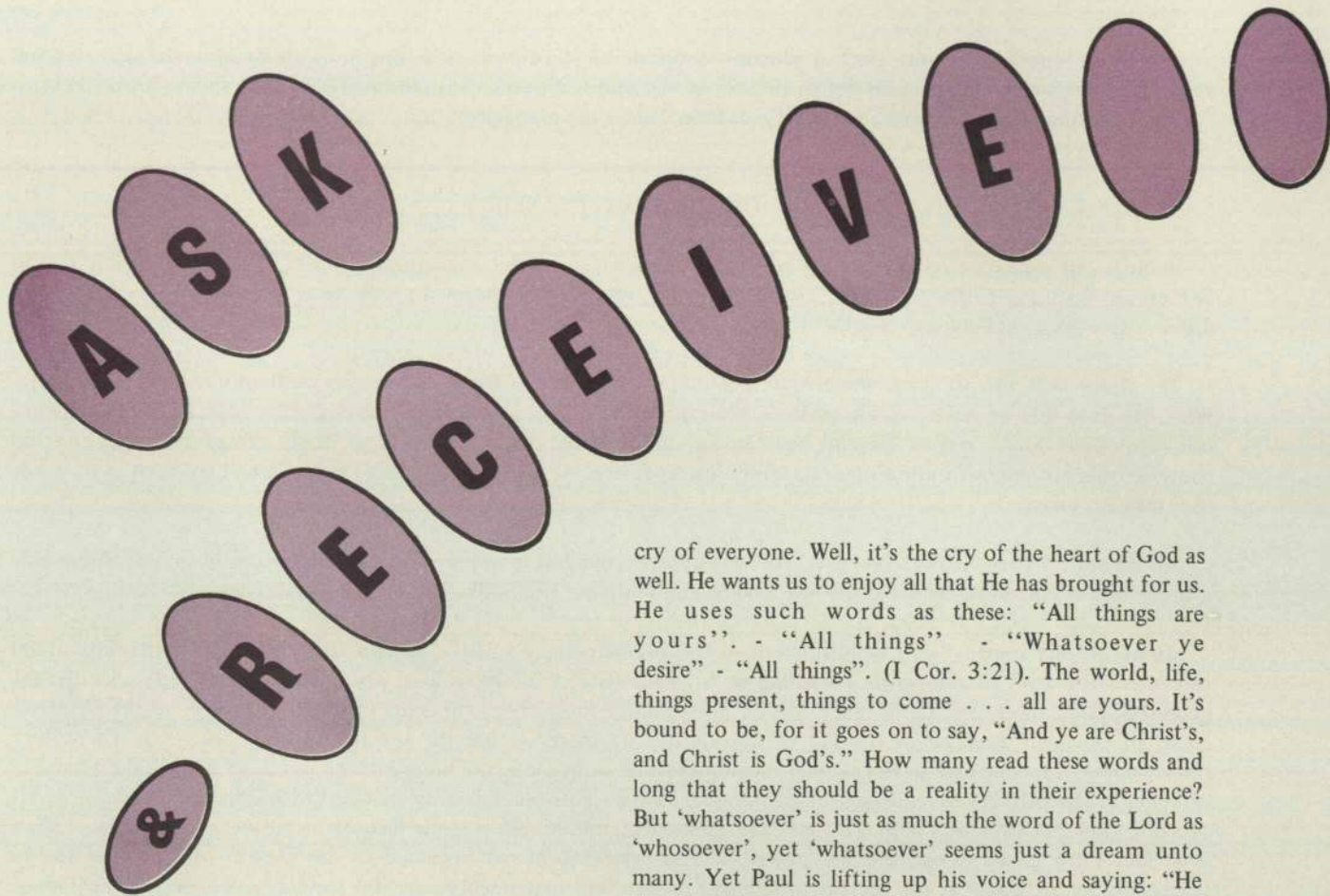
Don't think you have to get the whole job done right away. God is not the nervous, frantic type. But He gets things done much faster than your frantic efforts ever will. It is not your part to tell Him how to do things, or to prod Him into action, or above all to strike off on your own, trying to help Him out. Your part is to obey those outrageous, unlikely impulses He gives you - to let Him work His supernatural work of love. The life in the Spirit is unexpected and adventurous, sometimes extremely strenuous or even shattering, usually glorious and triumphant, always creative and satisfying.

Relax, learn to leave things to Him. Learn to obey. Do not fear His strange, supernatural ways. Adventure. Step out boldly on faith. Let Him show you the way. For His way is different from ours. But He knows better than we. He has more ability, more ingenuity. He is totally dependable, always helpful, all powerful, and completely loving.

Enter His service with reckless abandon. He will not cause you to stumble or allow you to fall. Enter into joy. Enter the constant rejoicing of His service. Praise and thank Him without ceasing, in the language He gives you. Serve Him as He empowers you. Yield to His purifying, transforming love. Grow in the Spirit from one degree of glory to another, until in His mercy we grow into the stature of the fulness of Christ. ● ●

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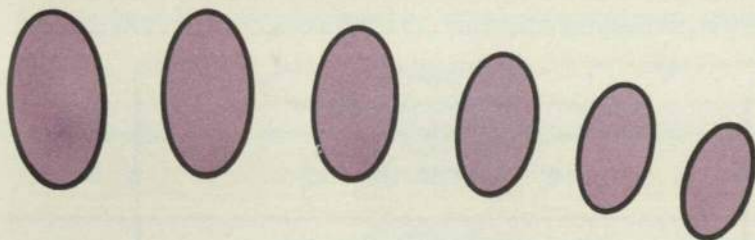
NEITHER WAS THERE ANY AMONG THEM THAT LACKED - Acts 4:34

" . . . I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24). "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23). With men it is impossible, but with GOD all things are possible.

What sweeping words: "what things soever ye desire," "all things," "all things are possible." It's the same word whosoever shall call. How we praise the Lord for the word "whosoever," and we say "Yes, Lord," that means me. I accept it, I am saved! We rest our souls for time and eternity on it, and go away rejoicing. Yet our Father meant the same with the words "what things soever". He loves us so much that He desires that we should be, or are, blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. It is His will that we should lack nothing. No good thing will He withhold from him that walketh uprightly. His heart yearns to bless us, the Lord has put it in such a wonderful way: "I wish that ye prosper and be in health, as your soul prospers." (3 John 2). Who doesn't want to prosper and be healthy? It's the

cry of everyone. Well, it's the cry of the heart of God as well. He wants us to enjoy all that He has brought for us. He uses such words as these: "All things are yours". - "All things" - "Whatsoever ye desire" - "All things". (I Cor. 3:21). The world, life, things present, things to come . . . all are yours. It's bound to be, for it goes on to say, "And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." How many read these words and long that they should be a reality in their experience? But 'whatsoever' is just as much the word of the Lord as 'whosoever', yet 'whatsoever' seems just a dream unto many. Yet Paul is lifting up his voice and saying: "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?" (Ro. 8:32). Freely, without restraint, give us, yes all of us (no favourites). "Ask," said Jesus, "that your joy shall be full." "Ask that the Father may be glorified." He wants us to be full of joy. "For the joy of the Lord is our strength." He wants us to be strong children, "strong in the Lord". So we must receive in order to be strong. He wants us to be as He is in this world, to have an "as it is in heaven" experience down here in our earth walk - - to be pleasing to the Father. Well, asking and receiving is pleasing to Him, without asking and receiving or as Heb. 11:6 puts it: "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." So if we are not continually receiving we are not pleasing Him, or as Jesus said in John 14:13: "Ask and receive that the Father may be glorified." How many children of God are living in poverty street, when all the time our Father is longing to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or even think? Jesus said ask, that is all - He didn't say beg, fast, plead - just plain ask, for Jesus longs that the Father shall be glorified. I can hear someone saying: "I have asked and have not received, asked many times." James says: "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." You know deep down in your heart the motive of asking: listen to what Jesus said: "Ask and receive that the Father shall be glorified." It says 'ask', and note it





says 'and receive'. The Father receives first, that must always be. Glory to God in the highest, first, then peace on earth, and now I am blessed as God is being glorified. I am receiving and He is receiving, receiving blessing as He is receiving glory.

Receive, how wonderful! To have our heart's desire, hear Him say: "Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Give. Receive. God loves to give and loves us to receive, so eager for us to receive that Jesus says: "Every one that asketh receiveth" - - no wasting time, no long delay. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, faith is substance, something substantial. Faith is the only means or avenue through which one receives anything from God. Faith believes a thing is done before it is seen. Faith keeps its eye on the Word which cannot fail, and says it is done. Faith rests in His love, realizing that the Father is keeping His eye on the Word to perform it; then if Faith keeps its eye on the Word, and God keeps His eye on it, too, to perform it, then we can praise Him while He is working on our behalf.

Abraham believed God and was willing to go out not knowing where, willing to move or rely on the bare Word of God. You will notice Abraham had to move a step at a time, first from his Father's house, how easy it is to listen to the voice of our own, to those around us. Abraham had to come out and obey the revelation of God, which was complete obedience to the revealed will of God, to put complete trust or confidence in the Word of God alone, that which was spoken He was able to perform, able to make it good, able to make it an actual fact in the experience of Abraham. He spoke of the things that are not, as though they were; he would not be daunted by what his eyes saw or what his ears heard, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. He kept his eyes on the Word, had his mind full of what God had promised. Abraham did not move very far as long as he was influenced by others. It says - they moved as far as Haran and dwelt there, until Terah died, dwelt on the border of the wilderness where he would have no one to cling to but God and His Word, where he could only live by faith, when the natural voice became silent he moved on in the supernatural, moved on at the command of God until another natural voice, namely Lot, was removed, then God said: "Look North, South, East, West, it is all yours, all I have given you, all the well-watered plains, all the high ground, all the low ground - -all things, all things are yours. Observe the stars, that's how your family will be, they will need all

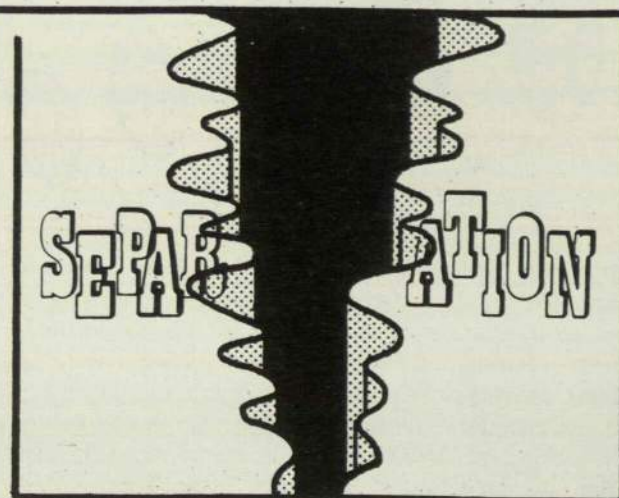
things to satisfy them." And Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness, or right standing before God, and being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb: he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able also to perform. Abraham is the Father of the faithful, showing us how we should live naturally in our everyday walk, walking in bare faith on the Word of God, doing what God says, even if we do not understand it - saying yes to the Word of God, believing that God is faithful, that faith is doing what the Word says, for the Word is God talking to us, telling us just what to do. It says: "Abide or continue, abide in me and my Words abide in you and ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Abide as the branch to the vine; joined; one; one life, one desire, one purpose to bear fruit, abiding in the vine, seeing as He sees, talking as He talks, or letting His Words abide in us every day, all the day, when things look right, when things look wrong, His Word never changes. So when it says: "Everyone that asketh receiveth" (and Jesus who said the words said also that they were spirit and life), whatever happens after we have claimed the promise, if we let the Word abide in us - despite our feelings or what things look like - Jesus said we have received.

We can either believe what the carnal mind says - or what our feelings say, or what things look like, or what Jesus who is the truth says. Well, let's manifest our love to Him by believing Him and glorifying the Father; believe that He is working in us to will and to do His good pleasure.

Perhaps there may be that lack of confidence in receiving. John speaks to us lovingly: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not then have we confidence toward God." No root of bitterness, nothing that is breaking our communion with God, or our Brother, nothing that brings one into a state of condemnation, but a heart that is full of confidence toward God. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us, And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." If we know that He heareth us we know that we have the petition. What confidence we should have knowing that God hears us - that is all, Jesus said: "I know that you hear me always," because He always asked according to the Father's Will, if we ask anything according to His Will He heareth us. Healing, prosperity, "I will or wish that ye prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers." Our Father wills that we walk as He walked, by knowing that He hears, knowing that, just plain knowing, just knowing that He hears - then with confidence we can say that we have the thing we desired of Him, or as Jesus said in Mark 11:24: "When ye pray, believe that ye



receive." When ye pray, at the very moment we pray, that is the time we receive. Mark says: "When ye pray ye receive." John says: "If we know that He heareth us, we receive." Jesus said: "Everyone that asketh receiveth." What confidence we should have, just know, ask, receive. He longs that we should have the desires of our heart, that we should be full of joy by receiving. The just shall live by faith - live by asking and receiving. Faith that can be seen. Jesus said: "When He saw their faith, He was moved." He gave the command. "Arise, have the faith of God," said Jesus. Faith that is always victorious. "Unto every one of us is given the measure of faith." Faith to receive everything we need. Faith which cometh by hearing the Word of God. God has given to us the measure of faith. Faith given to us to use - faith which grows by hearing and doing the Word of God. Faith to receive the exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the devine nature. How few realize that faith is just drawing on His divine nature - moment by moment - just what we need, the channel through which His life flows, through which our need is met, asking, receiving, just letting Him meet our need through the avenue He has provided - namely faith. He will supply our every need whether spiritual or natural, through the one avenue faith, so, without faith, says God, it is impossible to please Him. Our Father wants to bless us, wants us to enjoy life more abundant, life to the full. Can you thank God for hearing your prayers before you see or feel anything, or say, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me"? Faith never waits to see the answer, but believes regardless of feelings or state; faith deals or walks in the invisible. The Fathers of Israel never entered into the Promised Land because of unbelief - never enjoyed what God had provided for them because of unbelief. God was angry with them, because they would not believe Him. "They limited the Holy One of Israel." "Let us fear," says the Word, "lest there be in us that same evil heart of unbelief," that same sin of leaning on our own understanding, when all the time God says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways." But the ways of the Lord are right. His way is LIFE. Jesus said, "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." Our believing limits God. GOD moves within the realm of our believing. "He could not do many mighty works BECAUSE of unbelief." When we are believing, GOD moves for us, when we are believing the way is made clear for God's power to flow through us. God's healing power, God's delivering power. God is enabled to bless us as He wants to, to meet our every need. Let not fear grip our hearts, all things are possible. "Is there anything too hard for me?" saith the Lord. Can we conceive of anything being too hard for God? Stagger not at the promise of God through unbelief - but be strong in faith giving glory to God. "ASK, and receive," said Jesus. "Ask, receive that your joy may be full. Ask and receive that the Father may be glorified." ● ●



TESTIMONY by Flo Dodge

I KNOW . . . . IT HAPPENED TO ME!

I know how Elisha felt when God was trying to separate him from Elijah. It happened to me. The Lord will show us His intent by situations and circumstances - just as He showed Elisha.

II Kings 2:1

" . . . When the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And Elijah said unto Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel." And Elisha said . . . "No, I don't want to leave you."\*

When they arrived in Bethel, the folks came to Elisha and said, "Do you know that you are going to lose your spiritual father?"\*

Elisha responded, "Yes, I KNOW it. Never you mind . . this is my business."\*

Then Elijah was to go to Jericho and suggested Elisha not go: Elisha said, "I am not going to leave you."\*

When they arrived in Jericho the sons of the prophets told Elisha the very same thing . . "Do you know that the Lord is going to take away your head today?"\*

Elisha must have been irritated as he responded, "I know. Hold your peace."\*

In verse 6, the third time, Elijah asked Elisha



to stay because God was sending him to Jordan. For the third time Elisha said, "No".\*

By now 50 men had gathered to see what was to happen. Elijah performed his last great miracle, smiting the waters enabling them to walk over on dry ground.

Elijah, knowing the relationship was coming to an end, turned with finality and asked Elisha, "What can I do for you before I AM TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU?"\*

Elisha, in fear and trepidation - not knowing God - or not knowing what He had in store for him . . . asked for a "double portion of thy spirit."

In verse 11, God sent a chariot of fire and SEPARATED THEM.

Verse 12, Elisha calls out "MY FATHER! MY FATHER!" "And he took his own clothes and tore them in pieces."\*

Was he crying out to God? "My Father! My Father!" Such anguish in his soul. Or was he crying out to the one who had held him up . . . Elijah?

I know what Elisha experienced. It happened to me.

Jeremiah 3:15 is a promise of "spiritual shepherds". The Lord met the need in my life by sending me a "spiritual mother" . . . one who prayed me out of the depths of despair, interpreted spiritual things, opened up the Word of God to my understanding, and prayed for me to be filled with His Holy Spirit.

It was easy to call her when I needed help. I enjoyed exploring the Word of God. After all, there is nothing wrong with this . . . this was the Lord's business. It was easier to get the Mind of the Lord when I was in conversation with her, than to spend the time alone seeking Him.

But, somewhere along the line, I became too dependent upon her. She tried to wean me by not giving me answers, by not confirming my impressions, by responding with a question. For example: I would ask a question and she would respond by asking me, "What is the Lord telling you?" And, then she would say, "Whatever He tells you to do, do it." "But He hasn't told me", I responded. "He will", she answered patiently.

It wasn't long before the Lord made plans to move her out of the city into full time Christian work. When the news first reached my ears in the prayer fellowship,

everything in me responded with a "NO" I cried in front of everyone.

The umbilical cord was being severed.

Now this is what I want to share with you. The night before she was to leave town I called suggesting I drive across the city to say goodbye to her. She responded with, "Whatever the Lord leads", and did not express any interest in seeing me.

I said I was willing to stay home but I felt sure the Lord wanted me to go to her home. So we had a prayer of agreement that He would show me.

As I was dressing, the 'still small voice' said, "You are not to go." I was shocked. I stopped in my tracks. "Lord, that couldn't be you. Of course you would want to to say goodbye to my friend." A pause. Then, a fleece. "Lord if this is you, give me a scripture to confirm." Very clearly the Lord responded, putting the scripture reference in my mind. I looked it up and what do you think it said?

" . . . they are going on a long trip and need their rest . . . "

I sat on the edge of the bed and tears welled up and soon overflowed. I was deeply hurt. I picked up the phone to call my friend, "Kathryn, the Lord said I wasn't to go . . . " And, I am crying. There is a silence on the other end of the phone. Then a giggle. My response was anguish. How could she be laughing. "I'm sorry," she said, "Forgive me for laughing, but this is an answer to prayer. It's so wonderful." "What do you mean?" the hurt was in my voice.

"Flo, don't you see? You don't need ME anymore! The Lord is showing you that He can lead you by His Word!" she joyfully exclaimed. Pause. The realization that God KNEW His Word came over me. "You mean, He KNOWS the Word! And He is able to get thru to me!" I responded as the light dawned on me. Such a breakthrough in my spirit. Such a relief. Such a peace came over my being. I was laughing and crying and praising God . . . all at the same time.

It was a joyful goodbye to my friend Kathryn. As I look back on it now that was the beginning . . . I was to take my first steps leaning on Him. I am grateful for the "spiritual shepherds" He sends when we need them but it was never His intent that they become our HEAD . . . and take His rightful place!

God will intervene and separate us from our spiritual parents in order that we might come into our rightful place in Him . . . for it is His plan to perfect the saints . . . "to come into the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ".

I KNOW . . . IT HAPPENED TO ME! ● ●

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## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS



By Bob Feller

Reverend Don Basham ministered to the people of New Zealand in June of this year.

Here is the text of a letter received by the Holy Spirit Teaching Mission recently from the Reverend Al Furey, Pastor of Liberty Tabernacle, Manurewa, New Zealand:

"During the month of June, 1970, New Zealand was privileged to have a visit from Reverend Don Basham of the United States, author of the best selling book, "Face up With a Miracle".

"Mr. Basham came to New Zealand at the invitation of Liberty Tabernacle, Manurewa, which is the center of the large South Auckland area. What a great thrill it was for those who were present in his meetings to see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit night after night. There was not a single night meeting at which Mr. Basham ministered that people did not receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the gift of other tongues being evidenced.

"Reverend Basham visited five New Zealand cities in his two week stay. They were Manurewa, Palmerston-North, Wellington, the capitol city; Nelson and Christchurch. It is estimated that between 450 and 500 people received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in these meetings. Also, a great number of people came into tremendous freedom as he ministered on deliverance from occultism and the Bible standard for freedom from evil spirits. We give praise unto God for what He did through Mr. Basham's ministry.

"The people in New Zealand were inspired by the simple way Biblical truths were presented night after night, finding it very easy to understand and receive what God had for them. They also responded to the qualities of honesty, faith and love everywhere Rev. Basham spoke. The meetings were attended by both young and old. People of all classes and creeds received help from the Lord. Denominational barriers were broken down and the unity of the faith was a wonder to behold.

"We in New Zealand await the return of Rev. Basham with eager anticipation. We have seen what God can do in the lives of those that will become involved in this Charismatic outpouring."



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IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME, O MOST HIGH: TO SHOW FORTH THY LOVINGKINDNESS IN THE MORNING, AND THY FAITHFULNESS EVERY NIGHT. Psalm 92:1,2.