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## **Module 4**

### **Stage 10 - Receiving and Enjoying the Lord's Heavenly Authority**

#### **Preamble**

These studies are presented in a progressive study order and are suitable for bible study in the church, bible school, believing groups and home-centred outreach. The modules may also be grouped and used for topical studies and seminars. We are trusting God to inspire His people everywhere to use these modular studies for themselves and to help others to use them in seeking and finding Jesus Christ as Lord of their own lives.

### **Working with your leaders**

## **Stage 10 - Receiving and enjoying the Lord's Heavenly Authority**

### **1. Continue in the Holy Spirit teaching you to receive 1 John 2:27**

Once a person has responded to the initial preaching message, he/she is to continue to be taught. How can a person learn who does not have teachers? Jesus said that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, would come to be with us.

*John 16:13-14 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*

#### **Continue in the exhortation teaching you receive**

If this were the only way that we learn then Jesus would not have commanded His followers to also teach. Some believe that the teachings were given by the followers of Jesus only continues up to the time that the Holy Spirit comes, but this is not so, for there is another command, that adds a greater dimension to this idea of teaching one other.

*Hebrews 10:23-25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Let us consider one another to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching."*

This applies to all believers, who wait for the return of their Lord; whether we see the assembling of ourselves together as a small or a large unit. When a family comes to repentance and decides to continue as a family unit, serving God together or are added to other family units, depends on the exclusivity of the ideas that have been brought to us in the preaching or teaching message. Those who class themselves as independents will cause others to do the same things and those who class themselves as a church will, in their turn, help others to do the same thing as well.

Independents are people who have itinerant ministries and are not those who separate themselves because they think they are better than other people.

#### **Continue in the love you receive**

The final thing that counts is the abounding love of one believer for each other as believers, by us getting to know Jesus as Lord better and through our mutual increasing faith.

*2 Thessalonians 1:3 "... your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other."*

Those who stand alone are rebels against what Jesus taught, namely a gathering together of those who have like precious faith. They expect others to follow a similar example to that which they have set for themselves and end subverting them from continued church attendance. Jesus is the Head of His church and even if we are individual members in the one body of believers, we nevertheless meet with each other as an assembly of believers.

Loners are very troublesome to other believers and often expound teachings that hinge on one favourite idea or another, but which do not comply with the main teachings of a church of assembled believers.

It is possible that a church attendee can have one or two ideas that are different from the main teachings of the church, but are usually tolerant of what others believe differently in their favourite pet topics. This is especially true of the interpretation of prophecies of the end times revealed in the Book of Revelation.

These pet theories do not interfere with fellowshiping with the other believers. If they do, the leader of the assembly will approach them and ask them to change their views or leave the church.

### **Separation, division or joining**

The difference between separation and division is simply one of attitudinal outlook. The divisional outlook will continue to seek division from the main body of believers, usually based on doctrine and conduct, whilst the separateness outlook will seek to be separate to expand their particular believing aspects of what they receive as truth. They spend their time researching to understand what the Bible teaches on any favourite subject. There is a third attitudinal outlook called general fellowship outlook. This promotes general fellowship based on aspects that allow for joining together in fellowship and/or worship, and these believers, throughout the believing world, have a much broader outlook towards the whole body of the believers in Jesus and what is being taught by the leaders of the assembly.

One of the favourite topics of these people who differ greatly from the others is the matter of definition of church. The New Testament refers to the assembly of believers, for they met in groups in larger halls than their houses, but it also talks about the church at Corinth ... or elsewhere. The Greek word for church is '*ekklesia*', which translates as, '*the assembly of believers*.'

Another favourite topic is the pronouncement formula over water baptised converts. The New Testament gives three forms, but they all mean the same thing and do not imply any differences.

'Be baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit' is the usual formula applied, but a variant formula is 'In the name of Jesus Christ.' A third formula is 'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.' They all serve the one and same purpose, namely, to introduce the convert into the Kingdom of God through water baptism.

Another matter that seems to create contention is baptising them once under the water or three times. Some churches believe that since baptism symbolises death, then body and soul and spirit should be declared dead by a three times baptism under the water.



Others contend, that a person dies once and not three times, and when he/she dies, the body, soul and spirit are included in the death experience. Jesus has said to me, concerning this matter, “some believers want to make sure that the whole person, consisting of body, soul and spirit are dead through this symbolic act. They are both permissible and the believer can make his/her own choice for their baptism, as long as they all die to the world and adhere to and follow Jesus Christ as Lord of all.”

However, taking one stand as opposed to another will bring its own peculiar set of problems.

- Those who join a group feel separate from those who do not join.
- Those who divide, divide from those who do not divide.
- Those who separate, separate from those who do not separate.

This programme will not foster any of these three outlooks but will promote rather the unity of believers under the common ground of Christ Jesus as Lord. Let it simply be stated now that only the true love that the Lord Jesus has for all of His creation can embrace all these three aspects, without schisms and only those who are prepared to love in this way will be able to do just this. The Holy Spirit has a way for this to happen in the heart of each believer who will have it so.

### **Hearing His voice?**

*Hebrews 2:1-4 “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.”*

All teaching throughout the world is done by talking, reading or showing visuals. These three methods used in teaching have one thing in common - they transfer the message across to those being taught to be of useful benefit. The first method uses hearing and the second and third use sight. These three forms of teaching are known and accepted throughout the world and are also used by God, the Father, to promote Himself and that which belongs to His domain.

### **Teaching for growth**

How much we learn by hearing and seeing is exactly in proportion to the value imparted by using either of these methods, either singly or in combination. Teachings given to us by our teachers, together with our God-given ability to grasp what is being taught, help us to grow in knowledge, understanding and ability, provided we use what we learn. God is also a teacher, so is Jesus and the Holy Spirit. His followers are therefore also able to instruct in the very same way that they receive heavenly instruction: for we all indeed learn by application, example and personal experience.

All correct spiritual teaching is useful for growth, but the growth that is experienced is in direct relation to the relevance and application of the input of that teaching. All knowledge does not necessarily lead to fruitful actions, but all fruitful actions must of necessity be based on the right type of teaching of knowledge.

### **Teaching is used to convey, impart and inspire**

This programme uses teaching as its basis for conveyance and impartation to encourage

your subsequent implementation through understanding, inspiration and motivation. Take time to study these different lessons as presented in each section. Together they make up the whole teaching that is wholesome and helpful, worthy to be accepted. These are all part of our lives and have been for many years, so they are tried, tested and will be productive, with God's help through the Holy Spirit, to bring you closer to Jesus in a more personal way than ever before.

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## **2. Impartation - Holy Spirit baptism Acts 2:3**

### **The Holy Spirit Baptism**

We now come to the particular form of gifts that come to a believer, who believes in Jesus, but especially to those who have been baptised with the Holy Spirit. This baptism is mentioned in the New Testament Scriptures and is not to be confused with water baptism, which is something quite different. The Holy Spirit was promised to His apostles and, as Jesus had stated, would come down from heaven sent by the Father.

### **Water baptism**

This word 'baptism' means to be immersed, as something that is placed under a liquid, such as when a garment is dyed - the whole garment must be immersed otherwise the dye will not be able to penetrate and colour the whole surface of the garment. Fully dipped and fully immersed under the water; this is what water baptism is. Without going into the meaning of what this all entails now, for it is explained elsewhere in one of the sections, it is very important to know that full immersion is meant. Baptism is full immersion, and a believer can be either fully immersed in water, accomplished by man, or fully immersed in the Holy Spirit, accomplished by God.

In both instances, God is the one who effects the power and efficacy of the baptisms.

### **Holy Spirit Baptism**

This means that a believer becomes fully immersed in the Holy Spirit of God that comes over him or her, baptising them with and in the Holy Spirit, as if it has been poured out over the person and drenching that person fully, outwardly and inwardly. Another name for this is the anointing, as when a person pours a bottle of oil over someone and immerses that person in oil or anoints them with the oil, covering either a part of the whole portion of that section of the person's body that is being anointed.

There are two ways of being baptised in the Holy Spirit; both are of the same origin, God, but with different results.

- The Anointing comes over a person.

This is likened to rain coming down and over the person causing a full drenching of the outside of the person. Samson's anointing was of this type. The power came over him and gave him supernatural strength.

- The Anointing comes over and into a person.

This is likened to rain coming down over the person, causing a full drenching of the outside of the person, but also going into the person's mouth and filling that person fully inside. The result of this baptism is the speaking of other tongues.

To use a simple illustration, when rain falls it runs over the earth and fills any cracks and crevices, through gravity, but a well is filled from the bottom up brimming up, through pressure, to the top and over, running in all directions. The one only covers the earth but the other one comes up from within the earth and spills over.

Whichever one is at work, it does the same thing, it waters and saturates the earth, to facilitate the growth of plants and feed man and beast. The one however only covers the earth at the time of raining whilst the other can cover the earth at any time, as long as the water is collecting and brimming up and over. An empty well cannot overflow, and the waters will stop running, even as rain will stop running when it stops raining.

Spiritually speaking we need the rain to fill the wells and we need the filled wells to brim over, even when it is not raining. People, especially believers, can experience the same things through these two types of baptisms. The first one is called infilling and the second one is called refilling. Why? Well, the spiritual rain is the source of the spiritual water and the spiritual well is the secondary source of spiritual water. The rains come down and then the wells will overflow for the wells cannot come up and bring the rains down - can they? Infilling occurs at the time of the rain and the wells can then become refilled. The wells however can store up, through underground reservoirs, a great deal of water.

### **Rain and wells - The difference according to the Scriptures**

- The outward anointing or the anointing that comes into a person.

*Isaiah 61:1-2 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, ..."*

*Isaiah 32:15 "Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest."*

Here we have a type of rain coming down in the form of the Spirit. The work of the Spirit is to bring forth fruitfulness and increase the fruitfulness greatly. It is also called anointing. In both cases, attention is drawn to the fact that the Spirit comes down on people or, in other words, the anointing comes down on people. Now the Spirit can come down over a person in a great measure producing startling results. Speaking of Samson, the Scripture says:

*Judges 13:25 "And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him ..."*

*Judges 14:5-6 "So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. ..."*

There are many examples of this principle in Scripture, but it may be worthwhile just to study the story of Samson in this respect.

- **The inward anointing or the anointing that wells up within a person**

Jesus spoke of this inner anointing or inward anointing.

*John 7:37-8 "... Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"*

*John 4:13-14 "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.'"*

### **The Holy Spirit Baptism**

The difference between the two anointings is now plain, but what about the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Well, the anointing can be likened to smaller touches, but the infilling can be

likened to drinking yourself fully, whilst the refilling is likened to us topping up a thirst from time to time. The anointing can come in and go out freely but when it stays either on you or within you, permanently, it is then known as the baptism of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the speaking of other tongues.

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### **3. Revival Hosea 14:7**

Revival is accomplished by the Holy Spirit extending to men, women and children, God's unchangeable truths concerning Jesus Christ in outreaching revival fires (judgmental and cleansing), revival winds (refreshing and scattering) and revival rains (refreshing and renewal).

- The fire destroys old growth, making way for new beginnings and new life.
- The wind scatters the fires and rains, extending cleansing and sowing.
- The rain puts out the fires, removing the hazards of the spreading fire, bringing renewal, new life and restoration.

For true revival to start, continue and expand there has to be a continually expanding circle of all three processes in combination. This will be true of the end-time revival that God is already bringing forth by establishment and expansion through the outreach of the true gospel of Jesus and ongoing growth.

#### **There are four types of revival that are being manifested in these awesome times**

- The revival of individual persons  
Individuals who hear the truth and embrace it with all their heart, despite all opposition.
- A revival of personal families  
Personal family members who receive saving grace and start praying for their families to receive the Lord and become believers.
- The revival of the pastoral family  
The family of pastors who is reaching out for the revival experience within their own and other churches, expecting mutual co-operation and respect for each other's ministries.
- The revival of the church family (whether in groups, assemblies or cells).  
Church members desire more than doctrinal teachings, seeking all-embracing truths, providing real solutions for their own life's situations. There are church family revivals that will bless each local participating group with its type of revival.

#### **Four understandings of revival truth**

God, the Father, is the Architect of the end-time revival. Jesus Christ as Lord, the Son of the Father, is the Main Theme and the Holy Spirit, the Helper of both the Father and Son, is the Accomplisher of revival through revival manifestation.

There are four main ways of understanding revival truth. The first two are:

- His word of the truth  
This means that God makes promises to mankind and will keep His promises for these promises are true.
- The word of His word  
The literal and spiritual meaning of His word explaining itself and His meaning to all through interpretation and/or fulfilment.

The second two are:

- The truth of His Word

The perfect veracity of His word that He has spoken in context with the current time, events or seasons.

- The truth of His truth

The complete veracity of His truth that His spoken Word has in context with the current time, events or seasons.

### **The four stages of revival extension and growth**

- The message goes out

The truth remains the truth no matter what arises against it; truth cannot be changed by either man or circumstance.

- The invitation is extended

This truth is extended to all who will receive it using a personal invitation.

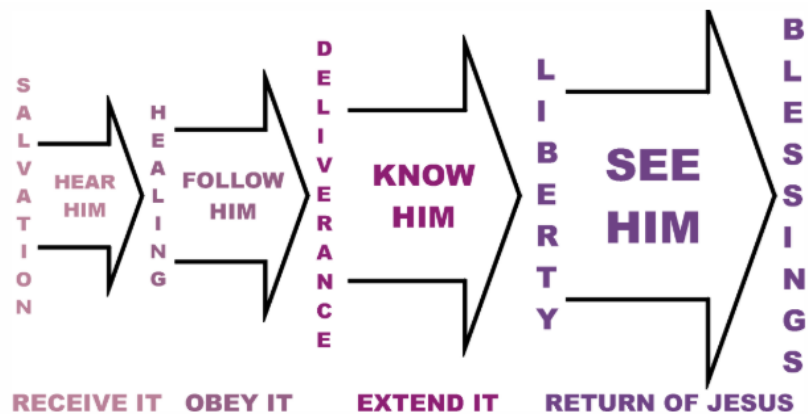
- Receiving the invitation

Those who receive it need to value it enough to use it for themselves.

- Extending the invitation to others

These then desire to pass it on to others, some of whom will also receive it for themselves.

Revival has to be realistic and must relate to one's own experience. This will ensure its continued existence in each person's life.



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#### **4. Revival in church-affiliated groups Isaiah 57:15**

The idea of a revival within assembled groups as well as on the outsiders of these groups is a universal theme, and these two streams need to reconsider their contrary stand if they are found to be acting in opposition to each other in these end times. The fallacy of trying to break down denominationalism (which is nothing other than churches, ministries and groups with official names) will be seen by all those who are standing for God's universal work within the scope of revival. The five great camps which are currently in the world today, namely, the Pentecostal movement, the Charismatic movement, the Evangelical movement, the Messianic movement and the mainline church movement, will have to either affiliate with each other on forums, conference grounds or in bi-lateral mutual agreements or stand separate from each other, working independently.

#### **Which revival in which group?**

What we call Pentecostalism in one country may be considered as Charismatic in another country and vice versa. This applies equally to the evangelicals, for many evangelicals are embracing the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are using the Holy Spirit gifts.

#### **Revival in God's grouping**

There are five different forms of revival, and each is based on a measure of God's grace towards mankind:

- The personal revival

Each book, course or seminar offered within the Gospel scene can be a tool used in revival. The authorship of the Scriptures in God, in Christ or the Holy Spirit, has started a mini-revival of readers, believers and responders. The success of each type of written word depends on God's blessings, but it is a revival, whether small or great. Are you an author wanting to extend God's will? Pray for your revival in the Gospel, to follow revival wherever it goes, or rather, wherever God sends it.

- The family revival

- Families are greatly troubled in these times. Each family can be revived. The family revival involves the natural and spiritual members of the family and includes both sides of the family, the husband's side and the side of the wife. The children are under siege, due to the tremendous demands made upon them at school and home if both parents are working or divorced.
- The good news is that one true believer in a family ignites the other members of that family. Pray for your family to be revived, but start with yourself. Ask God to do it for you first and then to begin dealing with each member of the family. It does not matter if they are backsliders, atheists, agnostics, sceptics, unbelievers or ungodly. God can touch them all and Jesus can save them all. You, however, have a part to play, but without your earnest and consistent, pressing prayers in this particular direction, it may never happen. The family needs true friendship and the exemplary love of Jesus. As you present these to them and pray for them, God will start to move amongst them. After all, Jesus died for the whole world, didn't He? Why then not your particular families, whether in the church already or still outside in the world?

- The group revival

Each believing group that functions as a revival group, whether a denomination or otherwise, falls into this category. If two groups or more, standing together within their



sphere, all agree to the same teachings, even though there may be small differences, they are to be recognised as belonging to one group. Should two groups, on the other hand, disagree about basic teachings, but can yet agree to:

- stand together as one under one banner
- join as one but under two banners
- walk parallel to each other under their separate banners
- walk parallel to each other under one great banner,

they will fall under this group category, whether they be named or unnamed.

- The city revival

The city revival comes about when all the various forms of revival begin to believe and work together for one great revival, even though the smaller ones are individually joined or running parallel with the main, greater, revival. It is something like dyed streams that flow through different coloured tributaries into one main larger stream, eventually becoming fused into a mixture of colours, with streaks of the original colours showing up from time to time. The mixed colours will, under God's working, all merge into one whole, but different, colour, with no original individual colour separation, showing.

- The revival of providing for the poor of the world who are always with us

- Each revival has its supporters and these people who are called by God into those areas of revival throughout the world are standing together and believing together.
- It is for you to decide which one you are going to stand with, but your decision comes from God and goes around those areas that you are prepared to support in your walk and faith life.
- As God opens your heart to His way and you respond, you will become spiritually enlarged and fulfilled.
- It is possible to walk in all five forms of revival, provided you are prepared to adjust your ideas to God's ideas and your ways to God's ways. Submission to Christ and His Spirit is the answer to this fusion in revival.
- Whether you believe only in God or in Jesus Christ or even both, or whether you believe in the Holy Spirit, these forms of revival, once you are aware of them, will help you to direct your prayer life towards their fulfilment, helping them to become a reality within yourself, extending greater possibilities of fruitfulness towards others and results in the saving of countless souls.

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## 5. His glory John 17:1, 5

### Glory belongs to God

The heavenly authority of Jesus Christ as Lord

- The promised heavenly seed that would come to destroy the serpent and his brood are scripturally identified as being Jesus Christ.
- He shall be called Emmanuel, which means God with us.
- He will be called the son of the Highest.
- The kingdom will be given to Him whose right it is.
- His shoulder shall be the government and authority.
- The way shall be opened up before Him.
- The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him to set free the captives and bind up the brokenhearted.
- All judgment has been given to the Son.
- He will draw all men to Himself.

### What was given to Jesus Christ?

The authority of Jesus Christ as High Priest over His Church:

- Jesus is the Head of God's creation, His church.
- His life is manifested through His bodily church.
- His body is the risen church.
- His home is His church.
- His church is heavenly, yet our home on earth.
- His glory is the brethren in His church building, the assembly.
- His church is His bride who will be revealed as such.
- His church is His home.
- His home is in us and we are at home in Him.

### Ascribing the glory to God

Revival glory:

- God is love
- God lives
- God comes down
- God with us
- God lives here
- God is working
- God is transforming lives
- Us with God
- We are working with God

In Jesus, who is in God, we are also in God with Him. *John chapter 17* explains this beautifully.

### The eternal rest

It was passed on to His disciples by Jesus:

- they pass it on to others.

The God of our fellowship

- The fellowship of the Godhead.
- The simplicity that is in Christ Jesus.
- The renewing hope of the Holy Spirit.
- The glory of God in the believer's glory.
- The peace that passes understanding.
- The Godly communion of holy saints.
- The joy that Jesus gives us.
- The glory of the believer, sharing in the glory of Jesus given to Him by the Father.

### **Speaking of His glory**

He is the Word of God made flesh, manifested in glory, received up into heaven, waiting for his enemies to be made His footstool:

- He is the greatest Son among many sons.
- An obedient Son in His Father's house.
- He is the appointed way for all to come to the Father.
- He has been called by name and given a name above all other names.
- He is exalted to the right hand of God, His Father in heaven and is the appointed Heir of all things.
- All power and authority are given in heaven and on earth to our risen Lord by our Heavenly Father.
- He is the God-appointed Judge of all mankind.
- He is the beloved Son of the Father.
- His life is the light of the world.

### **Heavenly treasure in earthen vessels**

The riches of God by Christ Jesus:

- Christ in us the hope of glory.
- Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.
- The Son is in the Father, The Father in us and we are in Him.
- How shall He not then freely give us all things?
- We have been given this heavenly treasure in earthen vessels.
- The excellency of the power is of God and not of ourselves.
- We have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness.
- Who can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus?
- He has given His glory to us, as sharing this with Him.
- Without Him, we can do nothing.

### **The great commission**

It was passed on to the whole world:

- God as the witness ordained it so.
- It was commanded by Jesus for the whole world to do.
- It was God's way, through Christ Jesus, that gave salvation to every creature.
- It will continue to the end of the world.
- It was proclaimed to be the everlasting gospel.
- It was opened employing the law of Christ through Jesus, as the ordained Lord of all, and extended by His prophets and apostles to all who will receive it.
- It is the power of God for salvation.

- We will be judged by the gospel that we have heard if we reject it.
- The gospel is the message that concerns the name of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

### **It is part of our inheritance**

The family authority in Christ:

- All-natural and spiritual families are bound together, in Him.
- In whom all the families in heaven and earth are named.
- He will save men and women out of every kindred, tribe, family, tongue and nation.
- Heirs together in the grace of Christ.
- The initiator of the new birth of each heavenly family member.
- He is not ashamed to call them brethren amid the congregation.
- In Christ, all who receive Jesus and believe in Him, have been made new creatures.
- In Him shall all families of the earth be blessed.
  - God shall speak peace to His people.

### **The glory comes down upon us**

The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us into all truth:

- We have been given an unction from the Holy One.
- There are more for us than there are against us.
- We may approach the throne of grace with boldness in our time of need.
- Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.
- Stir up the gift that is within us through the laying on of hands of the presbytery.
- I show you the more excellent way, faith, hope and love. Now, these three remain, but the greatest of these is love.
- I have given you an example that you should love one another as I have loved you.

*John 13:35 "By this, all will know that you are My disciples if you have a love for one another."*

- Holding fast your confidence until the end which has great recompense of reward.
- Enter in beyond the broken veil of His flesh, through His pierced side, into God's presence.

### **Glorious liberty of the sons of God**

The 9 structural authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ.

- The Lord Jesus - Head of the church
- The moderators - the apostleship
- The Executive Council - the bishops
- The Main Council - the overseers
- The Regional Councils - the elders
- The Pastoral Councils - the shepherds
- The Help Councils - the deacons
- The parental homes - the sheep
- The children - the lambs

### **Entering the glory of God**

The certainty of the rapture:

- Our glorious hope.
- We have been given eternal hope of everlasting life.
- We are seated with Him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever the same.
- There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.
- Knowing the terror of the Lord, we, therefore, endeavour to persuade men.
- Godliness with contentment is great gain ... having food and raiment therewith be content ... I have learned in whatever state I am therewith to be content.
- Jesus will so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven. *Acts 1:1*
- He will fetch His people who are living away with Him and together with those who have died, presently living in paradise, He will bring with Him.
- We shall be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye.

*1 Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we which as alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*

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## **6. His fullness John 1:16**

### **Of His fullness have we all received**

The greatness of God in giving has never been claimed to be matched by anyone but Satan. He told Jesus, "I will give you all the kingdoms of the world." However, even that (which seems to be true) is insignificant with the greatest gift that God has ever given, His Son.

The nearness of God is the prerequisite of His fullness.

The working grace of God brings fullness, but the Son of God is that fullness.

The opening of the grace account in heaven for each individual can be drawn upon forever without limitation.

### **...and grace for grace**

The grace of God is not the grace of mankind, but the grace of mankind is in the grace of God.

Never has anyone spoken of the goodness of God as His Son Jesus Christ has; the giving is directly related to this marvellous Person, who has it all and has the right to give it to us.

The extent of His grace has never been discovered, but by experience, it can be realised by yourself in the measure that God intends to give to you.

The overflow of wickedness can never quench the extent of God's true grace, except if we reject it.

### **The law was given through Moses**

The law, and further, grace and truth, are the three things that God can use to rescue us from an eternal hell in the eternal fire of God.

The law could not save us until Jesus Christ came to fulfil the law and thereby become our Saviour. The law was a foretaste of the real thing to come.

When Jesus lived and died, He fulfilled the law. When He comes back to the earth, He will bring God's restored law back to life, as the great truth in Himself.

### **The opening up of your word (testimony) gives light.**

Darkness will endeavour to annul the light of God's word in your mouth but will not prevail.

### **...but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**

We are in Him.

He is in us.

*Matthew 14:27 "... It is I, be not afraid."*

*John 8:24 "... I am HE ..."*

### **... and we through Him.**

We are raised in Christ Jesus.

*Colossians 1:27 "... Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

*1 Peter 2:21 "... that you should follow in His steps."*

*Matthew 28:20 "... I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."*

## **Our cup**

The fullness of joy

- The strength of the Lord is your joy.
- The joy of Jesus can be our portion if we receive it.
- The joy of Jesus is different from the joy of the world.
- The joy of the Lord is your strength.
- The joy is everlasting.

All the fullness of God

- God expects us to receive His fullness.
- He has a plan for us that will allow His fullness to come in.
- He has provided a way for us to enjoy it.
- The fullness that He gives is permanent.
- All that He has planned for you can be yours.

The full cup, overflowing

- The cup that overflows need never be empty if it is being filled continually.
- Your cup is your cup and your cup needs to overflow.
- The cup that overflows has enough for others also to enjoy.
- The unending supply comes from the source of all supply.
- Your daily needs are met out of the full cup.

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## **7. His liberty 2 Corinthians 3:17**

The greatest freedom that anyone can experience is freedom from fear. Fear is a destroying power that enters into the bones, so to speak, and causes rot in the bones and marrow. Many people are sick simply because they are in a continual state of fear. Fear destroys lives, families and friendships. The basic cause of fear is mistrust. This can be replaced by trust, even trust in God. Every time we are in a state of mistrust, fear begins to gnaw at our stomach and the nerves around the stomach. Indigestion, ulcers and bleeding ulcers, constipation, spastic colon, etc. and many other related problems are the direct results of fear in many cases. Over-eating and putting on excess weight often come about through fear. We speak about fear gnawing at the stomach. God sent Jesus Christ to rid us of three great fears:

- Fear of death
- Fear of hellfire
- Fear of being eternally lost from the presence of God in His heaven.

Liberty towards God is the guarantee that the curse of our fears will disappear and be replaced by faith. Faith will bring us to the perfect liberty of knowing the loving Father who desires to extend that liberty to every area of our lives, including our spirits, souls and bodies.

### **The difference between freedom and liberty**

We can use a very real parallel to illustrate the difference between freedom and liberty. A thief goes to jail because he has been found guilty of theft. He is placed behind the bars of a cell and the door is locked. He can neither come in nor go out unless the warder comes with keys to unlock and open the door. Even after the door is opened, he is still a prisoner within the confines of the prison. Then comes the day of his release. The door is finally opened for the last time because he has served his sentence and is allowed to go home again. He is freed from the prison cell, the prison confines and the supervision of the warders. He's a free man at last and at liberty to go and do whatever he desires to. He makes up his mind never to return to prison again.

If he has theft still in his heart and goes back to a life of crime, although he is free, he is not at liberty. His crime will rob him of his liberty and he will eventually land up in a cell again. He is a free man but has no liberty to go and live the good life. If, however, he goes out a free man and does what is right, he is truly at liberty to stay out of jail and at liberty to continue being free, a liberated man.

### **God has set us free from our sins. Are we at liberty? Are we free to serve Him?**

I can love to be free before God and still be bound by Satan. God's liberty to do well makes all the difference between bondage and freedom for us. We can be free from our sin, but if we are not free within ourselves, we will land in sin again. Freedom from sin with the liberty to serve God is true freedom.

### **Refusal to do what God requires**

Can you imagine this scenario?

- We are not free from sin (death) locked in jail (eternal death).
- We are not free from the jailers (the devil's demons) who keep us locked in (eternity).
- We are not free from the keeper (devil) of the prison complex (hell).
- We can never obtain the two necessary keys (to get out of the eternal death cell and his infernal hellish prison).



Not very enjoyable, is it?

### **Doing what God requires**

Can you desire this scenario?

- We are free for righteousness (life).
- We are set free (heavenly freedom), protected by the keepers (angels) and set free (eternally) throughout eternity (heavenly bliss).
- We have obtained this freedom from the Saviour (Jesus Christ).
- We have obtained full liberty (heavenly blessings) through the eternal price (the ransom) paid (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord)
- The two keys provided (obtaining the freedom of abundant life and the liberty of everlasting life) bound for our majestic home (heaven).

### **The liberty to choose**

We are free to choose, but our choice will give us God's liberty or the devil's bondage. We cannot have both at the same time. Either we choose life or we choose death. We can have heavenly freedom or eternal death. No one can stay in the middle for God's judgment will come at the right time, when Jesus Christ comes back, or after we die.

### **Freedom to choose**

Which would you have? Both are available. Your choice makes all the difference. The worldly outlook, if held, will bring with it the eternal judgment of the world and its own. The Godly outlook, if held, will bring with them eternal liberty that comes from God's forgiveness, extended to His heavenly family.

### **The liberty of faith**

When we receive faith in Jesus we also, at the same time, receive the liberty of our faith. This means in fact that even though we have taken Christ into our hearts, we still have our own choice to follow Him or to deny Him. The Holy Spirit will, however, continually encourage us to follow Jesus. The most advantageous for us is to become obedient to what we learn from Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will take time with us to teach us all that we need to know. Together with His teaching, He will also take the time to help you to make decisions, to choose the right way and above all to follow Jesus. The liberty of your faith should not become a stumbling block to another. We are all learning to walk by faith and the liberty we have to learn is a wonderful factor in the plan and purpose of God, before and after we have been born again. As we learn to obey Jesus and walk in that obedience, we see how wonderful God is in receiving us as we are, without condemnation towards us. We must, however, not use this freedom to walk licentiously, which means to do whatever pleases us without a thought towards what pleases Jesus.

### **The perfect law of liberty**

There is another law that comes into operation together with the faith liberty that those who receive and believe Jesus enjoy. This is the higher law of perfect liberty in which we can choose another way, but rather choose the way that is most pleasing to God within our calling. The liberty of our faith causes us to ask, shall we do it, whereas the perfect law of liberty asks, why shall we do it?

### **The liberty of God's family**

The family of God has been given wonderful liberty in Christ. We can do all lawful things, but we prefer to do only those things that are necessary. We can follow liberty to do what we

believe to be right, but we can also follow the perfect law of liberty to do what God tells us is right. His work makes all the difference to our obedience and our faithful liberty.

### **The liberty that abounds in Christ**

Are we alive in Christ? Have we risen with Christ? Are we following Christ? We will seek those things that are above. The seeking of God's will supersede all else, even the choices above our own will. Jesus will never expect anything wrong from us, but we often expect wrong from ourselves. We are hard taskmasters to ourselves. Now, this is not the way that Jesus has ordained things to be. He says there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, which Paul echoes wonderfully. The condemnation is taken away and our conscience is no longer troubled for the conscience has been renewed fully. We are not the same person that we were before our conversion for we have been transformed in the renewing of our minds. This transformation brings us the perfect liberty that can only be found in the perfect law of liberty.

### **The liberty of the Spirit**

The Holy Spirit helps us in this liberty. He helps us to choose the right way and do the right thing. He opens up the mystery of following God and obeying the commandments of Jesus. He opens up our understanding in such a way that we grasp easily what is expected of us. Without this constant companion, we will not be able to plumb the depths of the Word of God and, yes, even the words of Jesus. The liberty we need is not to do our own thing, but to allow the Spirit of God to show us what we ought to do. Once we know what to do and do it, we obtain this perfect liberty and we continue in this perfect liberty, become delighted with it and prefer nothing else.

### **The liberty of our calling**

When we are called to follow Jesus and we say, "yes Lord, I will do it," we begin to come into the liberty of our calling. This liberty was brought with a precious price and the devil, which is the enemy of our souls, cannot interfere. God's power keeps him out. We need, however, to continually go forward in our calling. Those who dare leave their calling have a terrible price to pay. The price is tremendous because the Holy Spirit puts on the brakes and the brakes being on, so to speak, make us feel uneasy. The struggle to yield to the prompting of the Spirit is greater as we try to remove the brakes. When everything is going on as God has planned it, we have greater and greater liberty every day. Therefore, learn to walk in that liberty of your calling and your calling requires obedience.

### **Having the liberty to preach the Gospel**

Many people do not feel the call to become preachers or workers for God. Their calling does not include the expectation of becoming a preacher or worker. On the other hand, many have the opposite expectation and would love to work for the Master. The calling will dictate which way to go, provided we are obedient to the prompting of the Spirit. Disobedience hinders our calling and obedience establishes our calling. The liberty to preach the gospel is wonderful liberty that only those who have taken it can fully realise. The responsibility is awesome, however, and some start and some time or other give up, for whatever reason. The feeling of loss of this type of calling cause them to eventually give up altogether. This is tragic and should be a warning to us all that once having put the hand to the plough we dare not give up. There is help for such a person, but the right counsellor is needed to help the restoration process.

### **Having liberty with one another**

There is safety in numbers and the believer that goes on by himself is looking for trouble,

which will surely come along at one time or another. We need each other and we need to enjoy the liberty we have with one another. This liberty has a tremendous effect when it is properly present within a fellowshiping group. The liberty of one often leads to others becoming free and the bondage of one can also lead to others becoming bound. We need to appreciate each person's liberty of conscience as well as the liberty of faith. This type of appreciation is precious and brings tremendous growth to a group. Tripping one another upon the basis of others not having our liberty, or us not having their liberty, brings jealousy and breakdown. We all need to look after the liberty of another as well as our own.

### **Where the Spirit is there is liberty**

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, which all come from the same Source, have this wonderful thing - liberty. In heaven, there is no such thing as bondage. The angels are free to worship God day and night. They are free to come and go. They get their assignments and keep themselves busy, but they are free, simply because there is no such thing as disobedience in heaven. They are led by God's Spirit and because they obey perfectly, they do not know what it is to disobey God. They wait expectantly for their instructions and if there should be a change in their orders, they simply go to their new assignment without any hindrance whatsoever. We can have a thousand excuses, but once we get rid of the excuses and begin to do what is expected of us, we too have wonderful liberty towards God, and yes, even towards man.

### **Having liberty over the Law of Moses**

The great liberty that we need is to be free from the condemnation of the Law of Moses, which is there to punish the disobedient. There is, however, such grace, mercy and love in the law of Christ, that we do not fear retribution, but rather look forward eagerly and with the expectation to obey. The fear of struggle and the struggle of fear causes us to be depressed, angry, unhappy and disheartened. Once we have overcome this struggle and give in to the requirements of God, we begin to be relieved and joy floods our being. This is the spirit of liberty that leads us to greater liberty. Experience it for yourself and you will always want this, for it is glorious. Trying to obey the Law of Moses brings defeat. Obeying the Spirit of God brings victory.

### **Liberty towards God**

To obey causes liberty to abound and to disobey causes bondage to abound.

Which will you choose? Liberty towards God through the ministry of the Spirit of God, leading us to a life of obedience, or bondage towards God through the deception of the evil spirit of the devil, leading us to a life of disobedience?

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## 8. Family love Ephesians 3:15

Everyone has a family even though some of them are dead or have disappeared.

At the least, we have a mother even though she might have given us away at birth and the father abandoned us.

The greatest blessing on earth but which gives us the most heartaches and headaches is family, either on the wife's side or on the husband's side.

Then, if we are believers, we have a spiritual family in our church or other churches.

The whole family is named:

*Ephesians 3:14-15 "For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."*

The family has lost its place in God's scheme of things if there is no family love between the members. Loyalty to members is another important thing, which is often lacking in family relationships.

Have you reconciled with your family members or your church members?

This needs to be done. Ask God to help you do it.

### God's way is family love

Who is your family?

- Your family out of which you came
- Your parents
- Your brother/s and/or sister/s
- Your grandparent/s
- Remarriage
- Your step-family
- Your married partner
- Your in-laws
- Two families or more
- Near family
- Distant relatives
- Church members

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## **9. Cleansed 1 John 1:9**

### **His cleansing**

God requires us to be cleansed from everything that is not clean, pure and holy in His eyes.

God does not see things the way we see them. He is of purer eyes than to behold the iniquity of man. God does not look upon and enjoy sin in all its terrible evil manifestations, but only enjoys the good, right, true and just. It is the waywardness in mankind that causes evil to prevail on the earth. Satan has his part that he plays in all this and will assist and help disobedient men, women and children to be eviler than if they were on their own. God frowns upon this type of living and we are therefore exhorted to lead better lives before Him.

### **Cleansed hands and purified hearts**

James talks of purifying our hearts and our hands. This means that instead of going on the wrong way, doing whatever we wish, we turn.

### **Cleansed from our sins**

Sin is defined as being a lack of faith and lawlessness. If we know to do good and do not do the good or we do the bad, it will be counted as a sin against us.

### **Cleansed from the impurity of our motivation**

All impure motives lead to corruption, vice and wickedness. God drastically changes our motivation for God and in God, through faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and we begin to do good to everyone.

### **Cleansed from the filth of this world**

The world has its ways and these are different standards to what God requires. There are murder, robbery and many other distressing activities that make us like the world. The wheeling and dealing of people against one another often border on criminal activities. The Bible talks of worldly filth, which is nothing more or less than sin in its various manifestations.

### **Cleansed from all “naughtiness”**

Why would God want to cleanse you if you are still going on with naughtiness? By naughtiness, we mean that a person is prepared to carry on with sin in the name of being naughty.

### **Cleansed from our relationships away from God**

Apart from God we go astray doing whatever is inconvenient and dishonest. We do not mind leading others astray and we lie, cheat and steal as it pleases us. Coming back to God, and with His divine intervention and power, we turn from the error of our wicked ways and begin to change our relationships and friends.

### **Cleansed mind**

The mind has to be cleansed of its love for filth and its love for being filthy. Sin is, by biblical definition, the act of transgressing any of God’s laws or commandments. God gave His Ten commandments so that we could identify sin and what it is all about. The mind is astray from God’s ways and therefore cannot be thinking in line with God’s ways. Without a cleansed mind, we will never be able to be cleansed from our sinful ways. So, the very first thing that God does when He wants to cleanse us is to present His Word to our minds. This is done when we hear the Gospel being preached. The Word, if we receive it, tells us what is

wrong and our minds agree that this is so. We know that we are in wrong thinking because we will find a thousand reasons to put aside what is being presented to our minds. The Word of God opens up our mindset and we get a glimpse of what is wrong. We might not understand all that is wrong but we begin to see that we are wrong. This is called reasoning it out with God and God invites us to reason our sins out with Him. "They shall be white as snow."

### **Cleansed conscience**

This inner person has a conscience. This conscience is a part of our makeup, which is like a guardian watching over us. When the conscience is happy and things are going well with a conscience then we are happy and vice versa, if our conscience is troubled, we are troubled. The conscience also has to be cleansed with the blood.

### **Cleansed outer garments**

The heavenly clothing that Jesus speaks of is that which He gives to us. Spiritually, we are clothed with Him and His righteousness. Our spiritual garments are washed in His blood.

### **Cleansed heart**

Within our soul is a heart that feels. We talk about this by saying 'my heart is broken in two.' The reason for this is that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Our heart starts taking in the message which our minds receive and which comes into our soul life, finally passing into our hearts.

### **Cleansed spirit**

There is another part of men and women that is hidden from us deep within ourselves. This is called the spirit. We are what we believe ourselves to be. If we have a negative spirit then we will be negative. If we have a positive spirit, we will be positive. This is called in the New Testament the inner man. This part also has to be cleansed with the blood. Can we imagine what it would be like if we only had a clean mind, but not a clean heart? It is very difficult to separate these things and say that this part belongs to the mind, this part belongs to the heart, this part belongs to the soul and this part belongs to the spirit. They all stand together or they all fall together. These all taken together, makeup what might be termed as 'the inner man or woman.'

The Bible tells us that can be cleaned in this way. By understanding this type of reasoning, we can begin to understand the Scriptures much better, when we are told to get rid of our filth and be cleansed. It also follows that if we are clean on the inside and the outside that we need also be clean in so many other ways; and matters that we are busy with from day today. One of these is to be cleansed outwardly. Our spiritual garment needs to be cleansed in the blood of the Lamb.

### **Cleansed from our former conversation**

Before following Jesus and before taking Him into our lives and hearts we did all sorts of bad things. Things in which there were only selfish motive and selfish profit. Our habitual way of doing these things our way and for ourselves made us unclean through our sins. Our talk and walk were wrong and based on our feelings, which often included swearing and foul language. If this was not the case with us, then we told dirty jokes and used abusive language against people who hurt or harmed us in any way. Our tempers caused us to say many a thing that was not right, about people and to people. Repentance changes this form of behaviour, and our conversation changes for the better because our hearts are now changed for the better.

### **Cleansed from all unrighteousness**

Unrighteousness is the opposite of righteousness. Doing right makes things right and doing things wrong makes them wrong. Right cannot be wrong and wrong cannot be right. Lies cannot be the truth and neither can truth be lies. Evil is not good and good is not evil. Changed for the better, helps us to follow righteousness and forsake unrighteousness.

### **Cleansed soul**

The very next step that needs to be put into progress is for our souls to agree with our minds. Our souls are that part of us within, that is living and enjoying life. If we pass the mind stage, we come to the soul stage.

### **Become cleansed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ**

There is no other way to become cleansed from sin but through the blood of Jesus who died for you, who shed His blood for you, who gave Himself for you, so that you could be cleansed from sin. It stands to reason therefore that we have to let go of sin to become cleansed.

### **The commandment to be baptised**

Jesus commanded believers to be baptised by full immersion in water and set the example by doing so Himself. John the Baptist baptised Him in water and when He came out of the water, He was baptised with the Holy Spirit.

### **Cleansed by the washing of pure water by the Word**

Three means work together in the work of cleansing:

- The first one is the Word of God.
- The second one is the truth.
- The third one is by the Spirit of God.

These three are in agreement to do the work of cleansing that the blood of Jesus brings about.

- The Word of God tells us what is wrong with us.
- The truth tells us what we need to do about it all.
- The Spirit of God reminds us that we need to be doing something about the first two matters.

### **Cleansed body**

The Bible speaks of the body like being a tent that houses the inner person whether man, woman or child. If we are continually under the blood of Jesus and are being cleansed by the blood of Jesus, then it stands to reason that we need to be cleansed body, soul and spirit. What is the use of us having a clean 'inner man', but at the same time a dirty 'outer man?' We wash the body to be clean outside, and we need to have the inner man washed by the Spirit of God to be clean on the inside as well. This process of washing both the inner and outer man is called cleansing. This has to be done by believing and then acting upon our beliefs.

### **To sum up so far**

We are all living souls in a body. Experimentally, we have lived in the soul and body. If a person dies, we realise that he has no life in his body anymore. The heart of the soul is being described as that part of ourselves that believes. The conscience within us tells us whether we are right or wrong in our behaviour, conduct and beliefs. Then added to this we have a spirit within us that is governing our behaviour, conscience, life and beliefs. Together the spirit and

soul and body make up the whole man. The whole man has a will that does good or evil, heals or harms, saves or kills. This seems to be complicated but it is borne out by our daily experience. There is a fight that goes on in us that is continually waging war between good and evil, enjoyment and lust, living or dying. No one can escape from this simply because it is a lot of mankind to experience these things. Those who are unconscious are suspended from this, but the body functions, if not harmed in any way, and will still go on doing its thing, to keep us alive.

- The soul of a person helps us to live.
- The body of a person helps us to function.
- The spirit of a person helps us to think, belief and will to do.
- The heart of a person helps us to hold fast to what we believe in and what we are trying to live by.
- The conscience is that which watches over us and tells us the difference between right and wrong.

All these together make up the inner person, who is then presented by Jesus Christ our Lord, in and as the outer person who faces the world.

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## **10. Ask - you receive it Revelation 21:22**

### **Ask - You receive it**

There is a principle that God wants us to realise. Although He knows what we need even before we ask, He asks us to ask Him, assuring us that we will receive it from Him.

### **Ask to obtain**

It is possible to ask with mixed feelings of doubt and faith. This mixture causes us to become very uncertain in our asking. One moment we believe and the next we are not sure, perhaps even doubting. This is a mixed way of uncertainty that will birth more and more uncertainty. The asking should be done in faith, no doubting, with the whole heart, believing all the way, until we get what is asked for. Ask to receive and do not ask to deceive. If you are unable to ask God to give you a house as a gift, do not waste your time asking. Check your faith and ask according to your current faith. Remember too that your faith can grow and become enlarged as you continually use it in making requests in prayer.

### **Give it, whatever it takes and receive it, whatever it gives**

The uncertainty that is carried over in our prayers should be dealt with in full. Settle the doubts, fears, unbelief and whatever, before you start praying, by asking God to take these things away from your faith and then release your faith to God. You have a portion to do before you attempt to pray the prayer of faith. Work with unbelief by replacing unbelief with belief. Sometimes you feel in your heart that you have to do something first before asking, such as to forgive someone or to read a Scripture. This is good and should be done. Give what is necessary first to receive what you desire in prayer. It is usually some small thing that is needed, but can just as easily be a huge thing, or rather, you may consider it to be a huge thing. Give it, whatever God requires, for it is worth it in the long run. If something hinders a prayer then there will be other things later on that will hinder prayer, so fix it up, do it, or sort it out, whatever it is, as soon as possible.

### **The Saviour's principle of taking**

There are takers and takers. The first class of takers always take without giving anything in exchange and the second class of takers always take what is offered if it is a good thing and will benefit them. The one expects everything to be given to him the other expects to receive only what is given to him.

The greedy person takes because of his greed. The generous person takes because of his need. Take enough for yourself and whatever is over give away to others who are needy. This prevents the hoarding spirit from taking root in the heart. God wishes you to have what you can use but would like you to share with others also what you do not use.

### **Open up a file in heaven - for receiving**

The file in heaven is opened for both receiving and giving. Many people can give generously but are unable to take from a generous giver themselves. As a believer, make sure that your file in heaven is for both giving and receiving.

### **Working with your requests**

If you have a prayer request then this is what you should be doing about it:

- write it down and clarify each point
- check your motives for asking
- check the grounds of your confidence for asking

- let God know how you feel about this request and the importance it has for you as a person;
- will it hurt anyone or will it help them
- ask in childlike simplicity
- give thanks to God for hearing your request and thanks for sending the answer;
- believe it to be released into God's keeping and hands for His attention;
- wait expectantly for it to be realised, knowing that you have received a hearing with God that will bring the required results.

### **Letting God do it for you**

It is not difficult to leave it with God once you have given it over, but the hardest part is to do just that. Handing it over simply means that you are not going to do it anymore, that you are leaving it to God to finalise and complete for you. You can do this perfectly if you have handled any obligation on your part that may hinder your prayer.

### **Giving God the glory**

Each time a prayer is answered, you will find it easier to pray the next prayer. Sometimes prayer is not answered straight away. Then what do you do? Keep on believing that it is being answered and then pray the second prayer in the same way. You do not have to accumulate enough faith by the answer of your first prayer before praying the second prayer. Just allow your faith to be expanded by God's glorious workings that you experience in your life. The glory belongs to God so give Him the glory for answering both prayers, or more, that are running concurrently. He will see this and reward your faith by answering.

### **Allowing the Spirit to help you pray**

Often, we do not know how to pray and for some reason or other, we seem to go through periods of faith and periods of uncertainty. When you have this on your hands, wait on God for the right time to pray. Ask the Spirit to help you in your praying. Sometimes, because the Spirit is heavy on you, you will be able to pray with stronger conviction than at other ordinary prayer times. This is desirable and should be encouraged. The more you can pray with the backing of the Spirit, the more successful your prayers will be in receiving God's answers to your prayer. The night times are especially rewarding when everybody is sleeping and you can pray. If you wake up in the middle of the night and feel the urge to go and pray, this is the best time to get up and pray, for you are being driven by the Spirit or, perhaps even through the need, urge or desire to pray. Such times are very fruitful.

### **Open a prayer chain with thanksgiving**

As you become experienced in praying you can open a prayer chain of prayers and thanksgiving. A prayer chain is accomplished by praying a list of requests, starting with the most important to the least important. If your faith is built up by starting from the least important to the most important, do it. It does not matter. Do not forget to thank God for all the requests and answers that are to be forthcoming.

### **Working with your doubts**

Doubts can assail you if your motives are wrong. Deal with any insincere motive and then ask. Lifting your voice in praise and worship often clears the wrong motives of the heart and forges an atmosphere of prayer that will break through into heavenliness. The spiritual heart is a strong passion and can experience many emotions, but by dealing with those emotions and directing your thoughts in this way, you will soon learn how to breakthrough in times of prayer. Sleepiness can be a hindrance, but can also be a help. Many a dream or vision has

been obtained whilst becoming drowsy on the knees in prayer. If your mind is too strong and stands in the way, then God may decide to wait until you are drowsy to help you with your prayers and, yes, even doubts. This is called sleeping prayer. Just as easy, God can wake you up and in the moments before waking you can get clear instructions, visions, dreams, or Scriptures that provide a solution to your prayer.

### **Sealing in your faith**

It is absolutely important to seal in your faith in your prayer. Ask God to keep your faith intact while you are waiting for His answer. He will do even that for you.

### **Self-searching - motivations**

To obtain the best results in searching your motivations and heart you need to allow God's Holy Spirit to help you. Ask for help in this way. You will be surprised at the difference this makes to your prayer life.

### **Let it come to you as God intends it**

Sometimes we have to wrestle in prayer to get through our sleepiness, our unhappiness, our dissatisfaction and even perhaps rebellion. Take time to do this before asking, as the wrong attitude makes a big difference to our prayers. The right attitude, once obtained, opens up a richer fellowship and communion with our heavenly Father. He can even talk back to us if we are willing to listen to that still small voice speaking within. Taking time to be alone with your Maker will bring wonderful rewards to you and yours. Let it be an affair of the heart and let God work out those affairs as He wishes to for you and yours. You will never lose in this way, but you will always win and God will be pleased with the results.

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## **11. Leadership structures Psalm 25:5**

### **Leadership Structures**

Each church has a structure that is suited to its formational structuring and pastoral headship. No two churches are alike and the best structure that is suited to a church is the one that God has ordained for it to flourish under.

- The Pastoral mandate system

Here the pastor is given the full say as he is the one that received the revelation from God in the first instance.

- The Church Council mandate system

Here the control has been given to the Church Council to maintain. This leads to a group method control.

- The Congregational mandate system

Here the congregation appoints a Church Council but requires them to resort back to the congregation if there are issues that need to be resolved through votes.

- The Executive Council system:

Is a self-governing church that has allowances for growth into other areas, with the mandate for receiving monies as a non-profit organisation.

The opening of these structures in the church name under the local banner needs to be undertaken; linking to other churches, other church groups under a different banner or similar churches with a similar working but aligned to the main church.

### **The Discipleship Church**

This is a church that has a moderator that needs to be reported to, with control executed by a central governing council. In matters of dissension, the matter is referred to as the moderator for resolution.

Three activities are needed:

- opening a study guide for home groups;
- opening a basis for lessons to be printed from the website;
- opening a new vision for believers to live by.

### **Other churches**

Do not be anxious about other churches, fellowships and denominations at this time, associating with them or affiliating with them, as there is still a lot to be learnt and done before this can happen.

Rest content, knowing that 'it' will open gradually for you and at the right time.

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## **12. The power of a sound mind and heart (Wholeness of our testimony)**

The world is considered to be insane, due to the murders, killings, kidnappings, hostage-taking, women and children enslavements, muggings, rapes, thefts, wars, slaveries, insurrections and political governmental dominations over the poor people of the earth.

The world of science is going out of control, making killer viruses and manufacturing inoculations that enslave the souls of men, women and children to become servants of the state, without having their minds.

This was prophesied in the Bible, especially in the New Testament, where it was said, by Jesus, that if He does not shorten the days, no one can be saved.

The mental asylums are crowded out with men and woman who are out of their minds and who are somewhat akin to robots as mindless people.

The Bible talks of having a sound mind. Many religionists have lost a sound mind since they do not trust in the power of God but trust in their wits and powers, or using the occult powers to control themselves and their followers.

Falseness and deceptions are abounding everywhere, with false news and articles that have illustrated by photo-shopped images and forgeries.

A sound mind is without aberrations or delusions or hallucinations. The mentally ill have these weaknesses which separate them from being considered normal people.

Another form of troubling is when non-religious persons judge religious people to be either mentally insane or delusional.

A sound mind and heart go hand in hand with each other. The sound mind thinks sane thoughts and the sound heart follows reasonable actions and living standards.

Now, even if the world considers us, who are religious, as being insane or of unsound mind, we know that this is not so. The power of God came over us and into us, bringing us deliverance from all that is false, evil and worthless.

If we receive Jesus into our hearts and lives, our minds will be soundly stable, reasonable and clear thinking.

Jesus came to deliver us from all our sins and it is a well-known fact uncovered by our experiences that sinfulness perverts the mind and heart from its soundness.

The Bible puts it in another way. Sin is a blinding power of the devil, who is satanically and demonically inclined to subvert all human beings, away from God and His presence.

Jesus died on the cross of Calvary to bring us back to God and open up the way for us to walk in God's perfect presence in eternal life and blessings.

Are you in Jesus, the world, sin, or in yourself, taken up by your pride and prejudices? Jesus wants to know this of you and requires an answer. Do not turn aside from this study but heed its warning and your mind and heart will always be sound and wonderfully clear of the filth of the world and that of the devil, his demons, fallen angels and his ungodly human agents. Amen.

Many believers have half a testimony. Their spiritual mind is not that sound for it is mixed up with worldly pursuit and pleasures. They have repented entering a church group, but have not repented entering into Christ Jesus as Lord. He is the God-appointed Ark of our salvation, in which we are sheltered from the storms of life and the raging seas that surround us.

A quiet mind and a mind that is free of guilty thoughts and self-accusations are what is

needed. This makes up the sound Christian mind that is the mind of Jesus. As he is towards God, so are we. Our true repentance brings this about and Jesus and His spirit will protect us from the devil and the world of sin, unrighteousness and evil that abounds.

God will keep us in His love to keep a sound mind, a true heart and an upright spirit.  
Amen.

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### 13. God is your health Psalm 42:11

We have created beings, brought into this world by the womb of our mothers, girls and boys alike.

We are beings created by God, through the wombs of our mothers. Our fathers also played a part in this by giving the seed of a new life.

Now if God made us as stated above, how is it that people are dying of all sorts of illnesses and diseases? Even death comes along in many, many different forms, but the result is that we all die in the end.

Now in between our birth and our death, many things happen in between, including sicknesses and accidents. Is God capable of helping us back to health or do we put ourselves into the doctor's hands to see what they can do for us? The answer to this question depends on who we trust the most.

God says:

*Revelation 8:7 "And Jesus said to him, 'I will come and heal him.'"*

So instead of going to God in the first instance with our sicknesses which Satan places upon us, we go to the doctors for help.

A broken arm needs to be placed in splints, yet many have experienced broken arms being fixed up through prayer.

Why are people going to doctors and other professional people for a solution to their problems? It is because unfaithfulness is the order of the day. A pill replaces faith and a doctor replaces God. Faith is pushed out of the picture. Faith is set aside for any other remedies that may abound and the excuses for doing so, are myriad.

When God heals, He does perfect work, but doctors, although they get good results at times, still fall far behind what God can do without an operation. Surgeons cut away offending pieces of the body, but God restores them or replaces them with new parts. Why do we insist on the second parts?

A man has told of a miraculous happening. He had steel surgical pins, nuts and bolts inserted into his body to keep things together. (Others have a plastic replacement for hips, knees and joints.) Yet when he was prayed for, he was instantly healed and found all the metal parts on the floor, for they had fallen out during the healing process.

Take God at His word and receive your divine health promise from above.

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## **Stage 11 - Learning obedience through suffering**

### **Preamble**

These studies are presented in a progressive study order and are suitable for bible study in the church, bible school, believing group and home-centred outreach. The modules may also be grouped and used for topical studies and seminars. We are trusting God to inspire His people everywhere to use these modular studies for themselves and to help others to use them in seeking and finding Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

## **Obeying Jesus Christ from the heart**

## **Stage 11 - Learning obedience through suffering**

### **1. True forgiveness - God's blessings Revelation 6:14**

Everyone needs God's forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

There is a difference between those who truly repent and ask forgiveness and those who try to get rid of their guilt for a single offence but then carry on with new offences.

Repentance is the key to understand how true forgiveness works. If you truly repent you will have the witness inside yourself that you are forgiven, but if you only want your guilt forgiven for a single trespass, you will find that you will still feel guilty. Proper humble and contrite sin confession takes away the guilt, the stain and the trauma of your sins.

If you do a half-hearted work in confessing your sins, for true repentance brings tears of remorse, the one who you ask forgiveness of will still feel that something is missing. The Spirit of God witnesses all true confession of sin, both to oneself and to the others whom you are fixing matters up with.

#### **Method of applying love to those who have wronged you**

The New Testament method of fixing up, as instituted by Jesus, is first pure and then peaceable.

*James 3:17 "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."*

- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance what needs to be confessed and fixed up with God and others.
- Your offering - make right if you have something wrong on your side.
- Your offering - make right if someone has something against you.
- Forgiveness - go and ask forgiveness.
- Unforgiveness - let go of all unforgiveness so that you can be set free from all bitterness and hatred.
- Witnesses - First take one, then a second, perhaps a third, then the church and then let him be as a heathen and publican to you.
- You shall forgive one another even as He has forgiven you.
- Go forward together in truth, love and righteousness.

The blessing of this reconciliation method, following full conviction, repentance and Holy Spirit confessions makes salvation in the truth of God's covenant real to us:

- Forgiveness with righteousness - God's commandments
- Cleansing of judgment - God's mercy
- Deliverance through liberty - God's grace
- Fellowship under godliness - God's promises
- Infilling on blessedness - God's increase
- Completeness by fullness - God's power
- Overflowing within holiness - God's perfection

### **Growth through rebirth**

A child always pleases the parents as growth takes place. How much more our heavenly Father? Rebirth through water and the spirit is essential if true-believing growth is to take place. Repentance is part of the new birth process and comes within new birth. The travailing process of the Holy Spirit within moves us to confess our sins and fix up matters with those whom we have wronged.

### **Scriptures that are powerful to save us through faith in Jesus**

Groupings of three:

- Come unto me all ye that thirst and I will give you living water.
- I am the living bread come down from heaven. He that eateth of me shall never die.
- He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my body will never die.
  
- Christ in God
- Us in God
- Christ in us
  
- A chosen generation - A royal priesthood - A holy nation
- A Kingdom of Kings - A Kingdom of priests - The Kingdom
- God's Temple - God's building - God's garden
  
- A pattern of good works - A pattern of the heavenly - A pattern of things to come.
- In the volume of the book, it is written of me - A body hast thou prepared for me - Behold, I come to do Thy will O' God.
- I have exalted My word above My name - I will declare Thy name to my brethren amid the congregation - How excellent is Thy Name in all the earth.

### **There are 12 hidden workings of the enemy**

It is possible that the following may daunt you as being impossible, but fortunately, God has provided believers who know this route of restoration and who can help you through each process needed.

*James 5:16 "Confess your trespasses to one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

- Forces open up our opposition to God.
- Veils steal our blessings.
- Bindings lead us astray.
- Powers hold us in unforgiveness.
- Confusions stop us to take the help that is given.

- Snares prevent our overcoming.
- Grips hinder our returning to God.
- Spirits block the light of Jesus.
- Darkness prevents our being rescued.
- Pitfalls stop our being delivered.
- Freezes prevent our victory.
- Trip-ups causes a turn-around.
- The spirit of sleep prevents us from hearing God's words.

### **The twelve steps of praying for deliverance from demonic spirits**

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Through the power of your finished work on the cross of Calvary, by the strength of your mighty intercessions with our Father and your outstretched arm to heal bless and save, please help us in our requests.*

*Grant us that:*

*The powers of evil and the forces of darkness be bound.  
We are loosed from their bondages, shackles and chains.  
The spirit of the devil bound, cut off and cast out.  
We continually are overflowing with the Holy Spirit.  
All evil spirits, demon spirits and familiar spirits are bound, cut off and cast out.  
We are delivered from all sources of evil and wicked persons.  
Your salvation, healing and blessings are our portions forever.  
Your Holy Spirit is poured out upon us.  
Your peace that passes understanding be ours.  
Your joy continues with us all the days of our lives.  
Your life from above continually flows through us to others.  
The leaks in our spirituality and as receptors of the spiritual rains seal these in forevermore for your eternal glory.*

*We ask this and thank you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”*

Prayers of this nature, when prayed in true faith and with the Holy Spirit's power backing, changes the most unchangeable situations and turns the most impossible challenges around for our advantage.

This is when miracles are created or birthed. As you progress in using your God-given abilities and talents, you will adapt this prayer and use a shortened form. God bless you in your endeavours.

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## **2. The working of the Lord - salvation for all Luke 9:10**

The only true hope for a complete victory that is held out for mankind to embrace, despite contrary claims of numerous popular religions, is the master plan centring in, by and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Every plan that was ever devised by the man himself, holds out a perfected state that will come about through enlightenment. The Scriptural plan, however, does not only hold out a theme of enlightenment as the universal solution but also heralds the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth to establish God's Kingdom as the only true final solution. This plan needs God's help to bring it all about now, into the future, but marvellously at the time of the return of Jesus to the earth.

### **Theme of salvation**

We should all be seeking a complete solution. God's solution is His sufficiency. We need to be rescued from the problems that assail us. Above all, we need to be rescued ourselves. Men, women and children need this plan of rescue. There is a constant need for God to rescue the whole earth by establishing His Kingdom on it. We are asked to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is being done in heaven. His Kingdom on earth is to endure for one thousand years starting at the return of Christ. The hope of there being a new heaven and new earth that will continue forever in righteousness, populated by all those who have been saved, is the hope that is given to us by Jesus Himself. This is the true Christian hope, presented in the Scripture, converting us to become believers, while we wait for it to come to pass. The appearance of Jesus Christ as Lord and King will happen suddenly. We need to be ready for it.

### **Universal hope for mankind**

This marvellous hope assures us that we can all, through the good news of the Gospel, accept Jesus Christ as our Lord. He will make sure that we are:

- Rescued now, i.e., saved.
- Placed in the ongoing rescue work of extending the Gospel.
- All saved to labour with Jesus in helping to save others.
- With the Lord Jesus Christ when He returns to establish God's Kingdom on earth for one thousand years.
- Going to inherit the new heavens and the new earth, filled with righteousness, which will forever replace the old heavens, earth and sea that are to be destroyed and vanish away.

### **The defeat of the enemy**

The enemy of mankind, unseen and invisible, unless appearing in some form of vision, is always at hand to defeat us in our purpose towards true and lasting change. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only One who has finally defeated Satan and his wiles. God has a wonderful plan and solution to bring about Satan's final defeat. Our defeat of him and his strategies, having the ever-present help of the Lord Jesus Christ, is what the Gospel is all about.

### **The opening up of the solution**

The solution is presented through the Gospel and is being opened up in the course of these studies. The worst scenario that we can imagine as believers is to let Satan defeat us in our lifetime and also obtain final victory over us after we die. The theme of being twice defeated is an unbelievably sore spot in the thinking of believers. We should rather follow the theme of being twice victorious! Letting Jesus save us now, into our living future and everlasting eternity is the hope held out to us. Jesus has opened up the way for our complete victory over

the devastation and working of satan's influences in all of our current and eternal affairs.

### **The working of greater beneficence to all**

The working of Jesus on behalf of mankind is stated in the New Testament. It is summed up in this way. Jesus has conquered, is conquering and will conquer satan in five profound areas:

- Darkness is being replaced with light in the heart of each believer.
- Sin, which attracts satan, can be overcome.
- Satan is being defeated.
- His works are broken.
- His power is ineffective.

The Apostle Paul makes this amazing statement: 'Jesus saves to the uttermost.'

### **The way to go when in doubt**

Everyone is subjected to doubts or, at least, periods of doubt. When we are dealing with an invisible evil world, which we do not comprehend, but can experience, we find it very difficult to cope. Jesus Himself gives the four-fold answer:

- "I am the way, the truth and the life."
- "No man comes to the Father but by Me."
- "I am the resurrection and the life."
- "Come to Me and I will give you rest."

By praying this prayer that comes out of your innermost heart you will be helped:

*"Dear Jesus Christ, my Lord. Help me to understand, comprehend and accept these four-fold assurances of Jesus. I believe them to be true. Please help my unbelief and grant these four things to become my lasting experience. I ask this in Your name and for Your sake. Amen."*

### **The working of a faith life**

In *Hebrews Chapter 12*, we are told three important things we are to do:

- Believe that God exists
- Come to Him in faith
- Seek Him diligently

In every dilemma in life as we apply these three great principles of faith, we will receive help, sometimes seemingly natural and other times overwhelmingly miraculous. This life of faith can never be substituted by anything else. Faith is pleasing to God and, with his continual help, brings His longed-for rewards.

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### **3. The difference that makes all the difference Jude 21-23**

#### **Two things make a difference to you that will be an eternal difference**

- Taking Jesus into your heart.

If you allow Jesus to come into your heart and ask Him to rule you and your life, He will do it and you will never be the same again.

- Allowing the Holy Spirit to work God's will through Jesus.

When Jesus comes into you through God's Spirit the encompassing fullness that He brings with Him takes possession of you. You must just let Him, the Holy Spirit, flow through you so that God will work whatever He wishes.

#### **Three things will change your life forever**

- The personal help of God extended towards you.

Power belongs to God, but letting the Holy Spirit just flow through you to bring about whatever God wishes is an ever-present help that is being extended to you from heaven.

- The life that you live will bless others.

The inner strength that you receive to walk with God daily, will be more than enough, even to give away to many others.

- The heart that is changed from the inside, will make a marvellous difference to the outside.

The heart, transformed and fortified in this miraculous manner, will continue with Jesus all your days into eternity. The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit will continually enrich you, all three workings in harmony with each other.

#### **Pray this prayer**

*"Dear Father in Heaven,*

*I need you with all my heart. Come in and bless me with your Son and Yourself, employing your Holy Spirit. Give me your Holy Spirit and let Him come over me, live in me and be my constant Help, Comforter and Guide, staying with me and living inside of me, all to Your glory."*

*"I accept that you are doing this now and I will be strengthened and given the power to go on and be your child forever. Thank you for your willingness in sending Jesus to die for my sins. Help me to take this example and also the example of Jesus and learn by these to become obedient to Your will."*

*"Help me when I fail, keep me when I fall, lift me when I am down and keep me on the steady course of love, worship, praise and faithfulness, using me to serve my family and others who need my help. Yours will be the glory forever. In Jesus name, I ask this. Amen."*

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#### **4. Jesus is lifted - drawing all men to Himself John 12:32**

Jesus made a promise in the form of a statement when He said, “If I am lifted, I will draw all men to myself.” This says ‘all men.’ This means that every man will be drawn. None will be excluded. Does this then exclude all women? No. It means that all people, men and women, will be drawn to Jesus. Those who respond will receive His fullest blessings in salvation, healing, deliverance and will have the fullest liberty to serve God.

##### **He saves man for Himself**

The reason that He said this, is because if He does not draw them to Himself, they will be drawn to satan. Satan holds sway over the whole world. Men and women belong to satanic forces that dominate them in some way or another. Jesus realises that He has to save them and that they need to turn to Him for their salvation. If they choose to stay in that state in which they find themselves, choosing to ignore this drawing, they can stay. He will rescue those who realise that they need to come out of the bondage of darkness and come to Jesus through this drawing. Jesus wants men and women to come to Him and He will present them to God, as children of God, through the Holy Spirit.

##### **Nothing but the best**

The whole world has gone astray since the Garden of Eden, having fallen into sin, not only because of their sinful natures but also because they prefer the enjoyment of sin. Obeying God is not for those who are not willing to be saved by Jesus. We can never say that we are obeying Jesus, which is to obey His commandments, whilst we are serving satan, or are under his sway. Satan took away God’s best for us and God wants to give us His best back again. This is accomplished as we turn to Jesus, for help, salvation and deliverance. The best of God for mankind can be obtained by coming to God on His terms, as declared by Jesus:

*John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws Him, and I will raise him the last day.”*

##### **Nothing but the worst**

Satan cannot give us anything good, for whatever he offers will lead to our destruction. He does not offer anything of value and will do everything in his power to draw us away from God’s best for our lives. By choosing to have what satan offers we will find ourselves in deep water with God and His commandments. If satan offers us ‘his best’ and we take it, it will be our destruction and estrangement from God forever.

##### **Man saves himself by yielding to God**

Men and women heed the call of God upon their lives, turning away from their sin towards Jesus, who offers them a wonderful assurance: “I will turn no one away.”

*John 6:37 “... the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”*

Without surrendering or yielding to God we are unable to enter into a sound, healthy and spiritual relationship with Him. Giving our lives over to His keeping will bring salvation to us and by continuing to obey His commandments we will be kept by His power, love, grace and mercy. If on the other hand we stubbornly refuse to surrender and insist on going our way then we cannot expect to receive God’s full blessing.

##### **It is later than you think**

The work of the cross, as accomplished by Jesus, is the starting point for us to begin our faith walk as believers towards the Heavenly Kingdom and Jesus. This was done for us two

thousand years ago, but we need to take hold of eternal life now at this present time. A period of time has already elapsed which makes the return of Jesus Christ that much is closer to being fulfilled.

### **The work of the cross**

The cross enabled us to have the hope of salvation and this hope has been extended to all mankind in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived, suffered and died for us to enjoy eternal life with Him forever in heaven. This dying for us is the work that Jesus completed when He said, "It is finished." The cross was the effective means for accomplishing the work.

### **The work of the cross**

Jesus had to die, but at the cross, it was completed and it is clearly stated that the cross is the central theme of all that God was doing to bring us back to Himself. If Jesus had not died, we are told, we are still in our sins, but now he has died for all men, but especially for those who believe. The cross was the beginning of the work of God to deliver us from our sins and after the cross the beginning of eternal deliverance to save us for heaven.

### **Jesus is lifted now can He draw you?**

Are you willing to be drawn? Can He draw you to Himself? Can the Father draw you to Himself? The message of the Gospel brings salvation within your reach as soon as you mix it with faith. We are all invited "to come and be saved from our sins."

Will you come now?

When will you come?

Why wait any longer?

### **Opening up your account with your name on it**

By coming to Jesus, you are opening up an eternal account with God in heaven. God will give you three wonderful gifts, His Son, His Holy Spirit, His eternal life. You alone can open up your account; no one else can do it. Your account in heaven will have your name on it. You will be part of God and His eternal plan. He will bless you for it.

### **The Lamb's Book of Life**

Your name needs to be in this Book and is there already from the foundation of the world, but you must keep it there. Jesus can take it out, but will not do so unless you choose to continue to disobey Him and ignore His commandments. Three things keep your name in the Book of Life forever:

- God has written your name in the Book of Life, entered in from the foundation of the world and will keep it safe there for you.
- You need to become obedient to the Lord Jesus and His commands.
- You allow Jesus to keep you in the way, the truth and the life, as found in Him, as centred in Him, as kept by Him.

What are you going to do about it now?

### **Prayer**

*"Father, thank you for writing my name in the Lamb's Book of Life entered from the foundation of the earth. It is still there now, guaranteed by the shed blood, broken body and poured out the life of Jesus Christ. I know and appreciate this, for*

*Your Eternal Word has told me so. I ask you to keep it in the Book of Life and please help me to believe Jesus and follow Him forever”.*

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## 5. The breakthrough - knowing Jesus Christ as Lord 2 Samuel 5:20

These few Scriptures give valuable teachings on the subject of overcoming the devil, that old satan and serpent that was in the beginning in the garden tempting Eve to sin, whose spirit and the person continues to trouble the world up to the present time.

### The ambushes of satan

*2 Corinthians 2:10-11 "Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."*

- Forgiveness in the presence of Christ prevents Satan from taking advantage of us.
- We are not ignorant of his devices.

### Satan is seeking co-workers

*Mark 8:32-33 "He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, 'Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.'"*

- We must be careful not to side with Satan in any way otherwise, we act as his agent.
- We must follow the example of Jesus and consign satan to a place behind us.
- Satan has no power over us if we refuse to give him any because of the Spirit of Jesus within ourselves.
- We must be mindful of the things of God.

### Our ever-present helper against satan

*John 16:7-11 Jesus said, "... I will send Him (the Helper) to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."*

- We need this Helper from Jesus, the Spirit of Truth (*verse 13*).
- The conviction of sin and righteousness will decide the outcome of the conviction of judgment.
- Believing in Jesus is the solution to sin.
- The intercession of Jesus next to the Father will lead us into righteousness.
- This judgment is effective over the ruler of this world, i.e., satan, and will be the reason for His judgment now and later on.

### The past and current judgment of satan

*Revelation 12:7-12 "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they*

*overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”*

- The battle took place in the past and is the operation of God through the angels.
- The victory has come only after the battle was settled in heaven.
- Believers, both men and women, past and present, who took and continue to take the victory that has been wrought, have been and can be victorious.
- The blood of Jesus Christ as Lord, their testimony of that blood and their love of God, even to death, always carries them through to the full victory over Satan and his evil angelic host.
- It is because “salvation, strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come.”

### **Satan is subject to the name of Jesus**

*Luke 10:17-20 “‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name’ and He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.’”*

- We have power over these demonic forces in Jesus’ name because Satan has fallen from heaven.
- We have the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy once we receive it from Jesus Himself.
- Nothing shall by any means hurt us for these spirits can be subject to us through Jesus’ name.
- We can rejoice because our names are written in heaven. The rejoicing is not over the victory, but over the defeat affected because our names are written in heaven.

### **Sin gives Satan a chance to find a place in our lives**

*James 4:7 “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you.”*

- Surrender fully to God.
- Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- The closer you are to God the closer He will be to you.
- Sinners to cleanse themselves in the blood of Jesus and purify their hearts from double-mindedness.
- By humbling ourselves in God's sight He will lift us.

### **Satan wants all to turn aside after him**

*1 Timothy 5:14-15 “... give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully; for some have already turned aside after Satan.”*

- Satan and his agents are looking for an opportunity to speak reproachfully.
- It is possible to turn aside from the main forward direction of serving God.

- You must be careful to avoid this happening by being careful of those who have already turned aside to satan.

### **The attacks of Satan**

*1 Peter 5:8-10 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."*

- You must do your part faithfully and resist him in the faith, being sober-minded and watchful.
- Remain in the faith and realise that all the believers have the same struggle.
- Go through that time of suffering so that God can perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you.

### **The devil gains ground from us when we give it to him**

*Ephesians 4:26-27 "Be angry, and do not sin.' Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil."*

- There are times that anger flares up, but do not continue in it.
- Do not give over to sin because you are angry.
- Fix it up the same day.
- Give the devil no place at all to continue with it.

### **The destruction of Satan is decreed**

*Romans 16:19-20 "... but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you. Amen."*

- Through wisdom in goodness overcome evil.
- Keep the peace from God in your hearts.
- God will crush Satan under our feet.
- At the right time, God will do it. Remain faithful to receive it.

### **The insinuations of satan**

*2 Corinthians 11:2-4 "I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But, I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."*

- God is jealous of His people and therefore raises people to help His people, such as leaders, other brethren and spiritual family.
- We are presented as pure and chaste to the Lord Jesus Christ by those who help us.
- We, as workers, overcome a fear of the enemy's work by praying for one another, especially when we see that there are problems.
- Deceptions of the enemy are possible and therefore we need the help of others to prevent the enemy's work in our lives.
- The enemy deceives and sow corruption and will try to remove us from the simplicity of what we understand and have in Jesus Christ.

- It is possible that our minds can be corrupted and we are to watch against this. Watchfulness with prayer is needed to receive the right Jesus, the right spirit and the right message.
- The right Jesus must be preached. The right spirit must be received. The right Gospel must be accepted. The right deliverance must be affected. It was Jesus Himself who told us,

*Mark 13:37 “And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”*

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## **6. The exchange that is necessary for us all Revelation 16:26**

The devil robbed Adam and Eve from God in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve hid because of their sin, realising they were naked and God had to come and show His grace towards them by clothing them. This proves that God didn't reject them altogether, even though he banished them from the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve couldn't meet with God during their evening meetings without them covering their nakedness, as they became aware of their sin. After rebuking them God provided His covering, which came about through the shedding of blood.

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## **7. Revival in the church Ezra 9:8**

The church, although expanding all over the world, is in dire straits over the multitude who are following false shepherds, who care not for Jesus but are in it for money, fame and for being famous.

Revival is considered by many to be a going back to early revivals in our modern times, but are not busy preparing the Bride or being in the Bride for the Bridegroom's return. They are sleeping, both wise and foolish virgins, and the devil is creeping in and creating divorce, even allowing same-sex marriages to take place.

One main difference between this Jesus revival and the earlier Jesus revival at Pentecost is that, while the earlier Christians suffered martyrdom and great persecutions, this end-time latter rain revival will attend with great power of will and cause the enemies that hinder it, to be eliminated and stopped by attending angels. Jesus is showing forth His power, strengths and might on behalf of those who are true in these times and it is Jesus, preparing His bride. False pastors will be either exposed or will die. Jesus does not want this and it is upon their heads and their purposes.

Revival in the church, although the heads of the churches are trying to unite, is impossible due to the false Christs, apostles, prophets, teachers and members and even doctrines, using false bibles. How can revival come in this type of scenario?

Can true revival come about? Yes, for this is what the end-time Jesus revival is all about. Jesus is doing what mankind cannot do.

His method is being revealed to certain chosen people, who He inspires, visits and is raising them to work directly with Him and under Him. God will prevail even though man has failed.

Ask God to include you, at this end time, in the moving of the latter rain Jesus revival.

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## **8. Expect the best from God who cares Romans 8:19**

There are many ideas in life that we as believers can have. It is not only the natural people that have ideals, but the believer often has high ideals as well. This is in agreement with the Word of God. If God is in control it seems the most perfect thing to do is to expect the best that He has to offer for our own lives. We are told that He cares for us and that we should cast all our cares upon Him. He has promised to be with us always and will carry us through each situation in which we can find ourselves.

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## 9. True Life in God's blessings 1 Timothy 1:14

Life is a gift from God to be enjoyed. This is not always possible for many people of the world die due to wars and insurrections, diseases, calamities, murdering and thieving people.

What is a life worth when you are in a concentration camp doing hard labour in extreme conditions? We need to thank God in any case and trust Him to deliver us in one way or another.

It is a sad fact that many people concentrate on the negative instead of living as full a life as is possible.

Jesus made a statement:

*John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have [it] more abundantly."*

Jesus wants to do this for us, but then what do we have to do in exchange? Only two things believe it and receive it. It will be yours. John 10 has the answers.

This will be revealed to you as you read this chapter and as you follow the teachings of Jesus and live them.

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## **10. The revival of a nation Romans 4:17-18**

### **Part One - Revival of a nation**

There needs to be a national pride against evil practices:

- We need to believe that God can bring the necessary changes.
- We as believers need to unite in prayer and fasting.
- Believers need to pray for godly governments, lawmakers, principalities, authorities, municipalities, and law enforcers.

The whole nation needs to be aroused to seek God by calling upon Him in their national need:

- Prayer needs to be opened up in schools and learning institutions again.
- Believers need to become revival conscious.
- We all need to practice prayer for the change of our nation.
- Parents need to take their responsibilities seriously again.
- Homes need to begin the cleansing process of removing the wrong influences from their children and their friends.
- Going to church meetings needs to be a way of life again.
- Personal and national examples to others need to be re-established.

### **God, Himself has to call the nation to revival**

- The preachers need to be revival conscious.
- The personal and national conscience needs to be enlarged to include all other people.
- The Bible needs to become a respected authority in the land.
- The people need to turn back to God for His help.
- The people who are only interested in their welfare, should accept and realise that the needs of the needy should be taken care of.

The spiritual values of a nation needing revival are to become the values instilled in hearts prepared by the word of God:

- Discrimination against all people needs to be abolished without prejudice to any particular group(s) but must be for the benefit of all.
- The judicial system needs to be kept intact from fraudulent and biased judgments utilizing just and impartial ruling with fair punishments.
- Need respect for the rights of children, the aged and sickly by those who serve them.
- Work is needed for all that will become a way of life.
- Spiritual reforms are needed to change the structures to be put in place to help and build the nation.

The nation has to change its legalistic practices to embrace the entreaties of spiritual and helpful institutions by all those in authority:

- Believers need to walk in the Spirit of the Lord and not in the flesh of the self.
- The rigid rules of judgment need to be replaced by the Lord's loving and caring commandments.
- The waters of life should be enjoyed to quench the fires of hell.
- The overflowing spirit that we have towards others needs to be generous in forgiving and giving.
- The work of the Lord must receive its rightful place in our homes, schools, businesses that will benefit society.

Each family needs to be aroused to its own spiritual needs first of all, whilst not neglecting the plight of the people of the nation:

- Training institutions need to receive special help and monetary advances.
- The laws of the nation need revision to include the Christian values in the schooling of children and university students.
- The home and family values need to be re-established as a top priority.
- All entertainment has to be curbed in such a way that spiritual and moral values enjoy the patronage of the public.
- The marriage laws need to be revised to promote marriage rather than destroy its validity.

Laws need not necessarily be changed, unless corrupt, but should be enforced through prosecution by those who are the custodians of upholding of the law, whether they be municipal, regional, national, traffic police, police, army, navy, air force, judiciary, appeal boards and political reformers, which will only come about through earnest prayers of intercession, weeping and fasting:

- The political structures in the country need to be reformed to allow for strict penalties and suitable prison terms, with effective training for prisoners to become economically viable upon release.
- The land has to have reforms that will take care of their poor, allowing the rich to cater for their lack, by correct subsidisation and adequate government sponsorship.
- Exposure of all fraudulent institutions with suitable penal and restitution penalties.
- The law enforcers are to become helpers towards this goal and should be adequately trained and compensated, to discountenance corruption, distortion and bribery.
- The whole nation should be called to watchfulness, co-operation and helpfulness in combating crime and violence.

### **Let us pray**

*“Dear Father in heaven, we humbly ask you to bring revival closer to us all, starting with me and my loved ones, wonderfully touching our homes, Your way, the way of the Cross, the way of Jesus, the way of the Holy Spirit, the way of Your Word, the way of Your life, the way of Your truth and the way of Your love. Draw us closer and we will be close. Help us and we will be helped. Teach us in the way of revival and we will be taught. We believe and ask this in the wonderful name of Jesus and for His sake. Amen.”*

Revival comes about when people start respecting God and each other, God’s word and God’s truth. This comes down from heaven when revival consciousness takes place personally and nationally. All biblical revivals started with one God-fearing person who intercedes earnestly for the nation. God is pleased with such dedication and will grant others to become fervent in the revival under the anointing unction of Jesus Christ as Lord.

### **Part Two**

#### **An international heritage for true Christian nations only**

The world is made up of composite nations and every nation has its values and ethics and Christian practises. It is impossible under ordinary circumstances to unite them into one global entity.

The current world wants to try and sort out these matters by using unusual methods. We need to remember that there have been many dictators who have tried without success to

unite the world under one world-wide order: Pharaoh, the Medo-Persian Empire, the Grecian Empire, the Babylonian Empire, the Phoenician Empire, Genghis Kahn, Napoleon Bonaparte, Hitler, Stalin, Muslims, the Roman Catholics, the British Empire, etc., whether these were run by single dictators or world powers. Even the Americans have tried, using their wealth and wars and space explorations to dominate the nations, etc. These have all failed eventually and had to admit defeat.

In the current world situation, which is unusual, because the Book of Revelation states that a world coalition or confederation or combination of forces all having the same aims, will arise and endeavour to dominate world politics. Yet, this God book of Revelation is prophetic, and foretells of the destruction of these aligned powers in the battle of Armageddon and introduces Jesus Christ as the eventual winner, to set up God's Kingdom on earth at Jerusalem for 1000 years.

The world, largely, discountenances these predictions and are trying to stand together as one people to subdue the world-wide nations to submit to their dominations. The news of the day is full of these actions and instead, wars are taking place in smaller places that are protecting their interests and territories from invasions by hostile neighbours.

The religious nations are pitted against each other and non-religious nations, causing untold misery to their people and others.

The reason for this is force. If the unity of nations is not brought about through peaceful and non-forceful means and agreement can be reached between all nations, then world peace could become a possibility. This is not the case at all, for everyone wants to be dominant over the others. This is a cause for continual strife.

It seems impossible to ever get united nations off the ground, but the secular world, nevertheless, is rather trying to eliminate Christians everywhere, for they are counted as their common enemies.

Now we ask, is this unity possible? Yes, if revival breaks out and spreads everywhere, even across the nations.

### **The ongoing Christian situation**

In the background and largely unnoticed, Christianity is gaining the upper hand. If this were not so, the World Health Organisation (WHO), would not have declared that they intend to destroy or limit every Christian believer throughout the world. They have planners and co-conspirators, who are working feverishly on these matters to try and bring this about.

In the meanwhile, God is not concerned by these attempts to dethrone Him. He is used to the centuries of anti-God attempts to either destroy the people of God, whether these be Jews or Christian, and has always taken over matters in the long run. Nations have arisen and have prospered for long periods, with wonderful buildings and structures that testify to their ingenuity and power in the making. Then suddenly collapse takes place, sometimes through warring factions and diseases that came against them, as in the instance of the Incas, or due to sudden calamitous happenings of great power, such as tsunamis, volcanic actions, avalanches, whirlwinds, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides, unusual heat or cold periods, huge accidents that come about through explosions, fires, earth splitting, sinkholes, floods, atomic warfare, cave-ins of mines, whirlpools that dry up rivers and dams, disease epidemics, showers of asteroids from outer space, disastrous earth subsidence on a wide scale, destructive and devastating wars, earth cracking through fracking mining, underground movements of large waters causing cave-ins, great icebergs falling into the seas and powerful underwater movements of platonic shelves.

These can be described by people as natural freak accidents of nature and by others as God's fury and anger being released in judgments.

Nevertheless, these are disruptive of human activities and human life costs, however, caused and thus makes the uniting of nations even more difficult.

So, as this is the case, the powerful forces of the world of human governments, bring about calamitous results in terms of warring against each other.

### **Unity of purpose in divine revivals**

God, who is in heaven, is continuing to expand His Kingdom on earth through His servants. They all have a singular purpose and stand together despite the persecutions directed against them, to fulfil the command of God in the perfect prayer of Jesus:

*“Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

Believers come and go, just as do the sinners of the earth, but their war is against sin, unrighteousness and wicked judgements of the despots, warlords and tyrants.

God is on their side and as they try to persuade people to turn back to God through Jesus Christ, they proclaim fairness and blessings to all people of the earth. Their message is the same as that of the angels: “Peace and Goodwill to all people of the earth.”

Here follows, what they all believe and try to prosper where-ever they can, even in the face of severe oppositions of bigoted rulers, who practise one type of authority over their people, which disagrees totally with the authorities of rulers of the other nations. These are idealistic concepts and only those nations who are governed by Christian ethics, and are inspired by God in the end-time revival of Jesus, can subscribe to them.

Remember this one thing - the grand design of God in giving people free will, will prevail, in this sort of truth. Apart from this inspiration of God, this is impossible.

Every nation on earth that come into contact with these principles and are willing to ascribe to them, will prosper in them.

There are already some nations on earth that have been transformed in their national behaviour towards their nation and the other nations. You can look this up on the internet under, Transformed Nations.

When the people of these nations turned away from their wicked ways and turned to God in prayer faithfully and consistently, God came down to live with them and changed everything for them.

Here is the perfect way for nations to govern their people and if any nation is honest enough and takes the time to learn of these things and to implement them, God will honour them.

Every nation on earth has the call and challenge from God to change their ways, forsake their sins and to adopt His principles of worship, faith and practice.

A mandate for a call to continual watchful prayer is required by all of their lands, from the smallest to the greatest.

### **Ideal rules for the fair and equitable government the world over**

- Churches need to be given free rein to practice their faith, in teaching, preaching, prophesying and counselling.



- They should be encouraged to teach their people to read their Bibles and practise New Testament worship of Jesus Christ as Lord of all, to the glory of God.
- They are to pray for their government to encourage everyone to become believing and law-abiding citizens, contributing to the economy, growth and advance of all aspects of their society.
- The non-profit organisations and/or humanitarian aid, together with government organisations, need to co-operate freely within their frameworks, giving support to each other utilizing their structuring ideals, aims and goals.
- The non-religious people should be given their own choice, but society should dictate the norms of their behavioural freedom with harmful and hurtful effects upon children and their future upbringing and spiritual up-building.
- The nation needs to become accountable to God through Jesus Christ, for His help in the Holy Spirit intercession of its people.
- Pastoral leadership should encourage their congregations with the Holy Spirit's teachings out of the Scriptures, towards establishing a helpful, honest and God-fearing nation, which includes the entire populace.
- Encouraging government sponsorship towards open meetings to be held in stadiums and large auditoriums, with support from the police and all other law enforcement sections.
- The churches, with the help of the local police and law protectors, are to give special ongoing courses in all aspects of training to become good law-abiding citizens.
- Prize giving organisations should not be allowed to continue unless they are sponsoring non-profit organisations and all unfair media treatments of women and men, race and colour, creed and faith, should be discountenanced.
- The organisations that could be useful in this type of eradication are the Bible Societies and they should be encouraged by Government to print only those Bibles that are fully recognised by the worldwide churches that are practising true Christ-centred Christianity.
- Evil practices need to be recognised as evil and should not be countenanced in all of their various forms.
- The way forward is for the whole nation to become conscious of graffiti writing, commercial advertising and public nudity displays, discountenancing them.
- Corruptive, murderous, monstrous and bizarre films that promote violence and sexual liberty apart from marriage need to be banned.
- The law needs to state categorically that all transactions, whether cash or otherwise, must be accompanied by written receipts and orders, to eliminate tax evasion practices, with strict control on the collection of taxes through the banking system, rather than the Receiver of Inland Revenue.
- The recognised tax and revenue body needs to disclose any business that is corrupt to the police and allow honest businessmen and women to become more honest and earnest in paying their taxes.
- Penalties should not be taken by the court at the expense of the defaulting business, but such businesses need to be controlled and supervised by suitable helpers from the Receiver of Inland Revenue officials.
- The collection of past unpaid taxes should not be without penalties, but within favour of any victims under the system, and the firms should be encouraged to fairly compensate with openness and fairness, rather than with punishment and harsh actions.
- The dishonest dealers, charlatans and drug dealers need to be banished from the country, back to their own country, rather than put in jail.

- The religious meeting should not be interfered with, unless its centre is counter to a stable government, promoting satanic, demonic, and occult or witchcraft.
- Religious meetings of all peace-loving and law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and supported by the authorities towards the benefit of the whole populace.
- The religious meetings that practice good human relationships and fair helpful treatment of all people should be regarded as normal.
- All others, who attack the body, soul and spirit, family values, marriages, good and healthy relationships between the sexes, with the discouragement of all forms of evil practices and behaviour abnormalities. These should be banned and those who choose to practice them, should be forbidden entry into the country and/or denied citizenship.
- Encourage police to enrol believers of the Christian community and promote Christians, who are recommended by their shepherds, to teach, train, help and supervise helpers in promoting and encouraging good works and good citizenship.
- All organisations that are contrary to peace, stability and true loyal citizenship, should be banned and such firms need to be denied operational or business rights.
- The police and school, college and university authorities should be mandated to work hand in hand with organizations that are dealing with criminal elements.
- The way forward will promote and influence government policies in all areas of social structuring and public care.
- Municipalities and provincial authorities should work hand in hand with the ruling authorities, including those of legal opposition parties, to be united in eradicating all forms of evil, hurtful and harmful practices towards all of its citizens.
- Court convicted criminals must be sent to farms and encouraged to work at trades that are helpful to society.
- All believing religions should be mobilised so that together they can oust crime, banish its nesting places, and demolish its sources decrying the consequences of all crime.
- The government needs to work with all religious bodies promoting peaceful co-existence and non-violence programmes of education.
- The openness of all government bodies towards the public should be conducive to educating and advancing their people at all levels of our society, for we need each other and the help that each level gives to those beneath it.
- The church levels should not be contingent on race, creed or colour, but those that are created by our common faith.
- Sound empirical behaviour patterns towards normalcy and the abolishment of war and weapon force between one nation and another should be encouraged.
- Holding of public inter-province Christian rallies, encouraging and receiving sponsorship of business, government and religious bodies.
- Holding inter-regional meetings of prayer, praise and worship through churches on an ongoing basis towards these objectives.

Let us pray:

***“Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for your wonderful work on Calvary, which you did for us all, even for the whole world. We appreciate you. We love you. We adore you. Our hearts are greatly enlarged by the hope of the resurrection of each believer. In You, we rejoice that we are part of you and that you are part of us. Bring the revival that we long for to our locality, to our people, to our nation to all nations, world-wide, through your expanding revival. We will rejoice in this as it happens for the benefit of all. We thank you and glorify God with You for this, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.”***

Let each nation of the world, who read this declaration, decide if they can do these things and regulate rules and practises under the Scriptures of truth, as outlined in the New Testament, and regulated and promoted by the words of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Why Christians and not those who are classed as sinners?

Now, to end this, we ask why should Christians be in charge of the nations of the world? Why not the people that they class as sinners?

The obvious answer is that true Christians, do not fight or retaliate or even resist when attacked by the wicked. Whereas the wicked, when attacked by other wicked people, respond with violence and revenge.

The power that Christians release come down from Heaven - the sinner does not have this power. The inspiration of the devil is part of their lot and portion instead.

The devil and his works have been defeated by the Cross of Jesus and His death by crucifixion, according to the Scriptures, for the believers. He has been placed under the feet of the believers in Jesus Christ who has also given them the power over the power of the enemy.

If you have read this far it is now for you to decide if you are going to add your prayers to those believers who pray according to this liberty and standard set forth here. Amen.

God is raising billions of people, the world over, who recognise the Headship of Jesus Christ over God's Kingdom on earth and His true Church, also over the family of God, as His sons and daughters.

The revival of Jesus is ongoing and is in reaching into the world and outreaching to the nations. This will continue until Jesus comes to obtain the final victory for God and His Kingdom. Amen

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## 11.A family heritage Psalm 127:3

The Readers Digest Complete Word Finder Dictionary declares heritage to mean: “anything that is or may be inherited, inherited circumstances, benefits, birth-right or inheritance.”

Concerning a family heritage, the father is usually the custodian of what is to be assessed onto the family after death. His Testament gives certain rights to various recipients of his entire estate. The wife usually inherits first, but if she cannot handle matters for any reason, usually the eldest son takes her under his protection and care. This may also include underage siblings of the father.

Inheritances can be either a blessing or a curse, depending on the jealousies that are engendered between members of the family, which cannot be easily sorted out amongst themselves.

Jesus, when He died, left an inheritance to his followers. He left His teachings, the Holy Spirit and the promises of God. He left this to all true believers who follow him with the added written assurance of being with us in Spirit, forever. He told His disciples, “My little children, it is God’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”

It can be reasoned that if God is prepared to give us the Kingdom, then would He withhold any other blessings?

If God gave us His Son to die for us, then why should He not give us freely all things?

You need to contemplate on this and see what is due to you in your inheritance which Jesus left behind for all to enjoy.

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## **12.Denominational heritage for a Jesus seeking nation Jeremiah 3:19**

There has always been, and most probably will always be, a concentrated effort to try and get believers to group in groups without a name. The idea behind this is to promote one church, one faith and one people. Some will not speak out for the trend of discountenancing denominational churches that endorse interpretational separateness. Some believers would preach against churches and ministries that have official names and claim that they should rather belong to the universal faith movement. They are all proclaiming or endorsing the no-name movement. There are simple reasons given for advocating this, the desire to affect town and city revivals.

### **Division brings separation**

The very reason given for promoting town and city revivals is the very same reason that they are unable to function as a full town revival, having disallowed the inclusion of denominations. It is well known that if one fights a particular group, then one gets back from that group a defence or, perhaps, even counter-opposition. We usually fight fire with water or fire with fire, but one cannot fight the Holy Spirit (the Living Water) with God (the Living Fire) or even God (the Living Fire) with God (the Living Fire). This is where the running fire revival is quenched by the running water revival. No wonder most revivals die out eventually after running for any particular period. The so-called water revival puts out the currently running fire (revival), and only the wind (revival) is able and is therefore needed to heat the fire so that the water can then evaporate. Can you understand this analogy?

### **True revival**

The rain (revival) comes down in a particular area and the wind (revival) blows at the same time, but the fire revival can only survive with the wind, but not with the rain. Some may say that with God nothing is impossible. True. However, the same God who made the natural is the same God who made the spiritual. Miracles happen all the time in the natural world, brought forth by a supernatural God, but remember likewise it is the very same God who brings forth supernatural miracles in the supernatural world. The Scripture declares God to be, God who changes not.

### **The true cause of Jesus - The Jesus theme - Revivals**

It is time for us all to realise that the cause of Christ Jesus is not one of division. It is not the cause of subjugating one group to another, but affiliated co-operation. Taking a stand, secretly or otherwise, and claiming that the whole independent unnamed group is the only right one, with all others being wrong, whilst either wooing or fighting denominationalism will eventually lead to bigotry. A far better stance is to live and let live, but take the Gospel to the needy and the unsaved and let true revival come out of that thrust. Often a believing brother starts the fire running and, eventually, after a time in which the fire runs some disbelieving person or persons smothers it. I can think of at least nine instances in the Bible where this took place:

- Noah was ridiculed by his generation and therefore only a few were saved. The immediate family of Noah was saved - a revival of regeneration in the earth.
- Joseph was thrown into the jail through someone else's deceiving wife. Egypt became a wealthy nation through the feeding of its wheat to the people - a revival of rescue from starvation.
- The prophet Jonah was his own worst enemy against the revival God planned for Nineveh. God had mercy on them - a revival throughout Nineveh.

- Jeremiah was thrown into a well by a wicked king. The remnant of the people was saved - a revival of returning refugees.
- Daniel was thrown into the den of lions by a jealous king. The king was converted - a revival to the subservient nations.
- Daniel and his friends were thrown into the fire by a tyrant king. The friends were restored to favour - a revival of tolerance and recognition towards the Jewish nation.
- His people crucified Jesus in the prime of His life. He was raised from the dead - a revival of new life to the world.
- Paul had to be let down outside the city in a basket and had to run for his life from Jewish zealots. Paul went to Arabia for 14 years - a revival of salvation to the Gentiles.
- The apostle John was banished to the Isle of Patmos. He received revelations to the churches - a revival to the seven churches of Asia.

Despite the devastating opposition to the persons of revival, in every case without exception, revival broke out later on a grand scale through each of these God-chosen believers.

### **The governing authorities**

The governmental powers that be throughout the world have a different approach to religious/believing bodies, depending on either the usually accepted State church(s), or religious support given by each independent government or governing authority, often lending support through religious bodies. Each village, town, city, country and nation may therefore adopt different approaches from one another or they may unite in a common bond under a particular banner, depending on the freedom given to their particular group.

### **Affiliated believer groups**

Groups that stand under separate name banners, which can join together for a common cause and yet remain separate, are to be admired. Some times and circumstances require such a joining. However, if such a joining together continues for any length of time and becomes greatly enlarged, there is always the danger of merging into one single group, or of going back to their original separateness. Some groups stand in affiliation with one another and, side by side, help each other in a perfectly harmonious relationship. This is preferable to those that would break down denominational barriers to form one great universal church.

### **The personal right of the individual believer**

Understandably, some people wish to be separate from any form of official identification, simply because they wish to be free agents. It is the right of each person to decide this for themselves. However, when such a person either criticizes, finds fault, or condemns any other person that does not adhere to this form of believer expression, his motivations for such a stand are, to say the least, questionable.

### **The usefulness of individually named groups**

The practice therefore of giving a name to churches, ministries and groups, in the main, is simply one of expedience, useful for:

- distinguishing one doctrinal teaching block from another;
- taxation purposes, partial taxation or full exemption;
- legal purposes about a particular believing group as an entity;
- identifying one believing group from another;
- separating one form of practising faith from a different form of practising faith;
- assisting authorities in regulating national aid or support;

- writing the laws of the land in classifying purposes, distinguishing differences from one group to another.

### **Countless churches, ministry and believing groups named and unnamed**

There are countless ministries, church organisations and doctrinal statements throughout the world and their identifying name helps to avoid confusion when we talk about one of these groups as opposed to other groups with no name, or another name.

### **Denominations - are they from God or man?**

Now there is a teaching going around that denominations are not from God simply because they have a name that separates them from other groups. Is this true?

We name one business this name to distinguish it from another, and yet find no cause for unhappiness in this at all. It is accepted as a normal business practice. If two businesses happen to have the same name there is usually some sort of argument to see who started first and who has the right to such a name. Often court cases result or one has to back down and change the name of the business.

Yet when we come to the matter of churches, ministries and differences of doctrinal statements, with different methods and teachings, we suddenly deny this empirical application and state that it now does not apply or, even, that God counts it as inferior, wrong or in extreme cases some would say, corrupt.

They mean to say that God allows businesses to have an individual name, but that God cannot allow the church, ministries, or doctrinal groups to also do the same. Such reasoning is nothing short of utter nonsense.

Even secular or Christian schools that teach the same subjects, or even different subjects, are given a name, to distinguish one school from another. This is empirical and is the practice of the majority of nations on earth. This is how mankind does things from far back into recorded history.

### **The named church is not a name but a group of people**

It is incorrect to emphasize a church name rather than a church people, a church family or a church group. The people are the church and the church is not apart from the people. God will show you the great wisdom of these two complementary statements.

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## **13.Our inheritance 1 Peter 1:4**

### **Our Inherited Unction**

Three things come out plainly in the New Testament that show us what inherited unction is. The first one is the unity of God in the Spirit. The second one is the unction of God in the Spirit. The third one is the unification of God in the Spirit.

### **The Unity of God in the Spirit**

There are three things that God wants from all men and women:

#### **In a relationship - Love**

There is a relationship that is based on loving another. The only person, who is none other than God Himself, that is capable of loving, is unrevealed in heaven, far from the prying eyes of mankind. His only known evident mark of existing is the love of all things shown in His universal creation of solar existence. Where God is there is love. Where love is there is God. The relationship of this love is the proof of its existence and the existence of this love is the relationship of it proving itself to all and sundry.

To be plainly stated, this in effect means that God, who is the centre of all things, around whom all things revolve, is the epitome of truthfulness and love, in harmony with all of His creation, including all races of mankind, all nations of the world, all the people of every different language, with no exceptions. What mankind sees as separation; God sees as unification. The problem of separation does not lie with God but with the whole of mankind.

God is looking for relationship-building and man is not looking for relationship love in the building. This is why these two different parties cannot agree. If the one leaves off loving and the other takes up loving, there can be no relationship at all. Can there be? It is not possible. The one who loves and the other who does not love, are unable to agree with each other, being so diverse, one from the other. These poles of the agreement are so diverse that they are moving in opposite directions, away from each other. Truth is the separation of these two polarities.

Conclusion: If we cannot put two people together in agreement then there can be no true relationship between them.

#### **Inharmonious relationship - Faith**

Within that relationship, there needs to be bonding in faithfulness. The amazing thing about the polarities of these two extremes is simply realized by stating that nothing can bring them together again except the faithfulness of one of the parties within these polarities. Faith means to be in a position of trusting someone so implicitly that there can be no separation of polarities. However, it also means that the one who has that faith has to approach the one that does not have it and give it to him, to fill up the polarity gaps.

Without this gift of a harmonious relationship, there can never be a reconciliation of these two polarities within the truth of their separations. Therefore, we establish faith as a necessary prerequisite to a bonding relationship between two separate entities that are violently opposed to one another. The violence is not one of hurt but one of harm. The one who has faith will harm the one who does not have faith and precisely so also if the focus is placed on the second polarity in its bearing towards the first. There is no schism in a relationship if both parties are in agreement as to what faith is and as to what faith accomplishes. In this agreement lies the truth that separates and also the truth that binds these two parties, with their differing polarities, together.



## **Inglorious relationship - Hope**

The heritage of each relationship, as stated above, needs three aspects, which will be shown here to be completely fulfilled in a truthful relationship, these are:

- Loving
- Faithfulness
- Bonding together in perfected harmonious glory.

### **Loving**

Every relationship needs loving to become a bonding relationship. This bonding opens the way for two to become one together in their intentions, desires and hopes, learning together in a glorious relationship. The glory of a true relationship opens up the facets of that relationship, such as loving deeds, loving-kindness or loving heartfelt warmth. The way to love is to give to one another that which is pleasing, pleasant and perfect. In the relationship, the stronger always blesses the weaker, unless of course the weaker blesses the stronger, through their relationship strengths, loving abilities and inner feelings.

### **Faithfulness**

In a relationship, there has to be good faith or faithfulness on both sides. Without this trusting faith and goodness, the relationship will be strained in such a way as to become a non-relationship. No one can deny, truthfully, that the way of faithfulness is one of the higher priorities in any dealings that take place between two people. A kindred word is a loyalty, but this is only a part of faithfulness and not all of it. Trusting loyalty opens up the way for relationship faithfulness. True friendship is also part of this process as that establishes loyal faithfulness between two persons. If these aspects are put together into the truth of being faithful, or full of faith, then it is helpful towards being understood on both sides within the relationship.

The workings of a relationship are manifested in the order of importance in these things taken together. The truth of each facet that has been opened up will be relevant to the faithfulness that is expressed between two persons in a sound and wonderful relationship.

The order of priority and importance is hereby demonstrated to show that there is a strong progression in relationship fellowship.

The relevance of the importance is only applicable to a person who understands what this is all about. Once the relevance is understood the importance will follow:

- Loyalty
- Trusting loyalty
- True friendship
- The truth of being faithful
- Good faith
- Trusting faith
- Goodness

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## **Stage 12 - The power of prayerful life**

### **Preamble**

These studies are presented in a progressive study order and are suitable for bible study in the church, bible school, believing group and home-centred outreach. The modules may also be grouped and used for topical studies and seminars. We are trusting God to inspire His people everywhere to use these modular studies for themselves and to help others to use them in seeking and finding Jesus Christ as Lord of their own lives.

## **There is more to know in the glory and power**

## **Stage 12 - Having been perfected live the life of faith**

### **1. God through the Spirit says “Come!” Revelation 22:17**

Salvation is the first step towards being purified of our unrighteousness and to begin doing what is right in the eyes of God.

There are many ways in which we can first get to know the Lord as our Saviour, but in every one of them, we nevertheless have to come to Jesus to be saved.

Turning towards Jesus will change us to become more and more like Him each day.

- The invitation is to all who will

The way opens up for us to go towards Jesus and is extended through His invitation to come to Him as we are.

- The invitation is eternal, but we can cut it short

He can change us alone.

- The invitation is extended to you by Jesus Christ at the command of God

He paid the price for our being changed into new creatures.

- The invitation will change your life drastically if you seriously come to Jesus

The way home to God always goes through Jesus Christ.

- The resultant working of the invitation will bring you to the throne of God by His grace

He will never turn anyone away

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## **2. The bible way of forming structured church groups Matthew 16:18**

### **The great principle of growth - maintaining structured spiritual order**

The greatest way to obtain growth in a church is to have the seven-fold caring principle at the heart of all structured levels.

### **The nine caring methods for continual church growth**

There are nine methods mentioned in the Scriptures that need to be opened up to us all as individuals and in group participation. These are known as revival caring growth methods. These have a God working that comes from heaven. It is based on the Holy Spirit coming down to stay within a group. There are a responsibility and purpose to expand toward each method no matter on which level the revival care group is initially formed.

Sound working patterns for the body of grouped believers:

- Jesus Christ as Lord is the pattern for believers.
- The church as the body is the pattern for His followers.
- The body as His church is the pattern for the bride.
- The Word of God is the basic foundation of doctrine and practice.
- The life, the Spirit and the truth of Christ Jesus as Lord should be embraced before all else to maintain excellent spiritual health of the body.
- The New Covenant, the Promises and the Commandments of the Lord supported and confirmed by His prophets and apostles need to be held in the highest esteem.
- The Holy Spirit should be given sway in the meetings and all forms of manipulation, domination and coercion should be avoided.
- The order, flowing and leading of the Holy Spirit needs to birth continually with an ongoing call to repentance, salvation, deliverance, healing, victory and liberty in Christ Jesus as Lord.
- The wholeness of the Body of Christ Jesus as Lord is the pattern that needs to be followed to prevent a schism in the body. The body needs the Physician, Jesus, to heal it. The body that is functioning well does not need a physician for healing purposes but needs Him to govern and lead the body in its pre-ordained destiny.

### **Reaching-in and reaching-out groups**

Every church has to have a reaching-in programme. This means that a church group must take care of its own house first through reaching-in programmes and then it will be able to take care of its God house through reaching-out programmes. These two divisions are distinctive and need to be progressively developed:

#### **Reaching-in groups (training based)**

- Invitations extended by each believer at the individual believer level.
- Caring instruction for each believer inspiring spiritual growth and encouraging personal victory in spiritual needs at the approved helper level.
- Caring home groups holding home meetings at approved home care Helper level.
- Caring leadership groups that encourage tend and inspire the believers at the approved group care helper level.
- Reaching-out groups (training orientated)
- Caring workgroups that raise work teams at pastoral helper level.
- Caring church groups that hold collective church services at the pastoral level.
- The pastoral evangelising group prepares workers to establish new revival centres at the executive level (management).

## Promotional Groups

Each group, whether initially promoting reaching-in or reaching-out concepts, should be working together to promote internal harmony amongst its members, within its working level as well as within the workings of all other levels.

- The revived persons caring growth method:
  - All revivals start with one person, somewhere, somehow, sometime. God is the author of this and it is not man-made, but God-ordained. God raises any particular person, as He sees fit, to help extend revival, but that person must be personally revived first.
  - There can be many people working differently, each in various circumstances that can be a 'fire lighter' for revival. The person that brings about a revival breakthrough will have a line of followers that grow under the personal bits of help of such a revivalist. History is full of such examples.
  - Each revival has a teaching period, a breakthrough period and an activity period. Even those revivals that seem to be spontaneous have a teaching leader that opens up the hearts for the revival concept to take place. Of course, that person can be the Lord Jesus Himself as in the case of the apostle Paul.
  - It is also possible for two or more people to receive a revelation of revival separately and then they can come together to pray for such a revival. Whichever way this comes about there has to be an openness towards being personally revived, which is the beginning of your revival.
  - The revival of the early Christian church came about through Jesus promising revival employing the Holy Spirit. The believers had to watch and pray for it, however.
  - Will you carry a burning torch for lighting revival fire?
- The revived home caring growth method:
  - This involves a group that is based on home structuring around the believers. It has its own rules and methods and is subject to church authority, having to submit to the ground rules of its existence.
  - The growth of a cellular structure has to move towards a global unity rather than an individual unity, but that global unity is transmitted by the function of all levels coming into existence.
  - There are three aspects to a home caring growth group structuring:
    - There must be a commonly based training guide.
    - There must be over-all control and monitoring by one appointed pastor/leader having the necessary helpers under him.
    - There must be a foundational-based controlling church with recognised principles, doctrinally accepted practices and disciplines.

The revived pastoral leadership caring growth method:

Leadership structuring that is in place must be explained to all levels and all areas touching the responsibility of each leader's working authority must be clearly defined. The following foundational rules are to be implemented:

- The specialised nature of each group should be structured to the tasks assigned by the leaders.
- Each leader must be trained and equipped for their specific tasks.

- The group needs to be trained in its own needed caring growth level as well as in certain aspects of training level strategies linked to the group itself and allowing for promotional growth. This gives coherence to the two levels and lays down the barriers of submission to upper authority.
- Each level must be given motivation towards possible promotional progression.
- The parameters of responsibility within each authority structure must have set disciplines.
- Discipline must be confined to the level that is closest to the offence, by those appointed to the task within each level.
- The higher level can assist in the decision-making process of discipline, but should not interfere until asked to assist.
- If such a matter is serious and is being ignored on any level by the responsible person, then the next level can become involved, by approaching the helper on the offending level.

The revived workgroups caring growth method:

- Each group that is revival-orientated starts to work collectively, whether, in a particular group such as one that visits hospitals or separate groups, that each has a chosen avenue for service, such as an old age home visitation, social help group, outreach, group, prayer group, etc.
- Five principles are important to give direction to these groups:
  - Inspired helpers are necessary for workgroups.
  - Training programmes are necessary.
  - Leadership meetings need to be held regularly.
  - The trainers of the helpers must be sufficiently trained in special training programmes.
  - Leaders must be supervised and controlled by a suitable controlling management structure.

The revived church caring growth method:

- This has at its centre a church authority and is subject to a head body corporate.
- It cannot decide for itself how to work or what methods to use as it opens up a different working to the ideals of the main body.
- The method described here is the model of the Scriptures and has as its corporate body the eldership with the leadership under the control of one single person or democratic management under the leadership of a moderator or director chosen by the members of the body, according to the definite rules that have been laid down.

The revived whole body care growth method

- The whole body of believers has to be cared for in a special group conference structuring, whether it be local, regional or national. Without the conference structure, the whole body cannot attain unity. The leaders and the other groups should be catered for at each conference. The costs are the responsibility of each member, each group and each church.
- The best speakers should be appointed from within the church/churches to encourage the believers and the different groups.
  - Specific, relevant and believing body themes issues should be dealt with at conferences, but with the emphasis on group keep and group growth.
  - Exhortation, motivational and promotional work needs to be orientated towards keeping the soul and fostering spiritual growth for the soul.

The revived world outreach caring growth method:

Revival to the world has to be preceded by the individual revivalist, the group revivalists, the work revivalists and the church revivalists. The local church outreach can reach the world arena when each member is working together harmoniously. Each preceding stage is the stepping-stone to a greater revival and as the one is being released (or hindered) so the others are also released (or hindered).

- The local revival should be encouraged to reach out towards regional first of all and then national.
- The reaching-in should be geared up to include reaching out.
- The reaching-out should be geared up to include reaching-in.
- God will open such an outreach, whether it be a missionary or extending ministry.

### **Harmoniously working together**

The whole believing body can, spiritually speaking, live, grow, enjoy, sit, stand, walk and run as it functions together in good spiritual health. The whole believing body cannot work in harmony with each bodily part whilst entertaining internal rebellion and chaos. The diseased body has to be treated as a whole and if this is done properly the whole believing body can function well. It happens on the odd occasion that amputation of a diseased part may be necessary to save the rest of the whole believing body. This is God's prerogative, but it should be done through the structures of the church as a whole. The members of the body need to be functioning together to make the body move in the right direction and with successful results.

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### **3. Sin revelation 1 & 2 (1 Corinthians 14:24-25)**

#### **Sin revelation 1**

- Negative attitude towards other churches and fellowships.
- Open defiance whilst standing under authority.
- Closed obedience to other people (only listens to those who we respect or care for).
- Longsuffering but with sarcasm.
- Unable to control emotions which at times run rampant.
- Wary of others and does not trust people easily.
- Becomes cold over debates if on the losing side.
- Wants to teach others but cannot easily accept the teaching of others in their turn.
- Disagrees with basic normal human behaviour and becomes bossy and intolerant or agrees with religious behaviour only and becomes bossy and intolerant.
- The tendency to extremes.
- Waywardness at times due to dissatisfaction of the heart and complains and gives up.
- Withdraws from people in sullenness and aloofness settles in.
- Does not like to be seen as a loser.
- Vexed ambitions for the Lord and His work and is continually dissatisfied.
- Withholds tithes, offerings, free-will offerings and support if things are not going satisfactorily.
- The tendency to temptations - resists for a time but then crumbles easily.
- Open defiance and outspoken reasoning.
- Control of tongue but the heart is in turmoil.
- Weariness deep inside.
- Longs to be at rest deep down inside and mourn for change.
- Unyielding, stubborn, obstinate.
- Slow to change even though working at it, but fails regularly.
- Governmental spirit with a domineering attitude.
- Unyielding spirit at times especially when blamed for something.
- Closes up towards people and shuts down deep inside.
- Carries hurt for long seasons, with grudges coming out at odd times.
- Gropes from time to time for answers and is very unhappy until the answers are found.
- Loses faith when not in control of a situation.
- Tactful and outspoken over matters and shows ungracious attitudes.
- So self-assured that Christ's Spirit is depressed or negated.
- Gives in easily but stubborn crossing-over, against the grain, shows up in later actions.
- Opens people's hearts with promises but closes them with non-performance.
- Will not give in for the sake of peace and insists that the other must give in first.
- Refuses soul correction and continues obstinately on, as if the only one that is right.
- Wastes precious time in the Lord's work due to disobedience and taking routes of self-will.
- Wanders around in search of the true values but when confronted with them cannot/unwilling/refuses to change.
- Opens the Bible listlessly and then shuts it without praying for guidance.
- Wanders around in the matters that do not matter and runs away from the matters that do.
- Refusing to recognise a prophet, or teacher, or righteous man as such through fault finding or critical spirit.



- Critical of purported revelations and words from God and does not search out the truth for one's self.
- Negative wistful believing but is not prepared to make sacrifices to spend time in prayer requests before the Lord.
- Walks away from discussions of the Word of God with a rebellious attitude.
- Draws up over little things that seem important and are hardly worth the trouble to mention due to a small heart.
- Wanders around doubtfully, indefinitely and aimlessly when confronted with a deep-seated statement of truth that needs a quick decision.
- Wonders if that which is said is the truth but is too lazy to do anything about it other than to dismiss it.
- Opens up a fault of someone else in an underhanded way by sarcasm, cutting remarks, digs or hints.
- Keeps quiet when confronted by a serious breach of conscience which another has allowed to take place.
- Has much to say about other people's faults but spends little time to pray over them and ask the Lord to help the weaker ones.
- Works at a thing which troubles and then walks away when slighted or feels hurt and drops the whole thing.
- Not willing to be taught by certain people and not willing to teach those people the correct thing themselves.
- Does not give credit to those to whom it is due unless the person is in personal favour.
- Self-assured in a selfish way and is unable to budge by conceding a favourite point of preference to others.
- Opening the door to division by refusing to submit to one another.
- Going beyond the call of duty and then getting angry when criticized.
- Working long hours, being taken for granted and getting little or no thanks for what you have done.
- Never looking back and saying it is watered under the bridge, even if someone has been hurt by their actions.

## **Sin revelation 2**

- Giving a yes by saying a no.
- Giving away any of the benefits of the other partner without due consent, discussion or agreement.
- Opening a lying account and depositing deceitfulness.
- Waiting for the other to apologize and then when it is done to refuse to apologize.
- Giving credit when it is not due - dishonesty.
- Talking to friends about the partner and asking advice, tale-bearing.
- Running away from matters that are controversial because of immaturity to handle the problems.
- Attacking each other with digs in front of children.
- Avoiding issues that matter until a time when it does not seem to matter anymore.
- Giving up and going around in circles, listlessly, arrogantly, hidden and secret fighting.
- Simmering over ill-feelings that have opened up a hurt.
- Calling the other person a liar, but know that we are ourselves being dishonest.
- Working against each other and bringing in a confirming witness who takes sides or allows one to escape the pressure.

- Arguing around in circles back to square one.
- Rowing one another over virtually nothing, making greater issues over small things.
- Working against the decisions of the other partner by avoiding conflicting interests.
- Hidden agendas in lovelessness.
- Going around in circles, looking for own escape opportunity.
- Opening the hurt of others at the expense of their hurting.
- Self-effacing humility but stubborn resistance to change.
- Running away from the partner's rebuff and seeking consolation with another by discussions, but not exposing the whole truth about your part in the matters.
- Taking the children's part unfairly against the other partner's decision.
- Walking behind the other but facing backwards - dragging along reluctantly.
- Walking away from each other's needs and desires with an unfeeling heart.
- Holding the enmity of the past.
- Stumbling stones put in the way of the other partner's faith.
- Walking forward as if they are the ones that are right and never stopping to think that they need to say sorry for the hurt caused to another.

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#### **4. Working with the truth of the truth Romans 3:4**

God always uses truth to overcome the lie. Truth is always His truth and because it is His truth it cannot be altered to suit the personal circumstances of men and women. God is always working towards exposing the lie and replacing truth with truth. This is not always discernible in the affairs of men.

##### **Half-lie or half-truth?**

There is a middle truth that lies between these two principles. The half lie and the half-truth. What is the truth? We always try to uncover the truth when an important decision depends on knowing the truth, but if there is no real importance, or if the threat of punishment is there, we tend to cover up the truth. Is this not true of us all? God, however, is not pleased with this way and therefore presents His way to us through the Gospel of truth. It remains a fact that we can hide the truth, but it will become part of the exposure of judgment or we can open up the lie which will then become released from the exposure of judgment. The choice remains ours, but the consequences of that choice, whether good or bad, will become part of our eternal destiny.

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## **5. I am with you until the end of age Matthew 28:20**

The assurance that God is with the believer is one of the great themes of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. If we lose hope in His presence, the enemies of our soul can get to us in one way or another. This is what they are waiting for and they will take every opportunity that presents itself to them to enlarge the gap. Jesus, on the other hand, is endeavouring to close up the gap between God and us. Every strategy of the enemy of our souls meets with the counter strategies of Jesus to gain back the ground that has been taken.

### **In the rest of being thankful**

The secret of holding this working, whatever we are called to do, is simply to enter the rest of being thankful and arise to our calling of being co-workers together with God through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. The Holy Spirit is watching over you and is standing ready to help you.

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## 6. Converting to Christianity

The whole world is going on its way, not answering any overall authority. This is why the confusion between nations is entering in and cause troubles, commotions and wars.

What is needed is one controlling authority, who can discipline those nations that are not in line and who are rebellious. Where is this to be found? Great powers have tried to get this going but to no avail. There are too many differences that hinder a reformation towards one universal nation.

God is aware of this and has come up with a wonderful plan, that is ongoing and that will eventually bring about the unity of the nations under His Divine fiat and control.

Christianity is moving onwards despite everything that is poised against it, even from the churches which are supposed to be toeing the line. Yet, in this movement, there is something that is happening that is not noticed by the peoples of the world. Despite great opposition that is directed against the parts that God puts into place, the whole is being perfected wonderfully.

Think of this. If a river flows forwards all the time and does not branch off along its way, the waters will eventually reach the seas and be added to them, while the rest of the mountains and forests just carry on as usual. This is exactly a description of Christianity, which is like the ongoing river heading towards the seas and the mountains and are likened to the Governments and the forest of the trees are likened to the ordinary people.

Everything seems to be carrying on as usual, but in the back-ground Christianity is gaining great momentum. The time will come when many Muslims, Catholics and Jews will be identified with Christ Jesus, as their Saviour.

The Bible talks of a mighty warrior to come called Armageddon. This will be the great leveller in the fray, for Jesus will suddenly appear with all His hosts of angels, the believers of all ages, riding white horses, brandishing swords in subduing the warlike hordes.

Proverbially speaking, the river will have reached the sea,

Converting to Christianity is what the world needs and the sooner the better, for the world as it is, is busy destroying itself. Amen.

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## 7. The great commission 1 Timothy 4:10-11

Jesus commanded His disciples:

*Luke 24:44-49 “Them He said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.’ And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses to these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.’”*

*Mark 16:15-18 “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptised will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name, they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (Holy Spirit Baptism) they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’”*

*Matthew 28:18-20 “... All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (Water Baptism) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”*

*Revelation 22:12-13 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha, and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”*

*Revelation 22:16-17 “I Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches, I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

*Revelation 22:20 “He who testifies to these things says, ‘surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”*

Pray for:

*My kingdom*

*Of My Body, Of My Church, Of My Parents, Of My Children, Of My Families, Of My Peoples, Of My Nations*

*that I WILL be done on My Earth*

*as it is being done in My Heaven*

*“The church is not what you think it is, it is what I, your Lord, Jesus Christ, know it is.*

*This means that each person I bring in to a place of worship, praise, celebration, communion or fellowship, gathering in My Name, is not only a believer*

*or a possible believer,  
 but is in My church  
 and as such is part of My body.  
 Can anybody else do such a thing?  
 No! It is I only, the Lord.  
 It is time for the people that come into such a church gathering to realise this!  
 Only one dissenter brings division and separation  
 to that gathering of those together in My Name.  
 Is it not true?  
 Let dissenters beware  
 lest I come to visit My church gathering  
 (in which I am present)  
 and I find such a dissenter.  
 Can I commend any person for being such,  
 for dissenting in such a manner?  
 No, I cannot.  
 My son, My daughter, My children,  
 it is not *they* that recommend themselves  
 neither is it *they* that believe that they are right in such matters  
 that are acceptable,  
 but they that are assenting to fellowship  
 and are all working together,  
 all binding  
 and bonding  
 My love for all,  
 even for the dissenters.  
 All have a chance to learn of Me,  
 and not of man,  
 as they gather together  
 with those of like precious faith.  
 Is it not so yet?  
 Well, let it be so in the future,  
 as the agreement is the keystone to growth,  
 even as My Cornerstone is to the building!  
 Let all, therefore, leave off disparaging My work,  
 wherever I choose to work,  
 through whichever vehicles I appoint,  
 in whatever places I have set aside,  
 under whichever banners I please.  
 Only present yourself before Me  
 in a place that I choose  
 and you will be part of My church.  
 I will bless all abundantly  
 Amen*

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## **8. Scriptural healing Revelation 22:2**

### **Healing scriptures**

- Body *Mark 5:28-29*
- Soul *James 5:20*
- Spirit *Luke 4:18-19*

### **Godly faith = Godly healing**

God is the author of faith. He is the founder of the faith. He is the only faithful God. This is what the Bible declares God to be. The reason that He is called the Author of faith is that He is the one who has brought the whole Bible into being through the inspiration of faith. He is the one who has used human instruments to open up His plan, purpose and will to all of mankind through the Scriptures. These instruments are those whom God Himself has chosen to bring His revelation to the world. Now if this is true, and the Bible says it is, then it stands to reason that out of this Godly faith, which is embodied throughout the whole biblical narrative, can come the healing of God to all.

If any other source is quoted as being the original faith of God, then it also stands to reason that healing can come out of that faith. This is a fact of life that we can experience for ourselves. The occult faith can bring forth occult healing. The Muslim faith can bring forth Muslim healing. Healing science can bring forth the science of healing, etc. We need to ask ourselves, which is the right faith, the right healing, which faith gives permanent results and pleases God?

Various sources can be quoted to back up teachings on healing faith. The one that is most universal in appeal and which appears to have the most consistent theme throughout its pages is the Bible.

Some of the important things about biblical healing are reviewed and needs to receive consideration.

### **Healing is for God's children**

Jesus has said that healing is for the children of God. This means that we, as children of God, can pray for our healing if we are sick. The action of being healed is in keeping with the full extended favour of God to mankind, once we have learned the principles that apply to healing.

### **Divine health has been lost**

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were made by God and were stated as being good. They enjoyed all the benefits of a creation that was new and fresh. There were no diseases, and illnesses and sicknesses non-existent. The healthy couple lived and worked in the garden of Eden, daily tending to its keep, enjoying the abundance of every type of fruitful plant. God's blessing brought about His continual blessing to His creatures, both human and all living forms. Disaster struck when Satan came into the picture. He brought about a controversy between mankind and God that has raged ever since, namely, that God can be thwarted by being disobedient to the divine command. The real truth is that death, sickness and ageing followed disobedience and has been with us ever since, having been passed on by God Himself.

### **Open up the Word of God to the soul of the lost**

The restoration of God can take place provided that men and women are told of it, through the method of preaching the Gospel. There are three phases stated in the Scriptures.

- God had to do something to bring about reconciliation on His part towards mankind. God chased the man and woman out of the garden; the man to work the ground in the sweat of his brow and the woman to bring forth children in sorrow.
- The Gospel message, if correctly preached, opens up faith, and faith opens up restoration to God towards a healing process. The message is for the lost and is preached to the lost, bringing the process of salvation, repentance, confession and healing. The sinner, who is bound by his/her sin is thereby released and the peace of God can come in to commence the healing process.
- The return of Jesus Christ will put the final seal on the end of salvation which is the eternal saving of our souls in a body that is raised in a beneficial resurrection from the dead, eternally.

### **God opens up the way for your healing miracle**

Healing miracles are spoken of throughout the Bible and Scriptures of healing are a common feature of the Gospel message. Your miracle healing can come about once you understand what is required and what needs to be done to affect the work of salvation, restitution, healing and restoration to life and health.

### **God is for the sinner - the call to repentance**

Nowhere is it stated in the Scripture that any person needs to be lost, except in the case of Judas Iscariot. The reason for this is that God is for the sinner but against his/her sin/s. We are all called to repentance with no human being having been exempted. The declaration is made that "I am the Lord that heals you."

### **Turn your back on sin**

Turn your back and be smitten by your sins or face Him and receive His method for your healing and salvation from your sins.

There are many instances of God bringing healing to His people, but usually, the method, time and circumstance of healing can differ greatly. The ground or basis of healing is faith that opens up within us through the Gospel message. The Bible separates disease and healing from each other. When disease comes, healing goes and vice versa, when healing comes, diseases go, all through believing fully in the name of Jesus.

### **Release from sin and reality in healing**

The connection of being released from sin and obtaining reality in the healing process will become apparent as we study some of the key verses for healing, key healing methods and key persons involved.

### **Trust God for deliverance from your sin, extend your life and receive your healing**

It is wonderful when we can trust God to remove our sin from us and provide the necessary healing and good health, all at the same time. The release of our faith can, in other words, include more than one person for whom we are believing. Individuals as well as groups can be healed, and the primary requirement is still faith. This faith comes down from God and is given to us as a gift.

### **Co-workers with God**

God wants us to come to Him and diligently seek His care for our lives. We are spoken of as being co-workers with God in this age-long process.

### **The victory of the cross - foregone conclusion for healing**

The work of Jesus Christ on the cross is spoken of as being one of the most important verses of the Bible. In Isaiah, He is spoken of as being a healer and that healing is affected through Him.

### **God pleasers**

As we draw near to God in prayer, requesting anything that we do not have, we need to open our hearts towards faith, towards God, standing in the faith, reaching out in faith. God is wonderfully pleased with this type of response towards the healing message that He is sending out through men and women everywhere. These visit us and talk with us, coming into our lives in many a strange and mysterious way, and then suddenly, more often than not, we are healed. There are, as a matter of record, many wonderful visits from angels, who can also bring about a startling change in our circumstances and our current health, through delivering a message from God or invisibly, change our circumstances.

### **Ask in faithful prayer and expect an excellent result**

We cannot expect half-hearted prayers to be answered with any startling results, but the more intense and sincere we are, the quicker we will get results. Asking God in prayer is the only way to get results. However, in many recorded instances, it is stated that God hears such prayers, giving the promised results.

The resultant healing is in God's hand but our faith can make all the difference.

Not every person that has prayed for healing, has received healing. Nevertheless, there are countless instances where true faith has been rewarded miraculously and the person who has prayed has received positive results, even receiving their dead back to life. The prayer of faith will save the sick and God will raise Him. To experience this, we have to learn to pray. This is possible for the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. They also asked the Lord to increase their faith, that they might receive their healing.

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## 9. Marriage fidelity Ephesians 5:21-23

There are five things short in most marriages:

- Respect for the partner.
- Respect for the partner's role.
- Respect for the privileges of marriage.
- Respect for the intimacies of marriage.
- Respect for God's requirements.

If a married person submits to another person other than their partner, they are bringing a form of adultery into their marriage. This form of adultery is called infidelity.

The reason for this is that the role of man and wife has to be one of oneness and single-mindedness and the role of the one person, as a husband, is to be a parallel role of the other, the wife. It is like a carbon copy. The one rubs off onto the other.

Letting another person in between this relationship is considered in the eyes of God as being disloyal to the other partner.

Engagement is a similar arrangement and is to be treated in the very same way as marriage, so that the loyalty of one is the same as the loyalty of the other, to the engaged partner.

Premarital sex, in whatever form, is considered as being wrong in the eyes of God. How much more if the future wife or future husband are booked to each other, and the one should go astray. If this bond cannot be kept before marriage how will it be kept afterwards?

If the one who is being dishonest towards the other keeps this a secret, no matter what has taken place with another, it is just as wicked in the eyes of God as any other situation. The one who goes astray must tell the other because if this is not done, then the secret affair will, however, caused, be a stumbling stone towards truthfulness afterwards, when the marriage has taken place.

Secrecy is from the devil and honesty is from God. There is also a difference between actual fornication, incest or sexual misconduct, and that which takes place in the mind. The one is done secretly, without the other person knowing about it or having a part in the matter, whilst the other is done involving another person. This means that the shame is two-fold, towards the unfaithful one and the true partner. This is a terrible act of unfaithfulness.

The Lord knows that there is a difference between the one taking place in the mind and the one taking place indeed. The difference is one degree, with one person being guilty, but the one taking place in the actual has the added burden of involving three people, the two partners and the outsider. This is also a stigma for the partner that is not involved in such infidelity. The wickedness of this type of action is spread between two people and when the innocent one receives the news, which may come out by either of the two who had the liaison, or God-revelation or someone else talking about it, causing terrible heart-searching, as to whether it is worthwhile to carry on the relationship towards marriage. This is classed in the words of Jesus as being fornication, which is sexual impurity before marriage and is the grounds for divorce according to the meaning of the Greek word. There is a breach of trust, fidelity, faith and love is smeared with a mixture of truth and untruth.

Guilt in this instance can either be kept to oneself or be passed onto the other person. The honest way is to pass it on despite the terrible consequences that may come about through revealing such infidelity. This has a seven-fold application:

- It helps to prevent this from happening again in the future.
- It may come out sometime later causing a divorce.
- It helps to restore good faith.
- It results in a coming about of change towards reconciliation in the sight of God and the couple.
- It opens up the way for true forgiveness of the one that has been wronged.
- It prevents blackmail or distortion from taking place between the two that were in the wrong against the third innocent person.
- It restores the bond that is breached, which can never be healed in any other way than coming out with the whole truth about it all.

The guilt of the person who keeps quiet about this carries on life-long. Once the matter comes into the open both have a relationship problem due to jealousy. It is the responsibility of the one who has breached the gap through infidelity, to help the one who has been hurt back to a normal, healthy and happy relationship. Trust needs to be extra strong and good-faith needs to be ever-present. Love needs to be restored in such a way that the wronged person does not doubt that love is loved. Broken trust needs to be ever restored employing recognisable reconciliation talk, walk and do. There needs to be a sensitive understanding that the person who was wronged may be jealous, doubtful and suspicious.

On the other hand, there is a healing needed on both sides. The restoration of the relationship needs to be stronger than before, with every effort to please each other, lest either of the two partners become doubtful about the healing process that has taken place in both hearts, with the intruders outside and never allowed back inside again, whether it be in word, thought or deed.

The gap left by the wronged person not knowing what happened is greater than the person who knows what has happened. There is always doubt about things that are being said, things that may hurt or things that may become issues.

The lack of good faith and good conscience causes this type of breach to become enormous and unbreachable. God needs to be brought into that breach so that full healing and complete restoration can take place. The truth hurts but is less painful than any lies that may be used to cover up one's guilt in these matters.

The greater the breach(es) so much the more should good faith be restored. Suspicious behaviour needs to be put away forever as this can cause breaches to occur again and again. The person that takes an indifferent or casual role in restoring a true relationship is endangering their happiness. The troubled mind and heart of both people will contribute to the cause of breach again and again. Arguments will ensue and no matter what these two try to do there will always be mistrust and suspicion unless allayed by them both. Both have been hurt in such behaviour and both need to heal each other. The process of healing may take some time, but the harder both work at it the quicker can this breach, caused through natural jealousy, be healed.

God expects restoration and will help it to take place if the one who has repented, tells the full truth and restores that lack of it into the renewed relationship. The same applies to the wronged person. The healing process is mutual and needs mutual respect for the one that has wronged and the one who was wronged. Filling any gaps in the relationship that has gone wrong is the best way of bringing healing to the other and even one another. As you give back what has been taken away from that person, uniqueness, so the new relationship will again become unique through forgiveness and restoration behaviours. God will restore the breach if we do our share. If either of the partners does not do their share, the devil will

continue to harass the relationship.

Being true to one's partner is doubly necessary now because the devil, which has brought about a breach one or more times, is ever on the look-out to ensnare the person that is in the wrong to cause a new breach. True repentance, confession and bringing everything into the light will cause healing to take place much faster than keeping anything hidden. The partners need to talk about it in an understanding manner and once the wrong issues that have been involved are settled, to put it away with the help of Jesus forever. True healing only takes place when a true trustworthy conversation is resumed. A 'conspiracy of silence' will cause a 'conspiracy of breach' to remain. These conspiracies are where the devil lurks. It is, therefore, necessary to remove the devil first, by identifying his works, and then identify who the devil has used to create the breach. Identifying the motivations that brought about the breach is as important as restoring the breach. Motivations lead to actions and actions speak louder than words. Are the partners showing the right actions and getting to understand the new motivations?

### **The marriage mystery**

These Scriptures are an excellent Bible study and will bless you if you take the trouble to look them up and meditate on them.

- *Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 15-18, 20-24; 3:1-24*
- *1 Timothy 3:1-7; 3:8-13*
- *Titus 1:1-8,11-12*
- *Revelation 3:20-22*
- *1 Peter 3:1-7*
- *Mark 10:2-12*
- *Revelation 19:3-12*
- *Colossians 3:18-20*
- *Corinthians 7:1-40*
- *Romans 7:1-4*
- *Titus 1:6-9*
- *1 Corinthians 14:29-35*
- *Ephesians 5:22-33*
- *John 4:6-19*
- *Malachi 2:13-17*

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## **10.The new and living way Habakkuk 10:20**

### **PART ONE**

The old way that was given for the Israelites through Moses and the Law had fallen into disuse, due to the corrupting of its purity and godly injunctions. The influences of the sins of the forefathers and their children had so angered God that He chased them away from Him. The nation of Israel was taken away into Assyria and those of the tribe of Judah were also taken away into captivity.

Even after coming back to their land, the tribe of Judah was still trying desperately to establish a way of serving God, for their temple had been burned with fire. The temple, the priesthoods and the temple laws were needed for the Law of Moses to find full fulfilment, the expression of true worship towards the God of Israel. Sad to say that at the time of Jesus there was a temple built by Herod that was being used by the Jews, descendants of the tribe of Judah and the half-tribe of Manasseh. These people who were brought back from their captivity were destined, through their children, to inhabit the land of Judea at the time of Christ.

The Samaritans were so-called proselytes, people that had converted to the Jewish faith, but did not boast in the substance of the Law. They had a very strange attitude towards the Jews and vice versa. The Jewish people counted the Samaritans to be ceremonially unclean and had no dealings with them. It was in this political and religious climate that Jesus came to establish a new way and to introduce this to His apostles, disciples and saints. The Jews could not accept this, as it seemed to contradict their national and religious laws. They, therefore, conspired to have Him crucified by the Romans who were in charge of the land at that time. The followers of Jesus had to live under great persecution from the Jewish priesthood after the resurrection of Jesus and they were eventually scattered far and wide, for safety's sake and also to preach the Gospel of Jesus. The apostle Peter was sent to the Jews and the apostle Paul was sent to the Gentiles, who were all considered by the Orthodox Jews to be heathen sinners.

### **The Old Testament way**

The Old Testament was for the Jews and all those who would join with the Jews had to submit to their religious Laws. They had to be circumcised and submit to the priests and their regulations for non-Jewish converts. The difficulty in this order was that the nation of Israel was expanding whilst the nations roundabout was constantly at war with Israel. God gave the command that their enemies had to be exterminated. The nation of Israel would then expand and their influence would have become worldwide. This never came about as their leaders, their common people and their kings fell into sinful disobedience. God was angered and decided to make an end but promised King David to save his progeny, who would inhabit Jerusalem, the great Jewish city, and the city of God. Sadly, to say, this once-proud nation that ruled and governed in such a godly way, became a seemingly small, despised and insignificant people, with proselytes and religious people in many nations of the earth. The Jewish way was centred under God, around the Law, the temple, the priesthood, the land and the people, even to this very day.

### **The New Testament way**

Jesus came and enlarged the sayings of the ancients. He gave, not so much a literal outward interpretation of the Law, but a spiritual inward interpretation that far exceeded the righteousness of the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were the doctors and scribes of the Law at that time.

Jesus, by His deep sincere interpretation of these important Laws, brought a compassionate and healthy touch to the fulfilment of God's Law (given by the prophet Moses) and thus, through His interpretation, established the Law of Christ (the Messiah), who is truly the God-appointed one and the God anointed one, His Lord. This means that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord that God has ordained to be Lord of all.

### **The Jewish way of Torah**

Jesus told them that it was wrong for a man to have intercourse with another man's wife, defiling her, despising the holy covenant of marriage and thereby annulling the written commands of God. Jesus said that it was also wrong to look at her with lustful eyes. This was unacceptable to the Jewish priests, doctors and scribes, who felt Jesus was desecrating the outward obedience by substituting His interpretation. They had their respected traditional teachers whom they revered and believed them to be capable enough to interpret the mysteries of their Law. These wise sayings are revered as part of the Torah, their Law. The unofficial version of this, the Kabala, is considered by them to be the evil occult interpretation of the Torah and is officially discredited and forbidden.

### **The way of Law and grace**

The Old Testament is considered to be the Law and the prophets by the Jews and the New Testament is considered to be the Law of Christ by Christian believers. The apostle John refers to the Law and the prophets. This brings an enmity that reaches all grouped levels of our dealings with each other. The Jews and the Gentile believers believe differently to each other, but the Messianic believers prefer to take the middle stand and believe in the reconciliation of the Gentiles with the Jews and their Jewish faith through the Messiah. The Messianic truth has two different approaches, one group believing that the Messiah is still to come and the other group believes that the Messiah has already come in the person of Jesus Christ.

### **The way of Truth**

The New Testament has a wonderful interpretation of the truth of God's Laws and condemns seduction and immorality as being of human and fleshly origin originating with, and inspired by Satan himself. Men and women who give themselves over to this type of sexual behaviour open up the door of satanic mischief into their own lives and the lives of others. Jesus and His apostles, on the other hand, make a strong call for everyone to repent from all forms of sin and evil, including adultery, fornication and sexual abuse between like sexes and animals. He establishes the commandment of God for married relationships and even hates divorce.

## **PART TWO**

### **The way of life**

Jesus says:

*John 14:6 "... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Apostle Paul says:

*1 Corinthians 12:31 "... And yet I show you a more excellent way."*

Apostle Peter says:

*2 Peter 2:15 "They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, ..."*



*2 Peter 2:21 “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandments delivered to them.”*

Aquilla and Priscilla (early believers):

*Acts 18:26 “... they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”*

King Solomon

*Proverbs 6:23 “For the commandment is a lamp, And the law is light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”*

### **The way of Jesus**

Jesus so wonderfully fulfilled the whole requirement of God as declared in His Law given to Moses that God was marvellously pleased with Him and worked with Him in everything that He did. Moses had declared before he died, that,

*Deuteronomy 18:15,18-19 “The Lord your God would raise for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, I will raise for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in MY name, I will require it of him.”*

*Acts 3:23 “And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.”*

God used Jesus, as the greater Prophet, to open up the way for us all to go.

### **The way**

It was previously prophesied that the Lord would come. Historically, we find that John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus, who would suddenly appear.

*Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.”*

The way of Jesus was to be known as ‘The Way’. This ‘way’ embraces so many things of God’s importance that it is a way of life so different from anything that we have previously known before Jesus came to us and asked us to accept Him as our personal Saviour.

*Acts 19:23 “And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.”*

*Acts 9:1-2 “Then Saul, ...asked letters from him (the High Priest) to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”*

Some of the wonderful things identified about ‘the way’ of Jesus are listed here for further study:

- The way to heaven
  - The way of Christ Jesus as Lord - *Acts 9:2*
  - The way of the Lord - *Revelation 1:3*
  - The perfect way - *Psalms 18:32*
  - This is the way - *Isaiah 30:21*

*“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.”*

- Better than a known way - *Isaiah 42:16*
- The way of wisdom - *Proverbs 4:1*
- The way for the ransomed - *Isaiah 51:10*
- The way of salvation - *Acts 16:17*
- The way of peace - *Luke 1:79*
- The way of the meek - *Amos 2:7*
- The path of the just - *Isaiah 26:7*
- The way of persecution - *Acts 22:4*
- The way of saints - *Revelation 10:52; Proverbs 2:8*
- The way of understanding - *Proverbs 9:6*
- The way of the upright - *Proverbs 11:20*
- The way of God in truth - *Acts 18:25*
- The way of truth - *2 Peter 2:2*
- The one way - *Jeremiah. 32:3*
- The way everlasting - *Psalms 139:24*
- The way of holiness - *Isaiah 35:8*
- The right way - *2 Peter 2:15*
- The way of my people - *Isaiah 57:14*
- The cleansed way - *Psalms 119:1*
- The way of righteousness - *Psalms 1:6*
- The good way - *Jeremiah 6:16*
- The way of a good man - *Proverbs 4:1*
- The way of remembrance - *2 Peter 3:1*
- The way of escape - *1 Corinthians 10:13*
- The prosperous way - *Isaiah 48:15*
- The resurrection way
- The way of the godly
- The ministry of the way
- The way of fruitfulness
- The way of humility
- Labouring in the way
  - *Hebrews 10:20*
  - *Hebrews 9:8*
  - *Jeremiah 23:12*
  - *Isaiah 26:8*
- The way to hell *Proverbs 7:27*
  - The way to destruction
  - The way of deceit
  - The way of sin
  - The way of pleasure
  - The way of the hateful
  - The way of the wicked *Isaiah 56:11*
  - The way of the disobedient
  - The way of death
  - The way of eternal judgment
  - What shall we do to be saved? *Isaiah 55:7*

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## **11. Our personal heavenly unction 1 John 2:20**

Twelve workings listed in the consolidation process.

### **Introduction to the need for consolidation**

Introducing consolidation and the need for consolidation is necessary for a clearer understanding of this important aspect of our calling towards part-time or full-time ministry.

### **The fall of Adam and Eve has an eternal consequence for us all**

Right from the beginning of creation when Adam and Eve were first placed in the Garden of Eden, God wanted to manifest the fullness of God to these two people. Due to the fall in the Garden of Eden, God's original purpose was thwarted and the consequences of God's punishment, death and banishment, became a lot of the whole of mankind.

### **The Bible story shows us what happened in Eden**

The truth of the Bible lies in the fact that God put two special trees in the Garden of Eden situated amongst all the other trees. There was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and also the Tree of Life. Adam and Eve were not told about the second tree, the Tree of Life, because, sometime in their future, at the appointed time, God was going to reveal His fullness to Adam and Eve. We understand that God had appointed a day in which He would personally reveal to them His secret that if they would eat of the Tree of Life they would become like God and live forever. They would never die. Even though they were good people, for God had made them good, the Tree of Life would make them just like God, living forever, as long as they were allowed to eat of the wonderful fruit of this special tree. Whether they would have to eat of it only one time or continue, is not stated, but by seeing what happened at only one eating of the fruit of the other tree, we get a glimpse of the truth.

### **The sin of Eve and the failure of Adam**

However, from the Bible we know that they failed in their calling; they fell and were sent out of the garden with an angel put there to stop them from entering the garden again. Through Jesus Christ a new thing was done, Jesus came in the fullness of time and in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit to do a magnificent work for us, His children. We would stay on earth and He would come down to visit us, walk with us, talk with us and love us.

### **Countering satan's interference against God's plan**

Despite the work of Satan, who hinders us all from the beginning, God who has chosen to manifest Himself in us, will reveal Himself in His fullness. This fullness stage comes about once we have reached the special dispensation of God's grace - even the fullness of God - in our lives. God helps us towards that fullness, but we need to understand how to obtain fullness to receive fullness.

### **Fullness**

Fullness is the opposite of emptiness. We need the fullness of God to eliminate the emptiness of sin and its consequences. We can only fully realise how empty we are when we get a glimpse, albeit how small, of God's fullness for us. This comes about through the conviction stage when we begin to realise that there is something far superior to what we presently have or could even imagine for ourselves. God's Spirit comes in and opens up our understanding by giving us a glimpse, a touch and a taste of a new way of living life with God in control and you experiencing that control.

### **Consolidation**

To explain consolidation, we need to see a box of jigsaw puzzle pieces. The box stands for the gift of God to us. The picture on the box gives us a glimpse of what we can expect when the puzzle is completed. This corresponds with the fact that God tells us what He wants to do with our lives even before we have started to build the pieces into the puzzle. The pieces must still, however, be placed into their correct position. The process takes time and many adjustments, trials and errors until all the pieces are placed exactly where they were designed by the puzzle maker to be. Patience on our part is needed to complete the puzzle otherwise we will give up halfway and then never get to see the whole picture, except that which is upon the box, usually very much smaller than the finished puzzle. The picture on the box can be likened to the promise of God and the pieces are the little promises that make up the full promise to come. The loose pieces inside the box stand for the numerous pieces that God has given us, as many as are necessary, to form the beautiful picture that will come out of the box once the pieces are placed alongside each other, as they have been determined by the maker. The maker stands for Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

### **Assembling the pieces - each one a mystery to be uncovered**

The puzzle will only come into being as the one who receives the box of pieces is assembling it. Now life has to be lived and every day some piece is being placed alongside that which has already been placed. Matching the pieces can be likened to the daily active choices that we have to constantly be making.

### **Consolidation of the pieces**

God tells us and keeps on telling us in so many various ways, what He intends for our lives. If He did not remind us constantly then the progress towards completion of the end picture will be hindered. We have to sometimes look at the picture on the box cover to place some pieces. Even so, we have to go back to the original promise time and again to see where a particular piece fit. Without the picture on the box, we would be working in the dark, or by trusting our instincts and using our interpretive ability.

### **The unfolding mystery and the pieces that help in unfolding it**

A puzzle is built by usually first finding the pieces that make up the outer border of the picture, called the frame. We then proceed to match pieces and sometimes we find it is easiest to start within the framework and build on it. However, we also get groups of pieces that seem to match quite easily and so we work on these easy groups until they link up within the framework to existing pieces. This is exactly how God helps us to unravel the mystery of our lives. There are often groups of pieces that fit together but do not seem to fit anywhere within the framework. There just seems to be this or that piece that is missing and has to be searched for. When we find a linking piece that attaches a group of pieces to the frame, we are elated.

### **Our consolidation-work**

This is compared to taking all the groups of pieces that have been assembled and linking them to the framework. It helps to get the whole picture into place with all its connecting pieces. The more grouped pieces we can create, the easier the puzzle comes into its own.

Without consolidation, there is no connecting of the groups of promises into the framework of the main promise.

Consolidation brings about this process and speeds up the times needed to complete the whole puzzle. You need to do a consolidation within yourself. This means that you look at the main picture on the box, move all the pieces more or less into place and then seek the connecting pieces, all with God's help, through His Holy Spirit.

Understanding this analogy will help you to understand the importance of consolidation.

### **God's consolidation work**

When we do the consolidation that it is our work and when God does it, it is His work. It is like getting the Maker of the puzzle to be with you and take over the building of the puzzle, with you standing by. What a joy! No more matching of groups of pieces to other groups of pieces, etc. The Maker of the puzzle will do it all for you.

### **Words from God**

When we receive words from God through various people, they add to the picture but do not complete the picture. The puzzle starts getting clearer, but it is still a puzzle. Each word from God, given as encouragement towards the whole picture, is exhilarating and each grouping of promises is enlightening. God wants to shorten the time and help you to see and enjoy the finished picture. Let Him then consolidate everything for you.

### **Consolidation in progress**

God is going to work with the heritage of each person. Consolidation can become part of our calling as we understand what God desires to accomplish in ourselves first and then in others. To be successful in ministering consolidation we need to work with the Lord and do what He expects of us. This is what the Lord wants us to do if we are to be successful in helping others. The object of heritage is to let people realise that revival is part of their heritage as well as the heritage of others who truly believe God for it.

An important point to remember is that we are individuals and as individuals, we need to obtain our mandate, gifts, ministry and message. This does not mean that we are going to operate exclusively apart from other believers, but rather that we, with other believers, will all operate within our calling, thereby helping each other.

### **The twelve workings of consolidation**

The various consolidations are the stages of putting the groups together starting from the middle towards the outside and vice versa, from the outside towards the centre. The amazing thing about this is the speed at which consolidation starts to bring about the promises of God within the framework of the whole picture.

Now let us deal with these twelve workings, remembering that our heritage includes revival.

#### **Working 1 - Married or Single Calling**

This working is where we have to find out whether we have a single calling or a married calling and this has to be cleansed so that we do not get defiled and mixed up inside marriage-calling problems or mixed up inside single-calling problems. It is an accurate way to understand what God requires of each of us, either as a husband-and-wife team or singly by ourselves.

#### **Working 2 - Office**

In this working, the office has to be purified in such a way that we do not get mixed up with other people's callings or other people's offices. There has to be a releasing within a submission under the ordinances of the church and the authority of the church to which one is called. There also has to be purification in the areas of our working.

### ***CONSOLIDATION ONE (Consolidating workings 1 and 2)***

### **Working 3 - Gifting**

The gifting that God has given us through the Holy Spirit has to be consolidated into our ministry. We need to realise what we are doing with our gifting which we have received; and that we should not have received or taken any other gifting to ourselves. We need to realise that which we have perhaps even lost or neglected before our gifting can be consolidated.

#### ***CONSOLIDATION TWO (Consolidating working 1, 2 and 3)***

### **Working 4 - Personal Mandate**

Let us talk about the personal mandate. The overall mandate embraces the emphasis and meaning of the command of Jesus to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel to every creature. It was Jesus who told His disciples to go and no person, other than Jesus, has sent us out. He can speak through His prophets, evangelists, teachers, the Word, through the Spirit or whichever other method to go; but it is Jesus who sends us out. The mandate lays down the rules, the bounds within which we can walk and which we dare not cross and which we dare not reject, for this is from God Himself.

We can receive our mandate from God, through Christ, to accomplish a particular task or to work in a particular place, to move forward at a specific time, even to wait for Him to work or until He sends us out. The personal mandate can be, go, come, wait, work, watch, pray, build, etc.; but whatever we are told to do, the mandate requires loving, trusting obedience. God will help us do what He requires from us. He will empower us to obey Him fully.

Through the working mandate, we have to be unveiled to our:

- General calling - this is the universal calling to become a believer that is common to all other believers who are in Christ Jesus as Lord.
- Personal mandate - this comes out of the general calling which concerns all of us and opens up our specific calling and our working mandate for our own life, as distinct from the lives, mandate and personal calling of other believers.

The apostle Paul, who received his calling containing three sets of instructions, all given at the same time, is a very good example of what is meant by general calling and a specific calling.

We cannot walk in the mandate while we are veiled, which means that we are unable to see correctly and while we are continuing in sin and with sin that troubles us. We need to release our sins to Jesus. We need to be shown what is wrong within us or what we are doing to hurt others, as far as is possible, through the Holy Spirit, and we have to repent, confess them out and forsake them. The Lord will then set us free.

### **Working 5 - Ministry gifts**

There are three greater gifts, the first being the Son, the second being the Holy Spirit and the third being God, who gives us the gift of Himself, with eternal life and the truth of eternal life that is found only in Himself. We must become fully conscious of these greater gifts and not only of the individual-specific gifts that God has for us in our ministry. We need to become God-conscious and not gift consciously.

### **Working 6 - Truth**

The truth of our standing before God in these matters will open up a way for God to consolidate all the aforementioned into a ministry consolidation. The workings relate to the correct calling and opening up of a person's ministry calling with attendant gifts. Truth is the

unveiling method used to help us to realise what we are busy with within our lives.

### ***CONSOLIDATION THREE (Consolidating workings 1 to 6)***

Consolidating all these workings, with God's help in bringing them together, means that we can then correctly come to the ministry. We need to have God's forgiveness. We have to make sure that what we have done is right and that God has placed His blessing upon it and ourselves, as it personally applies to each person. We have to find out if His full blessing is with our ministry calling, whether or not the ministry is to be part-time or full-time at the time of consolidation.

This third stage is the most important one so far, as it brings together the six workings that may have been previously only partly consolidated. The whole consolidation can be done at this stage or the previous consolidations can also be incorporated into this consolidation.

#### **Working 7 - Ministry**

The true willingness to do God's will and not our own, to please God and not to please ourselves, to find the love that is going to flow between two people or others as we witness or minister to them.

### ***CONSOLIDATION FOUR (Consolidating workings 1 to 7)***

This consolidation brings together all these workings towards the focal point of love wherein we discover what our ministry is all about. Love is the fulfilling of the royal law and it is this law that now starts to manifest in the correct understanding of the Father's love towards His children and sinners, in bringing them in as a family of true repentance.

#### **Working 8 - Love**

This is the love we have for God, through His greater love being showered upon us. Through this great love, we become willing to pay the price that He demands. Sometimes we need to pay a price of surrender that goes against the grain, but we have to yield. Our surrender determines whether our love is right or otherwise.

#### **Working 9 - Judgment**

God has a special way of dealing with us and He requires us to yield to His way. This is God's judgment for us at this time. It will spare us the embarrassment of the great judgment to come when Jesus Christ comes back again to judge the world in righteousness.

### ***CONSOLIDATION FIVE (Consolidating workings 1 to 9)***

This then is the heritage that God has given to His people, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God wants to bring revival to the people of South Africa including saints and sinners. God wants to reach the people, not only in South Africa but all over the world. The Lord wants us to do our share as we go around releasing people into their full-time ministries, taking into account these nine workings.

#### **God can then release each called person to revival heritage**

Some say that God works as He wills and that these stages can be bypassed. The answer is true and yet not true. If we look at each person's life and we look at our own lives, we will see these stages taking place. The only way that these things can be hidden or seem to be hidden, is when a person falls totally in love with Jesus. When you fall totally in love with Jesus at the time of your repentance and you stay in love with Him, these things move at a tremendous pace. In the long run, they all take place, every single one of them, but because



they take place in love, they are hardly noticeable and it becomes a manifestation of calling and at the right time the fullness is shown. God starts in a small way and ends it in a big way, but God can just as easily start it in a big way and keep it in a big way right throughout life.

God works as He wills and the way He works is first:

- a baby stage;
- a youth stage;
- a continual growing up the stage towards adulthood;
- in adulthood, God perfects us for Himself; and
- we have a desire for revival manifestation.

God wants to do it His way. Many of us want to try and cross paths with God and try to take a short cut, in fact, the shortest route possible. It does not work like this in practice. We have to have a patient waiting for the Lord Jesus whilst walking in the love of God and God will perfect in us that which concerns us. He is concerned about our end even from the beginning. We are so concerned about our end from the beginning that many of us do not let God work out the middle portion that is to be worked out by Him. We get impatient and fall by the wayside simply because we are not prepared to wait and let God do it His way.

Many people fall because they take their eyes off Jesus, the Author and Finisher of their faith and they do not continue to the end. God has a perfect plan for us. He wants us all to be helpful to Him. He wants us to have a ministry - some have home ministries, family ministries, work ministries, help ministries, etc. There are so many different ministries and God wants to consolidate them into His overall plan and purpose, which is centred in Christ Jesus. In so doing Christ will become all things to all men everywhere.

### ***CONSOLIDATION SIX (especially for those involved in revival)***

#### **The two mysteries**

It is a mystery of godliness that God is perfecting. Whilst the mystery of godliness is taking place, there is also a mystery of iniquity that is at work and God has to deal with this mystery of iniquity in our lives, whilst perfecting the mystery of godliness. This is the reason why the trials, tribulations, hardships, purifications, convictions, refinements and the fires of affliction take place. This is the common lot of man because God is working out His design, interest, plan and He will do as He decrees. We need to fall in with Him and become workers and co-workers together with God, allowing Him to have His way.

### ***GOD'S OWN CONSOLIDATION SEVEN (Consolidating working 10 to 12)***

There is another type of consolidation that takes place after this. All along, the Spirit of God governs these nine workings. He uses various prophets, teachers, evangelists, helpers, workers, etc. He uses circumstances, sinners, saints; they all have a part in moulding the Christian character. Through their ministries, they contribute to what is necessary to help others to grow for themselves.

However, there comes a stage when God personally takes over and that is when we have passed through the judgment stage, or we are in the judgment stage and find ourselves able to go onto the next stage. God then takes over personally. He is more in control than we are. We are more obedient to what He requires us to do. He takes a personal interest and we can handle that personal interest much better than previously. We are in the moulding process, which has always been happening, but now we are put into the kiln, into the fire, into the heat, so that we can be permanently set and begin to be wonderfully beautified. Now the next stage is very important. This stage is called the 'message stage.'

### **Working 10 - Message**

The message is a very important part of our ministry for God. Before it only affected our lives and those few who surround us, but now, because we have a consolidated ministry, it affects many lives and God takes a personal interest in matters. The ministry that He gives us must hinge around the message. The message that He gives us not only what we say, but it is the doing of our life, it is the way we live, the way we are, it is the way we believe. It is the way the Lord is personally dealing with us. All this and much more that He will show us is also part of the message. This is what we have to convey to others, but at the same time, it has to be part of our daily lives as well. God desires to convey to us His perfected will, and our ministry towards others, in the form that our message takes. No, not our message but yes, His message. God has to purify this message and so He puts us through trials and tribulations and great hardships, even though these may have manifested to a lesser degree in our lives previously. Sometimes we even receive persecutions that are hard to bear, but the Lord is busy purifying the message.

### **Working 11 - Manifestation**

The working manifestation is how God wants to manifest Himself in various ways to different people, through our varied ministries. Our message becomes the central theme in our whole Gospel outlook. It is at this stage that God starts to manifest Himself in our ministry, whether it is in our prophetic, teaching or counselling calling, whatever it is. The manifestations that He gives through our ministry control people's lives, they move around us, support us, work with us, help us and are aids to us, to establish and enlarge God's calling, God's message within God's mandate He has given us for our lives.

This is a very difficult stage because it involves money, time, travel and standing together in groups. The groups are moving around us in an inner circle, close associates, middle circle, and assembly, and outer circle, visitors. Husband and wife, who have a joint ministry, need to stand together for the ministry to become a much easier burden to bear. This is the stage where God starts manifesting Himself wonderfully. He starts building specially and people start taking notice that it is the work of God. Each manifestation is peculiar to a particular ministry. Some have a very large manifestation entrusted to them and others may only have a smaller one, but the ministry will be evident in the neighbourhood, the town, the region, the country and even perhaps, the world. God will decide the extent of the ministry through its manifestation.

### **Working 12 - Fullness**

This is called working fullness. Mankind has a spiritual emptiness in life itself, even though they may be busy with great and wonderful works and deeds. This emptiness is seeking God expression, but when we come to Christ we begin to be filled. The emptiness leaves and we start experiencing a fullness in our lives that is seeking outward-bound expression - it is the fullness of God. When we start knowing Jesus, from the time we first get convicted, even from the new birth, the fullness is at work. At a point in our life, having gone through the judgment stage, God is specially dealing with us. He has purified us. He has started building, through our ministry, a work of God, wonderfully manifesting Himself. This will continue growing and enlarging until we come to the fullness of the final stage. God wants to fill His people with Himself. We are His place of rest, His purpose, His plan, His heavenly design.

God takes personal charge of these last three workings, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we come out to the end of our lives. When we reach this state of fullness, we feel we have re-discovered God, but it is God Himself who has discovered us. We have become His peculiar

people. God then decides that it is now time for us to end the journey and God takes us home.

### **God's timing is perfect**

Many people feel that their life has been fulfilled; that God has given a greater richness and fullness in their heart. They are ready to go home to God, even like Paul the apostle was at the end of his life. Never too soon and never too late, we are taken home by His decree. They have received the fullness that was their due. On the other hand, many people die well before their time, because they disobey God, refusing to take the way of righteousness and instead choose the way of sin. This way of sin is the way to destruction. By refusing to choose this way we will come to the fullness and obtain the perfect plan and purpose of God for our lives.

He plans the time for Him to visit us, especially through His Holy Spirit. Our times and seasons are in His hand. He knows our end from the beginning and will perfect that which concerns us. As we decide to stay with Him, we are prepared to humbly cleanse ourselves and continue to walk in humility before Him in love. We all know of people who love Jesus, but who do not love Him enough to obey His every command. We need to love Him with everything we have because He is the Saviour of our life. He is our life and our life is hidden with Christ in God. We should love the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit equally through Jesus Christ. This is part of the fullness that we have to come to.

### **Christ in us and us in Christ**

It is Christ in us the hope of glory. We may not always have been in Christ, but Christ wishes for us to reach His fullness and that fullness is what God wants to display through consolidation. It is a perfect and complete fullness. The Scripture says we are complete in Him. He has planned, so He shall do. This is all that we have to do - to stay with it, listen to God, learn to obey Him. Be like Christ who said, "It is My meat and drink to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work." This is how we can reach that fullness. There are many people that we know that have reached the fullness stage, but it is now time for us to go for it ourselves and we can only do it if we stay with Him. The Scriptures says the same who continues to the end, the same will be saved.

### **Your prayer for consolidation**

To be prayed from the heart, with trusting faith. Before praying this prayer, examine it line by line and see if you understand it. Pray for understanding, to understand fully what is being asked. If you are uncertain about anything read this study over again, taking note of each point that is being presented. When you have done this and are certain that you fully understand what you are requiring God to do for you, then pray these two prayers aloud to Jesus Christ as your Lord.

### **Concerning the common calling for yourself**

*"Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for buying me (and mine) back (from the bondage of the devil, he who is also called Satan, the deceiver of mankind) using Your Blood that was shed, Your Life that was poured out and Your Body that was broken. No other suitable redemptive price could be found to redeem us from the curse of the law that God has pronounced on those who disobey His law. Thank you for personally doing this for me (and mine), for no other more valuable price could be found to match either my transgressions or the burden of my sins, yes, and not only for myself but even for the sins of the whole of mankind. The covenant price required to redeem us was not only equal to our transgressions but was also far superior to God's punishment for our sins. Thank you for not only buying us back*

*but delivering us from the eternal powerful bondage of sin, giving us liberty from the eternal grip of satan. You brought heavenly healing to us, healing us eternally from the eternal punishment of death, grave and hellfire, with healing for our spirit, soul and body. You accomplished this as God's only begotten Son by giving us eternal life, through Your obedient death and miraculous resurrection. Your Heavenly Father, who is our Father also, received You to Himself to sit on His throne in heaven, on His right hand, forever. You have gone beforehand to prepare a place for us who believe and You will receive us to Yourself so that we will be with You forever, both now and into the future."*

#### **Concerning the specific calling for your life**

*"Lord Jesus Christ You intercede for us with Your Father in Heaven, who has become once again to us our Heavenly Father to direct all our paths into Your ways of peace in revival. Please consolidate all Your promises, that so often seem to be mysterious scattered words to us, whether they be in the past, the present or into the future, through Your own life, truth, grace, love, faith, hope, strength, power and workings, for these are all centred in Yourself. Through our Father and His love, by Your Holy Spirit, please bring all the pieces together now and into the future so that I (and those near and dear to me) can see and understand what Your mighty hand can accomplish for us, in us and through us and around us. I ask You for this, yes, I believe You for this, and therefore receive this from Yourself now, leaving all the intricate details of the mystery of my life's work in the care of Yourself and Your mighty hands. I believe that I will keep the results of this consolidation from the Father and the Son forever, for You have the power to grant this prayer, requesting what is so impossible for me to attain in my strength, but now is possible through the keeping of Your strength forever. I humbly ask this and receive it now and say thank you for doing this for me (and mine). To you, Oh God, be the glory, honour and thanksgiving throughout the eternity of the eternities, by, through and in the name of Jesus and for His sake. Amen."*

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## **12.The secrets of a sound marriage Ephesians 5:25**

- Realise fully that “what God has put together let no man put asunder” which is maintained by exercising true forgiveness, true caring and true tenderness.
- Weed and tend your marriage garden constantly and water and pick the daily marriage flowers.
- The partners must hope all things good, believe all things true and love each other always.
- Do not forget your Creator - remember Him in all that you are both doing, whether alone or together.
- Both marriage partners must keep to the true and narrow way with one another in all ways of enjoyment, living, sexuality and marriage.
- Realise that two families are being joined in a marriage that will be separated through a divorce.
- Both partners need to develop common friends that help the marriage and need to reject separate friends who destroy it, regarding intimate sex as personal, holy, uncontaminated and pure between themselves.
- The husband must teach his wife in every way even as he learns from the love of Jesus and the wife must be willing to submit to her husband as she learns from the church which submits to, and learns from, the example of Jesus.
- Jesus is the Leader, the Holy Spirit the Guide and God the Keeper to the marriage.
- Biblical teaching and God’s leading, help the partners to become love, Kingdom and church orientated.
- Learn that prayer changes things for both partners that cannot otherwise be changed, and by guarding against jealousy, hatred, ill-feelings and arguments.
- Working at the marriage is worth its weight in gold but it takes both partners to keep ‘the covenant’ alive that they have pledged to one another before God, their parents and witnesses.
- Marriage is a life-lasting union that blesses all of its married couples; but can end up as a temporary union that brings untold misery to all its victims, especially the children.
- Marriage is to the ability to hear another, cheer the heart of the other and to sit around the hearth with one another in a happy home, filled with joy and laughter.

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### **13. Whose revival is it? God or ours? Habakkuk 3:2**

If revival is His and not ours - we have to be revived.

If revival is from Him and not from us - we have to go to Him.

He has revival - we can get it from Him.

#### **What revival can we expect?**

Can we expect revival from God? Yes.

Can revival come now? Yes.

When does it begin? Let God do it for you - now.

#### **What type of revival will it be?**

##### **The wind manifestation**

The wind of God's Spirit (which brings His touch in our lives) comes and goes as He pleases. We can expect it at any time and we can ask for it at any time.

##### **The fire manifestation**

The fire of God's Spirit (which brings conviction of our sins) comes down into our hearts and burns us with His righteous ways and our unrighteous dealings, cleansing the soul.

##### **The water manifestation**

The water of God's Spirit (which comes to quench the longings of the human heart) brings spiritual, thirst-quenching, life-giving water, which comes from heaven when we least expect it; even as we stand praying.

##### **The light manifestation**

The light that Jesus spoke about is the light that lightens the world (taking away the darkness.) It is Jesus who is the light of the world. He also said that we, who believe in Him, are the light of the world. His light can be revealed to us at any stage of our lives.

##### **The message manifestation**

In the message manifestation, God uses a vision or dream of a scroll that suddenly appears, or any other form of delivering a written or audible message and tells us about important spiritual and/or natural events soon to happen, which opens up a revelation that is life-changing (a calling to give a personal account to God).

##### **The angelic visitation**

Angels have appeared to men and women throughout the centuries and can still appear today. The angel visitation gives us an important message, revelation, or rescuing us from a life-threatening situation (opening up some wonderful mystery of truth).

##### **The Jesus manifestation**

Jesus can appear to anyone suddenly, without warning, or He can advise us of His pending appearance. He opens up salvation (revealing a special plan moving towards a special result). His appearance is always startling, awesome and overwhelming.

*Revelation 7:9-17 "... a great multitude ... of nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, ..."*

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