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The Door of Transformation

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Introduction

This book is the compilation of seven messages on soul, body, and spirit.

Some slight editing has been done to make it a readable format, but overall it was written word for word from those messages.

In several of the chapters we discuss energy. When we are talking about energy, we're talking about the manifold power of God. The reason we use the word energy is because it's something our minds can relate to. You can't see energy, but you can see the result of it. We're not talking about soulish energy that is derived from man's labor to try to control energy, but the energy that comes from God's creative power. He directs it, not us.

Hebrews 11:1 says, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* God's word is substance, which is energy.

A New Creation

Let's turn to I Kings 3:7. This has to do with Solomon. God's speaking to Solomon and Solomon is praying to the Lord.

Verse 7 starts out...

And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

Solomon said, "Lord, I'm king of this huge nation and I don't even know how to come out and go in. I don't know how to act when I'm out there, and I don't know how to act when I'm sitting on the throne."

Verse 8-15...

And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon

had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

Then after this, two harlots came in with children and they were both sleeping in the same bed. They had their babies... You know the story. One laid over on the other's and smothered it in her sleep. During the night while the other one was sleeping she switched babies so that she would have the live one. In the morning they got in an argument whose baby was whose. And the woman that had the healthy baby looked at the dead baby and said, "This isn't my baby, you have my baby." And she said "no, no, no, you have yours." So they took the disagreement to Solomon and Solomon said, "Get me a sword and we'll cut the baby in two." And the mother of the live baby said, "No give it to her, I don't want my baby to die." And the other woman said, "Yes, do it so we'll each have half." And Solomon said "Give the child to the true mother...she didn't want him to die even if she couldn't be around him." That was the start of Solomon's wisdom

and understanding.

Now, if Solomon had such great wisdom and understanding (and we know he did, because he wrote Proverbs, and he talked about the seven eyes of God), what went wrong? All these things, and yet the question is did he even make it to heaven?

It says that God gave Solomon an understanding heart. In the New Testament God said, "I'm going to put the laws in your heart." So God gave Solomon all of the knowledge and wisdom in his heart. But something went wrong. At the end of his life he said everything was vanity; vanity among vanity. He was bored. He said "I've tried everything," and he names all of the things he tried, and he said it's all vanity.

So what went wrong, when his father David was totally the opposite? David was always crying out to God, "Quiet my enemies." And David, when he was a boy, was small. But the Spirit of the Lord came on David, and his mind stayed small, but his actions were huge. He lived that way until he died. Where Solomon started out broken, and even though he had available all knowledge of God, he ended up in poverty of heart. Something had to go very wrong. We want to look at what went wrong.

I Kings 4:29 says...

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

It was like there was no end to his wisdom and understanding. God poured it out on him. Now of all people, he should have been the most successful that ever walked on the face of the earth, because he had access to the knowledge of God, through wisdom and understanding.

Now we want to look at 1 Kings 11. Who was Jeroboam? He

was under Solomon's care when Solomon was alive and he was among the strongest warriors in Israel. He was extremely strong and smart and cunning.

God spoke to Jeroboam through a prophet and said, "Because of Solomon's wickedness, because he did everything I told him not to do, you're going to be king over Israel." Solomon took on foreign wives. He had horses and chariots. He worshiped other gods. He had wisdom and understanding, more than anyone that ever walked since the fall of man and yet he did all three things that God said "Don't do." And it made God so angry that He said to Jeroboam, in I Kings 11 starting in verse 37:

And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth and shalt be king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever.

He said, "Like I did with David, I'm going to do with you." He was going to use Jeroboam to punish Judah and Solomon and his descendants because of the wickedness and the pollution that Solomon brought after God gave him wisdom and understanding. God was so angry He said, "I promised David that I would give him a place. So I'm going to give him two nations because I'm going to use David's descendants to bring Jesus in, but that's all that's going to happen. I'm not going to let them have the other 10 tribes. You're going to have them. And if you do what I say, I'll make you like David." That's a pretty good thing!

Now, what was the difference between Solomon and Jeroboam?

To Solomon, God said “I’m going to give you an understanding heart.” To Jeroboam He said, “I’m going to give you all of the desires of your soul.” Now, we know that Jeroboam immediately went and built two calves, put them so the people wouldn’t come down to Jerusalem and once again go back to serving under Judah, and then he’d lose his kingship. So he made two calves and immediately he began to pull the people away from God and say “This is the god that got us out of Egypt, and now we’re going to serve him here. You don’t have to go to Jerusalem anymore.” So they had shrines in Dan and in Bethel.

Solomon had the heart issues and Jeroboam had soul issues. It was like God was experimenting. “I’m going to give Solomon all this wisdom to rule over the people. I’m going to give him wealth, and I’m going to give him honor.” And people came from everywhere to see the wealth and honor of Solomon, and the wisdom. They would sit...I could just see him in the cool of the morning coming up and sitting before a lot of people and he would speak and they would just listen to all of the things that he had to say.

What happened then, if he had wisdom and understanding for judgment? We too have wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, power, the fear of the Lord, and the love of the Lord. We have all of those things. They are available to us. Are you telling me that with these things we could use them and still go to hell? How could that be?

Let’s go back to Genesis 1:26:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;

Now, image would be a body. It says that He formed man out of the dust of the ground, and He formed us similar to the way

God looks. Likeness would be that we have a spirit and that life is in us like God is. God is spirit. His body is different than ours. Angels are not contained to the earth because they are fully spirit, and they have a spirit body, which means that their bodies are not made of dust of the earth. The reason we have to stay on earth and can't travel as an angel is because we are earthy dust people, and that holds us from going to other planets. Our bodies that are made of the dust of the earth must stay here, and the earth feeds this earthy body. But for an angel, and God, they are fully spirit and have spiritual bodies, which means that they're made completely and totally out of energy. God took the energy and made the spiritual beings so that they have nothing. Their only parts are all made from energy. It says fallen angels are like angels of light. An angel of light can cause themselves to manifest their energy in such a way that it's like a light. Kind of like a firefly that can make a light, but a spiritual being can leave that light on.

Jesus went on the mount of transfiguration. He transfigured himself to a spiritual being with a spiritual body. I don't know that He left His fleshly body, but somehow He manifest who He really is: nothing but energy. He became so bright it shook the three disciples that were there with Him. It shook them up because they saw Him as He really is.

So we have two things. We're made in the likeness of God and the image of God. But made out of different things. God is made out of total energy. He is spirit. And those that worship him have to be worshipping Him in spirit and truth.

When man fell, God despised flesh. In fact, when a priest came to minister to Him, He said "I want you to wear long gowns and just cover your flesh. I'm sick of flesh. I don't want to see it."

Genesis 2:7 says...

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

He breathed into Adam the breath of life, which is spirit. He gave Adam a charge of His Spirit. He breathed into the formed man that was laying there and He put life, and as that life went in it commanded all of the things that happen in you today. The heart was commanded to pump until you die. That's one of the reasons why the heart is always spoken much about in the Bible, because the heart doesn't give up. When the heart gives up, you're done.

God gave us life in this clay body and we became a soul. The soul is the result of our body and spirit coming together, becoming one. So, when the Spirit of God is in the clay body that we're in, our soul is alive. The soul can manifest on the earth and it has to do with the mind, will, and emotions.

The mind is what we think of, and our mind is what commands us to do whatever we're going to do. And our will is what is it that I'm going to do. Our mind helps to sort all of that out...this is what I'm going to do. And then the emotion is the level of strength you release to accomplish the will. You can become so emotional that you actually pump into your body strength to do something that you couldn't ordinarily do. That comes from emotions. Your mind comes into agreement with your will, and you use your emotions to stir up the strength to do what your will has determined.

Solomon had the spirit and you could put under that the 7 eyes of God.

The body today is the fallen state of man. You see, in the Garden of Eden, was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But until they ate of the fruit they didn't know what evil was, so they

didn't participate in it. What part of us participates in evil? It's the body. The spirit doesn't. So when the body found out it didn't have to obey God, but could obey the body, then the body began to take over and it polluted the soul. The mind, will and emotions all became polluted because your body was no longer in agreement with the spirit. And when that took place the soul became polluted.

God gave Solomon wisdom, and a heart of discernment for judging, so he could judge the actions of the body by the spirit. And so can you. And it's very important to understand that you're like Solomon if you function out of the seven eyes. You can take the Spirit of God and you can discern and you can speak wisdom of what needs to be done, but if the body is stronger than your letting the spirit take over your life, the body will begin to take control more and more and more until the spirit has no say so, but the body owns the soul. When Jesus came, He came to break the power of the body so that the spirit would be the strongest part in you.

Now if you have discernment, and know right from wrong, but you let your body still be in charge, you can have the greatest revelation and understanding and still go to hell. Many people are, because even though they know, they choose not to be obedient to the spirit. I see people just resist...they say "I know it's true, but I'm not going to do it." It didn't do Solomon any good to have all wisdom and understanding and yet be lost.

The soul is the result of your works; the work of your mind, the work of your will, and the work of your emotions. So what's in your soul is the result of listening to the body, or listening to the spirit. Our body must be submitted to the spirit because we can no longer trust the body. Why? Because when the body has had an experience that it likes, it takes great miracles to get set

free of it. It's literally a miracle to get set free of what the body has already learned.

Take this for example. When I was a boy, 10 years old, my youngest sister was born. We were down on the railroad tracks playing like we always did, and Dad called us to come inside. We came in and washed our hands and sat on the bench, just like little birdies on a fence. We sat there and Dad said, "Guess what we have?" "What?" "We have a new baby girl in the house." "We do?" I had no idea. 10 years old.

You say, well you were back in the old days...but do you know what was happening? Because I didn't understand anything about the birds and the bees, I was innocent. You teach your children about the birds and the bees when they're little, they've lost their innocence and they have a fight in their flesh from that point on because you exposed them to something they can't handle. When you expose something that is good and evil then they are going to have to fight it from that point on. So when I grew up I didn't have to fight anything like what the kids do today because I was innocent. My body didn't know what a homosexual was. I had no idea. 21 years old...what in the world is that? I said, "What!?" The first thing that came out of my mouth..."What do they do?" I had no idea.

You see, when we expose before a person is capable of handling that realm of the body, we're submitting that person to things they can't comprehend nor do they understand and yet we throw it on them, so they struggle. They struggle because you've pulled away their innocence and now they know...whatever it is.

It used to be that you didn't get to do hardly anything until you were 16. Today I see kids having cell phones when they are 8, 10, 12. For what reason? They are using them, experimenting with them...so when they are 16 years old what are they going to

do? They'll have to find something else because they are already bored with this. So then when they get 20 what are they going to do? And by the time they're 22, 23 there's nothing left for them to experiment with. What did Solomon say? I've tried everything. I've tried everything and everything is vanity. I'm bored. I'm sick of everything.

Do you understand what I'm saying? What I used to think is this: "Oh God, I'm so naughty. I get spankings all of the time. I don't know what I do, but I'm just naughty. When I get to be as old as my dad then maybe I won't be naughty anymore."

Wrong. The older you get, the more the body has experienced, and the more you have to fight. So the older you get the more difficult it will be to change.

I found out that the older I get the harder it is to change. The only way that can happen is for me to totally die and let the Spirit of God take over so that I'm transformed into a new creation that's acceptable to the Spirit of God. And that's a miracle.

It's Romans chapter 7...I don't do the things that I want to do. I'm just a miserable mess. I want to do this but I end up doing that. I want to do this, but I end up doing what my flesh wants. What a wretched man I am. Then in Romans 8 it says thanks be to God that gave me a new creation. If you're willing to let your flesh go and die so that you can be led by the spirit you will be that new creation. It doesn't mean that you can just go so far...it's you not letting it go.

The further Solomon went against what God wanted, the deeper he got into baggage and he kept going and going until as an old man he said it's all vanity. There was no joy anymore. He had the greatest gift that God could give him, to even know the heart of God, yet he ended up saying everything is boring. He had great judgments but he never judged his own body.

One day the Lord spoke to me, just a quick flash, He said, “You know, you can teach all of the things that I’m teaching you and still not make it.” If I don’t keep dying, someone will do that work for me.

Now you can start to see the importance of obeying your parents. We’ve got a United States of youth that by the time they reach teens their body is so full of junk and contamination and so gripped with the desires of the flesh, that they don’t even want to listen. And we think it’s cute. There isn’t anything cute about it at all.

Now, back to Jeroboam. He didn’t get the wisdom of God, but God said to Jeroboam, “I’m going to give you the desires of your soul”...more dangerous yet. Jeroboam was under Solomon’s wisdom and understanding. But he didn’t himself function in it. You know he had to hear all of the things that Solomon had to say. He knew it. He was under his authority. Jeroboam took things into his own hands because God said whatever your soul desires you’re going to get it. So God experimented with Solomon and Solomon fell flat on his face. Gave it to Jeroboam and Jeroboam was a standard in the Old Testament of the wickedness...it always goes back and says he was even more wicked than Jeroboam, or he did the things of Jeroboam. He took what God gave him and became the standard of wickedness.

Let’s look at I Samuel 25 verse 21...

David was in the wilderness and Saul was after him. He had 600 men out there and he was trying to stay alive.

Now David had said, surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained

unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

David gave a man named Nabal favors of protection so nobody would steal anything from him. When David and his men got hungry, David sends some men to Nabal and says, "We've been protecting your stuff. We want a little pay...give us some food." Nabal says, "I'm not giving you anything." So in verse 22 it says...

So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

David says "I'm going to go kill all of the men that are Nabal's." He was going to avenge his hurt feelings, his soul.

Verse 23...

And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

When Abigail found out what her husband did to David, she became fearful of him and she put a whole bunch of stuff on a pack of donkeys and off she went to meet David.

Verse 24-26...

And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

Now, she put in the same category David as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives...She was giving him a great compliment in saying that his soul lives under the spirit. His soul was not dead.

If you function out of the body, your soul is dead. You can literally see that death on people.

So here she says, as the Lord lives, so your soul lives.

Verse 27...

And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

She was calling David her lord. She was a servant to David. She humbled herself and said "I've brought food for you and those that are with you."

Verse 28...

I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

She said, "I know you're going to be king someday, and that there is no evil in your heart, or in your soul. You're going to have a sure house, and God is going to bless you because you fight the battles of the Lord; not what you want, but what God wants you to do."

Verse 29...

Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

She's saying to him, "A man is risen to pursue you, and to seek your soul (that was Saul)." "But," she said, "I know that you will be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord your God." That means that David was fully meshed with God. "And your enemies are going to be removed like putting them in a slingshot and sending them off."

Verse 30...

And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

She's saying, "Don't go up and kill my husband, because it's going to be an offense. If you strike back, it's going to be an offense to your heart and to the Lord. If you kill this man, you're going to find that your conscience will bother you all the time that you're king. It will be a hindrance to you."

You know, there are things that all of us have done that when it is brought up we say, "I wish I wouldn't have done that." That's what Abigail was saying to David...don't do this, or you will regret it.

Verse 31...

That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou has shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the Lord shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

She's saying, "God's going to deal with my husband."

Verse 32-33...

And David said to Abigail, blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: And blessed by thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

When you take vengeance on an act, God cannot avenge you.

Verse 34-37...

For in very deed, as the Lord God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken; wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

Nabal was so shook up with what Abigail told him that he became like a stone and just sat there and stared, and about 10 days later he was dead.

Verse 39...

And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the Lord hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

David even admitted saying, "If I would have taken and avenged with my own hands, and not let God deal with Nabal, it would have been a hindrance to me." When you avenge what someone did to you, and don't let God deal with it, it hinders your prayers.

When someone rips you off or something happens, that can be an area that God can use you as a testimony to bring them to Him. Who knows what it's for. But if you avenge, they'll say "Well, he's just like all of the rest of them."

I hope that you begin to understand the reason why God wants you to die to your flesh and be transformed. There is no hope in the body. Even Solomon, with all the wisdom that he had, couldn't say no to his flesh. He experimented with his body and he said it's all vanity. He could have said, "I know that everything that the body desires is vanity." He had the wisdom to be able to know this. But he experimented anyway, and once he experimented and exposed his body to all the foreign women, all the foreign gods, he began at the end to build shrines for all of the gods of his wives. And God looked at Solomon and said, "You were small in your own eyes, but when I made you great you ran off and did

your own thing, and let your flesh be your god.”

Once this opens up to you, you will begin to see it everywhere. You can't participate in the things of the flesh and still be alive in God. If you and your children begin to participate, the more you participate, the greater the bondage and the harder it will be to get out of it. Your body will sit there and say, “I'm not changing.” I can see it on people. I can say something and they will say “I'm not changing. He can say anything he wants.” Well who is that speaking? Is that the Spirit of God speaking? No, it's your body. It says in the scripture, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Don't pay any attention to the flesh. Cause the flesh to line up. Make it be silent. Let the Spirit of God reign. Let the Spirit of God lead you to victory. Then you'll make it through.

Energy...God's Spoken Word

Scripture says that God formed the body. He breathed into this body and it became a living soul. That's as far as I had ever thought of it. In the soul is the mind, will, and emotion. I felt like the Lord began to speak to me that the soul is something a little different than what I always thought it to be.

Matthew 10:28 says:

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

A person is able to kill the body, but that's all they can do. They can't kill the soul. Why can't they kill the soul? What really is the soul?

Everything is made out of energy. There are many different kinds of energy. There's energy that is liquid. There's energy that's solid. There's energy that is light, and energy that is darkness. All of the different kinds of metals are different kinds of energy. The most concentrated energy that we know of is nuclear energy made out of uranium. Uranium is energy. They

spin it so that each nucleus breaks down. They break up the atoms so they don't function like they were created. You can then get the full release of the energy from that atom.

They say that there is enough energy in one sheet of paper to heat the house for a year if we could get it out. That is, to break it so that the energy in it is fully released. God has given us many forms of energy and they can be used in different places for different things.

Energy is put into grass. Cows eat the grass and produce milk. Out of the energy of the grass they make bones, muscles, and all kinds of things. How can it do that? The energy is commanded by God. We don't know how God has made it so that all energy obeys Him, but it does. When He says "Let there be this" the energy obeys and it forms it and makes it.

Let's look at Hebrews 11:4...

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

How can it be, that Abel did something and it still speaks today? Cain spoke and it wasn't good. But Abel spoke and it still exists today. It's still speaking. Abel, in his words, created something that still is at work today. It has to be nothing but energy, because everything else, after a period of time (like food, or grass, or whatever), decays and it separates the energy that was put in, and that decay can go back in the ground and the roots can take that and reform that energy and make it something different.

If I feed corn to my hogs and put the manure on a pile, and then I take it out and put in on the garden, the manure that was corn

and beans and mineral in the hogs, can be put in the garden and it can raise lettuce, cucumbers, or watermelon, but it's still that energy. It's all recyclable and renewable.

God renews everything, except breaking down the nuclear stuff. I don't know what happens to that. It takes 75 years if they have a catastrophe. In Russia they still don't live where the nuclear thing blew up, and that's been 30 some years. A lot of people died years later from the results of that, because the codes of energy were broken and it became wild. That's really what nuclear energy is. When you can take 35 pounds of nuclear energy and make enough electricity in Detroit for a year and a half, that's a lot of energy that is released.

When God speaks, He activates energy. Take a tree for example. The tree grows and the energy of it is all controlled by God's spoken word. Jesus said "If you speak to that tree, it *should* obey you. And if you say, go throw yourself in the sea, it *should* be done." The energy from the tree was created by God and is under the authority of God, therefore whatever God says to do, it will do it.

We know the body is clay, made of the earth, so that it would be contained on the earth. The earth was formed and made so that it would stay together, and energy by gravity held the earth together. God took the earth and made man so that the energy from gravity would confine man to the earth. If He would have made man out of some other kind of energy, we could just go like the angels, and go anywhere. But we were confined to the earth because we are of the earth, and the earth was called to be formed and stay in a shape. So we have to stay on the earth.

What then is the soul? The soul is your works, your labor. You'll be known by your works, right? So that's what the soul is. Cain's works and Abel's works were known. The problem is, Cain's

work didn't endure. Abel's work, because it was spiritual, still speaks today.

The soul is energy that you release and it's called works. It says by your words you'll be acquitted, or by your words you'll be condemned. If your words are godly, they create, because you speak it by the command of the Lord. What you speak begins to be created. You have to stay in faith and in quietness to watch it grow and develop. If you're always speaking this and doing this and this and this, if you're here and there, it says you'll never get any rewards.

If you really start thinking about it, all of the scriptures start to line up and you can begin to see how the soul is your works. If you're doing what God wants, those works are lasting works. Those works are gold and silver that is given in the bank of heaven. They will be with you forever. For those who follow God, and sanctify their body to Him, their soul becomes good works. Those works will continue forever. But for those that do not have the works of God, He says, "Depart from Me you workers of your generations, I don't know you." And if He says, "I don't know you," you're in trouble, because your works will not be works that will last. If your works do not last, you won't be around.

You're either a good tree, or a bad tree. A bad tree cannot produce good fruit, and a good tree cannot produce bad fruit. It all comes back to what it is that you do.

I was told that when you take a piece of paper and move it from one place to another, that's work, because it took energy to move it. That was how simple they taught me, that work is the release of energy. It takes energy to move something from one place to another.

In Matthew 10 we saw that it says not to fear them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. If your works are the

works of God, no man can kill it. They can't destroy it. God's kingdom lasts forever. We are rather to fear Him which is able to destroy both our works, and our body in hell.

Paul says that in the end, the earth will be cleansed by a fervent heat. The whole earth is going to be on fire with a fervent heat. What is that for? It is to cleanse the works that are of men, which are provoked by satan. When this takes place we will have a new body.

What will our new body be like? Jesus had a body of the earth, but when He died, and rose again, He could then walk through walls. It says the doors were closed and He entered into the room into their presence. Jesus, after He died, got a new body, like the one that those that follow Him will receive. Our new body will not be restricted to the earth because it's not clay. It's a different kind of body. It's a different kind of energy.

Don't start thinking in your mind that because I'm talking about energy that it's not righteous, or unrighteous...it's now energy. No, the energy is given to those that walk according to the will of God and the way He created everything.

Nimrod, when he was going to build a tower, had more in mind than just building a tower like we think, that he could just reach to heaven. God came down and He looked and said, "If I don't stop what they are doing, there will be nothing they can't do." They were approaching the secrets of the creation, and I believe it was through fallen angels teaching them what the creation was all about.

Enoch also was removed after 300 years, when others lived 900 years. He came on to truths of the creation in such a way that God didn't want anyone else to know how He did it, so He took him. It says he was no more.

Let's look at Matthew 12:18...

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

The first Adam was a living soul. The second Adam was a quickening spirit. It's different. Even though we are in a flesh body, made of clay, made of the earth, Paul says we have a deposit, a down payment of what we are going to be. The quickening spirit is a level we are able to function in here and now in how we will function forever. We have just a deposit, a little more than a token.

God has a soul. He has a body, but His is a spiritual body. He's not restrained by any of the energy that He has made. In fact, all energy obeys Him. In that way, He can speak, and it happens. Satan knew that Jesus could function this way. He said to Jesus, "If you speak to those stones, you can make them into bread." Now, all Jesus would have had to do was say "Energy, change from stone into bread." And it would have happened. He would have had bread, and that bread would give him food for His earthly body to eat. Jesus refused to do it. He said, "There's more to life than changing some energy for My own benefit."

God put the Father's spirit on Jesus. *He shall show judgment to the Gentiles.* Judgment is choosing the right way. He then put His spirit upon you and me for judgment as well. Jesus was the second Adam, the first of many.

Here we are with the soul, but we are not just a soul like Adam was, we are a quickening spirit. That makes us different than the Old Testament. Until Jesus came and broke the power of sin in our soul, we weren't able to do that. Now, we have a quickening spirit in us, and that quickening spirit has power. Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Ghost, which teaches and shows." "But," Jesus

said, “wait until you have been endowed with power from on high.” That power is the quickening spirit that gives us creative authority to change the energy. Just like the plants change the energy to what they were called to be and do.

If we walk in the supernatural, and God would say, “This is what I want you to do in the earth,” we can begin to speak it and the energy will begin to work. We will see it begin to form and happen. In our lives, when a word of prophecy comes, a word from the Lord comes, we watch it grow in us, and within two or three weeks we can start to see what it was that we received. That energy is given to us with a particular thing in mind, and the word can gather the energy around us and make it happen out of nothing.

Jesus had the Spirit of God His Father put upon Him, that He might show judgment to those that don’t know God. We are to have the same Spirit on us.

Matthew 16:26...

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

He’s saying, what profit is it to you if you get all the money in the world, but you have no equity in the kingdom of God? What good is it? It’s not worth anything. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? That means you have a soul. Now what are you going to give in exchange for a soul? You could sell yourself to satan to accumulate on the earth, or you could die to yourself and get the quickening spirit and live forever with God. That’s what He’s saying. There’s a choice. What are you going to do?

Matthew 26:38...

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

Jesus' soul was sorrowful, knowing that so many people will choose to sell their soul to satan to enjoy this life, rather than to give their soul (mind, will, and emotion) to the Lord and get a quickening spirit. The Spirit of the Lord on you brings a level of creative power (like Jesus had), according to the level of your obedience.

If God would take us into this realm, there would be no end to what we could do. That's why it's so dangerous for the Lord to even show this to us. These are secrets of the foundation of the creation. And yet, we can't walk in them unless God releases the quickening spirit. If that takes place, the authority that we can have is to be able to change the energy to do the will of God.

You can see that if Jesus had all of this, how He could walk as He did. He never owned a house, he never owned a Cadillac or anything, because He didn't need anything. He had the creative power. He said, "Wind, be quiet." He said, "Sea, become still." The disciples said "What kind of a guy is this? Even the wind and the sea obey!" He could make the bread increase just by increasing the energy and it got bigger, and every time they would pull it out more came, and more, and more.

Let's look at Mark 12:30...

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

If we could come to the place that we love the Lord God with all our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength, and we could live that way for a period of time, He could begin to trust us to give us authority. Authority over the energy so that you speak to the tree and it will throw itself into the sea. He tried to give us a little bit of an idea what you could do if you were with God. He said it *should* do it.

Verse 31...

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Verse 33...

And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

It's more than you fully giving up to the Lord. It's you becoming fully in Him and everything else sheds away. Jesus said to the rich man, "Go, sell everything you have, give to the poor, come and follow Me, and I'll put you into that realm." Sell everything. What are you going to exchange for your soul to get the quickening spirit?

This is nothing that you or I have ever heard before, but the Lord just began to open it up. I began to see that because energy is what made everything, that's how God can speak and whatever

He speaks comes into existence.

Elijah walked in realms of this. He could speak and say that there wasn't going to be any rain until he said so, and it didn't rain. When he saw that the king began to repent, he then began to change the energy. He prayed seven times, and the seventh time the servant saw just a little cloud, and Elijah said, "That's enough, it's here. Run! It's coming." He was so full of energy that he pulled up his skirt and he beat Ahab and his chariot to the city. How did he do that? The quickening spirit. Even in the Old Testament. That's how it was done. It can't be done because you say it, it's done because God says it. If He sanctions it, then it will happen if you believe and don't doubt.

I Corinthians 15:45...

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

A quickening spirit means to be changed into something else. Paul says it's a deposit of having a body that is supernatural, or spiritual body, that has no clay, that doesn't restrict us to the physical. We'll just be a spiritual body.

We'll get a new body, but it will be a spiritual body. It won't be restricted to the earth. We'll be like the angels and like God in that we can walk through energy. A wall is just energy. Jesus walked through the energy, because He is energy.

I Thessalonians 5:23...

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To be perfect is to fully yield to God. That's the only way we can become perfect. We have to come to a place that we are fully given over to Him. I am coming to the place where I'm saying, Lord, what happens in the temporal really isn't that important because my life is in Your hands.

He wants us to get up on the mountain to have dominion. Mountains are the kingships, and He wants us to go to the mountain for authority, authority over the energy of His creation. He wants us to have dominion over all things; all the animals, wind, rain, whatever. If we want to walk on the water, we can walk on the water (and not just in the wintertime!). If we have authority over the elements, we can walk on the water, just like Peter did.

Hebrews 4:12...

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The word of God is quick and powerful and sharp. What does quick, powerful, and sharp do? It divides and separates and causes energy to go according to what you need. The energy is divided between soul and spirit, between the old Adam, and the quickening spirit. We have to divide that now because the

old Adam fell, and we are in the fallen state until we receive the quickening spirit. We have to divide that which is of the fallen state versus the quickened state, the deposit of that which is to come.

A discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The quickening spirit was for judgments, to divide. The heart is the laboring center of your body, it never quits, it's always in a labor. Your heart is either laboring with the quickening spirit or it's laboring with the fallen state.

Verse 13...

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: But all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

In other words, when you go through a trial and a situation, it says you can't go any place but what God will see your manifestation of that situation so that He knows where you're at. You may be able to fool me, but you won't fool God.

James 5:20...

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

To hide a multitude of sins means the blood will cover it. Before

God, he'll be worthy. Save the soul from death and cover a multitude of sin. Then, they'll go through the process of removing that sin, step by step. They're saving the soul, or the labor, of that person.

When you give your heart to the Lord, and you begin to labor for Him, you're saving, or beginning to put wealth into the kingdom of God now, instead of gaining the whole world and losing your own soul.

I Peter 2:11...

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

If you've given your soul to the Lord, and He's given you a quickening spirit, then you are on a sojourn, waiting for the new place. You are not laboring to accumulate here on this earth, you are laboring to put it into the heavenly places. You are a sojourner like Abraham that was looking for a city built by God. That is the way we have to think.

2 Peter 2:8 speaks about Lot:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds);

Why did he use Lot as an example of vexation of soul? Why didn't he use Abraham? Abraham wasn't vexed in his soul because he was on a sojourn, and Lot wasn't. Lot loved being in the city, but he was vexed everyday he was in the city. His wife loved it so much that she turned into salt when she turned back and longed

for it.

For us to be on a journey will begin to remove our vexations. To keep from being vexed we are sojourning and we are not going to let this world affect us. We must believe in the power of the spoken word that God will take care of us. He can make, and create in our path, what we need at any point, at any time, at any place.

3 John verse 2 says...

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

He's saying, "I wish above all things that you may prosper in this quickening spirit even as your soul prospers." In other words, "I hope that you prosper into the heavenly things even as you prosper in the physical."

If we can exchange our soul for the quickening spirit, we will get there and we will function as a people that few have ever done. An army that functions this way would be the greatest army that ever existed, no question.

Editor's Note:

There are many people that try to find energy for their soul. Many religions draw on what they call 'positive energy' that will make things peaceful and good, but they bypass the Creator. We are not seeking energy. We are seeking God's presence and His will. The Creator is in charge of all energy. When we speak of energy we are speaking of the creative power and might of the Lord. His spoken word is energy. All energy and all things are

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created by God. Authority, power, and might are all words that speak of energy.

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Sojourners

We talked a little bit about sojourning in the last chapter. I want to show you in the scriptures the attitude of God's people. If we are going to be God's people, we need to have the same attitude.

Revelation 20:7-9...

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

The beloved city is Jerusalem. They came up and were going to destroy the people of God, but God came and took care of all those people.

Verse 10-15, Chapter 21:1-2...

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and

brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

We see in those verses the finalization. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. God is going to make this earth an inferno and burn up all the wickedness on this earth. Then the earth will be renewed. Instead of by water like He did the first time, the second one will be by fire. The fire will burn up all of the weed seeds. It will burn up all of the pollution. It will be such a hot fire that it will melt everything, and everything will become new, with a people that are in their bodies that are not carnal. It will be a spiritual body that we will have for all eternity.

This is what Abraham was looking for. I want to give you an understanding of Abraham, and what he was looking for. He's looking for a city that was not built by human hands, but built by God. We're pretty close to it. Just another thousand years...The reason that I say we're close is because we have the opportunity

to live in the thousand year reign, and then we'll see it.

Abraham journeyed, looking for a city built by God. To sojourn means to walk through the land. He lived in a tent because he was a camper. He lived a little bit here, and then he would move on. He never stayed at any one place and he never became attached with any one people. A sojourner doesn't become attached to things of the world, because they will bog you down and you'll lose your joy. You'll become stagnated.

God wants His people to be sojourners. Abraham left all the things that he knew and started on a journey. His journey was to learn to know God, to fellowship with Him, be obedient to Him and let God direct him; give him supplies, everything he needs. God wanted Abraham to totally depend upon Him. If he did that, he would receive his reward. We are Abraham's children if we do the same. We can see it's extremely important to understand what a sojourner is and how they function.

I Chronicles 29:10-11...

Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

At the end of David's life, he came to the conclusion that everything is God's. Therefore, we are just sojourners in His land. That was his mindset. If you want to know how your mind should be, this is the way it should be. To renew your mind is to have this in it.

Verse 12...

Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

David's saying, "Everything that I have accumulated has come from You. You reign over all." Now, if that's the case, then if we stick to God we'll make it through to the end. That should bring quietness to you. Because in God's hand is power, and might.

Verse 13-14...

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

He's saying, "Who are we a people to say anything because when we give something to You, it was already Yours in the first place." It's kind of like my wife taking the credit card and buying me a present. But I love it. When you give tithes to the Lord, you're just giving back what's already His. But He loves it.

Verse 15...

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

That's a mindset. It's the way they lived. David, in his mind said,

“I’ve been a sojourner going through the land and doing what You’ve asked me to do. Everything is Yours, but You’ve given it to me to use. I’m a sojourner. I’m looking for a city too. All of our fathers have been on a journey for a place that You have built without human hands.” In other words, a place where there is going to be peace and tranquility with our heavenly Father.

Verse 16...

O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and all is thine own.

David said, “I’m going to give all that You’ve given me back to You to build it. It’s all your own. Everything that I have is Yours. But I know that you will be excited that I give all of this back to You to build Your house.”

Verse 17a...

I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness.

The heart is where the will is. When your heart sets to do something, your will is set. Your will functions in the heart. When God says, “I’m going to put My covenant in your heart,” He’s placing His will in your heart. Not my will, but His will. *Thy* will be done in me as it is in heaven. Jesus asked us to pray that way. We need to be praying, “Lord, Your will be in my heart. Open up the covenant of what You want.” If we allow that covenant to work, His will will be in our heart, not our own. That’s why we can follow our hearts when we’re in a hard place. But if our

hearts aren't given over to His will, we'll follow our own ways, which can't be trusted.

Verse 17b...

As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

There were times that they had to tell the people, "Stop. We have more than we need. Don't give any more." That's because they were sojourners and they trusted in God. They knew where it came from and whose it was. That was just who they were. Today we live in a country of entitlement, the total opposite attitude of David and his people. It's an attitude of "I deserve", where they thought, "God deserves." God deserves, not us.

Verse 18...

O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

If the will of God is in your heart, your heart can speak to you. Now, we are to be led by the covenant of our hearts, and not our minds. Our minds must come into alignment with the heart. The reason is because the covenant is in the heart and the heart knows

the will of God because that's where the agreement was placed. The heart never ceases to function and work, or we'd be dead. That's why God places the covenant in the heart. So David says, "Keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Thy people and prepare their heart unto Thee."

There are two things here that are critical to be a sojourner. The first is to have the imaginations of the thoughts of the heart in covenant with God. The second is to prepare our heart for God. Sojourning loosens the ties to this world. We're on a journey to find that new Jerusalem built without hands. On our journey we prepare our hearts to meet Him at that day. Our whole walk and our whole life is that very thing, looking for that city.

Those are two things that if you are going to sojourn with God you must understand, and begin to move into those realms of thinking, acting, and considering. You see, when the rich young ruler came and said "What must I do to do a better job?" Jesus said, "Do this this and this." The young man said, "I've done all those things but I know there's something lacking." Jesus said, "If you really want to walk in the realms that I walk in, sell everything you have, give it to the poor, and come and follow Me." It says that he went away sad, because he trusted in his great wealth. He wasn't a sojourner. He was one that stayed and had and became stagnated, so much that he couldn't flow and move with God.

Luke 12:15-20...

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of

a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Why did Jesus get upset at this man that pulled down his barns? Wasn't he prosperous? God blessed him. First of all, he didn't trust that God would keep providing what he needed. Secondly, he stopped sojourning. He stopped preparing his heart and fellowshiping with the Lord. He said, "Why don't we just take it easy and party."

When you begin to quit sojourning with God, preparing your heart, knowing His ways, and walking with Him, He doesn't like it. Much less Him giving you an anointing to do a job and something comes up and you just like that run out from it. When you run from what God has given you to do, you quit sojourning in order to satisfy your flesh.

I Peter 1:1-2...

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

According to Peter, the elect are those that have the knowledge

of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit. Sanctification takes place according to the degree of your obedience to Him. The more you sojourn, the more peaceful you become. If you are sojourning, you don't become covetous. You're looking for something that man can't give you. Only God can give it to you. You have a relationship that man can't give you, only God, so you don't become discouraged and disillusioned when you have relationship with God. He owns everything and He's in control of everything. So if something is happening, He's just saying, "I want your attention. You see what you just did? That needs to be worked on." It's not the devil, it's God, most of the time. Especially if you're walking with the Lord, the things that happen to you happen because God wants to change you. He lets it happen so that you can see who you are, and where you need to increase and change.

Verse 3...

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

It's a lively hope. Not a lazy hope! There's a lot of difference. Did you ever see someone that really has a lively hope? They can hardly keep their feet on the ground.

Verse 4...

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

We are on a journey to an inheritance that is incorruptible. It's something not made by human hands.

Verse 5-6...

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

We are kept by the power of God through faith...Do you see what that all says? You're in a lively hope, but right now you're going to go through some temptations and tough times. But He's preparing you on this journey. Every day you're preparing yourself a little more to meet the Lord.

Verse 7...

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

When the Lord appears, there is going to be praise, honor, and glory, if you're a sojourner. You're going to be excited. It's finally over. All those that didn't sojourn and prepare their hearts will run to the hills and ask for the rocks to cover them. They can't stand to see the light, to see who they really are.

Verse 8...

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Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

He's saying, even though you haven't physically seen God, even though everything is dim to you, yet you know in your heart, and you've experienced the covenant there, that it's real and you're moving on until the day you'll be able to see Him face to face.

Verse 9...

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

So it's the soul that gets saved. And it's the soul that gets destroyed, which is the works.

Verse 10-11...

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

We are in the time of glory and grace. The glory is that we walk in a power to defeat satan like no human being did before Christ. Jesus said John the Baptist was the greatest of all of the Old Testament, but He said, "Whoever receives the Holy Spirit and Me in them, will be greater than John the Baptist." That tells you right there you have more power and authority if you are a sojourner than any of the past, even David.

Verse 12...

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

The angels can't understand the grace of God because they've never experienced it. They saw God, they knew God, and they still turned from Him, therefore there is no salvation. We, on the other hand, have not seen God physically, but we know of His works, and we believe because of the testimonies.

Verse 13-17...

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

I see a lot of people that call themselves Christians that have no fear. And it's not a fear like what satan puts on you, but it's a fear that if I'm not obedient I'll lose my soul.

Verse 18-22...

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible

things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

That's sojourning. Your faith and hope in God is a sojourning life. Faith and hope.

Verse 23...

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

So if we walk in the truth and obey the truth, we will be sanctified, set apart, and on a journey. That's why Jesus said when a man found a pearl of great price he sold everything he had and took the money and purchased that pearl. The pearl is the hope of that city that we're on a journey to find. And in the process we're purifying our hearts for Him.

We walk in the hope and faith, and when that hope grows, that's what we become attached to. The hope in God becomes the anchor of our souls. When the anchor of our soul is hope in God, then when something else comes along, we won't go running after it. We'll stay right where we are.

We are born again of an incorruptible seed. When we receive our new bodies we'll never have to worry about sin or disobedi-

ence again because the fervent heat is going to burn all of that up and all the wickedness will be gone. We'll come back as if the tree of knowledge of good and evil will be gone. It's going to burn up. We'll know the grace of God and what He did in us, and we'll be forever grateful and praise Him forever, but the knowledge of good and evil will be gone.

Hebrews 11:6...

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

You can't sojourn unless you have faith in Him. That was in the minds of Israel. They were sojourners. David said, "All of our fathers were sojourners." We're not set here in this life, we're looking for a city that's built by God.

Verse 8...

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were

persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

The only thing that Abraham did was trust and sojourn. That's all he did. And he birthed the church. He birthed our salvation. But he didn't do much. But he did. Because there were few that were obedient. There were few that were faithful. It's still that way today.

Where are the faithful in the land? Your faithfulness in sojourning and not getting caught up in this world is all that counts. This world is going to be destroyed. We're looking for a world that is incorruptible, that will live and be forever. We're going to live in His word that lasts for all eternity.

When I read this and began to see it, I began to see that yes, this is my journey. I was angry when they prophesied that I was going to have a lot of money. I didn't want that. I wanted to know Him. I have been on a journey of changing my heart so that when He comes in His glory that we'll just stand there and shout, "Hallelujah, thank You Lord!" and not be fearful, but thankful. A sojourner will be that way. They won't be wondering if they are saved. They will know that they are finally seeing their city coming out of heaven, to take us and give us the incorruptible

body and lifestyle forever. That should be the hope of your soul and the labor of your heart.

Where is your will? Where is your heart? Has your mind been renewed like David's, that says, "Everything is Yours, God. Even when I give something to You, I'm just giving back what's already Yours."

Acts 7:6...

And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

God spoke and said that Abraham's seed should sojourn in a strange land. They were there 400 years, but it was only a journey, not a lifestyle, in Egypt. But not all of them saw it that way, because some of them wanted to go back to Egypt. They were not sojourners, and many of them died. In fact, all of them died that were not sojourners, because the children of Israel had lost the hope when they were in Egypt. Moses brought the hope and the sojourning back to them. In the desert, that sojourning came back to them and when they entered into the promised land, they needed to again be a sojourner. Because they weren't sojourners, God didn't give them the promise land, because they would have camped there and said "God has blessed me, I'm going to build a bigger barn and take it easy and have a big party until I die." God didn't want that. He wanted them to spend all of their life preparing for His Son that would someday come and make them His bride.

If you have this understanding, you'll understand the Bible a whole lot more, and the ways of God and why He did what He

did. It's very clear what God wants us to be.

Psalm 19:1 (This is a sojourning chapter of David.)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

What is it that is speaking to David? The heavens and the firmament. The earth and all the things in it. Whatever you see shows the handiwork of God, and if you don't see His handiwork, you're not on a journey. The more you journey with Him, the more you see His handiwork.

Verse 2-3...

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

His handiwork speaks to you. Everywhere you go, you see that handiwork.

Verse 4-5...

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Satan is trying to quiet the handiwork of God, and the speaking of who God is, by evolution and all kinds of lies. He is trying to silence it, but if you are a sojourner it cannot be silenced.

Verse 6-7...

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The law of the Lord is perfect. We are no longer bound to the law, but the grace of God is perfect and it will convert your soul, by the things you see in the creation. As you see the testimonies of who He is, it will make you wise even if you are simple.

When I started artificially inseminating my gilts and sows, I was awed at the handiwork of God. If you really grab hold of what one little sperm does to an egg, you can't help but see His handiwork. Just think of all the information that is in that seed. It has all the instructions to become what the sperm was made of; the color, size, framework...

Verse 8...

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

When we receive the commandments of the Lord it brings light to our eyes to see our ways.

Verse 9...

SOJOURNERS

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

If you don't have the fear of the Lord, you won't endure to the end.

Verse 10...

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

The things that have to do with sojourning are better than gold and silver or the honeycomb.

Verse 11-13...

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

The great transgression is to think you are more than what you are. I can brag all about myself if I'm bragging that I'm in God and He's doing it. But for me to say "I did this, and I did that," is a lie. But in Him, all things are possible.

Verse 14...

THE DOOR OF TRANSFORMATION

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

I've given you plenty to chew on. Our mindset is to be sojourners, looking for something that God has prepared for us. By faith we will please God and we will receive a reward for our faith walking, if we don't stop. We must have the anchor of our soul in hope.

The Will

I want to talk about your will. When a person has a will, and they sign it in their right mind, that's exactly what the courts will do. Anything deviating from that has to go into court and there has to be a long process.

Will is a very strong word. When you say, "I will," it's giving a part of your heart to that cause. Your heart is labor. When you say, "I will," everybody should listen to what you're willing, because a will is prophesying what you're about to do. Your soul is your labor. What you will your soul to do, that's what you're going to do. And if you don't do it, you're destroying your word, to the point that nobody believes you, including God. You know, the Bible talks a lot about saying you'll do something but you don't. When that takes place you are lying to God. You don't ever do it. So when you say I will, then God, the angels, people around you, should listen to what you're willing.

Jesus said, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." That means, you want to do it, but you don't. So, if we're going to be credible before God, when we say, "I will," we better do it, because it's then a covenant. Just like when you die, your will is going to be fulfilled because that was your command and it was your inheritance that you're going to give away and you're going to

will it to whomever you choose.

To say “I will” is extremely powerful. The mind thinks a lot of things, but when you say, “I will,” you’re making a covenant. When you promise, you are willing. “This is what I’m willing to do for you. This is what I’m willing to be.”

God has a lot of places where He says, “I will.” But if you can’t perform according to the standard of His will, it’s not valid. God is released from His will if you don’t perform according to what He says you must do to receive His will. So, God’s not a liar when He doesn’t will what He says He’ll do for you, because most of the time a will is given according to how you perform. “If you do this, I’ll do this.”

To Abraham God said, “If you will leave your family, and your place, and everything, and sojourn with Me, I will bless you. I will increase you. I will multiply you.” But it was all conditional. All of His will was conditional. If you do this, this and this, then this is what I will do. And so, when you sojourn with God, the things that He says He will do depends on whether you sojourn.

For instance, when did Israel cease to sojourn as a nation? David said, “I have sojourned like all of my fathers.” David still sojourned, but when God gave Israel kings, they didn’t sojourn as a nation anymore. When Saul became king, that was the beginning of the end of sojourning. God sent them into captivity to reestablish sojourning. They couldn’t sojourn in their own land under kings. They lost it. That’s why one king followed God and the next one didn’t. Even the kings that were obedient never really sojourned like David, or like their forefathers before them. And so, when the children of Israel came back from captivity 70 years later, what happened? They had to sojourn in a strange land. They never had a king again. They never had their own sovereignty until 1948. And now, since 1948, most of those that have returned to

Israel are not sojourning. They're squabbling about government and land.

We are called in this season of time, if we're going to be part of that group that ushers in the thousand year reign, to be sojourners. If you're not going to sojourn, how are you going to go from this dispensation to the next one? You can't do it without sojourning. So, we as a people must understand that if we don't sojourn, we won't be part of those who will usher in the thousand year reign. Sojourning causes change and a preparing of the heart for the will of God.

The more I study sojourning, the more excited I become about my journey. I didn't know I was sojourning. Nobody ever told me anything about sojourning, but following God not knowing where you're going to go, but knowing the end, the promise at the end, is all I know. That's sojourning. You're preparing your heart for the end, to receive the reward of the promises. He said, "I will give this to you if you stay faithful." One of the very first prophecies that I had was, "If you pray like you've never prayed before, I will use you mightily in the last days." I thought that was a pretty good deal. I received it in my heart and it began to bring me on a journey towards that high call.

See, that's what has to happen to every person individually. I can't take that journey for you. You must take that journey with God and then join the corporate. But there is a journey that just you and God are on to prepare your heart for the greater vision of what God is wanting to do.

Let's look at Matthew 26, starting in verse 36:

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And

he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

His soul was exceedingly sorrowful. He had his mind, will and emotion there. His mind was thinking about what He was about to go through. His emotions were heavy with great sorrow.

Verse 39...

And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:

He's saying, "If it is at all possible, don't make Me go on the cross." Now what was that speaking? It was His flesh. It was His flesh that was going to hurt. So, His flesh was saying, "Father, if there's another way, don't make Me go on the cross." Then He says, "Not as I will, but as You will."

You see, His will superseded His mind and emotion. And so He said, "If it's possible, my mind and my emotions don't want to go through this. But I have come to do Your will, and if there is no other way, I'm willing to do it." Now I believe He knew that was the only way, but He was battling and showing you and me that He was human, as well as God. And His flesh did not want to go through it. Who would like to have someone take a couple of nails and put one in each hand and put some in your feet and hang you up on a couple of sticks for a little while? There isn't anybody that would want that. To be able to accomplish that, you would have to go through a process of laboring with your flesh, your mind, and your emotion, to bring them into alignment with

your will.

You have to go through the process, where you set your will and make your mind and your emotions say, “There is no other way, we’re going through.” Then it becomes easier. It says to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. This is what working out your salvation is. If you don’t have your will set to go into the thousand year reign, you probably won’t make it. It’s not going to be easy.

If Jesus had to go through the process of setting His mind and emotion in alignment with the will, then we have to do the same thing. Even more than what He did.

Verse 40...

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

“Couldn’t you stay awake one hour? Here I told you My soul is heavy, My heart is aching, I’m wrenched.” Jesus comes back after pouring out His heart, and He’s doing it for Peter, He’s doing it for you and for me, and He comes back, and says, “Peter, can’t you just for one hour labor with Me?”

Verse 41...

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Now here He gives them a great lesson. He says, “You have a desire to labor with Me, but you’re just so tired you can’t stay awake. And you don’t comprehend what I’m about to go through.” And so Jesus ends up going through the process all alone.

Verse 42...

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

See, He's further along. He hasn't fully made up the mind of his heart, but He's come a long way.

Verse 43-46...

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

See the difference in strength? He starts out, "O God if there's another way, take this cup away from Me. Don't make Me go through this." The second time He says, "If there's no other way then let Your will be done." And the third time He gets up, He looks at the disciples and says, "Just sleep on. Judas is just about here. He's going to betray Me, and the process will begin. And I'll make it through because I went through the process."

Some of you are still fighting the process. How much am I willing to will my heart, my mind and my emotion to set my will that I'm going through? I've had people say, "Well it's just easier for you." It is easier for me, because of this process. I set my will a long time ago, and I require my mind and my emotions to line up with what I've decided I'm going to do. If our will is to do the

will of the Father, our mind must be renewed with what our will has decided to do.

When most people start a new business, they don't set their will. When I start a business, I set my will. The most important thing is to get this business going, above my flesh. My flesh doesn't need anything. I'm going to do everything to put it back into that business so that it will grow and increase. I take nothing from it except necessities, what I absolutely have to have to exist. That's it. That's how I set my will. You know what happens? The chances of that business succeeding are pretty good.

No matter what it is, whether it's working for the Lord, or business, or whatever it is in life, you have to deal with your will. What is it you're going to do? What is it you're going to be? Am I going to be somebody great, or am I going to serve the Lord with all of my heart, soul, strength and mind? What am I going to do? What is it you're going to do? If you just float, you'll never be anything. You may get through life, but at the end, you won't have anything.

The entitlement people don't have anything and never will. They think, "Oh well. I don't have anything to lose." Wrong. Entitlement people will be the worst off because they never set their will. They don't have anything, and they don't know how to get anything. But someone that knows how to set their will, even in hard times will know how to get through, where the others won't have a clue.

When God pulled the plug on my prosperity, I said, "I'm going to work harder this year. This is the year I'm going to get out of debt. I'm going to buy pigs and put them everywhere on my farm." And I did. I had over 4,000 pigs. Everywhere! And pigs weren't that expensive. But that spring, it got dry. Corn went up, beans went up, and hogs went down, because everybody started

selling their hogs. And I lost \$80 apiece. God proved to me that I could set my will in my flesh and it could come to nothing.

That was the beginning of my breaking down to say, "I am sick of me being in charge." The reason that I can sojourn with God is, I'm sick of being in charge. And I began to pray, "Not my will Lord, but Yours. Whatever You want me to do, whatever You call me." It wasn't that easy. I wept every day. I didn't just boohoo, I really wept. My heart was so heavy that for 3 weeks I couldn't remember what I had done for that day when I was laying myself down in bed at night. My heart was that heavy. He didn't stop until everything was gone. Everything. Everything I hoped for, everything I had dreamed, everything. And He let it all go to break my will, so that I would never want to be in charge of my will again. In that, I was going to do what I wanted to do. I turned my will over to the Lord and cried out for over a year before He answered my call.

Hosea 13:5-6...

I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

You see, when there was a great need, they went to God, but when God filled their need, they were gone. Why? It all has to do with the will. People that are hurting and you help them and then they rise up and go back and do what they did before, they didn't touch their will. They were trying to satisfy their mind and emotion in their flesh. That was it. The will was not involved. The will stayed the same, they just needed to have the hurt go away so that their will could be satisfied in what they had willed

themselves and they never changed anything. Some people don't allow the hard times to change their course. They just keep going over and over and over, and they never give their will up to the Lord.

When you go through a process, the standard should be raised in you. The standard is that your will is set, and you will to change to do His will, and the spiritual takes precedence over everything else in the physical. If something interferes with the will of God, you say, "I'm not going to do it."

Verse 7...

Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them:

God says, "Because they never set their will to change, I'm going to set My will and I'm going to be a lion to them, and tear them to pieces. And I'm going to be like a leopard." A leopard watches you but you can't see him. He's slick. He's clever. Very seldom is a leopard seen.

Verse 8...

I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

He said, "If I bless you, and you don't change your will, this is what I will do." He's going to be a lion, He going to watch you as a leopard, He's going to be a bear to you, and He's going to tear your heart up. He'll destroy your labor. That's what He wills on

you. That's your inheritance.

Verse 9-10...

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? And thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

God says, "You say give me a king and a prince. Instead of sojourning with Me, you want to deal with a king. You don't want to deal with Me." When you deal with a king or a prince, you stop sojourning. You stop changing your heart for the Lord. But when you're on a journey and in a relationship with God, your heart is changing, your will is building, the strength of your soul is growing in Him, and everything is happening in God. But when you stop sojourning and you turn to a king and a prince, it's over.

Matthew 6:9-10...

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Jesus told us to pray like this. That's saying something, because in heaven everything goes His way. Everybody is obedient. All the ones that weren't obedient are out. So Jesus says, pray this, that His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. That means He's got to have somebody who has a will fully given to Him. If He doesn't have someone that has made up his will to be given to the Lord, that He takes supremacy over everything else of your

mind and your emotion, He can't use you in this prayer. Because the very first thing He says after He acknowledges Him as King of kings and Lord of lords, "Hallowed." That means, "You're the most holy. You are perfect in all of Your ways."

Hallowed by Thy name. Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done. In earth as it is in heaven. Do you know the dedication that would take? It isn't just a "now I lay me down to sleep" prayer. "Let Your kingdom come on the earth, and let Your will be done, right here and now." It's all of us. Then He goes on, after we set our will, "Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive our debts...lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, power and glory forever, Amen." That's a powerful prayer.

Matthew 7:20-21...

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Boy, that's pretty narrow. You do your own will, you're out. You can gain the whole world but lose your own soul.

Verse 22...

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

Now, many will say...this is what the people will will to God when they stand before Him and say we did all these good things. That is that person's will to God. We've done all these things. And God will say, "You may have that will in your heart, but you weren't doing it for Me. Therefore, I don't know you. And you won't be a part of Mine. Because you were not doing My will" Is that powerful? His will has to be done or we're not His.

So if you're just doing whatever you want to, go ahead, but you're not His, and you won't be a part of His. I'm not saying how much you have to will to the Lord of yourself to make it to heaven to be with Him forever, but I can tell you this, that you won't go with an overcoming victory. There's going to be a lot of people that make it in by the skin of their teeth. Maybe. You still have to do a level of His will. Some of your heart has to be given, because that's where the will and the covenant are. God put His covenant in your heart. You must will your heart to be given over to that covenant and do His will.

Matthew 8:1-4...

When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

Powerful will, wasn't it?

Matthew 12:50...

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

You fellowship with your family. Jesus said His family are the ones that do the will of His father, and if you're not doing that, you're not part of His family. It's just that simple.

Matthew 18:14...

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

A little one is one that is a baby in the Lord, knowing His ways, and what He does and how to do it. He calls them a little one. Adults can be little ones. So He's saying, "It's not the will of our Father in heaven that any of the little ones should perish." It's not His will. He hasn't willed that on any of you. You need to understand; it's not His will that you don't live with Him forever. He desires that none should perish. But if you don't will to serve Him, it will happen, but He hasn't put it on you. You are not destined to be lost forever. You put it on you. It's you who chooses not to will and labor for Him.

John 1:12-13...

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Now, to believe is a low level of will. But to believe and to live in Him is full will. When you believe and you're going to give everything to Him and you're going to start to live, and you have a journey going in Him, and that's the only way you'll ever enter into the Holy of Holies is to live in Him and go through Jesus. Those that just believe will never enter into the Holy of Holies. Those that believe and start a journey in Jesus are the ones who will enter in. And that is to each step give up part of your will to His will. You know, you can't just give it all up at one time, because you don't even know the cords. David says, the enemy wants to put cords around me and keep me in this place, but I'm breaking them out and I'm going and I want God's cords to be on me. And that's like an anchor of my soul in Him.

So, those that believe in His name, even them, it says, He's given them power to become sons of God. Those that have willed themselves over to God, He's given them power, even to them that just believe, I give you power to become sons too, so that you can will yourself and keep going until you get in that place where you can receive power.

Then, verse 13...

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

We're going to be born again, but this time not of blood, nor the will of the flesh. When a husband and wife get together and they decide to have children, and they have one, it was the will of the parents to have one. But God said, this born again isn't because you choose to have one, it isn't because of the blood (not Jesus blood, but your blood), nor of the will of man. To be born

again is to be born again because it is God's will that you're born again.

So, on this earth, you can choose to have earthly children and they grow up and they will have children. That is the first time you are born, but that doesn't count for eternal destiny. It's when God says, you're ready to be drawn to Me, and I'm going to save you. Why does that take place? Not because you say four different sentences after me, but it's because you begin to become poor and you cry out for Him to save you. And then He says, let's go down and save that person.

God brought me to a place where I was sick of where I was at. I left everything behind, things that kept me in a box, things that had me tied to a certain realm, everything. I went to Missouri and there I began to sojourn. Not knowing it, but that's where I started sojourning with Him. He had to bring me to a place that I wanted Him to be in charge. That was the first thing. See, it says, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Let Your kingdom come, and Your will be done." That's what had to come next.

If His kingdom doesn't come and His will doesn't begin to happen then nothing else is important. None of it has any value. You're just saying it in vain, because if you're not doing His will, and you don't want His kingdom, what are you messing around with God for? Who are you trying to fool?

Verse 14...

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The power of God's word became flesh. And He became our power source.

John 4:34...

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Now, Jesus didn't finish the work. He finished *His* work. And I'm thankful. He could have done it all. I'm thankful that He left something for me to do. And that was the pleasure of the Father, that He would will His church to do a work. Jesus just came to make it successful. That's all He did. He broke the power of sin so we could take back the kingdoms of this world for Jesus. So He says, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me (which is His Father), and to finish His work. To finish what He wanted Me to do on this earth."

Now, that's in John chapter 4. That's in the early part of His ministry. But we just read in Matthew where He struggled. "If there's another way...take this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours. Just checking out Lord, is there another way? Do I have any options?" But He didn't say anything. The second time, "Yet not My will but Yours be done." And the third time He says, "Alright, Judas is here, let's go."

See the process He went through? His will was set. It was achievable now. You can't say it was easy, but it was achievable, because He had set his will. He made his mind line up with His will, and His emotions became silent because it was settled.

John 5:21...

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For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Whom He will...now there again, His will will go upon those that He says His will will go upon. Those that are poor in spirit, broken in heart, that recognize that without Jesus will upon them they're done. But when He sees you broken and usable and willing to set your will to Him, He'll come and say "I'll raise you up and quicken you into a new creation." And people take it lightly, like "He quickens me and I can do whatever I want." Wrong, wrong, wrong.

Verse 30...

I can of mine own self do nothing...

There's the key. Even Jesus had to submit to His Father.

John 6:38-40...

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

There's a lot of wills in there. But you see, Jesus said, "I can lay down My life," because the Father had given Him the power to come back. Therefore, Jesus had no fear of dying.

Verse 51...

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

He wills His flesh. If you feed on Him, you'll have life, because He's the living bread. And how do you live on Him? By every word that comes out of His mouth.

I hope that you can see how important it is that you set your will, and that you do it to give glory to God, and let your will go.

Knowing the Mind of God

Paul talks a lot about the old covenant, which is the covenant of the law, which deals with the mind; to bring your mind into alignment with God by law. But in the New Testament, when God made a covenant, He said, “I’m going to place these things in your heart.” And so, the struggle that mankind has is bringing the law from the mind to the heart.

When the law is given to the heart, the heart loves to do it. In the scripture it says God gave them a willing heart. That’s what He gives every person, if you’ll receive it. The issue is whether or not you will receive it. Only those that receive a willing heart have any value to God in the ability to increase His kingdom.

We want to talk about the mind. Your mind is influenced by the heart and the heart is influenced by the mind. The will is the same way, and the emotions are also the same way. These three things influence the heart and the heart influences them. So it’s important that they work as one.

Leviticus 24:10-11a...

And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish

woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed.

There was apparently a disagreement between father and mother as to who was God. They didn't bring this son up to serve the living God because he got in a fight with somebody and he began to curse the Lord.

Verse 11b-12...

And they brought him to Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:) And they put him in ward, that the mind of the Lord might be showed them.

They put him in a holding place and they didn't do anything until they got the mind of the Lord.

Verse 13-14...

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

By putting their hands on him, they released the curse that he released back onto him.

Verse 15-16...

And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name

of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

So to keep the curse stayed, all those that heard the curse were to lay their hands upon that young man. They released the curse off of them and back onto him, and then they were to stone him.

Verse 17-20...

And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death. And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

So, if you disfigure somebody they have a right to come and disfigure you in whatever way.

Verse 21-23...

And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death. Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the Lord your God. And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses.

The Lord showed them what was in His mind to do. Now

why would a righteous God want someone that blasphemes against God to be put to death? First of all, because God created everything, and He says, "If you don't want Me, I'll just remove you." So God said to the children of Israel, "Take this man. He doesn't want Me. Just remove him by stoning him." In that way, it will stop the spread of sin and deal with it.

Moses sought the mind of the Lord. There's great wisdom in that. We often just do what we feel like we ought to be doing. That's the mind of man, not the mind of God. If we would in this country seek the mind of God for everything we do, this country would be totally and unbelievably different. We can see here that we can't trust our mind. The mind of man is not the ways of God. Part of that is because God sees clearly what sin does and what it will lead to. You may say, "God was mean and caused that person to die." But had he lived, think how many people he could have caused to stumble and die, that God saved. If you don't want God, He'll remove you so that you're not an influence to those that do want God. We can use that principle, and if we're not using that principle, then we're not following the principles of Jesus. He said, "Leave them. They're nothing but blind guides and if you follow them you'll fall in the ditch like they do." This was the same principle in a different light.

We are not to rise up and to take judgment in our hands. What we are called to do is to rise up and remind God, "This is what You said and this is Your mind, therefore we activate Your mind to do this work that You said You would do." When you remind God of what He said He will do, He'll rise up and do it.

Mark 5:1-2...

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country

of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Now, that unclean spirit is singular.

Verse 3-4...

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

He was demon possessed to the point that they couldn't hold him in bondage.

Verse 5-8...

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshiped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

The spirit in the man owned him. And yet, this man was able at least to a degree to worship Jesus.

Verse 9...

And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

Jesus was speaking to an unclean spirit who was in charge of this man. He had a lot of buddies that came along with him, but Jesus was dealing with one unclean spirit.

Verse 10-13...

And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

Isn't that something? He deals with one spirit, but the unclean spirits went out into the swine. There were a minimum of two thousand spirits. All those spirits were doing was using the body so that they didn't have to be in the sunlight. They transferred into the pigs and they ran down to the sea of Galilee and the pigs drowned, but the spirits were at least in the water, and they could go down and stay out of the sun. Jesus would torment spirits by sending them to arid places. But these weren't tormented, they went into the pigs, and then they went from the pigs into the water.

Verse 14-15...

And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were

afraid.

Why would they be afraid if they saw him in his right mind and quiet and clothed? He was a normal person again. Why would they be afraid? Well, they weren't, but the devils in them were afraid. When you deal with people that are upset with you, because you don't celebrate what they celebrate, and they become angry at you, you're not dealing with them; you're dealing with the things that are in them. That's the way it is. When you submit to them you are actually submitting to the spirits that are in them.

Verse 16-19...

And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Jesus said, "Go back and tell everybody else what I've done for you, and how I had compassion on you and now you are in your right mind." Before Jesus set him free, he had so many spirits that his mind was totally confused.

When confusion comes to your mind, you're dealing with many spirits, not just one. The reason you become confused is because they're all trying to speak and do their own thing in you. It causes your mind to be totally confused. Whenever you're dealing with a confused person, you're going to get that confusion. It's going to try to come on you as well. It's a dangerous thing when your mind

is taken over by the devil. It can lead to more and more spirits coming in until your mind is no longer normal. We're seeing more and more of that in our nation. We should be alarmed by it.

Let's look at Numbers 16. When Moses was dealing with Korah, and all that whole mess, this is what he told them: "We're going to have a contest. You bring your righteousness before the Lord, and I'll bring my righteousness before the Lord, and we'll let God judge between us as to who is right." Verse 28 says:

And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

Moses said, "It was not in my mind to do these works." When we sojourn with God, we seek His mind. Sojourning is not thinking and doing it out of your intellect, or your mind, but your mind is given over to the Lord. That's sojourning. That's what Abraham did. He sometimes got out of that sojourning. When Abraham got Ishmael, he said, "God, if only You would accept Ishmael." And God said, "I had nothing to do with it. That was you. Remove him, because he's not a part of My plan. You went outside of sojourning. You tried to take it into your own hands, so you're going to have to let that go."

How loud does that speak to us? We are to be sojourning with Him, not knowing where we're going, and not knowing for sure how we're going to get there. We see a city and we sojourn with God, step by step, finding His mind, His way, and what He wants done and how He wants it done. All of these things are part of the process of sojourning, and if we're not doing that we're not like Moses either. Moses sojourned. He said, "I don't know what to do, but we're going to find out from the Lord." When this all happened, Moses already knew that God sent him, because he

really didn't want to come. He told God to send somebody else. God said, "No, I've chosen you." So when the time came, Moses said, "Tomorrow we're going to have this contest and you will see that everything I'm doing was not of my own mind, but it was God. And God's going to demonstrate how well He likes someone else telling His servant Moses, that is sojourning, what to do."

There's a level of protection that is second to none when you are sojourning with God. Take for instance David. David sojourned with God. In that sojourning, he went to a depth in God that few people ever went to. And he had the reputation that he could take on the tens of thousands. When David came back from killing the Philistines, the women sang, "Saul has killed his thousands, but David has killed his tens of thousands." David sojourned, but when Saul was told what to do, he kind of adjusted how he wanted to end up. David didn't do that. Because he sojourned, David was able to go into depths of the anointing (which is energy), that great power came on him, supernatural power that was not even close to normal.

I look at Samson and I think, "He did a lot of stuff wrong. Did he do anything right?" Yes he did. He was among the Hebrew heroes of faith. He could dip into the power of God. It says that he stirred himself up and was able to release great power upon the earth, to do what he was called to do. In fact, he did things that weren't normal and his parents said, "Why do you do these things? Why wouldn't you find a woman in Israel instead of going to the Philistines?" God used the Philistines to stir him up to destroy Philistines and to cause them to back off from Israel. The rest of Israel tiptoed around and tried to appease the Philistines, but never Samson.

It says all through the Bible to remember the testimonies of

God. David used to say, “Where are the testimonies of God?” You know what? He saw them. Are you interested in seeing the testimonies of God in this day? If you are, you need to come before the Lord and say, “Where are the testimonies of my God?” If you really want to see them, you will submit to Him and let Him bring you deep into that realm of power and authority, to the point He can trust you to release it upon you, that you might be a demonstrator in this day, and in the physical, of who God is and the testimonies of what He’s done in the past, what He’ll do today, and what He’ll do tomorrow.

Moses was one of the greatest demonstrators of God’s power that ever walked the face of the earth, and yet he had people that opposed him; people in his own camp. You can’t listen to the mind of people and expect to see the testimonies of God. It will destroy your mind of faith, believing that the testimonies can happen in this day and age. So we have to do something with our mind.

In I Samuel 2, we see Eli and his two sons were being wicked. Eli would come to his sons and say, “Why do you do these things?” It’s because he didn’t teach them. He didn’t discipline them. They became spoiled brats that just did what they wanted. And God said to Eli (verse 35),

And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind:

The seven eyes of God touch the heart and mind of God. And the many eyes (that we see in Ezekiel 10) go deeper into the mind and the heart of God to do His will in such a manner that the anointing and power can be greater than anything that has ever been displayed upon the earth by man. That’s what God wants

to do. He's looking for a people that will be willing to let Him take you deep into His being, which is His heart and His mind, to accomplish what He wants done. This is what He says (verse 35b):

And I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever.

These people are going to walk before His anointed forever. That's a pretty good promise. How important is it to get the mind and the heart of God, versus what everybody is trying to tell you? It's clear in the scriptures what we're to do, but it's not easy to do it. We have to come to a place that we don't rely on our mind, unless we have the mind of the Lord. We have to cause the covenant of our heart that God has placed there, to take supremacy over everything, and cause our mind to become obedient to that covenant. In that way, through the seven eyes of God, we can know the heart of God and the mind of God.

Verse 36...

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

He's saying, "If you walk in that place before Me, people will come to you and beg to have a place." The day will come that they will beg to have a place under your care in the kingdom of God, because you will walk before the anointed of the earth.

Samuel was one of them that heard God clearly, never let any

of his words fall to the ground, and from little up, he grew up with Eli's wicked sons but it didn't affect him, because he had a purpose. He knew it, he felt it, and he followed it. He didn't let anything else bother him. When the covenants of the heart become stronger and more real than anything around us, it's at that point that we'll begin to move mightily upon the earth in God.

Luke 10:27...

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...

Love the Lord your God, first of all, with all your heart. That's where the covenant is for us. In the heart is the mind, will, and emotion. The heart labors for whatever your mind, your will, and emotions say it is to labor for. The first thing that has to happen is to let the will of God come on you. How do you know you have the will of God? Jesus said, "I've come to do the will of the Father." If we want to do the will of the Father, we have to figure out what Jesus did to please His Father. Jesus said, "My Father tells Me what to do, and He even shows Me how to do it." The will will do that if you truly let His will free within the bounds of your soul. If you let Him, He'll tell you what to do and how to do it. That's what the will does. Jesus said it does. "I've come to do the will of My Father and He tells Me what to do and how to do it, and so I just do what He says."

If Jesus is the seven eyes of God, and we have the seven eyes of God, and the will tells us what to do and how to do it, it is our responsibility to cause the mind to come into alignment with the will, and to protect the mind from the soul of men. When I listen to someone's mind, on the radio or wherever, I'm listening to

what the mind of men are saying, but not what I'm supposed to believe or say. What I'm doing is finding out what the spirit of men is saying, but my responsibility is to know the will of the Father. My mind is influenced by the will of the Father and not by man. If you can't conquer that, then don't listen to what man says. I spent months not watching any TV, not listening to any radio, just getting the mind and the will of the Lord so I could begin to know and recognize what it is. That's when I transferred and began to cause my mind to do the will of God.

Verse 27b...

...and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

When the will is determined in the heart, then we're to cause our soul, which is spirit and body, to be loyal to the living God, which is the spirit of God, and a pure body. The heart is number one, our soul is second, then the strength (which is anointing), and the last thing we conquer is our mind. Then the final one is being neighborly. Helping our neighbor. That was a commandment in the Old Testament. But now, we can fulfill all of this because the covenant is in the heart rather than in the mind. If Jesus is in our heart, then His will is being established, and the labor will all be centered around God. If it's not, you're in trouble.

In Luke 12, Jesus is preaching on possessions, and all the things that we have and He says here in the closing of that (verse 29),

And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

We need to not have a doubtful mind. If you have a doubtful mind, all that I'm saying will be worthless to you. It says in James, "Some of you won't ever receive anything because you are double minded." One day you believe you're going to receive it, and the next day you say it's worthless. "Why hope for something, when I've never received anything I've hoped for." James says, "You won't, because you're not solid." When you pray, if you pray with a double mind, you'll never receive the answer to that prayer, and you'll have to pray every day. I pray once, and know the Lord's heard it, and so I wait with patience to receive it without doubting. If that would not be the case, then I would have given up on many of the things that were promised 25 years ago, which are just now coming to pass.

Romans 7:23...

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

That means there's a war in your body, in the different parts of your members; your heart, your kidneys, your intestines...Your kidneys speak to you, your intestines speak to you. They tell you what's good and what's bad. So sin is in the members of my body, in the different parts. One sin is from one part, another sin is another part.

Verse 24-25...

O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

If you listen to the will of God, the mind will serve the laws of God, but it's not law anymore, it's grace. In the flesh is the law of sin. If you don't transfer your mind from the laws of God to the covenant of grace in the heart, you'll stay in law, and you'll be condemned all the time. But grace is this: that even though you don't deserve it, God's going to set you free so that He can have good fellowship on the earth. So if you transfer all of that to the covenant of grace of the heart, he says in Romans 8:1,

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

It's your mind that condemns you, not the covenant of God. When you feel condemned, it's because there's a war going on in the members of your body, and you're in a battle; "Am I going to listen to the laws of God, or the grace of God?" If I listen to the grace of God, there's a way of escape. If I don't go into the place of the new covenant, then it will continue to condemn me because I can't ever live up to the law. So it's up to you. If you can understand what I'm saying you'll be able to walk without condemnation. You just need to renew your mind. Say, "No, wait a minute devil! I'm under grace. You're not. You're condemned. I'm not!" Just remind him. "Devil, you're not under grace, but I am. There is no salvation for you. You knew God. You saw Him in person, knew everything about Him, you tried to take it over. You're not going to have any grace. I didn't have anything to do

with that, but here I am and God is saying, because He loves His creation and wants to redeem it, that He'll forgive me and let me come into that place of a right standing that I can fellowship and not be condemned by you!" So, my mind is renewed. That's how there's no more condemnation. It always attacks the mind. It can't attack the covenant of your heart, because God is there, if you're born again.

Romans 8:5...

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

It's very simple. If you're not going to renew your mind, then you'll mind the things of the flesh, and the people that are fleshly and the pleasures that are fleshly.

Verse 6-7...

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Of course the carnal mind is against God, because it's condemning. You condemn others and they condemn you, so it's an enemy against the work of God to raise you up in purity. Say, "Devil, get out of the way. I'm being raised into a new place and I'm going to fellowship with my Creator, and you're trying to destroy that. You can't do it, because I know I'm in covenant with God and He's raising me up."

2 Corinthians 13:11...

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

It is important to be of the same mind, and the way that takes place is to have your mind renewed. If you all have the same will, you may have different jobs, but your mind is the same. It's the same will that speaks to your mind, if you'll listen to Him, so you'll be all one. Whatever the will of God is, that's what we want. Nothing else.

Ephesians 4:17...

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

In God's eyes, what you think isn't worth anything. What matters is what God thinks. In traditional churches they have Sunday school hour and they all sit around and say what they think. But here it says, walk not as others walk, in the vanity of their mind. It doesn't matter what you think or what I think. What does God think? What does the will of God say?

Verse 18...

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of

their heart:

That just verifies everything I said.

Verse 19...

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness (wanting of everything), to work all uncleanness with greediness.

We have a president of the United States that has released coveting over this nation. Wanting everything that everybody else has, whether you've worked for it or not. We think that because we are citizens of the United States we deserve. We deserve nothing. What is it that you've labored for? When God gives you the gift of salvation, your heart labors for that cause, and if it stops laboring for it, you cease to exist in God.

Philippians 3:14...

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Paul's whole motive was to press on towards the high call. He says, "The things that I've done in the past have got me here, but I leave those things in the past to press on to that which is yet to come. I don't live in the past, I live to acquire the high call of the promise."

Verse 15...

Let us therefore as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing you be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this to you.

Perfect people are those that listen to God and do what He says. Then you'll be perfect. But if you slip back into your own mind, you won't be perfect. Even if you don't have a perfect mind yet, He's going to show you the things that need to be changed. So we don't have to worry. We're going to do everything we know, and God will come along and say, "Wait a minute here. This is the way that I want you to think so you can receive this." Then we can move in that realm. Little by little and step by step.

Verse 16...

Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Keep doing the things that got you where you're at, but as you walk along there will be some things that will have to change. Change those, but leave the rest of them. We're going to walk by the same rules that got us here.

Don't mind somebody else's intellectual thinking that's whacky. If you allow your mind to be moved outside of the will of God, you'll feel fear pop up. You'll say, "Wait a minute. That's not the will of God, that's the will of man." We have to keep our mind in the will of God, and when we feel fear pop up, we can say, "No, that's the thought of man. That's the fear of man." But God says, "I'm going to protect you and take care of you." My call in this sojourning is not to inherit the things of the physical

now, although He gives us things, but our call is that many that would repent. However God wants to use us in the process of collecting His inheritance is what I'm after. And then we will all come together and He will give us all a responsibility and we will live with Him forever, and none of the stuff that we fight now will ever affect us. That's pretty incredible. But right now, our responsibility is to find the will of God and just do it, and not have a doubtful mind, but wait patiently and watch it develop.

Emotions

In chapter four, we looked at the will. The will speaks. If you have truly given your heart to God's will, it will speak to you, and you will hear and you will see. To the degree that you yield to Him and He believes you is the degree that you will know His will. You have to be tested often before He's going to open His heart to you. He's not going to open His heart and let you just walk in and trample all over Him. Nobody does that. I don't do it, you don't do it. You have to be tested and tried. You have to earn your trust with God. The first test of that safety is poor in spirit. If you're not poor in spirit, you're not safe at all.

We're going to talk about emotions. Emotion is not a word that is used in the King James Version, so we have to find words that are emotional. We're going to look at the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the character that in your relationship with God bursts forth out of you. It's not who you were, but who you become.

If you are a person that truly loves, and you're safe, then I can tell you love Jesus. When I meet a stranger and I feel the loving heart of Jesus in them, I can say, "They're born again." Why? Because I can feel the result of their relationship with Jesus. But if I feel a bitey edge when I'm around someone, I'll say, "They need Jesus."

They have no fruit; therefore, they probably aren't saved. If they are, it's only a spark, because there's no evidence of Jesus in them.

As we go along here, you can judge yourself, as to how much you love and the kind of love you release. Is it a safe love, or is it a demanding love? Is it one that you want people to love you, and to see who you are? That's not fruit of the Spirit. It's a fruit of your flesh. The fruit of loving God is, you're safe. You can feel when you're important to someone. People can feel the fruit of the Spirit, even heathen people.

Let's look at Galatians 5:22...

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Joy and love are both emotions. To be joyful is not always just everything being funny, but there is a deep love and joy in what you are doing. There's great power when someone loves you, or when you love someone. There's great power in it, because, first of all, if you love somebody, love protects. Love confronts. Love helps. Love does all the things to advance you into where you need to be. David said, "I would rather be beaten by one that loves me than by one that hates me." When he erred by counting the people, depending on numbers instead of God for his strength, he said, "Lord, I don't want my enemy to discipline me, I want You to, because You love me and even though You're going to be severe, I'd rather be punished by You than anybody else."

So we have love, we have joy, we have peace. When you think of the fruit of the Spirit, the first thing you say is love, joy, peace. Peace is the result of loving and being full of joy. If you are loved and you love someone, and you're full of joy in that relationship,

there's peace. It's the result of it. If there's no peace in you, then something is blocking your love and joy of the Lord. If you go in a home, and there's no love, the air is heavy, and there's no joy in it, you know there's turmoil and fighting in that home. That's the way it is.

Then we go on to longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. We have nine fruits, and all of them have to do with emotions; how we respond to people and situations and dealings. When you are tested, you're tested for these characters. These characteristics should pop up when you're dealing with a test that God sets before you. He's testing to see how much you love, to see how much joy you have, even though there's no joy in what's happening right now. We want to look at why joy should still be there in the midst of the trial.

Verse 24...

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections (emotions) and lusts.

Your emotions should be cut from the lusts, or the desires, or the wants of this world. We are sojourners. David said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." If the Lord is my shepherd, I have no need of anything but His presence in me. When that takes place, He gives me what I need. So there's no wants.

Verse 25...

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

If we have fellowship with God, then wherever we go, whatever

we do, we should do it with the Spirit in the midst of it.

Verse 26...

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

When someone does something to be puffed up, it's vain glory. Vain means, it isn't worth anything in God. Worthless glory. Cut it off. That's not the fruit of the Spirit. It's the fruit of your flesh that wants acknowledgement and attention.

Provoking one another to envy. You can buy clothes, or car, or house with the hope of making other people say, "I wish I could have what you have." How many know that's possible? Be careful that you don't do it with that attitude.

Hebrews 12:1...

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Run the race that is set before you.

Verse 2...

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and

is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What was the joy set before Jesus? Whatever is saved of the world, He's going to be in charge of. Jesus knew if He went to the cross and died for mankind, He would be set above everything except God the Father Himself. And Jesus said, "My Father has given Me the power to lay My life down, and the power to take it back up again." What was laid before Him was a horrible thing, but He made it through because of the joy of what would follow.

In this life, we have joy in the thing that is set before us that is not going to be fun, but we endure because of the joy of the promises that are coming after this labor. We see that our emotion should be that we are privileged. In the beatitudes (which are emotions), it says to rejoice when they say all kinds of nasty things about you. Your reward is going to be great, so be joyful and thankful that you can go through this to receive the reward of the Father in the end. That's the joy that's set before us.

Each of us will have joys set before us, what we are promised when we make it through. If you don't have the joy in you of knowing who you are going to become, that is, children of the living God, and the opportunity to walk in the Holy of Holies and labor for the Father Himself like Jesus did, if you don't prepare yourself, you don't have that joy. So what joy do you have? If you don't have that, you just have joy of the flesh, and that's not worth anything. You don't have any joy that's lasting. We have to understand that God has given all of us promises and if that promise is in us, it builds our joy. Get joy that is eternal with substance. Have the joy of seeing the promises being fulfilled in the midst of all the hardship and struggle, and see that you're coming through on the other side.

Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame. He didn't care

about the shame. After He endured all of it, He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God and served His Father hand in hand. His joy was a powerful emotion. That's what we need to make it through.

I Peter 1:1-2...

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

The elect are those that God chooses to do a work. You are chosen through sanctification. You passed the test and you've been faithful, and the fruits of the Spirit are functioning in you, and it's radiant. You see it through the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience. When the fruit of the Spirit comes forth, you can say "That person is obedient to God." You can tell by their fruit. People can say what they are, but they have to bear fruit of it before it's liable.

The fruit of the elect is obedience and the sprinkling of blood. What is the sprinkling of blood? When you find something that you did that wasn't right, and you don't apologize, you don't have sorrow in your heart, you haven't sprinkled the blood. If you don't do that, you have another emotion in you. That emotion is bitterness.

We talked about the joy of the Lord and what it is that God has promised us if we go through the process and labor of what we're supposed to be doing in the race. The other side of the emotion that is not God is bitterness. As long as bitterness is there, you

won't repent, and you don't care. You won't move in God until the bitterness is removed.

Verse 3-6...

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

We're going to be joyful, greatly rejoicing, in the middle of manifold temptations.

Verse 7...

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

When Paul and Silas were in prison, and beaten, they were singing for joy because of the trials that were set before them, what was promised when they got through. They were just singing some hymns to the Lord. "Thank you Lord for saving my soul. This is nothing. It's just my flesh hurting. But I'm looking forward to that which is set before me when the race is done and it's all over, that I'm going to be able to be with God my Father forever."

Those that want to quit sojourning, want to have time to please their flesh. We are sojourners and this life is not the important one, to please our soul. The one after this is all over is where our soul will be pleased forever and ever. That's how we'll get through. That's how God tests us to see whether we're worthy of Him.

Verse 8...

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

I can go through this life with the joy of God in my heart.

Verse 9...

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Can you imagine what it would be like to have someone whose will has been given over, and the will of God is what counts? Your mind has been transformed to accept the will of God, and it thinks in God's terms and His ways, and then the emotions of the joy of what's coming and what you're going through is nothing. It's the trials to be tested of your faith.

Verse 10-11...

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of

Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Jesus suffered and died, and now we are also suffering, not our own suffering, but suffering the sufferings of Christ. Jesus, said, “They’re not trying to kill you because of you, they’re trying to kill you because of Me.” When you get through this trial, and the things that are set before you, if your faith is solid and holds and pushes through, then you burst through into victory.

Verse 13-14...

Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Don’t fashion yourself according to the lusts of what the world does, but according to the will of God.

Psalm 5:11-12...

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

All those that put their trust in God, rejoice! You’ll be protected because you become valuable to God. If you’re laboring for His will, He’ll protect you. You are in His government, and His government protects.

Psalm 63:1...

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

David's mind, will, and emotions thirsted for God. His body was longing for Him in a dry and thirsty land.

Verse 2-3...

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

When you're in joy, you can see His lovingkindness. When you're in bitterness, you won't see it.

Verse 4...

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

We can bless the Lord by singing, but the most important blessing is obedience. When someone obeys what I want done, joy swells up in me and I'm pleased.

Verse 5...

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

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David is saying, “My soul is swelling up with your great love. My lips are full of joyful praise.”

Verse 6-11...

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalms 89:15...

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In the light of the Lord's countenance is His will. If you do His will you'll walk in the light of God and you'll see what needs to be done and how to do it.

Psalms 95:1-3...

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Can you feel the love in David's heart toward the Lord?

Verse 4-5...

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

David believes that God is fully in charge and that's it.

Verse 6-11...

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

David was an emotional man.

Psalms 100...

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pastures. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

I've always loved this Psalm. We enter into His presence with singing. You are joyful according to what you see God doing for you. It's that simple.

Psalm 149: 1-4...

Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Meek people are beautiful. Even if you're not the best looking person in the world, if you are full of meekness you'll be beautiful. There will be a radiance on you. When a bride comes down the aisle and she's full of joy to meet her husband, there's a glow on her. That's the kind of glow that will be on those that love the Lord with meekness.

Verse 5-9...

Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

Matthew 25:21...

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

We have to be invited to be in His joy. If you're not faithful, you won't be invited. You can't conjure up joy of the Lord. It's by invitation only.

Verse 22-26...

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed:

Why would He say wicked and slothful? Because this man had no faith that the talent that God gave him would produce. He walked in fear. Because there was fear and no fruit, Jesus said, "You're wicked. You didn't have faith that My talent given to you would produce, so you didn't do anything."

Verse 27-30...

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers,

and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

If you don't have the fruit of the Spirit, you're in trouble. You're not going to enter into the Holy of Holies; you won't even enter into His kingdom, without fruit. If He gives you something to do, and you don't do anything with it, He'll take it away. He'll give it to somebody that will do it.

When I began to understand that, I would say, "Lord, everyone in my generation who refused to do what You said, put it on me. I'll do it. Give me that opportunity. Put that talent on me and I'll do it for you." Jesus said the wicked are more shrewd than those that are the children of God. Be shrewd. If He gives you a talent, or two talents, and you see something that is not being used, ask, and He'll give that to you also. When I began to understand this, I started to become shrewd. "Give it to me, Lord. I'll do it. I know that when You give me something there's a way to get it done. All I have to do is walk in the light of Your will and I'll get it done."

Luke 6:22...

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Jesus said, "For My sake there will be people that say get out of here, we don't want you here. You won't be popular among the

people. Rejoice. Be happy.”

Verse 23...

Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

I’ve caused a few people not to like me, and I have to confess that I don’t always say, “Yippee!” But there is a joy in my heart, because I know that they don’t understand, so it’s alright. People won’t always understand your joy, but the joy of the Lord is your strength. If you don’t have joy, you don’t have much strength. God knows that most people aren’t going to like what you are doing, but those that do, you’ll know. You’ll be able to tell by their heart. You can feel it.

There will be times the people you talk to, when they come into your presence, will see the light and they will enter into the light and fellowship with you. But the next time you meet them they don’t want to enter into your light and they are just like they were. If they sit down in your light, they can see for that second, but when they leave they are then in darkness again. All of us experience that until light comes in us. When I sit in somebody else’s light, I can see what they’re saying, but then I go home and look at what they were saying and say “How did they get that?” I can’t see it because the light is gone. Slowly, bit by bit, I was able to enter into light on my own and begin to understand. Then the light opens the way to see the will of God. If you haven’t come to that place, keep going until you get it. You have to want it with everything in you. You have to push out the things of the flesh. You have to die and keep going through the processes.

Luke 8:13-14...

They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

That means that your fruit doesn't end up with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, meekness, and it withers away and disappears.

Verse 15...

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

They don't fall away.

Luke 10:17-20...

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

There's a real lesson there. Even though you can do all these things in Jesus' name, don't get all excited because of the emotions

and the excitement of the supernatural, but rejoice in what's coming. Keep your focus on what is coming, and not what you are able to do. That's your work, but this is your reward.

John 15:11...

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

We receive the joy of the Lord when we live in Him. The joy is birthed through Christ. Your joy is full because of what your race is. You get a kick start with the joy of God in you, because Jesus is excited about what's coming. And He's gathering all those that will. He says, "Whosoever will may come." What God has prepared for us down the road hasn't even entered into our minds.

John 16:20...

Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

He said, "You're going to have great sorrow, but the sorrow that you had will be turned into joy when you see the Lord having victory."

Verse 21...

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

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Women tell me how painful it is to have a child. If the pain was unbearable, they would only have one child. The reason women have more than one child is that the pain is worth enduring to have the joy of the child. Jesus uses this as an illustration, that the pain of this life is worth the joy of birthing into the heavenly realm and living forever with Him.

We now have complete in our soul, the will of God, our mind being in alignment with the will, and our emotions overwhelmed with what the promises of God are, to be in this lively hope.

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We started with everything being made from energy, and now we want to close out with energy.

In making choices from the heart, it says to worship the Lord with all your strength. You're either going to receive strength from the Spirit of the Lord, or from your own abilities, using your mind, will and emotion. People that have high education and think they are high and lofty are using their body from their intellect to try to sort out and study with their mind and their ability to understand. People that then have given their life over to the Spirit and see God and what He did and does, make the intellectual people look silly. Because they believe that people come from monkeys, or they evolve from some of the smallest little minute things in the water that decided that they wanted to live on the land, so they developed legs and crawled up out of the water.

It's amazing when you stop and think about a little gnat, and they're flying around and you try to catch them and they quick get away. How do they know how to get away? That little thing is so small that just the idea of the wings flopping and flying and then navigating and knowing danger, and reproducing, and digesting food, and I could go on and on and on. How do they do all that?

And then they say it just happened. How dumb is that? That's pretty foolish.

You're either going to get your energy from your body or from the Spirit. Let's look at John 1:12...

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

He gave us power to become sons. Sonship doesn't mean very much if that's all you're looking for, because a son is one that is grown up and ready to begin to work in the Father's vineyard. That doesn't mean you know very much. It means that you're now grown up. Sonship also has to do with submitting to the Father. If you don't submit to your Father, you're really not His son. If you're not willing to be taught by your Father, you're really not His son. You're an illegitimate son. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Your father is not My Father, but your father is the devil." Why? Because they didn't submit to God His Father. You're an illegitimate son if you don't submit to your Father, and come under His covering that you might be taught sonship. Unless you come under the authority of the Father, you'll never advance in sonship any more than to just grow up. We used to think that sonship was the ultimate goal, because they're waiting for the sons of God. We'll see a little later on what they're waiting on.

As many as received Jesus, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. If you don't submit to Jesus, you can't become sons. You can be blood wise, but you see, the Pharisees were blood wise, but Jesus said to them, "You are illegitimate sons. Your father is the devil." That separates right here, if you're in intellect, you're an illegitimate son. But if you follow and obey and submit to the Spirit, you're a legitimate son, and then you

can begin to be taught the power of the Spirit.

It says even to those that believe on His name. Who are those that believe? Let's look at John 11:25...

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Shall is that it can happen now. Shall is not a future thing, it's a now thing. But it doesn't mean that you're going to get it. It means it's available now. So He says, even though you are dead, you can become alive, and live in Him.

Verse 26...

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

As many as received Jesus, believing, or believing *and* living in Him. Because this is the way John thought, that there are some that will just believe, and there are others that will not only believe, but follow Him and live in Him and be His servants, be in His kingdom and labor. So he says those that accept Jesus, He'll give them power to become sons, even those that just believe that have not yet lived in Him. He's saying all those that are born again can become sons of God.

John 1:13-14...

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Word was Jesus. He was called the Word. He released upon the earth His glory. Glory has to do with power, authority, and ownership. A man's glory is his wife, his home, all of his possessions, and the authority in which he walks in. That's his glory. The glory of labor. The labor of the body isn't worth anything. The glory that's worth anything is laboring for the kingdom of God and Him choosing for you to do this, this and this and you do it, that then is beginning to walk in the glory that Jesus walked in, because He did only what the Father said, and He showed Him how to do it.

So here we see that John says we saw the glory that Jesus walked in. He saw the power of it. What God is wanting to do is to put together those that are qualified and have given their mind, will, and emotion over to the Spirit to begin to release His glory upon them, because He won't share it with those that are given over to their body. So, we're coming into a new realm for those that have chosen mind, will, and emotion to be given to the Spirit and to be silent and quiet and let the Spirit of God flow through them, which is His glory, that it might be displayed upon the earth. Just like His Son. Jesus was the light of the world, and He say's we're the light of the world too. That's His glory. Glory has brilliance and radiance.

Romans 8:14...

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

He gives you power to be led by Him.

Verse 15...

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

We've been adopted by the Spirit to now say, the Creator God our Father is my Father. But, if I choose to obey another father, He'll say, "Go. I don't know you." It's really that simple. If you don't submit to the Father, you're an illegitimate child. Period. There's nothing that the Father can do for you, because you don't submit, listen, or do. So He says, "Just go, do whatever you want to do. But don't call me your Father." Jesus said, "Your father is not my Father. Your father is the devil."

Verse 16...

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

The first step is not sonship, but children. Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, "Oh you little children." He didn't call them sons of God, He called them little children, because they weren't ready to take on the Spirit. They were little children being taught by a Son. As they grew up, they became sons of God. But if you don't grow up, you'll always be a child. It says in verse 17,

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

If you begin to suffer with Jesus, you'll go from childhood to sons. That's what He wants to do. He wants to bring us into that place that God can use us as sons to glorify His Son and the Father. In doing that, God will glorify you. Not you glorify

yourself. Glorify Jesus and the Father, and He will glorify you. That is, build you equity and position and power and authority. Strength will increase as you glorify the Creator. That's why you're to worship Him with all your strength. As you do it with all your strength you push out the unbelief and all the other things and you grow in the glory of God. Paul says you go from glory to glory, in sonship.

Verse 18...

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Paul believed that God gave His servants glory on this earth now. Not to the degree that we will walk someday, but He will give us the light which is His glory, now. See how this is building into sonship?

Verse 19...

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

What's a creature? It talks about them in Ezekiel chapter 1. Just being a son isn't enough. They want the manifestations. The glory of the sons. So sonship isn't enough. You have to learn to walk in the glory of it.

Ezekiel 1:3-7...

The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son

of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him. And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass.

They learned to walk correctly in truth, and they had the proper repentance, which is a calf's foot. What happened to Moses when someone rebuked him? He got on his face immediately. He just fell down, because he was humble. And he would say, "God, what about this?" And then he got up after the word of the Lord, and said, "We're going to have a contest tomorrow and we're going to see who it is." He had to find out if it was him or not. I've rebuked some people, but there's very few that are just broken and repentant. That tells me there's hardness of heart and rebellion. But if you are by the Spirit, you will get on your face to see whether it's right or not.

When something is not right, the first thing for you to do is to find out, "Is it me?" But if you are resistant, I can guarantee you, it's you. If you are really following the Spirit of the Lord, it will hit you to the point that you will hurt inside so bad that you want to hit the floor because you hurt the One you loved. But if you don't love Him, you're not going to fall down and it's not going to affect you, because you don't really love the Lord. If you hurt the one that you love, it will rip your guts out. But if you're full of self-centeredness and your own love to your own being and

think you're so great, you're just going to blow it off. A broken and contrite heart is one that hears and the first thing he does is get on his face and say, "God, is that me?" And I've had a lot of times when I've done that, the Lord said, "Now you know how I feel when you do that to Me." And I say, "Oh God, I repent."

The creatures have the color of burnished brass, that is, judgment everywhere. They have the four faces; man, lion, ox and eagle. And after they've gone through the process, verse 13 says:

As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

The lamps are the glory of God, and the fire is the power. In fire there is power. Everything is energy. Once you can understand that everything is energy you can understand how things work.

Then we go to Ezekiel chapter 10 and see that there is advancement. Verse 14 and 15 says:

And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

The difference was, instead of an ox, it was a cherub. They switched labor to spiritual authority. So, what Paul is talking about in Romans 8 is that you start out this creature with labor, and you labor to do the will of God and He shows you how to labor, but then you come to a place in sonship that He gives you power by the Spirit, and authority in that power to be a cherub

and not have to labor anymore. You walk in the glory. Both of them were sons, both of them were obedient, but the one didn't know how, and wasn't tested and trained enough to be able to walk into that new realm. But there comes a time that God says, "Ok, you've walked as sons, now I'm going to cause you that you shall walk in that new realm."

Let's go back to Romans 8, starting in verse 19:

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

You're going to stay here and take back the creation by this creature that God has rebirthed, brought up as sons, and brought them into a place of glory, to manifest upon the earth. They're waiting for the manifestations of this glorious creature. Earlier it doesn't talk about manifestations, it just says I'm giving you power to become sons. The first step is becoming sons, and if you're not a legitimate son, you don't have any part of this. Legitimate sons will manifest, not themselves, but the glory of God.

Verse 20...

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

I didn't choose to be born into a wicked world, I was subject to it. We are in a place of hope of getting where I just described.

Verse 21...

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage

of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

That still doesn't mean that we have the manifestations yet. We're just coming into sonship and if you don't ever get there you'll stay children. But even children have a glorious liberty.

Verse 22-24...

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

He's saying a lot of things, but he slips into a prophetic utterance of what's coming. You see, the dispensation of the law came through Abraham by faith, Moses brought it in, and then kingship came through David, and a lot of labor in that, and then Jesus came with the covenant of grace, and now he's going to birth sonship in a way that will manifest. That manifestation will take us into the thousand year reign, and the rest, because this is the place of rest. When the sons manifest the glory of God, it is not an ox, which is labor, but it is a cherub which is done by having authority to speak, and all energy obeys the cherub.

Let's turn to Hebrews 2:9...

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Jesus was made a little lower. The only thing that was made lower is that He had a clay body. He had to function within the realms of His clay body. Then He tasted death in His clay body for all of us because God said that if you eat of this tree all man will die. So Jesus redeemed us in the lower body like us.

Verse 10...

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory,

Through Jesus dying on the cross, many sons are going to come into Jesus' glory. He said, "I pray that My joy and My glory would be upon the human race like You put it on Me." So now it's available.

We are going to be able to come into that place by suffering. Jesus suffered and made His flesh completely obey the Spirit, and then He got all things. If that's what it took for Jesus to get there, then, yes, He freely died for you and me, but you're going to pay by walking the way Jesus had to walk to set you free. Abraham gave up Isaac so that the Father would give Jesus to us to redeem us. Therefore, the requirement is, that in this walk of entering into the Spirit and walking in the manifestations, you're going to suffer. If you love the Lord, the suffering won't be great. If you love having a baby, the pain of having a baby is not a big thing.

Verse 11...

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Jesus sanctifies, and we are sanctified, and we are all one. We

labor with Jesus and the glory that the Father has put upon His Son will naturally be upon us, because we are laboring as one with Him. That's how you get it. By being one with Jesus. It's true that John chapter one says that even those that believe in Him can also become sons, but you have to do it through total obedience. You can't be disobedient and be one with anybody. The only way you can be one with somebody is to listen and do what they say, and do it exactly the way they say it. And if you find yourself not doing it, it cuts you to shreds because you hurt the one you love.

Verse 12-13...

Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Here he's saying that the children are going to grow up praising the Lord. As they grow up, they'll come into sonship loving the Lord. That's quite a bit different than the pictures of some that say a few sentences and then you can go do whatever you want and be saved. It just doesn't exist. It's a lie from hell. If you don't love the Father, He doesn't want you. To be one, there has to be one person in charge, and all orders given from that person, so God chose His Son Jesus to be in charge of all things. Jesus said, "When I've accomplished what the Father has put Me in charge of I'm going to give it all back to Him so He can be our God and everything will be one through Him." There's no greed in Jesus. He said, "I'm going to be in charge, but as soon as everything is done, I'm going to give it all back to the Father."

What did the elders do when they began to worship God? They

took their crowns off, they got on their face, and they worshiped Him. They became one with the Father. That's the way it has to be.

Verse 14-15...

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

In the Old Testament, they were all subject to bondage because the power of death had not been broken, but Jesus broke that.

Verse 16-17...

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

We are not the reconciler, Jesus is. Let's turn to chapter 4, starting with verse 1:

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

We should walk in fear that we don't make it into that place of rest, as a cherub. That's what He's saying. We should be fearful

and be careful that we do everything exactly the way it's supposed to be so that we don't miss the promise of entering into His rest.

Verse 2...

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

If you don't hear the word and study it, it won't profit you. You'll miss what God's getting ready to do.

Verse 3...

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

The seventh day was a day of creation as well. It was called rest. Very few have ever entered into it. It's a whole different realm. It's a whole different world. You see the Spirit of God moving and doing and you're just watching. That is being into a place of cherub and being taught how to function as a cherub so that as you learn you will receive more energy, or strength, or might, from the Lord releasing it into that place of authority. But He's not going to just give it to anybody, as you can plainly see. This world would be a catastrophe if He just turned it loose.

Verse 3 again...

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have

sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

He didn't add another day, it was already done. But when man sinned, he left that place of rest.

Verse 4...

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

God has rested ever since. I want to just touch on this realm. God made everything so that in life, every decision is a judgment. And He made judgment so that He doesn't have to make a decision on anything who goes where. Everything is recorded and He can look at what you're doing and He knows who you are and what you've been doing. Therefore, He's not going to at judgment day, say, "Let's see. You did this. We're going to have to have a panel and make a decision." No, He'll say, "You did this, this and this. Get out. You were unfaithful." That's it. There isn't any discussion, because by your fruits He knows you. What you did is what you're going to get. So there's no argument, not on your behalf and not on His behalf. That's what you did, here's where you're going to go. You go this way, you go this way. That's all there is to it. There won't be any "Have pity on me." He will just say, "Go this way." That's all there will be. There won't be any discussion.

He has been at rest with His Spirit doing the work of judgment. What He wants to see are the sons of God manifesting the Spirit of power in judgment to help Him cleanse the earth. To pluck out the wicked. He gave us authority on the earth to begin with,

therefore He's redeemed us and now He's saying, "Those that don't want Me, you get rid of." That's why when Abraham came back from slaughtering the kings, He came out and had a party. Melchizedek was saying by his actions, "We're going to celebrate the day that the sons of God are going to be liberated, and they're going to rise up and take the whole earth." That was a celebration.

Verse 5-7...

And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

The children of Israel entered into a level of rest. It was a physical rest; there was never a spiritual rest in them. God really struggled with that whole thing. David says, "I have not dipped into the iniquity of my generations, I've kept it away from me so I wouldn't do it. I know what my families have done and I've kept it from me so I wouldn't enter into it." That's the only way he could keep himself going down the narrow path.

Verse 8-10...

For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

That's the seventh day. That's what we're getting ready to enter into. We have to come into that place of rest. We're getting ready to go into the seventh day, the thousand years of rest, letting us function by the Spirit, to walk in great power and authority like Jesus does, and we'll share and be one in the glory of the Father. Can you see how important this is?

Verse 11...

Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

You're an ox until you're a cherub. So until you're a cherub, you labor to get into the cherub. That is, to remove the junk and debris from you until you can enter in and then you have rest. Until you've done that, you're going to labor, and that's not a wicked thing, but you're going to labor in the Spirit until you can break through and push into the Spirit that God will give you the ability to start walking as a cherub, and slowly bit by bit, glory to glory, you'll gain in authority and power. Eventually we'll be able at the end to take back this world and it becomes the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior.

Verse 11b...

Lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

We have to labor by faith and hope that we enter in through fear. If I don't do it exactly the way God wants it, I'm not going to make it. If you have that fear, and someone says, you're on the wrong trail, it should hit you like a ton of bricks until you get on your face and weep until you get free, and if that doesn't happen,

you don't love God, He's just kind of a sideline.

Verse 12...

For the word of God (Jesus) is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jesus is the Word; you're dealing with Him, to separate soul and spirit. You have to separate them. Get rid of functioning out of your intellect, functioning out of your body, out of all the junk of trying to figure things out through your mind instead of listening to your heart where the covenant is that the will of God will speak to you, that your mind will be taken over by the will, and your emotions will be from the presence of the Spirit that brings edification and glory to God, not yourself. If you think you're somebody, you're nothing.

Joints represent what we do with our body. The marrow is in the bones. I can be still and the marrow would still be working. That's the Spirit of the Lord. You can't control the movement of your marrow. It stays. You have to separate between the movement of your flesh versus the Spirit of God that's in you that does the work.

Verse 13...

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Every creature is manifested in God's sight. If our attitude is to get free to follow the Spirit of God, that's one thing, but to please our body is quite another. In this realm there's grace. In the law, and pleasing the flesh, there is no grace. You have grace when you are submitted to the Lord, serving the Spirit.

What does all of this mean? It means he's going to pull every person that He can through, and wring out all that is offensive to God, to be able to come into that place of rest. If you resist, and if you don't want that with all of your being, then you'll stay as children. Children follow. They're not given authority, they are just children. But He has set before us the opportunity to become sons, and then cherubs that will protect the kingdom of God through judgment. The choice is up to us.

Epilogue

We stand in the fear of the Lord with the release of these written messages. For in them is personal, individual, accountability before the Lord; and the removing of the responsibility of others (pastors, counselors, leaders, authorities, families, friends, etc.) for the salvation of our souls. Even those who may be true, trustworthy servants of the Lord cannot be held responsible for the salvation of any soul other than their own. In the day and hour of final judgment it will be each of us as individuals meeting face to face with the eternal God. There will be no place for excuses of deceptions or misleading and false doctrines or teachings to which we gave room or followed. He expects us each to personally study the scriptures, take up our cross, and follow Him; not the ways and beliefs of men. In this we urge you to take upon yourself that responsibility to evaluate and lay out your life before Him that He may be your God and that He Himself may direct your paths.

