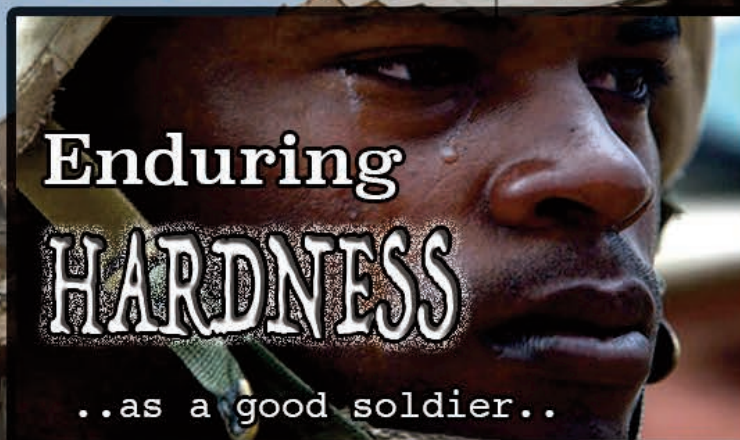


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BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONGHOLDS**



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The Serpent In The Wilderness

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.. (John 3:14-15 KJV)*

This word of Jesus is a reference to the 21st chapter of numbers where the people of Israel murmured because of the hardness of the way, and spoke against GOD. The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people and many of them died. The People Intreated Moses to pray unto The Lord and The Lord told Moses to make this brass serpent, that of any man would be bitten, if they would look upon the serpent they would live.

As it concerns the comparison between the working of GOD at this point, and what GOD did in Christ, In both instances, the working or GOD was peculiar, it was unique, it was something only GOD could do. Salvation did not come by means of mans invention. They did not come up with a solution to their problem - in fact, we can see this quite clearly in the account, the people recognized that it was beyond them. This was a conclusion that God intended for them to come to. The judgement was not given in tandem with this provision, it was not granted until they came to the proper conclusion. It reminded me of the statement concerning the bringing of Christ into the world.. "In due time". Jesus came when men had been given enough in preparation to be able to receive him. Just as these men here had no excuse for dying - no reason why they should not avail themselves of the provision of this healing serpent that was lifted up. Men have no excuse for not receiving The one who was lifted up to draw all men to him.

We can see in The manner of the Lords intervention another parallel. Salvation came in the same image as the ones by which death came. A snake brought death, and a snake brought life. Does this not sound familiar? *"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."* (1 Corinthians 15:21-22) Also, This provision came from one who was from among the people so to speak, yet he was unlike the people. He was one who was innocent of the iniquity which caused the curse to come. You notice, that The Lord did not tell Moses - have a brass serpent made, appoint one of your craftsman to make a serpent - No, *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live."* (Numbers 21:8 KJV) He was fitting to serve as a representative to GOD for the people, being of the people - yet only he was able to do the work required because he was innocent of the offending transgression.

And one last parallel, we see similarity in the manner of how the benefit was realized. *"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."* (John 3:15, 16 KJV) , *"and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live"*. (Numbers 21:8 KJV)

GOD did not, as a result of Moses's intercession, take the snakes away. - it was raised up evidently among them, yet, if the benefit was to be realized there had to be a connection between them and it. Jesus paying for the sin of the world in his death on the cross, Although effective in paying the price for iniquity, and taking it away from the sight of GOD, did not automatically apply that pardon to every individual. There is by necessity an application that must take place. I was reminded of the hymn : look and live! That kind of removes any boasting on your part doesn't it? What did you do? "Well, I looked". GOD gave you the neck to turn towards him, and the eyes to see, He granted you to hear of the place where you must look. Although there was a work on your part to look, The glory is all his! - **Brother Matthew Cobb**

PRESS THE BATTLE

A COMMENTARY BY BROTHER GENE HUTCHCRAFT

GOD'S AGGRESSIVE STRATEGY'

“Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples....To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. (Isaiah 8:16,20)

God's eternal purpose aggressively presses forward His agenda of divine wisdom, righteousness, truth, and goodness even in the earth. His creation of our race within a perilous environment illustrates the ambitious nature of heaven's enterprise. The Almighty even granted one who opposed Him access to this created order and its premier inhabitants, Adam, in their male and female identities. The evil one, appeared to intervene successfully and derail the work, initially. He deceived the woman as to what God said and she ate the fruit. Then the man put his hand to the same at her prompting. So, the pinnacle of God's created order then stood in disagreement with Him. It was not even a difficult contest for the serpent to ensnare them in God's penalty. However, this evil personality was not aware of the divine agenda which God kept hidden in Himself.

Satan has small power in this realm over which God reigns and extends His purpose of light, truth, wisdom and righteous. Scripture's name for this evil personality means 'adversary'. In the book of Job the word for 'Satan' could be translated 'the Satan', indicating this individual's primacy in the effort to oppose God. He attempted, with Job, to throw down a counter challenge but was overcome by God's previous challenge.

Job stood his integrity as to God's goodness and wisdom. You see, Satan was only 'responding' to God's agenda in Job. God set the stage and challenged Satan who assembled with others in God's court. The divine challenge was 'Have you noticed my servant Job?' God then allowed a volley of testing under His close jurisdiction. Satan failed miserably in his attempt though Job suffered intensely. However, God restored and multiplied Job's possessions and extended his life as a testimony in the earth of God's favor on the man after his testing.

So, this demonstrated God's 'aggressive strategy' or the agenda of His purpose on the earth through our race. He works this at His choice of times, places, and individuals. None can stay God's hand! Satan can only attempt to intervene with the intent of derailing the freight train of God's will at work in this now cursed realm. The Mighty One fulfills His agenda despite opposition. His revelation of truth, wisdom, righteousness, and goodness stands as light in this dark world. Those people who love the same press forward with God's support to take hold of what He reveals and by faith conform their lives to it.

The primary human personalities of Scripture did just that. God's word was truth, wisdom, righteousness, and goodness for them! They always made their decisions in its light as God directed. The Almighty undergirded their efforts in what they knew and gave them more of Himself as they traveled through the world in the light they obtained from Him. Through the generations such was His manner. The nation of Israel was the primary expression of God's earthly enterprise.

Of these descendants from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob bro. Paul writes, *'Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.'* (**Romans 9:4-5**) Such is the expansive digest describing this relatively small people among the tribes of the earth.

Our primary text, ***Isaiah 8:16, 20***, comes from the midway point of their Spirit led Scripture history. This text refers to many layers of revelation which by Isaiah's generation warned of their infidelity toward God. They made promises to Him at Sinai, the beginning of the covenant, and they failed within six weeks after making them. Their failure toward God continued and multiplied throughout their generations. Yet, God continued with them until the 'fulness of time' which He determined, set, and fulfilled in the promise of His Deliverer among them. However, their infidelity blinded them as to the man's identity. Yet, it did not affect God's fidelity to His truth, wisdom, righteousness, and goodness. These are the revelation of His nature to fallen humanity.

God's faithfulness and aggressive stance in the truth are why we have this statement of Isaiah's referring us to the record of God's will and ways. God grants men a written record of His thoughts and ways to which they must then refer. No man or angel will stand at God's throne and question God's kindness or goodness in what He has said and done. He has granted both races a multilayered record. Some generations of men will have a greater weight of accountability while others will have less. Yet, all will give account, in their measure, which God alone knows and assesses through His dear Son Who will judge on that day. The Son came from the Father and entered this created order, which He made, to endure human existence in the body.

As is written of this experience, *"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."* (**Hebrews 4:15**) Jesus then tasted of death for every man and returned from it in the power by which He was declared the Son of God. Scripture contains the record of these things as well by which God will judge the world in righteousness through the man Christ Jesus.

The word of truth, which bears the message of both judgment and redemption, focuses on this holy Man, born of a woman, born under God's law to Israel. This is the law to which the prophet Isaiah refers in our primary text. It bore some witness, in shadow form, of God's interests and values. Jesus lived out these values while in the earth and pleased God in every manner of His thoughts, words, and deeds. Christ entered His public life with the Father's verbal endorsement at His Jordan River baptism by John. Then after two and a half years among Israel He received this endorsement again, enhanced at the end by God's words, "hear Him!"

John the apostle introduced his record of Jesus' public life by declaring this of His person. *"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."* (**John 1:4-5**) And again the apostle, by the Spirit, presses the issue further as to Jesus' mission among men. *"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."* (**John 1:9**) That light from the Father of life entered this hostile realm to personally declare the nature of God's goodness, truth, and wisdom. Jesus' words and deeds testified openly of His faithfulness and confidence in God's promises as to His earthly assignment from the Father.

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He did all things without spot or blemish and proved His primary place in God's agenda. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (**John 10:9**) Then in a later exposition of the gospel Paul stated a summation of the impact and purpose of Jesus' earthly ministry. "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (**Hebrews 5:9**)

Christ declared His aggressive work once when enemies accused Him of a veiled association with the demons He had cast out! So, Jesus stated the obvious contrast of His work with Satan's and then drew this kingdom implication for them. "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house." (**Matthew 12:28-29**) So, in this spiritual confrontation Christ presses the battle to the enemy of all righteousness and uncovers his wickedness.

For this reason we also have the scripture record that we might obtain what they provide of God's design for His people. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified". (**Acts 20:32**) The truth of this text expounds our focus text. They are fruit of the tree of life God provides for the nourishment of His people while they are in the earth. "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. ... To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (**Isaiah 8:16-20**) Let us also then press the battle and hold, bind, or seal that word in our hearts. As you hold it that light will strengthen you while it attracts and strengthens others who also love the light!

HE THAT OVERCOMETH..

Shall not be hurt of the second death. (Rev 2:11)

the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but i will confess his name before my Father (Rev 3:5)

Will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is New Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from my God and i will write upon him my new name (Rev 3:12)

TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH...

Will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne (Rev 3:21)

Will I give to eat of the hidden mana and will give him a white stone and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (Rev 2:17)

Those in Christ PURPOSE their hearts



By: Sister Susan Brueck

(Daniel 1:8) *"But Daniel PURPOSED in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore herequested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."*

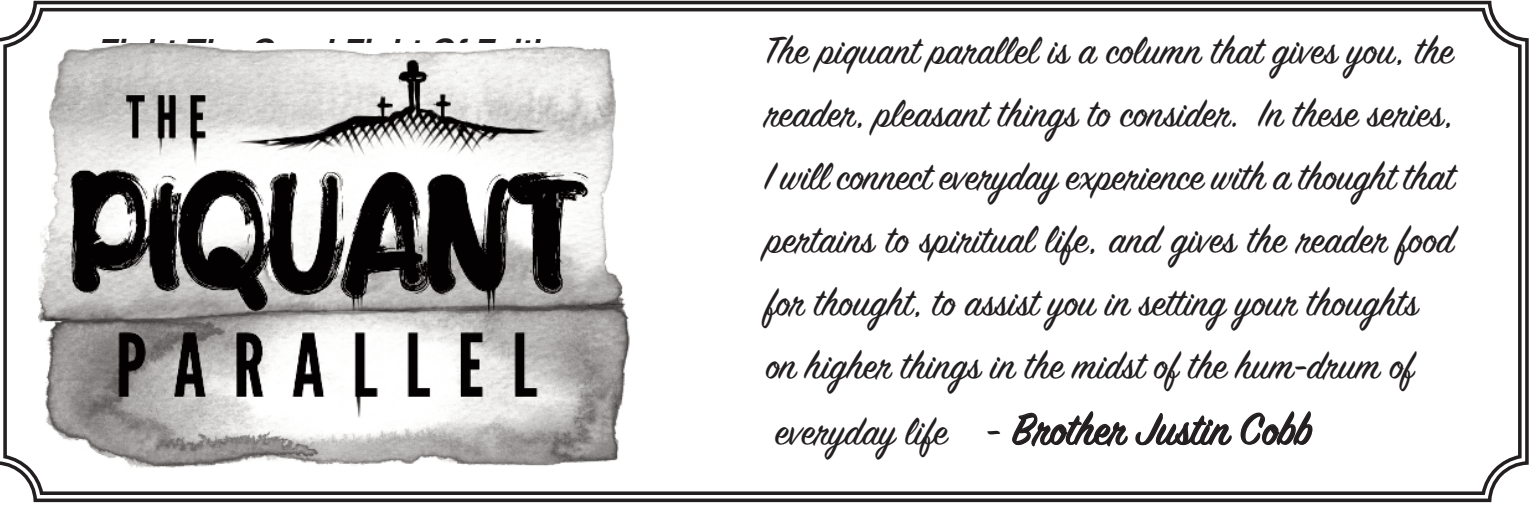
When you have "purposed in your heart" that means you have purposed to do the will of God. This puts you in a position of risk. When you choose Gods will for your will, you will not stand alone. The Lord is faithful to start a good work and finish the good work. Those of the world may not see the finish as "good" because it is foolishness to those who are perishing...but it **is** good to God. You will also find that there are others that will stand with you and join in prayer with you, for you. In obedience to God there is always a price to pay; for we must suffer as our Savior suffered if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven.

As mentioned in Hebrews 11, there were those who were *"tortured, not accepting deliverance"*. And others had *"trial of cruel mockings and scourgings and imprisonment"*. They were stoned, they were *"sawn asunder"*, were tempted, were *"slain with the sword"*. They wandered *"being destitute, afflicted, tormented in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth"*. These all *"obtained a good report through faith!"*

Just a side note..Pastor Saeed Adedini's, (who is currently imprisoned in Iran, at the time I am writing this) wife spoke with our president Barack Obama and the president told Saeed's little boy that he would try to have his father home in March to celebrate the boys birthday... However, Pastor Saeed is still in prison because he is doing the will of his Father and the Father has a divine appointment for him that the president knows little of. There is a cost when you purpose in your heart to do the will of God and do all He says, no matter what happens. We must never cease to pray for ALL the brethren for this reason! We don't know every circumstance, but we do know there is need and persecution and therefore we pray for all saints because all saints have chosen to suffer for Jesus. We pray that their faith will not fail them as they gladly suffer for Him.

Oh! if you will to do His will, count the cost, lest you quit the race and bring reproach on God! There are many religious folk who talk much, but when it comes to suffering for Christ, it becomes apparent that their hearts are far from Him. God takes no pleasure in those people! It is better not to have begun the race than to drop out.

Give thanks for ALL saints and never cease to lay out specifically the needs of these brothers and sisters. You are urged brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. When this is your life you will receive ALL the benefits of God and you will not have wasted your life in vanity and pleasures that are promised to exclude you from the presence of the Lord forever. You will have obtained for yourself a most excellent dwelling place for eternity and receive the highest compliment : **(Matt 25:21)** *"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."*



THE
PIQUANT
PARALLEL

The piquant parallel is a column that gives you, the reader, pleasant things to consider. In these series, I will connect everyday experience with a thought that pertains to spiritual life, and gives the reader food for thought, to assist you in setting your thoughts on higher things in the midst of the hum-drum of everyday life - Brother Justin Cobb

SPIRITUAL MEAL PREPARATION

Imagine if you invited someone over for dinner, and when they arrived, you greeted them, gave them a seat, and then served them a warm and delicious meal, full of succulent things that you labored to prepare. Imagine if that person looked at the food, thanked you for it, and then started eating stale crackers out of their pockets, leaving the meal they were just served untouched. Then, after they got their fill of crackers, they thanked you again, got up, and left without saying a word about what you prepared for them. How would you feel? Offended? Confused? At the very least, perhaps you would be worried that there was something wrong with them, perhaps they had some sort of unusual food allergy. Whatever the reason, this would not be considered to be a normal thing that people do when they are invited over for a meal. People invited over for dinner, eat the dinner they were invited to.

In the same way, when we come together as a body of believers, there are saints who have labored ahead of time, having prepared messages to minister to the members. If a person is distracted in their mind with the cares of the world, entertaining thoughts, the worries of tomorrow, or are engaged in an activity that prevents them from taking in what is being said, it can be offensive to the one who is speaking, can indicate a problem with their devotion to the Lord, and can not be considered normal behavior for a child of God.

There are times when we must care for little ones, and may miss what is being said due to situations that are ultimately out of our control, but when it comes down to the time that you are actually able to listen, are you giving your full attention to what is being said?

Just as food is prepared before it can be ingested, the word of God must be "prepared", or opened up by the Holy Spirit, revealing the meaning of scripture to each of Christ's disciples set in the body as preachers, teachers, and prophets. No one is going to get the aggregate understanding of scripture just by single handedly reading the bible. This would defeat the purpose of the church. This would be like a person attempting to eat a whole chicken, uncooked with the feathers still on. First a person must be shown how the bird is prepared, and then prepare it accordingly before it can be ingested. If it is unknown how one prepares a chicken, someone in the body knows who has been taught by the Spirit, and will prepare the bird for all to ingest. Scripture must be opened up, before it is understood. A large part of Ingesting physical food perishes and ends up in the draught, but ingesting spiritual food does not perish, it remains in us. His word does not pass away, if ingested it forever becomes a part of the new man, whereas physical food only becomes a part of us while we live in the body. Spiritual food is eternal. It is as treasure, laid up in heavenly places. Not ingesting the preached Word of God when it is presented is a serious offense,

especially considering all that had to be done in order for it to be available for you, to understand it, and partake of it. Gods only Son had to be prepared as an ultimate sin offering for the entire world for it to be possible to know anything about God. Do you want to know Him? Are you willing to put distracting influences aside, and give your full, undivided attention to the things that have been prepared in advance for your benefit by the working of the spirit in the brethren?

With this being said, the opposite is also true, if you invite someone over for dinner, and give them a bowl of plastic fruit to eat, you cant expect them to eat it,

let alone be satisfied with what you served them. Jesus said that man does not live by bread alone but by EVERY WORD that proceeds OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD. Not out of the mouth of men. Men who base their sermons on what MEN have said about the word of God, the temporal things of the earth, 10 step programs, and other forms of institutionalized religion do exactly this to the people they invite over for dinner. No wonder there is a lot of confusion these days on ingesting the word of God! Weigh what men say about God, test the spirits. If you find it to be good, don't be rude, eat it!



A POEM ABOUT THE FIGHT

written by Sister Sarah Dill, (age 13)

The soldier fights with Faith in them
to overcome and never fail
Have Faith in the fight to increase it by and by
We fight for God to win with him to be on his side for eternity
Will we be ready when it's time? Do we have what we need?
Let us win with thee and have eternal life.
To fight we have to be ready for the battle to come,
but do not fear! God is here to help you in this time of war!
We fight for good to win the victory which we will win
The fight is war that we will win to God be the glory till the end!

CONFLICT

IS NOT A STRANGE THING



Part one of a series of lessons on "Inner Conflict and Its Remedy"

**By: Brother
Given O. Blakely**

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I . . . For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not . . . For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do . . . I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me . . . 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" (Rom 7:15,18,19,21,23)

INTRODUCTION

Desire for favorable and pleasant circumstances inherent within man

The desire for favorable and pleasant circumstances is part of our makeup. It is as though we long for the tranquility that characterized the beginnings of our race in Eden. A preference for trouble can be developed, but it is contrary to our nature.

Sin has made us vulnerable to the wicked One. Craftily, the devil persuades people to act out of harmony with even nature. Sodomy is an example of living in contradiction of our basic constitution. Drunkenness is another, with other indulgences that cause the mind to become virtually useless.

The enjoyment of pain and trouble are also unnatural propensities.

Made in the image of God, we cannot be truly content with struggle, adversity, and trial. David expressed the deep-seated desire of all humanity when he said, "O, that I had the wings of a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest" (Psa 55:6). The compelling effects of hope speak to this part of us, enabling us to overcome conflicting influences within and without. That is why it is written, "For we are saved by hope . . ." (Rom. 8:25).

God's "eternal purpose" and the end of time

There is an "eternal purpose" that is at the root of God's involvements with humanity. Properly seen, it becomes a powerful motivation to us for good. Divinely conceived, it is woven into everything that God does. That objective has to do with the elimination of all variance, conflict, and turmoil. It focuses upon everything in heaven and earth, and is being carried out through Christ Jesus. The Spirit succinctly states this purpose in Ephesians 1:9-10. "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Eph 1:10). This is the "eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:11).

...Lay Hold on Eternal Life...

While this "eternal purpose" has not yet been fully realized, we are living in the final stages of its development.

With this objective in mind, the Spirit revealed, "Once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (**Heb 9:26**). Those in Christ Jesus are said to be those "upon whom, the ends of the world are come" (**1 Cor 10:11**). Again, it is written, "this is the last time" (**1 John 2:18**).

All creation is moving toward this ultimate objective. "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (**Rom 8:21-22**). The absence of all corruption is simply another way of viewing the presence of perfect harmony.

The desire for harmony that is integral to our nature is a faint but powerful reflection of that purpose.

Error of equating victory with the absence of conflict

There are several erroneous doctrines in the "church" world. Some of them have a very good sound to them, but that is only because of Satan's craftiness. They are all designed to turn us from the focus of God's "eternal purpose" and engage us in temporal pursuits, many of which are religious, but vain.

One of the primary misconceptions Satan has foisted upon unsuspecting souls is that of equating spiritual victory with the absence of conflict. This is something humanity wants to hear, but it is still false. While we are in "this present evil world" (**Gal 1:4**) conflict will be present.

There are times of spiritual respite, when the waves are not so high, and the winds are not so disruptive: but contradiction is always present, like it or not! While we are "in the body" no provision is made for the dissipation of trouble. Those that seek such a condition in this life are really hurting and handicapping themselves.

God does not promise calm seas and blue skies while you are in this "vile body" (**Phil 3:20**). Jesus was "straitened" when He was here, and you will be too. "But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (**Luke 12:50**). Faith addresses this situation, enabling us to triumph: but it does not eliminate trouble, vexation, war, and conflict! When these are removed, faith will no longer be needed!

BE A CONTENDER!

A word concerning warfare from Sister Carol Maguire Mattice

Yes, Soldiers do cry.. but sooner or later they must with the rest of those who have come through many a battle, learn to stand up for JESUS. Being a soldier is a tough life to say the least. Being a soldier takes diligent training and discipline to become what your commander has called you to. It is NOT over night but *through* the night with our Commander that we are changed. Soldiers learn to contend, and contend we must: as our Commander did for us who now believe and for those who will believe.

CONTEND FOR THE FAITH PEOPLE OF GOD !

Lord Jesus, help us to die to self and to live for CHRIST. Help us all in the Family of GOD to be willing to suffer for righteousness and not for foolishness of the flesh. When others assail you, don't cry like babies ! It is part and parcel of the life that GOD has called us to. When others assail you, lift JESUS higher and don't complain of the minor insults that come your way. Being "IN THE WAY" of HIS word and of HIS family, and living a godly life of confessing JESUS as your only testimony is an honor. Do not complain as soldiers of the cross; Don't give your strength to the devil and his works!

Jesus, The Deliverer



*By: Sister
Nicole Cobb*

This is a name of Jesus that is especially dear to all of those in Christ, because we have all experienced the power and affects of this deliverance. I would like to spend some time defining not only why we need this provision - exactly what is it that we need to be delivered from, but also why it is that Jesus is the only one who is qualified to be our deliverer.

I want to focus upon 4 particular aspects of this:

1. The existence of an enemy (the devil)

Firstly, we need a deliverer because we have an enemy. This enemy is one who is More powerful than any man - more cunning and deceitful, more crafty and wise in his plans for evil. No man of himself is equal to the task of preventing him from this intention. This is an enemy who never sleeps, and is exceedingly determined to harm and to maim - to cause chaos and trouble, who will not pass an opportunity to corrupt and ruin. From the very beginning of mankind, he has had domination and rule over the hearts and minds of men. From that day in the garden when men fell by transgression - this need for deliverance from the oppression of this wicked power has existed. If man is to experience any kind of freedom this enemy must be frustrated - We must be SET free from the chains of our bondage.

2. The enemy within

Secondly, we need a deliverer because we not only have an enemy without - but there is an enemy even within our own selves. This body which clings to the dust - our mortal flesh, and the earthly nature that is associated with it. There is no reform, no change of conduct or rule of law that can affectively transform this nature into one that is beneficial to us or pleasing to God. we in no way could save ourselves from this sinful flesh. If we are to experience in any measure joy, peace, or true satisfaction in fellowship with our creator we must be delivered from the downward tendency of the birthright granted unto us by Adam.

3. The present evil world in which we live

Thirdly, we need a deliverer because we live in a cursed world. The environment in which we find ourselves is one in which nothing is ever certain. There is nothing under the sun which can be guaranteed according to circumstance. Things pass away and change, decay and rot is the lot of all things in the earth. There is no solid place in the earth where one can rest the weight of their soul. Not only this, but this environment is one in which spiritual powers of darkness reside which war against our very souls. The enemy which we spoke of earlier, is after all called "the god of this world" - it has for the present time been given in a capacity over to his charge. If we are to make it through the wilderness of this weary land triumphant, - or to say it in the words of Jesus "overcome the world", then we must be given a provision for nourishment to sustain us. We must be able to find a refuge even amongst enemies - a cleft in the rock as it were, a shelter in the time of storm, a table set in the wilderness.

4. The holiness of God. **(The wrath of God towards sin).**

Fourthly. we need a deliverer because of the unyielding, nature of God himself. The holiness and righteousness of God will not allow sinful humanity to exist before him without destroying them - without some kind of provision. We have many examples in scripture of Gods reaction to sin - the judgement of the flood, his destruction at sodom and gommorrah, his judgement against the disobedience of korah and his host in the wilderness. Surely we were in need of a deliverer!

So then, having this need for a deliverer, who is it that is meet to deliver us from these things? Is there any man who is equal to the task of delivering us from so great an enemy, from so great a bondage, so great a distance, a condemnation between us and our God? Surely we needed someone who was greater than us - someone who was able to overcome our enemy, overcome the world, the flesh and the devil - and one in whom the father was greatly pleased. So then, how is deliverance realized in all of these areas?

Concerning the first need for deliverance - the existence of the enemy of our souls, in Colossians Paul says: speaking of Christ

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son"
(Colossians 1:13)

Jesus was the only one who was able to deliver us from this power - he himself being above the power. He was a man, and could serve as a representative of our race, yet He himself testified that the devil had 'nothing' in him. In him (Jesus) was life, the fulness of the godhead dwelt in him bodily. He was in every way qualified to deliver us from the one who had dominated us for so long.

"For as much 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". **(Hebrews 2:14-15)**

In response to the second need for deliverance, Jesus opened up a new and living way He made it possible for men to live not according to their sinful nature ,but according to a new nature.

"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." **(Colossians 2:10-12)**

Jesus made this provision possible in his death - and presently we are able to resist the devil, walk in the spirit, reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God because of becoming associated with him in his death. This experience in the present is not an end of itself - we are being prepared for the day when we will experience this deliverance in full. In response to the question asked by Paul in Romans 7, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

(Romans 7:24)

The answer is Jesus - not only now, from its influence and from its power over us, our enslavement to live according to its lusts- but eternally when we will become partakers of new bodies.

THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED

By: Brother Matthew Cobb

1 Samuel 4:21

And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

At this point in the history of Israel - the Philistines had captured the ark of the covenant, and Eli's sons Hophni and Phinehas had been slaughtered in the battle. Eli himself, upon hearing the news also had fallen backward and died. When the wife of Phinehas, who was with child, heard of the news of her husband and father and law, her labor pains came upon her suddenly, and the child was born. The name with which the child was branded was a testimony to the spirit of the time, **Ichabod**, because the Glory had departed from Israel.

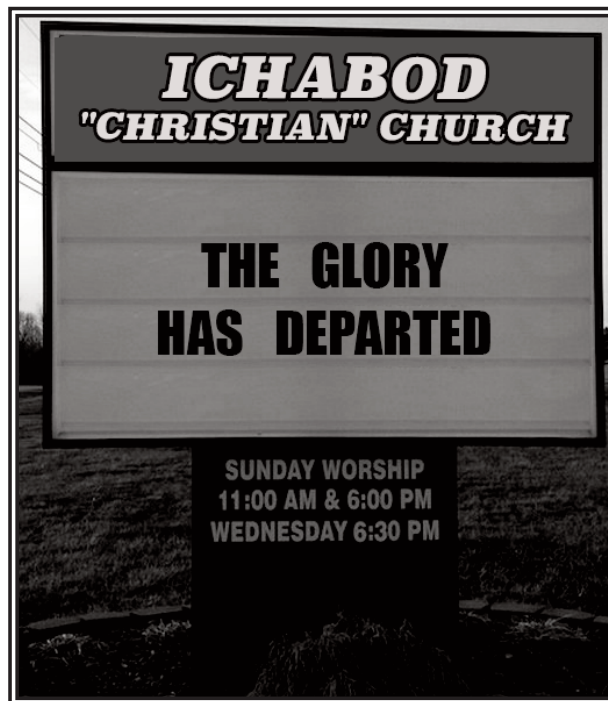
In our generation we are experiencing a similar circumstance in the spiritual decline of the professed church. Ichabod is the name of this church. A church in name only, whose very glory has departed. The very thing which is supposed to be peculiar, powerful, set apart and a shining light in the world has become nothing more than a glorified social club

The question is then, If there is not evidence in the professing church of what Jesus said his church would be - if people are not how God has declared they would be in Christ, what conclusion ought we to come to?

I fear that many explanations have been made for this condition that have done incalculable damage to the perception of the gospel in the hearts and minds of men. When faced with a condition such as this there are really only two options open for us: First - to make some kind of affirmation that lessens or undermines the message of the gospel.

Just by means of a brief example, it is affirmed in **2 Corinthians 5:21**, "*he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*"

If this were to be preached by some men, it would be attended with a word something like "what he means is that God has made us as if we were righteous in his sight, because as we all know, there is none righteous" The explaining away of what is a clear affirmation of divine purpose and intention - to make men righteous, really actually righteous in his sight, makes the word of God of no effect.



Or, secondly - (and this is oftentimes much harder for men to accept) if this condition exists, we could come to the conclusion that men are either not born again - or something has foreign has entered in that has stunted their spiritual growth and put a bottleneck in their fellowship with Christ.

God revealed unto us in his word what those who would participate in this New Covenant would be like: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

By faith we have been given to see that This is precisely what he has done in Christ Jesus! We must maintain the strength of these affirmations that we have been given in the word of God concerning this very thing -

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor 5:17),

"walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal 5:16),

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh". (Romans 8:12)

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor 3:16)

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ". (1 Cor 2:16)

Let us not ever be found making an excuse for those who are not living in congruency with the manner of the covenant.

Now, that being said we have not been appointed as judges over the hearts of other men - and I am not exhorting us to go about diagnosing our fellows.

We ought to apply this most immediately to our own selves. Are you making excuse for dwelling in a spiritual state that is contrary to the revealed nature of Christ's church in the scripture? I am telling you this day, that there is no reason why this should be the case! Jesus is fully able to make those who are in him exactly what God said they would be! He is building his church - He has been appointed as head over all things to the church. He is now currently reigning at the right hand of the Father. Jesus exists in heaven as your advocate, intercessor, and the propitiation for your sins! All things that pertain unto life and godliness are found in Jesus, you are complete in him!

Be confident in this, that God is able and willing to make you everything that he desires for you to be in his son. God had not invested himself even to the point of giving his only son - on your behalf without intending to follow through on his purpose! The Church will be in every sense worthy of the price which he paid for it!

So, i exhort you to press in. Put your hand to the plow, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, and make your calling and election sure, knowing that as soon as you put forth the effort, it is undergirded by divine provision. Just as the when the man with the withered hand, and the man who was lame received strength when they put forth their effort to do what the Master asked of them, As you step forward in faith, believing that it is Gods good pleasure to give you the kingdom - you will receive grace and power to live triumphantly, to walk worthy of the vocation that you have been called to!

Letters From The Bride

By: Sister Mattie Blakely

Dearest Bridegroom,

Once again I take up the pen and ink to write to you, My Beloved. Here it is night and in this moment of peace and quiet, as it seems to me that all the world sleeps, I could not rest until I had communicated my great thanks to you for the blessings of the day and for the great victory you have granted to us, in that you have spoiled our enemy and put him to flight. That wicked deceiver who had encamped himself and all his hosts round about our city both day and night, who ceased not to hurl insults, injurious lies and to cast fiery darts intended for our destruction has himself been destroyed by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

He has retreated, and though we know it is but for a season, we are ever so grateful for this season of peace you have provided for us. Already, those who have fought valiantly for the faith, have resisted temptation, and have not given themselves over to vanity or foolishness, are recuperating in the Strength of the Spirit and are advancing in Faith, Hope and Might. Were it not for this time of respite I think we might have lost some, but you are Merciful, your Goodness is everlasting, and you were not willing that any should perish. At the moment of triumph your trumpets rang out and were heard by every servant who had been given ears to hear. Such a sound was as a sweet melody to all our ears and we all with one accord lifted up our voices and sang a victorious song!

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee;
which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! (Psalms 31:19) Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning! (Psalms 30:5b)

So great and mighty was our singing, so lively and charismatic our conversation, that it was reported by our scouts that the sound reached even the unregenerate ears of the enemy and for fear, their pace they quickened, and did hasten themselves back to that place from whence they came.

Their intention, we supposed, to rally and regroup, and to devise some other means or method, no doubt more deceitful and wicked as ever, to gain entrance into our camp and fortress. While we rejoice, we are not foolish or naïve. We know we must use this time of blessed quietness to grow in strength, wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

We are continuing always to watch for your return and our anticipation grows with each passing day. The table you have spread before us, in the presence of our enemies, continues to sustain the life you have placed within these vessels of clay. We look to the day when we shall all be changed, when we shall lay aside these earthly tabernacles and put on our new bodies! Until then we shall remain faithful to you, our Beloved Bridegroom! Our garments are clean and by your Grace they shall remain so.

With faithfulness, trust and great love we remain ever yours,
The Bride

Thoughts concerning OVERCOMING

By: Brother James Arnold

Recently I have been blessed with considering that in Christ, and through Christ we are overcomers . We overcome because Christ overcame! He defeated and overcame the power of death, this world, powers and principalities ,and He overcame satan. At Christ's weakest point he did this. If Christ didn't overcome these things, then there would be no hope for you and I. Death would still have power over us, this world, and principalities would overtake us and we would still be under bondage and held a captive in satans prision. But, praise God that Christ set us free ! He flung the prison doors wide open!! Praise God that though Christ we are conquers! We are not overcomers, conquers, victors on our own power. Will power and strong desire? NO, that's not enough. It is through Jesus Christ!!



By: Brother Robert Cobb

As we stand before the end of time, and the beginning of eternity, there are many who have fallen away, and many who have given themselves over to diverse lusts. We must fight to hold on our way, for if we do, we will win. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith' (I Jn. 5:4).

It has not come as a shock that many have departed from the faith. God has amply warned us of this in His word. However, with the onslaught of multifarious translations of Scripture (some good, some unacceptable), the warnings contained in the Bible are largely being disregarded. We who can see clearly must shout aloud the message of the ages. "Lift up your head, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Lu.21:48).

Men that are serious cannot and will not be satisfied with anything less than a living relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This reality of the present indwelling of the Holy Spirit is one of the most important, if not the most important issue concerning men today. With the presence of God and Christ abiding in men they are thrust into a moral arena. Everything takes on new and vital significance. No longer do the common functions of life appear to be fruitless. They are urged by God to live by every word that proceeds from His mouth, and everything that they do is done for their Master and Savior. Once the fellowship has been initiated through the obedience of the Gospel and belief of the truth, God is then enabled to become their "helper" (Ps. 54:4).

This is the missing element in the modern evangelical movement, where lesser earthly things have taken the place of the persons being joined with the Lord in everything.

As enlightened men walk with their God they are in the process of being proved genuine. Faith is of no profit without being put to the test. This is the present distress that we find ourselves in now. We must be found worthy to enter into "that world" (Lu. 20:35). Does that sound strange to any?

The warfare within (cf. Romans 7) is the greatest battle ever fought on any soil. We are "daily" killing or mortifying our members and dying (cf. I Cor. 15:3 1). We must, by God's grace, overcome the old nature. And this is the very thing that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides for man: the needed focus and power to overcome when tempted. He provides the essential element: which is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

We are all free, from the lowest of all men to the highest. God has made us in His image, and that entails being morally free. But with this freedom comes responsibility. God has limited his influence over men in that he cannot make up their minds for them. That they must do for themselves. Thus His influence over men is largely by means of incentives and warnings. These promised incentives of God are "exceeding great and precious" and it is by the consideration and belief of them that men are being made "partakers of the divine nature" (II Pet. 1:4). They allow men to see beyond this realm and thus they give men power to overcome the flesh.

The warnings serve as the divine means to apprise every man of impending judgment and destruction. And in every man there is a desperate need to be reminded of this fact that all things will soon be burned up. The fact of this happening quickly and without further warning coupled with the fact that God loved you enough to make a way of escape from condemnation should be sufficient to constrain every man to repent and believe the gospel.



Our Gracious God,

We pray for Your persecuted church, those who face vehement threats to life, loved ones, and sustenance because of their love of Christ. We stand in solidarity with our brethren who suffer shame, violence, and oppression at the hands of evil men. Crush the attempts of their enemies; let their accusers be frustrated on every side. May Your children slip from the grasp of their oppressors. Miraculously provide their needs and make a way of escape. Though Your children have goods, homes, and lands taken from them, may they obtain Your eternal inheritance. Though their haters seek to molest them violently, dismantle cruel ambition. When Your children are starving and deprived of adequate raiment, remember Your promise to keep them as the sparrows and the lilies which you feed and cloth. As evil conspires against Your light in this world, grant Your children wisdom which exceeds and unravels the contrivances of Satan. May we ever remember that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. By Your cross You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and brought us into Your marvelous light. Your favor rests up those who trust in You, and our hope will not be disappointed. Only keep us so we do not become entangled in the affairs of this world. As we remember Your precious martyrs, may we be encouraged by the grace given to them to remain faithful even unto death. Give us all increasing boldness and joy to speak as Your mouthpiece and worship You rather than pleasing men. May we bless though others curse; may we bless those who curse us. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but You will deliver us out of them all. Direct and hear our prayers. Let Your righteousness be our unwavering filling and outpouring. For all Your people we petition You, Heaven's Man of War, so we may obtain a good report by faith. Preserve Your Church, and deliver us from every evil work for Your Name's Sake. In the Name of Christ our Advocate we pray,

- Amen

BE MEN OF COURAGE!!



By: **Brother
Boyce Mouton**

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

(1 Cor 16:13-14)

Symbols have a unique way of communicating ideas. The Scriptures make an immediate connection, for example, by describing a kingdom as a lion, a leopard, or a bear. Something about confronting a lion, a leopard, or a bear transcends the need for explanation. Consequently, using this symbolism to describe a kingdom immediately communicates what kind of a kingdom it is. In the same way, an earth quake, a tempest, and a swelling sea also convey thoughts and emotions that are immediately understood. Such eloquent symbols do not need lengthy explanations for they make an immediate connection with our mind and emotions. So also does the admonition to "be men". This too is an eloquent appeal that is easily understood.

The Scripture before us is translated in a variety of ways, but each translation has the same emphasis on manhood. (KJV - "quit you like men", NAS - "act like men", NIV - "be men", NKJ "be brave", RSV "be courageous", etc.) Being a man is something that Paul understood and which he felt his readers would understand. The symbolism of a woman conveys a totally different idea. We expect a man to calloused and rough, and a women to be delicate and soft. There is something about being "masculine" or "feminine" that transcends ethnicity and culture.

Yes, there are "tame lions" that perform in the circus, but this is not the way that lions are in general. Yes, there are delicate men and rugged women, but this not an accurate picture of the sexes as a whole. So, the Word of God admonishes men to "be men"!

While these inspired words were written almost 2,000 years ago they are certainly relevant in our own day and age. Today the distinction between the sexes is being blurred. Masculinity is under attack. Now is the time, as never before in my life, when men need to be "be men" . We need to be "on guard", to "stand firm in the faith" to be "men of courage" and to "be strong". Yes, all of these manly qualities must be done in love, but still they must be done.

At the time Paul wrote 1 Corinthians he was in Ephesus. It was here that he fought with wild beasts (**1 Cor. 15:32**). It was here that many opposed him (**1 Cor. 16:8**). It was here that the people rioted and wanted to kill him (**Acts 19:23 - 41**). But it was also here that God did extraordinary miracles through Paul and that everyone in Asia came to hear the word of the Lord (**Acts 19:10 - 11**).

So, "be men of courage". Don't let the devil turn you into a limp wristed sissy! Develop some back bone and be a man. When Gideon went to battle God told him to send home all who were fearful and afraid. Perhaps we need to do the same thing in our own day and age. Let the faint-hearted flee from the conflict for the Lord can deliver with many or with few. One man with God is actually a majority, for if God be for us, who can be against us?

So, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

THIS IS OUR GOD!

There are many in our generation who profess to believe in "GOD", yet their lives bear no evidence of submission to him. There is much loose talk about who GOD is, and what GOD does. The "GOD" of many peoples reference is merely an idea, a theory - a compilation of their wants and desires, what they have a sense that they have need of, something to make their happiness complete. This kind of talk has left this gray area of ambiguity that has allowed all manner of things to be said that are contrary to the truth. Many have said : *"Buddhist, Muslim, Jew, Christian, Wiccan, shintoist doesn't matter what you are, we all serve the same GOD, we just have different ways of doing it."* Rest assured that nothing could be further from the truth!

We ought to be very specific when we speak of our GOD - we have been given a testimony that is in no way ambiguous concerning this matter. There is no room for philosophy and conjecture when we talk about our God. I just wanted to take a moment to list a few clarifying words we have been given concerning the GOD whom we serve. Those of us professing Christ, who believe in and follow Jesus, We serve:

The GOD who made the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)

*GOD who made the Light to shine
out of darkness (Genesis 1:3, 2 Corinthians 4:6)*

The Everlasting GOD (Genesis 21:33)

The GOD of Abraham Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 3:15)

The GOD who is a Jealous GOD (Exodus 20:5)

The GOD who will by no means clear the guilty (Exodus 34:7)

The GOD of the hills AND the valleys (1 Kings 20:28)

The GOD whose word comes to pass (Ezekiel 12:25)

*The GOD whose council SHALL stand,
and WILL do all his pleasure (Isaiah 47:10)*

The GOD who does not change (Malachi 3:6)

GOD who quickeneth the dead (Romans 4:17)

The incorruptible GOD (Romans 1:23)

The GOD of patience and consolation. (Romans 15:5)

The GOD of hope (Romans 15:13)

The GOD of Peace (Romans 16:20)

Faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9)

The GOD who is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthian 14:33)

GOD, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:3)

*The GOD who predestines, works all things according to
the council of his own will (Ephesians 1:11)*

*The King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the
only wise GOD (1 Timothy 1:17)*

The GOD who chooses (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

The GOD who promised Eternal life (Titus 1:2)

GOD, our savior (Titus 1:3)



This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it gives you a sampling of the multitudinous affirmations we have in scripture concerning the nature and personality of our GOD. Don't ever settle for a vague washed up testimony concerning GOD, our GOD is a GOD who delights in making himself known. Make it your business to know what he has revealed of himself!

TILL HE COME

Part 1 of a series of articles on the subject of the Lords Table

By: Brother Robert Cobb

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

The Lord's Table has fallen on hard times in the day we live, it would behoove those who have "fled for refuge" unto the King of Glory to keep these things ever fixed in our hearts and minds.

It is not by mistake that at the Lord's Table we imbibe something, and it is not just "anything" that we imbibe - it is bread and wine. Wine is the fruit of the vine, nowhere in scripture is it taught that wine is the same as "strong drink" nor is it said to be "fermented" actually "new wine" is freshly squeezed grapes, that is what Jesus turned the water into at the wedding feast, it was not as some assume -the kind of wine that men drink today.

Bread doesn't do anything for someone until they eat it. A man could sit and look at a loaf of bread until they die of starvation, but until the bread is actually imbibed, it remains separate from the person. When it is eaten it provides nourishment to the one who has eaten it. Bread is the staple food of the scriptures, and God has set the tabernacle worship in such a manner as to illustrate its significance.

God instructed the Children of Israel

Exodus 25:23,30

Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.... And thou shalt set upon the table showbread before me alway.

God was teaching that He is a God of remembrance.

Numbers 4:7

And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:



God was teaching a "continual" remembrance of the tribes of Israel

1 Chronicles 9:32

And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

God is teaching us that He requires labor and preparation in the worship of Himself. Bread requires a lot of preparation - remember they did not go out to the grocery store and buy some flour, they had to harvest the grain, then grind it and then make the bread, and it really didn't matter if someone was sick, not just anyone from the camp could make this bread. The sons of the Kohathites were chosen by God to "prepare the bread, every sabbath" somebody from that family had to make that bread!

God was using these seemingly simple things to help men to properly reason on the things of God - What God does is not "simplistic" and Uzzah, Nadab and Abihu would be the first people to stand up and make "strong suggestions" that everyone do exactly as the Lord has commanded! Seeing that each of these men gave up their life because of only a single infraction!

Steadfast Saints



*Brother Jim and
Sister Julie Miller*

These faithful brethren are seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness! I thank God for every remembrance of them!

In a time when it is exceedingly rare to find a man and woman who truly can mirror Christ and the church through their connection with each other as husband and wife- these brethren are as shining lights in our generation. Sister Julie is always forward to be a blessing to the people of God. Both her and Brother Jim have a special ministry of encouragement - their zealous Spirit and selfless attitude towards Gods people is evident. They are quick to submit themselves to others in preference of their own convenience.

In addition to this, they are quick to give God the glory and testify of the things which he is working out in their lives. This is an admirable quality! Too many people do not recognize and acknowledge the working of God in their lives to the extent that they ought to. This couple exists as a triumph of the grace of God in this area. They are consistent in their devotion to the Lord -and do not, as some shrink back from entering in to any and all open doors that the Lord lays before them.

These Brethren live in Florida . but are currently meeting with the Word of Truth Fellowship in Joplin Mo via livestream. I would ask that you would pray for them that they would have some kindred spirits directed to them in their area so that they may be helped, as well as used as helpers of anothers faith.

Pray for them that the eyes of their understanding would be opened even further to be able to see the knowelge of God in Christ Jesus. That they woud have great clarity of thought, and direction - so that they may Glorify the Lord in all that they put their hand to, having confidence of what the Lord is working out in them.

I THANK GOD FOR THESE STEADFAST SAINTS!



COMMENTS FROM THE FOXHOLE

“ Just as in the time of Joseph, Egypt was the sole source of grain , Jesus is the sole distributor of all spiritual blessings in heavenly places - There was no traveling grain silo duiring the famine which met the people where they were - if you wanted grain, you had to go to Egypt ,likewise there is no getting these blessings without coming to Christ”

- Brother Matthew Cobb

“We may be TEMPTED to think we are insufficient, fearing greatly that some doubt is lurking within us as we consider our own situations, BUT God is NOT & His purpose WILL be fulfilled “

- Sister Julie Miller

“My flesh has only ever caused me trouble. It bids me to give it attention daily. But the Savior bids me, “Come for My yoke is easy and My burden is light”..He has shown me the path of life.”

- Sister Susan Brueck

“That is one of the awe inspiring, faith inducing things about God, He brings about His will in spite of and through the choices of men.”

- Sister Danielle Henderson

“Knowing that JESUS said Himself that HE was the good Shepherd brings comfort, peace and rest“

-Sister Carol Maguire Mattice

“The wells of the Lord are full of strength and power! But all of the wells of Satan are full with poison and are shallow...”

- Brother Robert Cobb

“Satan knows that he only has a little while longer before he is in the firepit forever and he wants to take as many people as we can with him - so we need to make sure that we always do what the Lord says. “ - Seth Cobb