

***Now Concerning Spiritual Things***  
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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**THE POWER SOURCE**

The Ark of God was brought forth and placed in the midst of the tabernacle King David had erected for it. He then appointed some of the Levites to minister before the Ark of the Lord to commemorate, to thank and to praise the God of Israel. Asaph, eminent as a musician, was appointed by David to preside over the sacred choral services (1 Chronicles 16:5). He later became known as a prophet and "seer" (2 Chronicles 29:30; Nehemiah 12:46). Twelve of the Psalms (50, 73-83) bear his name.

One of the things Jesus came to do was to challenge a religious spirit contained in wineskins that were old, hardened and crusted with age. On one occasion as He challenged the religious establishment with the wine of new truth, they took up stones to stone [kill] Him. They accused Him of blasphemy, as a Man, thereby making Himself God.<sup>1</sup> When the Jews then took up stones to stone Him, in the dialogue that followed, Jesus used a Psalm of Asaph in His defense. Asaph wrote, "I said you are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High."<sup>2</sup> This statement, within the context of the time in which it was written, refers to judges who rendered their decisions as representatives of God from whom their authority came. But there is another astonishing meaning.

The word "gods" (small "g") is translated from the Hebrew word Elohiym (Strong's # 430), the plural name of God, meaning God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This Psalm portended a time when *children of the Most High* (followers of Christ) would be so endowed. That time began with the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus, continues unto this present day and will cease momentarily at the Rapture of the saints.<sup>3</sup> Here is the explanation: The apostle Paul in his second letter to the Church in Corinth wrote, "Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?"<sup>4</sup> An explanation of "Christ in you" is found in the Apostle's

letter to the Church in Colosse to whom he wrote, "For in Him (Christ) dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily,"<sup>5</sup> meaning that in Christ dwells the fullness of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is said about no other member of the Godhead which makes unique the Name, power and authority of Jesus. That is why He said, "All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth. (You – all born-again believers) go therefore (with My absolute power, My authority) and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to ***observe all things I have commanded you***, and lo, I am with you [all faithful born-again believers] always, even to the end of the age."<sup>6</sup> That is why, "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him (Christ) and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven (all the heavenly hosts excluding the other two members of the Godhead), and of those on earth (both those dead and alive), and of those under the earth (the location of hell and its inhabitants including Satan and all the fallen angels at large and those locked in the abyss in chains<sup>7</sup>), and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."<sup>8</sup> Since Christ indwells born-again believers,

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<sup>5</sup>Colossians 2:9.

<sup>6</sup>Matthew 28:18-20, bracketed inserts and bold print added.

<sup>7</sup>There appears to be two groups of fallen angels. One group is described in 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. These two separate accounts record that the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

The second group of angels are apparently at large as described in Revelation 12:7-9. This scripture describes a war in heaven between Michael and his angels and the dragon [Satan] and his angels whereupon Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven to the earth. This certainly could not be the same group of angels who are reserved in everlasting chains until the judgment of the great day.

The group of fallen angels now at large under Satan's direction may have originally been the sons of god [angels] who cohabited with the daughters of men described in Ezekiel 28:12-19 and Jeremiah 4:23-26, whose evil brought about the flood of Noah to cleanse the earth.

<sup>8</sup>Philippians 2:9-11, bracketed insertions added.

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<sup>1</sup>See John 10:24-33.

<sup>2</sup>Psalms 82:6

<sup>3</sup>See 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

<sup>4</sup>2 Corinthians 13:5 (b).

therefore *the fullness of the Godhead also indwells born-again believers as “gods.”* Elohiym with a capital “E” indwells us as “gods” with a small “g.” That is the most awesome and challenging statement concerning the authority, opportunity and responsibility of the followers of Christ in the entire scripture. This is why Jesus said, “For I say unto you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom is greater than he.” That remarkable statement implies an awesome responsibility and opportunity to every born-again believer! This means that we as believers, the bride of Christ, who are being trained and prepared to rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium, are greater than Isaiah, Jeremiah or Ezekiel, for example! Try that one on for size! Do not take it lightly. Take nothing for granted. If some who prophesy and cast out demons will be told by the Lord on the judgement day, “I never knew you; depart from Me you who practice lawlessness,”<sup>9</sup> one must look carefully at his own life. If some sons of the kingdom [born-again believers who turn away from God in rebellion] will be cast into outer darkness [a compartment of hell] where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,<sup>10</sup> “. . . let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”<sup>11</sup>

Next comes the question, If we as believers are so endowed with supernatural power and authority, why do we not see signs, wonders and miracles following us as believers? The answer was given by Jesus when He said to observe [obey] *all things I have commanded you.* All doesn't mean “most things” or “when I feel like it” or “when I have had a good day.” It means that with our eyes on the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, we may set aside some quiet time alone with the Lord in prayer and reading the word on a daily basis. With the schedules some of you have, that might sound like an impossible task, but it may be the only way to reap the blessings available to every believer. *The more time we spend in the word of God, the less impossible becomes the challenge of living a life holy before Him.* I am not where I want to be but I am going where I haven't been – by faith. I have gotten a taste of “signs that follow believers,” and believe me, I am not turning back – and the Good News (Gospel) is, you can come along if you care to. Years ago the Lord said to me, “Only as you

venture out farther in prayer (faith) than last time am I able to build a platform to hold you.” That is the story of faith, for faith is the only thing God responds to. He doesn't respond to need, nor does He respond to pain. He only responds to faith, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him for those who come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”<sup>12</sup> And here is God's definition of faith, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”<sup>13</sup> Notice from this scripture, faith is always *in the now of time*, never in the past which is sight, never in the future which is unknown, but always in the NOW of time which is *always known by faith based on God's word.* When we walk in covenant relationship with God and claim one of His awesome promises by faith, He will respond – *He must respond* for that is what covenant means. *Covenant*, as I have previously written, *is a mutual obligation of both parties to act for the benefit of the other when the request conforms to covenant language, which is God's word.*

I recall the time when I became president of a small, but profitable, corporation in Dallas. About ten days before I was elected president at a corporate director's meeting, the Lord spoke to me as I awakened from a nap late one Saturday afternoon. The one word He gave me [in that still small voice] was “president.” I knew there was no vacancy at the White House, so my thoughts turned to something somewhat more realistic and closer to home. I recalled that our company was soon to have the annual meeting of shareholders and directors at which officers would be elected for the ensuing fiscal year. With this in mind, I perused our corporate minutes for several previous years since our company policy called for the president to preside at shareholder's and director's meetings. And sure enough, the first rattle out of the box, in the director's meeting, a motion was made to nominate and elect me as president of the corporation. The rest is history. I served as president for twenty-five years and chairman of the Board for two years prior to retirement in October of 1992.

Here is why I mention these personal things about my life. I discovered that the only way for me to keep any sanity was to get up one hour before the rest of

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<sup>9</sup>See Matthew 7:22, 23.

<sup>10</sup>See Matthew 8:12.

<sup>11</sup>1 Corinthians 10:12.

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<sup>12</sup>Hebrews 11:6.

<sup>13</sup>Hebrews 11:1.

my family and spend that quiet time alone with the Lord, usually reading scripture and in prayer. When I became president, I was an officer and teacher of adult classes in our Church, had top responsibility in the company that employed me along with responsibilities at home. The one hour of early morning quiet time with the Lord was the greatest investment I ever made. That is when I got my battery charged. During that time I would pray about EVERYTHING the Holy Spirit put on my mind in every area of my responsibility. If I did not know how to handle a problem, I simply told the Lord, asked for His guidance and expected to receive it. With this preparation, I would leave home every morning at peace with the Lord, my neighbor and myself (that's everyone!). That way my mind was free and clear to handle emergencies or anything else that popped up during the day. And believe me, things popped up!

Another invaluable management tool in my business career was Holy Spirit baptism. That blessing opened up my life to a personal relationship with the Lord that I previously thought impossible. While declaring the omnipotence of God, His blessings of mercy to the just and His declaration of accountability to those whose tongues frame deceit, Asaph the psalmist wrote, "For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills."<sup>14</sup> But if you know on a personal, intimate basis, not only the One Who is in the cow business big time, but the One who formed you in the womb,<sup>15</sup> spoke all the separate individual universes (including ours) into existence and know full well that He knows you and loves you in spite of your imperfections, THAT is a business partnership that can't fail. Notice that I did not say neither you nor I can fail. We can fail Him but He never fails us. I guarantee it! This does not mean one with such a partnership arrangement will not have problems. While running a Dallas corporation, I had problems big time, but none as big as my Partner.

Admittedly, some Bible colleges and seminaries either do not teach or shy away from Holy Spirit baptism. This neither invalidates its existence nor discounts its importance since that is what Jesus came to do.<sup>16</sup> In a prophetic word the Lord once gave to me He said, "Salvation is the greatest blessing of My call, rebirth is the greatest blessing of the kingdom and Holy Spirit

baptism is the greatest blessing of ministry." God's call is to everyone. His call is to ministry and everyone's ministry is different – is unique. The greatest blessing in life comes from (1) spending enough time with God to hear His call, then (2) responding to His instruction and guidance and (3) living what He has called you to do. That is the only way to live a fulfilled life. A fulfilled life is a life filled full of God. It hasn't been easy for me and I yet have much to learn, much growth to attain. But my course is unalterable, because, like the apostle Paul, while in a Roman prison cell awaiting his execution, wrote to young Timothy, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to do that which I have committed unto Him until that Day."<sup>17</sup> That "Day" in this scripture, as explained in 2 Timothy 4:8, is the Day of the coming of the Lord, for all who love His appearing, when we will all stand before Him as the righteous Judge.

#### **THE PROPHET'S CORNER** **From God's Heart to Mine**

"My son, the spiritual revelation given to you is only the beginning. More will come. You will receive the desire of your heart, for when the desire of your heart is Me, that is what pleases Me most. Here is why. As you desire Me, then, and only then, am I able to impart to you spiritual revelation. Spiritual revelation is revelation of ME. That is communion – that is relationship – that is fellowship – and that is the purpose for which you were created – FELLOWSHIP – Fellowship, My son, with ME. That was the purpose of the creation of man. And that is why a hunger and thirst for Me is special to Me. That is why you were created. And that is why you, My son, are special to Us (Eloheim). Continue your quest for more of Us and you will be rewarded beyond your fondest dreams, says the Lord to you this morning.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God means put Me first in your agenda of life. That means seek Me first each day, each morning, for as you do so, you are more able to receive than in any other part of the day. Seek Me first in your life, first in your day, first in all you do that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers, says God to you this morning.

"My son, I will reward you richly. Be prepared for a promotion. Enjoy it. Keep your eyes on Me. You

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<sup>14</sup>Psalm 50:10.

<sup>15</sup>See Job 31:15; Isaiah 49:5; Jeremiah 1:5.

<sup>16</sup>See Matthew 3:11.

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<sup>17</sup>2 Timothy 1:12 (b).

bless Me, My son, by your steadfast desire to know Me, for more of Me in your life. The reason is, that is why We created you. There is no limit to the spiritual growth of one in whom that desire resides.

“So be of good cheer. But remember, I must withhold from you too glaring a light lest you miss your daily path and walk with Me. Additional feeding will come to the extent you are able to receive it and also accomplish the calling and election placed on your life. So be content to be a reservoir of spiritual Manna to receive and process it and pass it on to others. That is a part of your calling. You will enjoy what lies ahead for it will bless [process] many. Be not reluctant to share with others the Manna given to you. I am just as delighted and excited about this as you are.

“Seek Me first in the morning [your day], first in your home – first in your business – first in all you do for prosperity and success. You are beginning to see My plan for man, for I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Me is a literal spiritual truth. When I [My life – My teaching – My sacrifice – My death, burial and resurrection – My Word] am lifted up, that means proclaimed as man’s answer to success, fulfillment and prosperity, I can then become all things to all men, by all means available to him through, in and from Me.

“Think – ponder – meditate on these things, says God to you this morning. My son there is no limit to growth in Me. I will provide for you, as this relationship grows, beyond your recent understanding.

“When you put Me first each day, I am then able to put you first in your calling and election. When you put Me first and ***then*** ask for strength, for example, then is when I can give it to the full. Do you not now see how this works? Seek ye ***first*** the kingdom and its righteousness, and ***THEN*** all these things [health, necessities, prosperity, etc.] will be added. ***SEEK ME FIRST*** is the rule, the admonition and the real avenue through which My blessings flow. My treasury is full to overflowing because I ***create*** the blessings to be used. Therefore there is no limit to My storehouse of treasures. My giving to you fulfills Me. Your receiving from Me fulfills you – and that fulfills My purpose in creating man.

“You see We have so much in common – more than most ever see. You do not have to wait until you see Me face to face to enjoy a quantity of spiritual blessings most never aspire to or receive. Seek Me while I can be found for I hide so as to be found – and the finding – the pursuit of Me brings Us both blessings beyond measure.

“No greater honor can come to man than to be

honored by God. That honor comes as a result of seeking ME first in all things. However, that must be learned as one is willing to be patient and persistent in the process. “The *process* or the *processing* of believers is your call beginning today, says God.

“My son, I will now give you more liberty in prayer than previously. Be careful and/or cautious with the newly bestowed blessing.

“Even as you pray, My son, put Me first. As you develop prayer habits that can’t be changed, you are imprisoned by old wine skins. Doctrine imprisons and becomes old wine skins. Heed that admonition.” (Received during my prayer time the morning of March 2, 2004.)

#### *A prophetic word to Washington, D. C*

“***The separation of church and state*** was so that government could not invoke regulatory statutes upon the church. Freedom of religion implies, among other things, that the church is free of governmental regulation or mandate.

“***The separation of God and state*** is altogether a different presupposition. The separation of God and state was never intended in the founding of this nation. The inseparable inclusion of God and state was expressly recognized and invoked by the founding fathers, was included in the formation of the government of this nation and must be returned as a concept to civil government. Not the god of any religion, but the God of the Bible, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction must be recognized by our court system to restore stability to this nation. Judges must be educated so as to understand the distinction between “church and state” and “God and state.” In the minds of some, God and the church are the same which is a false assumption. God sent His only Son to establish His church upon the rock of Peter’s confession, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The church is neither an organization nor an institution but a living organism comprised of all its members in which the Holy Spirit resides. It is essential, however, that civil statutes recognize that “the church” and the state are two separate and distinct entities for the purpose of setting them apart in order to deny the state of any legal authority over the “institution” but at the same time recognizing that ***civil government and God*** are inseparable since civil government and civil officials are appointed and ordained by God.” (Received during my prayer time the morning of March 3, 2004.)

Editor’s Note: If anything I write is a blessing to you, be sure and give praise, glory and honor to the King.