# Now Concerning Spiritual Things

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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# A BREAKTHROUGH WORTH WRITING ABOUT Part Six Three Principle Reasons

If you have followed me thus far in this series of letters, you are aware that the breakthrough about which I write has been an awesome discovery. That discovery is the secret to *hearing* rhema words of God rain down on me through a Malachi 3:10 open window of heaven, not just once, but continually now for many months. This has all the marks of the latter rain before the harvest [rapture] of the Church about which the apostle James wrote. This walk with God that I have discovered (1) is beyond my fondest dreams when I started this journey, (2) is available to every servant of God, (3) is the way to become One with Him, <sup>2</sup> (4) is the way to become "perfect" in His sight, 3 (5) is the secret to Malachi's 3:10 "open window blessing," (6) is the doorway through which Canaan's supernatural abundance is accessed, (7) is not a work of the flesh but of the supernatural Spirit, (8) is that which makes life interesting and exciting regardless of one's age, (9) is ever new and inexhaustible every morning, (10) is true worship, (11) is preparation for the Rapture and (12) is all for the praise, glory and honor of our precious Lord through whom these abundant blessings come.

There are <u>three principle reasons</u> why God has shown me this supernatural walk with Him. (1) That I might understand <u>how</u><sup>4</sup> to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness that "all these things" shall be added to you in order to share that with others through my writing and my teaching, (2) that I might be an informed, excited, willing participant in the coming layman's movement which will bypass the "pastoral system" in the Church but will "sweep the Churches" and (3) that I might understand and teach that this layman's movement will be God's way to prepare the

bride of Christ, the Church, to meet the Bridegroom in an event described in these words written by the apostle Paul in chapter four of his first letter to the Church in Thessalonica:

"16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will arise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

Let's discuss these *three reasons* in the order as I have listed them

#### Principle reason (1), How to seek first the kingdom.

I discovered this powerful principle as I was led to pray boldly for great spiritual blessings for myself. It was only as the Lord revealed to me that this was to equip me to better serve Him that all my reticence was removed. Here are four bold prayers I have prayed for myself: (1) Since Jesus said "learn of Me," I said in prayer, "Lord Jesus I want to learn more of You than anyone who has lived on planet earth." Months after I began to pray that prayer, the Lord spoke to me and said that is the most powerful prayer one can pray! Untold blessings originated with this prayer.<sup>6</sup> (2) Lord, I want to become one with You exactly as You were one with the Father<sup>7</sup> in your visible ministry. (3) Lord, you promised I would do the works you did and even greater works than You did because You were going to the Father.<sup>8</sup> Lord, I am asking You NOW that I might be empowered to do these works exactly as you promised, for these works are my inheritance as a believer. (4) Lord, make me your constant companion that I might receive more of your rhema words than anyone who has lived on planet earth. (I have learned the blessings of hearing rhema words from the Master.) After I began to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See James 5:7, 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>See John 17:21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See Matthew 5:48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Although in Matthew 6:43 Jesus admonishes us to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, He doesn't specifically tell us <u>how</u>. His revelation to me of this principle started me on the way to the exponential breakthrough.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Read Matthew 11:29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>On one occasion, the Lord spoke to me and said, "My son, I am thrilled at your boldness in prayer." When I first started this journey, the idea that God would say He was thrilled at my doing *anything* was remote in my thinking, but no more. The longer I am on this journey, the more comfortable I become with the intimacy of my relationship with Him.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>See John 17:21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See John 14:12.

see the results of praying these bold prayers I was shown that Canaan's supernatural physical and financial abundance *comes through the door of spiritual blessings for which I prayed!* As I prayed boldly for these spiritual blessings for myself, I have said to God more than once, words similar to: "Lord, I give you permission to do ANYTHING in my life, to change me in any way you choose, in order to grant me the blessings for which I have prayed. Here am I. Use me." So indeed must you be willing to make this same commitment to God in order to receive His best.

## Principle reason (2), The laymen's movement.

First, let's consider two of God's prophetic words on this subject given to me on the dates indicated.

Excerpt from rhema words given on October 20, 2004.

"Church has become ritual, programmed by the enemies software, operated by spirits of evil through the mind. In many cases the Church has become the captive of the enemy. The laymen's movement will expose that. The pastoral system has become just that – a system to serve them rather than Me. I will have that no longer.

"The pastors have failed Me and become teachers who minister to itching ears of their own liking. Enough of that. Away with that.

"My laymen's movement will awaken My Churches to their lethargy – to My power, says God. And you My son, will be a major player in this movement. It will be directed by Me – not by men. It will supercede the pastoral system My Church has become and evolved into. It will surpass the first century in preparation for My 21<sup>st</sup> century call to My Church to repent and return to Me to be healed, saved, delivered, made whole and preserved by non-ordained laymen.

"My laymen's army will be ordained by Me, My son. Now do you see where I am taking you? You will enjoy – We will enjoy this. This, My son, is what I have longed for, what I have desired to thwart the enemy's evil ways. Remember it is the desire of your heart, when I have put it there, that will not – that CANNOT be denied, says God to you this morning.

"Be blessed, My son."

Excerpt from rhema words given on December 20, 2005.

"My layman's movement out of the pew will bypass the pastoral system that stereotyped Me into weakness – in some cases into obscurity. Yes, that is right. I am obscured by the pastoral system that stands between Me and My people. "Many of My pastors have been caught up in a system they inherited – a system that obscures Me from My purpose on the earth. But you need have no concern over this. I am the one who is concerned. And look back over My history. When I am aroused, look out! I have been aroused into action. I know what I am doing – I know what My plan is – and you are a vital part of that plan where I have placed you. So stand and do as I instruct – as I direct – and together much will be overcome – much will be established – much will be done to restore Me to My rightful place in My body, the Church.

"This laymen's movement, My son, will be My way of preparation for My soon return. The highways and byways will be scoured – meaning not just in Church will My power be made known.

"The people in the pew are representatives of the highways and byways. They come from all walks of life and *that is where I want to be represented*. And I will have My way.

"You, My son, will be one of My equippers in these last days. You will be equipping those whom you teach and those to whom you write to be in My pristine army of the last days. Someone must train and equip the troops."

### Principal reason (3), Preparation for the Rapture.

The startling discovery, as revealed by a rhema word in my last month's *letter* (March 16, 2005), *that prayer is 50% listening*, means that the *breakthrough* about which I write is of the utmost importance for the future of the Church. Here are additional rhema words emphasizing this point and pointing out that the body of the Lord, the Church, is made ready for the rapture, the wedding and the marriage feast by rhema words *spoken by the Bridegroom and heard by the bride, the Church*. Excerpt from rhema words given on March 12, 2005.

"Be not reluctant to share the reality of the Malachi 3:10 window I have opened over you. It is real. I will continue to pour into you and as you pour into others through your writing and your teaching, we will launch a project – a missile – a work in preparation for end-time events for both the world and the Church to see. My Church is sick, My son. You, and others I am also calling to this spirit walk with Me, will make my body well. My body, My son, needs a Physician. I am the Physician and you are My servant to introduce Me to the ailing body. As you do so, I – My rhema words – will be the antidote – the necessary medicine to heal the wounds in My body so that she will be prepared for the marriage feast. That is what I am calling her to,

My son – a marriage feast for My bride and you (as well as others) will be the means whereby she will become whole, well and ordained by Me for the rapture marriage feast."

Excerpt from rhema words given on March 14, 2005.

"The great Physician will not let His body – His bride – the Church – go without attention. And the way His body/bride becomes without spot and wrinkle is by becoming One with Him as I have been showing you. For as she becomes One with Him, she will become so by *hearing His voice* calling her to Himself for Himself to become One with Him in the same way He was One with the Father.

"The disciples were made clean by the rhema words spoken to them by Jesus, the body of which was logos. As He said, 'You are already clean because of the word [logos] which I have spoken to you.' The bride of Christ will also be made clean by rhema words from the Bridegroom Who is still One with the Father. And that is the way the great Physician will cleanse His bride and make her well, without spot and blemish. Rhema words are spirit and life. And it is only as He speaks and does the work that He will get the glory and honor."

Excerpt taken from rhema words given on March 16, 2005.

"Have you ever heard of a bridegroom marrying a bride without talking to her? The bride has not learned to listen to the Bridegroom. He will woo her with His voice. Not only will that woo her, thrill and excite her, but His rhema words will also cleanse her and heal her as they cleansed His disciples (John 15:3) and as Paul also wrote, 'by the washing of water with the word' (Ephesians 5:26, 27) and prepare her as a chaste virgin solely dedicated to and betrothed to the Bridegroom in preparation for marriage. The Bridegroom will have it no other way (Bridegroom and bride become One with rhema words, see John 17:7, 8).

"Have you ever heard of two people falling in love without talking to each other? Wooing rhema words bring intimacy. Intimacy is essential to love and love is the 'greatest of these,' as the apostle Paul wrote. And it all begins with a rhema word relationship with Jesus.

"When a young man and a young woman fall in love, each woos the other with words. You understand that in the natural. It is exactly like that in the supernatural. It's done with words—rhema words. The bride has learned to talk to the Bridegroom *but has not* 

<u>yet learned to listen to and to hear the voice of the Bridegroom</u>. That is essential as preparation for the last days end-time rapture wedding feast.

"The way to know the Bridegroom is to hear Him speak. To do so, the bride must know that He speaks and that He wishes to speak to her. She then needs to learn that He speaks, and then learn to listen, how to listen and hear His voice. That's the way she – the bride, the Church, His body – becomes One with Him. That's the way the bride is made well – with rhema words of the Bridegroom. That's the way the bride is prepared to meet the Lord in the air, to be secreted into His presence in preparation for the betrothal, the wedding and the marriage feast."

#### Comments on Principles (1), (2) and (3).

Here are words from Chapter 14 of Dr. Luke's writing that confirm the importance of these *three* principles:

"16Then He [Jesus] said to him [a disciple], 'A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, <sup>17</sup> and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' 18But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' <sup>19</sup>And another said, 'I have bought a yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' <sup>20</sup>Still another said. 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' <sup>22</sup>And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' <sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

Saints of God, listen to these words: In this passage of scripture, Jesus describes a slothful, lackadaisical, indifferent Church, too busy with "things," too busy with recreation, too busy seeking their own pleasures, building an estate, too busy with the lake house and the golf course, too busy with getting "ahead," too busy to spend time <u>seeking first</u> the kingdom of God. While there is nothing wrong with any of this "laundry list" of the preoccupation of man, it is a matter of *priority*. Much of the Church is preoccupied with non-priority matters. When *any one* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>John 15:3.

of these things comes before seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness, they are lustful and wrong in God's sight. These words of Jesus recorded from Dr. Luke's journal describe many in the church today who are going to be surprised at the imminent rapture of the Church when they are left behind.

The prophet Malachi describes the 21st century Church. In his day, about 400 years prior to the visible ministry of Jesus, both the priests and Israel were profaning God's laws and this prophet's scathing rebukes were designed to correct these abuses: (1) The priests despised God's Name by offering the stolen, the lame and blind animals as defiled food on His altar, [they gave God what they had left over]. (2) The priests had caused many to stumble at the law and had corrupted the covenant of Levi, [they wanted to be 'friends' of everyone]. (3) The priests showed partiality in the law, [they were hypocritical and politically correct]. (4) Judah had profaned the Lord's holy institution of marriage and (5) had married the daughters of a foreign god, [unequally yoked together]. (6) They would take [speak] a vow to God then compromise their actions toward Him. They are like many believers today who talk the talk but don't walk the walk. (7) Priests were cursed by God because they did not "keep knowledge" and speak [reveal] God's truth to the people, causing many to stumble [disobey] at God's word, corrupting God's covenant with Levi [the priesthood]. (8) Jewish men were divorcing an older wife to marry a younger woman, thereby crushing her life ruthlessly, [lust and love are not the same thing]. (9) God's answer to this practice is "I hate divorce." (10) An implied result of this practice by a Jewish man who divorced his wife for a younger (another) woman was "ungodly offspring." This statement is enough to "sober" anyone who frivolously seeks divorce, while realizing that the grace and mercy of our Lord have replaced the "law of sin and death."

Malachi uses these scathing rebukes of Israel to reveal the mercy of our God. The prophet instructs both the priests and Israel to correct all these abuses and then writes, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer [Satan] for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field, says the Lord

of hosts."<sup>10</sup> Notice that Malachi writes of the <u>windows</u> of heaven. Windows is plural, meaning that there is a window for everyone who will meet the prophets criteria! And that is exciting. I know because there is a Malachi 3:10 window over me even as I write and even as you read these words. What He has done for me, He will do for you.

Here are a few thoughts concerning the coming Laymen's movement, which will originate from the pew, not the pulpit, that have been prophesied to me. God has said that, even as I write this letter and even as you read it, for example, He is teaching "key" people who will be leaders in this movement. I know of only one, but He has said there are others whom He has been training for this last days end-time event. The pastoral system has not produced the revival necessary for the bride to hear the wooing, cleansing, rhema words of the Bridegroom in preparation for (1) Canaan's abundance preceding (2) the rapture of the bride. Many pastors today preach a sanitized, watered-down Gospel devoid of power that excludes, among other things, the virgin birth, the necessity of the cross, the efficacy of the blood, the reality of Satan and hell, the existence of the evil spirit world against whom we war, as well as the total message of Christ contained in the Gospels. Consequently, God is going to bypass the pastoral system and call men and women out of the pew in a movement that will "sweep the churches." Those in the pew who will hear His voice and respond to his call will be trained, equipped, prepared, ordained and anointed by God Himself to do every work Jesus did during His visible ministry and yes, even greater works than He did! This unprecedented move of God will get the attention of the world and the Church. God has spoken to me and said that those involved will perform great exploits. And when God says, "great exploits," watch out! "Let the good times roll," He has said this to me, in preparation for this unprecedented end-time event! The highways and byways will be scoured. God's awesome power will be made manifest both outside of the Church and in the Church as well. And invitations will be issued to the biggest wedding feast ever. Hallelujah! Come quickly Lord Jesus!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Malachi 3:10, 11.