

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

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THY KINGDOM COME
Part Three
A Tribute to Nell Lewis

For more than ten years God has been preparing me for something new (His words) in preparation for the unprecedented, last-days end-time events recorded in Bible prophecy. In the process He has led me to and through a breakthrough in my personal relationship with Him – a breakthrough that involves learning to listen for, to hear and record His rhema words to me. Therefore, prayer or quiet time spent with Him may end up with His taking most of the time talking to me. That took a while to get used to! I went through all of the temptations the enemy could offer, such things as, “Could this really be God talking to me? Why Me? Why would He permit such blessings to me instead of someone called into full-time service to Him, such as a missionary, pastor or evangelist?” However, as time passed, I worked through the maize the enemy put before me. I learned that God’s rhema words to me when measured by the word (logos – the Bible) whether in principle or detail, left me completely at peace. One additional reason for that peace of God, which surpasses understanding, is that the Holy Spirit in me witnesses to what the Person of the Holy Spirit says to me.

The experience of listening for and hearing His rhema words, as the Lord taught me, has both changed and continues to change my life. As He has said to me, “Learning to hear His rhema words is the way for Him to remove from me (or from you) the Adamic sin-curse and change me (or you) into the likeness of His Son as He was during His personal ministry on the earth.” The change has been gradual but dramatic, interesting and at times, exciting. He has said to me that the reason for the gradual change is, “Slower progress equals greater retention.”

Last year the Lord freed me to begin to share these blessings with others, as a teacher in our Church. For five Sundays during the second quarter I shared them in a Senior Adult Class. Then beginning on Sunday, June 19, 2005, I began sharing them in a series of twelve lessons entitled How to Access Canaan’s Abundance, the concept being that most Christians are living in Canaan, a land flowing with abundance, while experiencing a lack in areas of their own life. I have discovered that learning to hear rhema words from God is a way to access Canaan’s abundance. In time, His abundance will then become inevitable, because His rhema words are simultaneously creative of good and

destructive of evil, as a two-edged sword. That is, they access (in a sense, create) God’s blessings, while simultaneously defeating the enemy and his evil devices in a win/win situation. Remember that His words are spirit and life.¹ You cannot hear spiritual rhema words from Him on a regular basis without His life – without His likeness being imparted to you!

On June 19, the first day of my new teaching assignment, I got to the classroom fifteen minutes early in order to set up the taping equipment, put some things on the white board and greet the class members as they arrived. As I walked into classroom 208 at 8:45 A.M. that Sunday morning expecting no one to be there, Nell Lewis was already seated in her chair, awaiting the arrival of the teacher and the other students. Although I did not know Nell well, she had been in one or more classes I had taught and knew my teaching. That first morning, after I greeted Nell and did my preparation for teaching, I had some time for a one-on-one visit with her. What I learned was that she was spiritually mature beyond that of many believers I have known and had a hunger and thirst for God. In what we call the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addressed this issue when He said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”² That hunger is God’s invitation.

Then in early July, 2005, although I was unaware of her illness, Nell was hospitalized briefly, after which she was back in class. It was then she told me that Jesus had visited her while in the hospital. After listening to her story, I was convinced it was real and asked her to give me a written account of that “visit.” The next Sunday she handed me the following account written in her own handwriting. I have added the explanatory statement in parentheses under the title for clarity.

My Visit From Jesus

(An actual account written and
experienced by Nell Lewis)

I was taken to Doctor’s Hospital in Dallas, Texas in the first week of July, 2005.

My family was told that I was at the point of death and that every organ in my body was damaged or infected with disease. A first x-ray proved inconclusive and the doctor in charge wanted to take a second x-ray the next day, hoping to find the source of my trouble.

¹See John 6:63.

²Matthew 5:6.

This is the report of the Lord Jesus' visit to my hospital room that night.

I did not see Him. I saw no bright light. I did not audibly hear the sound of His voice, but His presence filled the room and I distinctly understood and heard His words in my heart. It was real. I was there and so was Jesus. I was not dreaming. It was not a vision. I was fully awake and it was real.

He held me in His arms. I do not know whether we were standing or sitting. I only know my head was on His shoulder and His arms were around me.

He said to me, "You will be fine. I have healed you. You will never need to be in a hospital again. The choice will be yours. I defeated all disease and all pain at Calvary. It was good at Calvary and is still good today. It will always be true, 'By My stripes you are healed.'"

I then said, "Yes, I know, I've believed that."

He said, "You must claim it every day."

"And I defeated sin on the cross also. I won the battle over Satan. He has no power over you unless you give it to him. You must not sin – you need not sin unless you choose to do so. I won the battle over Satan with My blood and the cross. You must choose to be healthy every day and you must choose to not sin every day. When I said on the cross, 'It is finished,' I was saying through all this I have defeated Satan. I have come to do this battle with Satan and I have won. I took from him that which he took from the first Adam. And I took this Victory to heaven and gave it to God, My Father. He then gave it back to Me and I give it to you. The kingdom of heaven has come on earth as it is in heaven. You can have it now – you can believe and live here now as it is in heaven.

"You must believe to have it.

He also said to me, "Read My Gospels – read My words, learn My words. Not what others say I said, not what others say I meant by what I said. You read My Word that I spoke in the Gospels. What did I say to those I healed? I said, 'The kingdom has come near you, the kingdom is within you, the kingdom is near you' and I said, 'Go and sin no more.' This I also say to you.

"I took back all that Satan took from Adam and He (Satan) is a defeated enemy.

"You must make your choice every day."

The next morning when they took the x-ray, every organ was perfect. So the doctor said, "There has to be something wrong. We will take a CAT scan." And that came back showing everything was perfect. My doctor then said, "You must be pretending to be sick. There is nothing wrong with you."

So I went home – healed by My Jesus – and there was no charge from Him but not so with the hospital and

several doctors. Big charges – big bills.

I cannot explain the effect this written report of Nell's hospitalization had on me. I read it several times and then did some research on what Jesus said about the kingdom as recorded in the Gospels. This series of three *letters* entitled, "Thy Kingdom Come" have been written as a result of the spiritual insight contained in Nell's report. This short account, as written by Nell, is entirely biblical in every detail. Here is Bible confirmation of some of the content of her report.

(1) When Jesus said to Nell, "I defeated all disease and all pain and sin at Calvary," notice that Isaiah prophesied more than seven hundred years before Jesus was born, "With His stripes you are healed."³ (2) John the Baptist said of Jesus, "Behold the lamb of God that takes away the *sin* of the world."⁴ Jesus said to Nell, "And I defeated *sin* on the cross also." (3) After His resurrection, Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved."⁵ The word *saved* in that statement is translated from the Greek word *sozo* which means to be healed, saved, delivered, preserved and made whole. That really summarizes what Jesus said to Nell.

The statement Jesus said to her concerning the misrepresentation of what He said as recorded in the Gospels is classic. What He said compared with (a) what others say He said, (b) the opinion of others about what He said and (c) the complete omission of some things He said, have diluted much of what He came to do. It is interesting to me that the Lord has also directed my attention to the Gospels by saying to me (1) "Read the Gospels and claim every one of My promises for yourself" and (2) "Reread the Gospels occasionally and reclaim all of My promises for yourself again to keep from growing stale."

What Jesus said to Nell also confirmed to me that we "must make our choice every day" and claim everything Jesus took back from Satan which he stole from Adam. That is, to (1) assert our claim to walk by faith without sin each day and to (2) claim the total package of sozo-salvation each day. The Bible confirms this in the words of Joshua: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."⁶ The same thing is confirmed by these words in the model prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread."⁷ This means our spiritual sustenance must be obtained from the Lord on a daily basis, or that we must choose to serve Him

³Isaiah 53:5.

⁴John 1:29.

⁵Mark 16:16.

⁶Joshua 24:15.

⁷Matthew 6:11.

each day. Jesus said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross *daily* and follow Me.”⁸ Manna in the wilderness had to be collected *each day* for it would not keep from one day to the next, except in preparation for the Sabbath.⁹

How many sermons have you heard on these two things Jesus said to Nell, (1) “You must not sin – you need not sin unless choose to do so,” and (2) “You must choose to be healthy *every day* because I (Jesus) defeated all pain and disease at Calvary.” *Within these two statements* made to Nell lie opportunity for spiritual growth accessible to everyone in the Church today. *Within these two statements* lie the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. *Within these two statements* lie the targeted blessings of hearing rhema words from God about which I write.

This short account written by Nell Lewis has been an inspiration to me. I literally was “fed” spiritually for several weeks as I would go back and reread her account.

The Lord called Nell home the morning of August 30, 2005, at 87 years of age. She would have been 88 on October 8. A memorial service for her was conducted by Pastor Joe Slaughter at Hillcrest Church in Dallas the afternoon of Friday, September 2. No one has made such an impact on my life in such a short period of time as did Nell Lewis and her account of “*My Visit From Jesus*.” Since her death, I have talked to the Lord about Nell, and He told me that she knows of my being blessed by her written account of His visit to her hospital room. What a better place this world would be if there were more like Nell Lewis for us to encounter along the way.

Rhema Words received on February 16, 2006

“Yes, My son, you now are just beginning to see the blessings – the benefits – of My rhema words to you. Take the outline you have and augment it to some degree when you write on that. The “60 Benefits”¹⁰ are also interesting to publish. That alone, My son, is sufficient writing material for many letters. So you see, you have ample material – ***and*** We have only started. Do you now begin to see the importance of learning to listen for and to hear My rhema words? Your ministry of teaching others to receive this blessing cannot be overemphasized. It is important to Me. Be not reluctant to publish and loudly proclaim that which I say to you. As you do so, additional light will be

⁸Luke 9:23.

⁹Exodus 16:21, 22.

¹⁰Here is an explanation of the “60 Benefits” to which the Lord referred. In July of 2005 I sat down at my desk and began listing “*The Benefits of Hearing Rhema Words*.” My first effort produced thirty plus *benefits*. Periodically I would go back and add a few more until the number reached 60! Although I believe I could still add to the list, I simply quit at 60. Observe what the Lord said to me about the *list* and know that it is a treasure-trove.

seen (given) and the more of My words you publish, the greater the impact your teaching will have.

“So relax. Learn to serve Me joyfully, says God.

“My son, there are a variety of ministries to which I have called My servants. Some are called to greatness (blessings) because of their trustworthiness. But each ministry is important to me. In time some will be called by Me from the pew into significant ministry. Obedience is of the utmost importance. I will reach the world through My servant/treasurer/stewards¹¹ in spite of the enemy’s work. He has taken (with death) some of My servant/stewards prematurely,¹² as I have said to you. *But their learning to listen to My rhema words would have prevented them from becoming his victims.*

“The reason one who regularly hears My rhema words will not succumb to the enemy’s efforts to kill is because My Word is Spirit ***and life***. That’s the reason, My son. “He sent His word and healed them”¹³ now has new meaning to you, doesn’t it? *The rhema word I am sending forth to you has the power to heal, My son!*

“You see, when one learns to listen for and to hear My words, that rhema word – those rhema words – are creative of good (an impartation) and destructive of evil. That means they are destructive of the evil ways of the enemy who comes to steal, kill and destroy.

“My son, this is something big! You see, you may attack and defeat the enemy when you *speak My words*, but the most effective way to defeat the enemy is to listen for and *hear from Me* My rhema words.

“When you say or speak My word, it is a two-edged sword, constructive of good and destructive of evil. That is the meaning of saying or speaking My word from the heart. On the other hand, as one will listen for and hear My rhema words, he will have all things provided for him by Me. That way, I, not the doctor nor the individual, but I, My son, will get the glory. I must be lifted up in order to be glorified. And remember I must get the credit – the glory – for I am a jealous God – jealous because I do not want the enemy to defeat My people.

¹¹The term *servant/treasurer/steward* refers to the highest order of servanthood wherein one is proven trustworthy, not only to administer on behalf of the Lord, but has also proven himself worthy of trust in the scrupulous administration of large financial sums to other stewards for the benefit of the kingdom of God. I will have more to write about this term in a future letter.

¹²I have received more than one prophetic word from the Lord concerning the unnecessary early or premature death of some of his servant/stewards (some named specifically) brought about by the enemy and his stepped-up activities in these last days because of the lack of knowledge on how to spiritually guard against his wily ways. I shall write more about this later.

¹³Psalms 107:20.

“Now, My son, you are beginning to see the benefits of feeding on Me – on My rhema words. They have all the nutrients, vitamins and benefits needed for a healthy body, mind, soul and spirit. And that, My son, is worthy of shouting to the housetops.

“As you therefore learn to listen to My rhema words and become obedient thereto, you are blessed, directed, filled, fulfilled, nourished, replenished and maintained by Me. That way I get the glory. Otherwise the glory goes to the individual, the diet, the exercise regimen, the doctor, the nutritionist, etc. This is neither criticism nor condemnation of any of these honest efforts to sustain/maintain a healthy lifestyle, but to say My way is best.

“My son, it is like the levels of ministry that I have explained to you.¹⁴ Each successive classification or level was ready for the more that I could give them. It is a matter of growth/hunger. There is no forced feeding in My kingdom. One is fed that for which he hungers and thirsts and this is stepped up as one learns to boldly ask for More as I have led you to do.

“So you see how all encompassing is My rhema word to you. My rhema words will provide **EVERY NEED OF MAN** to include complete protection from the enemy.

“So you see, in My rhema word to you, and everyone else who learns to listen and hear from Me, is the **all sufficiency of My provision** for My creation. That way, My son, I get all the praise and glory, and in turn glorify that one who listens. Glory is a two-way street or the street is closed for repairs.¹⁵

“So you see, My son, how wonderful is the walk you have discovered in Me. It is everything I have revealed to you and MORE for **I am the MORE in your life.**

“No harm shall come near the dwelling of one who learns to listen to My rhema words. He will prosper in all he does because he is directed by Me. No weapon formed against him will prosper because **I AM** his protector and anyone who rises up in judgment against him, I shall condemn because that judgment is (will be) against **Me**. Do you now see that **I am the all sufficiency** of one who will take the time to listen for, to hear and become obedient to My rhema word calling? I say to all of My servants who are weary and heavy laden, ‘Come unto me and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, for My yoke is easy, My burden is light and you shall find *rest* unto your soul.’”

¹⁴Here are the several levels of ministry referred to by the Lord in this statement. He ministered to the masses, the Jews (scribes, chief priests, the Pharisees, the Sanhedrin), the 70, the 12, the 3 (Peter, James and John) and the 1 (John). The Lord said to me that this was not done to show favoritism but to recognize that some were able to receive that which others were not ready for. I shall write more about these levels of ministry later.

¹⁵See Romans 8:30.

“On the seventh day I *rested*, for My work was finished. In like manner, as My servants learn to listen for and to hear My rhema words, they will learn to cease their works (because I do the work) that I have already done and come to Me for *rest*, satisfaction and fulfillment in life – My life, My son.

“That’s what Adam had, My son – **he had My life**, and he blew it. You now have an opportunity to attain that same **LIFE** and share that with others – teach that to others. As this becomes more of a reality in your life, this will be yet the most powerful teaching I have given you. Isn’t it easy? I am, that is, I can be and I am more than willing to become **all man needs**. He really has no need but **ME**. I am why he is.

“You are going to enjoy this restoration blessing. It’s been there all the time. But only to the hungry, to the pure in heart may I give this precious jewel of great price. This is where I have been leading you **all the time**, My son. I bless you this day with My own anointing oil for indeed We shall likewise bless many, My precious son.

“Look what you have done – from whence you have come by hearing My rhema words!

“It is still greater than you think.

“There is much more to come for I am the **More** and I am unlimited.

“Remember, I said to you the prayer to learn more of Me (Jesus) than anyone is the most powerful prayer one may pray? You are just now beginning to learn what I have in store for you. Become comfortable in My presence. We have much to do. Revelation is the source of true knowledge. If it is by revelation, it is pure, unadulterated and true. That’s why one **today** must learn to begin in the Spirit, be directed by the Spirit, live by the Spirit and be taken up in the Spirit.¹⁶

“You are just beginning to see the all sufficiency of My word. It is without limit because it is **ME**.”

¹⁶This is descriptive of one who will be taken in the Rapture. I know someone to whom the Lord has said that there are now less than fourteen years remaining before the Rapture. That’s exciting, for some of you who read my *letters* will not die! The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God, meaning become obedient to His direction. Warn those who are not saved. A key for living the life described in this *letter* (and others I have written) is contained in these three measures of ministry given to me by the Lord: (1) Put the Lord first in everything, (2) be guided by the word and (3) give Him the praise, glory and honor. Living the blessed life described in this *letter* is not new. See Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 105:37; Proverbs 4:20-22; Malachi 3:10-12.