

## NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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### JESUS OF NAZARETH Part Three

#### Introduction

From the New Testament record we find that Jesus spoke to His twelve Disciples concerning the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven as recorded in Matthew 13:11 and the mysteries of the kingdom of God as recorded in Mark 4:11 and Luke 8:10. The apostles Paul and John also wrote of the mysteries of the kingdom.<sup>1</sup>

Although some of these mysteries were revealed by Jesus to the twelve as recorded in the Gospels, many were not. Today these mysteries are not revealed to one as an intellectual achievement, but to one of a contrite heart who has learned to listen for and to hear rhema words from God. As I have learned to do so, a few of these mysteries are being revealed to me. When revealed by the Holy Spirit, they are neither complex nor complicated and are always simple but profound. This *letter* is a small example of such revelation.

I remind you again, God is neither mute nor partially mute, as many believers assume. *His utmost desire is intimacy with you.* Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me."<sup>2</sup> If you have within you the Holy Spirit of God, you too have the capability of learning to listen for and to hear His rhema words often, *not just once in a while.* Once you begin to hear His rhema words<sup>3</sup> (His voice) regularly, you will never be the same. Bless God, *the mystery of faith is revealed by hearing.* **Revelation is the source of true knowledge.**

Our intimacy with the Lord implies both the desire

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<sup>1</sup>Paul: 1 Corinthians 2:7; 4:1; Ephesians 3:4; 1 Timothy 3:9.  
John: Revelation 1:26; 10:7; 17:5, 7.

<sup>2</sup>John 10:27.

<sup>3</sup>The way I usually (but not always) hear "His voice" is when my soul is at rest and my spirit is at peace during my quiet time with Him. "His voice" to me then may come as a light, delicate intuitive "thought" which I can ignore completely. As the Lord has said to me, "Many of My servants miss My supernatural response (or voice) because they are looking for something spectacular." In my quiet time with the Lord I always record in my journal every word He says to me. That is the best way to glean the most from His rhema words. As a matter of fact, that is the only way to glean the most from His words, for, as they begin to come profusely, you will be unable to remember all of them.

and the reality of *each party speaking while the other party listens.* That's the way the Bridegroom falls in love with His bride – the bride's listening ear summons the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber.<sup>4</sup>

While in prayer at the conclusion of a day of fasting on the morning of December 17, 1997, I prayed in the Spirit and was given the following interpretation.<sup>5</sup> I have added the bold font and underlining for emphasis and the footnotes for clarity.

#### **Rhema words received**

"Stay focused during the grey days to see My Light. Keep your eyes on Me. Continue to write what I have given you. Some will believe and be blessed. Do not be concerned about the others. Some will call out to Me as you have done. Then I can answer their call to make their calling and election sure, as with you. My call is to all. For it to be effectual, one must hear and hunger for Me and My righteousness, then call out to Me. Then My answer *awaits* their call and Divine assurance is the result.

"This is how it works: (1) My call to all to come unto Me, (2) then the hunger for Me, (3) then their call unto Me. My answer was prepared with My call, which is to all from the beginning. My call is to all to come unto Me for blessing, reunion and sanctification for service. **Salvation, rebirth and Spirit baptism** *are three stages of growth.*<sup>6</sup> **Salvation** is the greatest blessing of My call. **Rebirth** is the greatest blessing of My kingdom and **Spirit baptism** is the greatest blessing of ministry. Salvation, rebirth and ministry are the three stages. As you hunger for each, My blessing *awaits*. The call of hunger never goes unnoticed and My response is Life to the hungry – eternal Life, blessing and abundance.

"Hardship is often necessary in preparation for ministry. In your case, for example, your time in the

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<sup>4</sup>See the parable of the ten virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13.

<sup>5</sup>These are two spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:10.

<sup>6</sup>These three stages of growth may be experienced (1) sequentially with a time interval between each, or (2) the first two may be experienced simultaneously or (3) all three may be experienced simultaneously. I personally know this to be true from my past experience and from the experience of others with whom I have been acquainted.

Church of Christ was spent ‘in prison.’<sup>7</sup> Imprisonment by doctrine, is something man does to himself through deception of the enemy, which appeals to rational man through his intellect. *I created no laws to get to Me.*<sup>8</sup> ***Man has done that.*** That is part of the deception of the times/of the enemy. He is so subtle because his appeal is universal to the world, destined to make one wise in his own sight – wise, so as to appeal to his pride and vanity. *This wisdom is sensuous, of the senses and intellect I have given, but used as man’s master instead of his servant.* The Spirit must lead the soul and body for service to be effective in My kingdom. For My kingdom is spiritual; that is, above the soul and body; hence the Spirit must lead its creation. The creation cannot lead the Creator. That is what led to Satan’s fall. Remember these words and be blessed. Amen.”

**Comment on the word received**

Notice the three separate stages of growth highlighted in this letter on page one, column two, under the heading, **Rhema words received**, paragraph two. This statement is contrary to the teaching of that part of the Church with which I am familiar. It is common belief in some churches that stage one and two (salvation and rebirth) may only be experienced simultaneously, instead of either separately **or** simultaneously, as related to me by the Holy Spirit. Here is Bible evidence of the distinction between salvation and rebirth:

Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.”<sup>9</sup> He did not say, “He who believes and is baptized shall be born again.”

Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, came to Jesus by night. During his visit, Jesus said to him, “Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”<sup>10</sup> Jesus did not say, “Unless one is born again, he cannot be saved.” It is clear from these two

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<sup>7</sup>The “prison” referred to here is a spiritual prison that I was in for a number of years. Forty years ago when I was in the Church of Christ, the prevalent doctrine, never stated publicly but taught and believed privately was, “Everybody is going to hell but us and I am not sure about all of us.” This is neither criticism nor condemnation of the people but a statement of the exclusive, legalistic doctrine wherein the mind becomes the master instead of the servant as led by the Spirit. In the Church of Christ that I was a part of, the Holy Spirit was considered to be the Author of the Bible Who retired after the death of the twelve original apostles.

<sup>8</sup>The prophet Joel, speaking of the “last days” which began on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of our Lord, wrote, “It shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” [Joel 2:32 (b)]. All the Lord wants is a starting place and all He wants you or me to do is to cry out to Him as the prophet Joel wrote.

<sup>9</sup>Mark 16:16.

<sup>10</sup>John 3:3.

statements that Jesus treated the first two stages of growth, salvation and rebirth, *as separate occurrences* as it was given to me in the prophetic word.

Interestingly enough, that same night Jesus also said to Nicodemus, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”<sup>11</sup> In these words of instruction to Nicodemus, *Jesus was actually talking about Himself.* Here are words of explanation on this statement given to me by the Holy Spirit. The bold font and underlining have been added for emphasis, and the footnotes have been added for biblical reference.

**Words received on June 25, 2006**

“One must be born of water (first birth encased in a sac of water) and the (Holy) Spirit in order to enter the kingdom of God. In this sentence **Jesus was talking about Himself.** Jesus was born of water (within a sac of water in Mary’s womb) and was simultaneously born of the Spirit through the seed (or egg) of woman (not man) deposited in Mary’s womb. Jesus therefore did not need to be ‘born again’ for He received His Spiritual birth into the kingdom simultaneously with His physical birth through Mary’s birth canal.

“Jesus therefore received His earthly birth (in water) and His Spiritual birth simultaneously so that He was born into the world and into the kingdom at the same time. He therefore met the dual birth criteria Himself that He set forth for all others after Him, which is the trademark of His ministry. **Everything He set forth for His disciples to do, He Himself did.** *That is a major key to understanding or interpreting His teaching, His parables and His examples.* He led the way in everything required of us, His followers, from His conception and birth, to the life He lived even to His death, burial and resurrection. He led the way by example. Everything He asked us to do, He did to perfection. His being perfect in what He did portends our being perfect in what we do by walking in the Father’s will, which is perfect. That is why He is the Way, the Truth and the Life of mankind to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and then the Greek (Gentiles or all non-Jews).”<sup>12</sup>

Here are additional words of explanation on the same subject given to me by the Holy Spirit three days later. I have added the bold font and underlining for emphasis and have added the footnotes for clarity.

**Words given on June 28, 2006**

“My son, you are correct. I did not deposit a seed in Mary’s womb, I (My Spirit) touched the egg in her

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<sup>11</sup>John 3:5, 6.

<sup>12</sup>See Romans 1:16.

womb and fertilized it with Myself. I did with My Spirit the identical thing that the sperm of man does to an egg in the womb. Instead of man's sperm, it was My Spirit that fertilized the egg (seed of woman). I fertilized the egg with Myself. That is why Jesus was My son. I was His Father. That is why He was supernaturally produced instead of being naturally produced. That is why I said the "seed of woman."<sup>13</sup> The woman was a virgin (sexually pure). My Spirit is also pure, uncontaminated by sin. When My Spirit therefore touched the egg (seed) in Mary's womb, that touch became the fertilization of the egg (seed), the Spiritual sperm, as it were, to bring forth a supernatural child instead of a natural child.

"That is how it was done.

"The word "seed" is significant. An egg is a seed that reproduces itself again and again without end. Had My first Adam been without sin like My last Adam, the reproductive process would have been the same except it would have been done this way. A supernatural man's sperm fertilizes a supernatural egg which brings forth a supernatural child. That, My son, is the way it was intended to be. So you see what Adam missed for himself, mankind and Myself. He became a failure on the order of William Shockley,<sup>14</sup> who did not realize the source of his brilliance was Me.

**Realize, My son, the things I am revealing to you are truth revealed at your request.** Your requests have removed the limits of My understanding and wisdom given to you. So get ready. My heart has longed for someone with whom I could share these things. Now that you are ready, I look forward to this even MORE than you, for it is My desire to share in the supernatural but I

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<sup>13</sup>See Genesis 3:15.

<sup>14</sup>William Shockley, 1910-1989, was a Ph D. Physicist who is called "creator of the electronic age" and credited with being "the father of Silicone Valley in California." He had an excellent analytical mind and was perhaps one of the great problem solvers of all time. He shared with two other physicists the Nobel prize for physics in 1956 and was awarded the National Medal of Merit, the highest possible civilian decoration. The list of his scientific accomplishments are too numerous to mention here. He was a man who was unquestionably brilliant "who knowingly and deliberately destroyed himself" as reported by Joel N. Shurkin, author of **BROKEN GENIUS**, title of the biography of William Shockley. For several months in early 1944, as the first pilot of a B-17 bomber, I was involved with William Shockley in the development of a radar bombing technique through an overcast sky that was successfully used in the B-29 bombing of Japan. As a matter of additional personal interest, as the first pilot of a B-29 bomber, I was poised with my crew to fly to the Mariana Islands to start dropping bombs on Japan when the atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945.

am so limited with whom I can share.

You will blaze a trail, My son, an exciting trail. It will be similar to that blazed by scientists on the cusp of great discoveries who work early and late with excitement and anticipation. Only yours will be excitement over spiritual discoveries. That, My son, is just as exciting and far more rewarding, for your discoveries will be My revelation of understanding and wisdom **given to you as requested.** But your revelational knowledge will be true knowledge given to a few.

"You, My son, are to be My catalyst to inspire others to embark on the same journey, one that will never end. You are embarking on a journey to learn of Me in whom there is no limit.

"Remember that I am just as excited about this as are you. **Your requests,**<sup>15</sup> My son whet My appetite's desire to bless, wherein there is no limit.

"When the egg is supernatural and the sperm is supernatural, the product child is supernatural.

"My son, see what can be done when a woman, born under the Adamic sin-curse has an egg in her womb fertilized supernaturally. She was a virgin, but a virgin born under the Adamic sin-curse. So you see this greatly emphasized the work I had to do in and with My only begotten Son during the thirty years of training. I had a 75% equation from which I had to produce a 100% product. Mary was the 25% factor; that is, she was uncontaminated sexually, a virgin. That's her positive 25% factor; that is, she was uncontaminated sexually, a virgin, but the other negative 25% was the Adamic sin-curse under which she was born. So you see what I had to work with. You are beginning to see the accomplishment of My only Son. He overcame obstacles from His mother (the negative 25%) over which she had no control except to offer herself as a bond servant, a handmaid of the Lord for the greatest test tube experiment ever.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup>God told me that my boldness in prayer and being obedient to His responses have been responsible for much of my spiritual growth. Here is one example. While praying several years ago, I realized that Jesus said, "learn of me." I then prayed, "Lord Jesus I want to learn more of You than any man who has ever walked the face of the earth, to better qualify me to glorify you in what You have called me to do. Several times since then, the Lord has said to me that this is the most powerful prayer man can pray because Jesus is without limit. To emphasize this, one day God showed me a "picture" of Jesus suspended in space looking down at "His creation." Notice He was not looking up and down and all around at His creation, but looking down on it. The size of Jesus in that vision defied description. That was His way of showing me graphically the power and limitlessness of my prayer to learn more of Jesus than any man.

<sup>16</sup>Because of Mary's negative 25% factor, the last Adam had to overcome a disadvantage that the first Adam did not have before he sinned. Finite mind cannot fathom the accomplishments of the only

“This experiment, My son, dwarfed all discoveries by man since the beginning. So when I challenge you spiritually, I have been there. Fasten your seat belt. We are in for exciting times ahead!”

Words received on July 13, 2006

“It is only as you are guided and directed by My Spirit that I am honoring you. You will remember that is the third measure, inclusive of the first and second.<sup>17</sup> It is really not difficult. It is simple but profound and so unlike the “western” way of doing things. ‘I can do anything if I just prepare myself and try hard enough’ gives way to ‘I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me, and without Him I can do nothing.’

“This is a learned way of life, My son. One that My only Son had to learn. The 25% deficiency He inherited from His mother made My job more difficult than it would have been had My Son been without that deficiency. For that reason, My training Him took longer than it otherwise would have taken. As you realize, that not only was the risk factor but it increased the possibility of another failure. In that statement you find My position when I pitted My only Son against an Archangel. This was not a cake walk. It was an all out war in the heavenly places played out in real time – in real life on the earth.

“To some degree now you are beginning to realize the risk I took, the accomplishments of Jesus and the blessing of His obedience to men, women, the heavens and the earth. All of that was riding on the shoulders of My only Son. Only He and I knew the seriousness as it unfolded on the earth to and into the greatest love story of the earth. For I so loved the world and everything I had prepared it for, that I gave My only begotten Son as a sacrifice to heal its wounds.

“And wounded it was. Satan’s objective is devastation of that which I prepared for men. His objectives are exactly the opposites of Mine: hate versus love, scarcity versus abundance, death versus life, sorrow and suffering versus vibrant, effervescent life, sickness versus divine health, demonic control versus Spirit control, defeat versus victory. All of these things, My son, were in the mind of Jesus first, as I trained Him, rather than becoming apparent only as He stepped out at My command to begin His ministry. His job was more

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begotten Son of God.

<sup>17</sup>The three *measures* referred to are the three measures of a believer, a pastor, a church or any entity which bears the name of Christ, given to me by the Lord: (1) The Lord must be first in all things, (2) one must be guided by His rhema word and (3) He must get the glory and the honor. These three measures may have to be given by revelation in order to be understood. It has been my experience that one may not intellectually arrive at these measures and walk in them without rhema word guidance.

than – was greater than – it would have been had He been exactly as was the first Adam before he sinned. But because of Mary’s 25% deficiency, the weight of the whole world on His shoulders was greater than it otherwise would have been. What He gave up to accomplish what He came to do is unfathomable to finite mind. It is only through revelation that this may be made known. Because you, as well, were born with the Adamic sin curse, you will be able to empathize with Him to some degree. What He gave up to become an overcomer for Me is beyond your capacity to know until you shed your earthly cloak. Even then it will be so awesome as to stagger the mind, even the supernatural mind.

This was a chess game between two giants with the world at stake. That’s how great the task and how great the prize. So, My son, even you are blessed by serving My only Son because of His greatness in the kingdom. Serve Him well. Nothing you can do for Him will equate to even the smallest thing He did for you. Serve Him, honor Him, love Him. For indeed, He is worthy of all these and so much more.

“If it were not for My only Son, you might not even be. Your existence might have been impossible. So nothing you can do for Him is too great. No sacrifice is too great, for indeed He prepared the way for you to be; for you to exist in the economy of the kingdom of God this day.

“Praise Him, My son. Give Him honor, glory and praise, for He is the reason for your existence. Nothing is too great to give up for Him. No price is too great to pay for Him, to praise, glorify and honor Him. What He did was to redeem man, woman, the heavens and the earth from the authority and devastation of Satan, for your sake as well as for the sake of all of His redemption.”

Editor’s note

You may wish to criticize me for my open, public criticism of the Church of Christ doctrine in this *letter*. If so, please note that I have waited since December 17, 1997, to publish a rhema word God gave me concerning the *doctrine* of that church. Note also that I am not criticizing members of that church. I still have precious friends who are in that denomination. There are a number of other denominations who also embrace the same legalistic *doctrine*. By God’s grace, one of the waves of the Holy Spirit that swept across this nation in the 1960’s and ‘70’s inundated me and set me free. He can do the same for you. The Lord recently gave me permission to publish His rhema word given to me almost nine years ago.