

NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. Isaiah 42:9

JESUS OF NAZARETH

Part Six

Isaiah's prophecy that now appears in the masthead of my letters states, ". . . and ***new things*** I declare; ***before they spring forth, I will tell you of them.***"

By way of contrast, however, Solomon wrote, "there is ***nothing new*** under the sun."¹ In talking to the Lord about Solomon, his peaceful reign and his stewardship, He reminded me that Solomon was not in the kingdom. He lived under the law of Moses and therefore Isaiah's prophecy does contain some "new things" as that prophet declares. One of these *new things* that is pertinent to the now of time is this: Those who today *make time* to learn to listen for and to hear rhema words from the mouth of God continually² will literally both (1) *prophesy their own future* and (2) *live to see the fulfillment thereof, which no one could do except beginning with this generation!* And that is **something new** reserved only for **this generation!**

God has also said to me that it is a greater blessing to prophesy your own future and live to experience the fulfillment thereof than to prophesy something big and not live to experience its manifestation. Think that statement through beginning with every prophet of God who did not live to see today! It is awesome. I am living that prophetic word and invite you to join me! What a blessing it is to be God's servant today! Saints of God, realize the meaning of these words and rejoice in the Lord for the blessing of being alive to serve Him today.

Solomon also wrote, "There is a time to be born and a *time to die.*"³ I prophesy to you, however, that there are believers alive today who will take the time and exhibit the necessary discipline to hear rhema words from God continually, **WHO WILL NOT DIE!** Remember that it is the listening ear (not the talking mouth) of the bride that will summon the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber.

¹Ecclesiastes 1:9 (b).

²I have explained this previously, but wish to do so again to avoid any misunderstanding. When we learn to listen to the voice of the Lord *continually*, that does not mean continuously (without interruption) but continually (without ceasing) as Paul admonished the church at Thessalonica to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

³Ecclesiastes 3:2.

There ***is*** something new under the sun. I am living Isaiah's prophecy previously cited and I remind you again, the Lord has said to me, "You are not an exception to the rule, you are the rule. I desire this intimate relationship with all My servants!" That is one reason why ***NOW*** is the most exciting time to be alive ever. As believers, we have opportunity for blessings **never before attainable, never before experienced** since the world began. I have been chosen by God to teach and write about these things. He has said to me, "My son, when you are sure about the meaning of my rhema words to you, proclaim it boldly."

Believe that these things about which I write are true. Boldly act on them by faith and join me for the greatest harvest of souls ever, prior to the Rapture! Someone greater than Solomon has come⁴ and He has declared these things to me for your benefit.

Rhema words received 7/27/06

"Now My son, you see My dilemma. I feel the same as you. How do I get believers to take Me seriously and pursue Me even as I desire to pursue them? That has been My problem ever since Adam. The rules of this war are such that My stewards are My storehouse of treasures on the earth. Only as I am able to mature them as I have and as I am maturing you, will the problem be addressed.

"My son, you have much ahead. Just continue to pursue Me daily and We will turn some heads and bless many. I am preparing My bride through you and others like you whom I am training, and remember, My timing is significant. I had to get you here physically before I could teach and use you spiritually. You, therefore, have a double portion blessing that not many have.

"You see, here is My problem. I desire many to come to Me as you have and will use whatever means at My disposal to accomplish My objectives. That means that I first must use the material at hand. Secondly, My time frame dictates that those now alive may participate in this *new thing* with which you are involved. My raw material, therefore, is as it was during My three and one-half year ministry. At that time and at that place I had to use the material available to accomplish My purpose – My objective. I am doing exactly the same thing today with you and others like you who will give themselves to Me as you have, as you are. This giving of one's self must be on

⁴See Luke 12:42 (b).

an ongoing basis to become effective. Otherwise, there is loss.

“You are correct in emphasizing the twofold relationship of spiritual growth.⁵ My Church, My son, does not know this and you and others like you are to teach that. You now see My problem.

“Persistent pursuit of Me must include daily quiet time with Me so I will have opportunity to lure My bride to Me. You see, My son, the raw material available to Me makes no difference. I can take whatever, whomever, and supernaturally shape, mold and train one to become a giant in the kingdom. I specialize in failures. That is My business. Sinners who long for, who desire, all I am able to impart to them and offer themselves to Me unequivocally are all or what I have to work with. Right now you are at the right place at the right time, even as were the twelve disciples in their day and time.

“The main difference, however, is that you and others I am training like you are my unique servants who literally will not die and who will prophesy their own future. Of course, you know this means that their words of prophecy are My rhema words to them. I actually prophesy to them their future as a steward vessel for My end-time activities.

“The *twofold relationship* is essential for marriage. Marriage is about intimacy and requires the consent of both parties. Both parties have a speaking part in the proposal, the acceptance, the marriage and the life to follow. Marriage is based on communication and adoration and cannot be one-sided. It must be two-sided with both partners making the same commitment.

“The twofold relationship implies that the Bridegroom will talk with the bride daily with specific instructions on what to do and that the bride will act only on His instructions. In this manner the will of the Lord (Bridegroom) is known and accomplished.

“Those who move out on their own to do a great work for God are acting outside of His will and are subject to great loss. Only as He instructs are we to act. Any other act does not glorify God, but instead glorifies the one who initiates the action, the activity, and those works will be burned up as wood, hay and stubble.⁶

“This is why one may do great works ‘for God’ including casting out demons and hear, ‘Depart from Me,

⁵The two-fold relationship of spiritual growth refers to (1) our knowing the Lord and (2) the Lord knowing us, which are two separate occurrences. (1) The Holy Spirit introduces us to the Lord whereas (2) it is the listening ear of the bride that summons the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber.

⁶See 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

I never knew you.’⁷ ‘Great works’ undertaken ‘for God’ are anathema in the kingdom and do not give glory to Him.

“When you erroneously claim to do great work **for** God, at His instruction and proceed without instructions **from** God, you are stealing the glory for yourself and become a victim of pride.

“The training of the chosen ones today will be exactly as the twelve were trained. However, *greater blessings lie in store for those who volunteer today.* The reason is that those who volunteer today will prophesy their own future and experience the fulfillment of that prophetic word. That carries a greater blessing than one who may prophesy something great and not live to see its fulfillment.

“This will require the sacrifice of time and the discipline of accomplishment.

“Most failures occur because of lack of discipline. Daily preparation (discipline) is required. An army must have daily manna (rations) to sustain itself. You cannot eat tomorrow’s meal today. Daily rations are necessary to sustain the troops. Included in the daily rations are specific instructions for the day – each day as it occurs – and each day must stand on its own.

“Fresh manna, fresh instructions, fresh directives are required daily in order to secure the victory. An undisciplined army is an army destined to be defeated. Discipline means acting in unity as directed by the Commander to achieve a common goal: complete defeat of the enemy.”

The following rhema words were received on the dates as indicated.

Received on 8/1/06

“Christianity is not a state of action, it is a state of being. The being must proceed the action or the action will be in and of the flesh or of the enemy. Action, any action, all action, regardless of its intent, **will not, cannot produce the being.** Being must be the beginning point or the action will not glorify God.

“It is Ishmael and Isaac all over again. The intent of Sarah and Abraham was to do what God told them to do. And they did so. They thought that their action would produce the being intended by God. Instead it produced chaos, strife, conflict, war, needless death, slaughter and misery for thousands of years. And it continues today.

“God cannot bless any activity we ourselves undertake for God. He does not need any help. We are the ones who need help. And until we learn to spend quiet time before God and learn to listen for and to hear His voice of instruction, we will continue with the Ishmaels in our lives that originate from an immature heart.

⁷See Matthew 7:21-23.

“As we mature in Christ, there will come, there must come, a time *when we dare not undertake anything that God has not specifically instructed us to do*. Prayer, time spent alone with God *listening to Him*, is the only antidote for life, for our light affliction which remains for a little while will soon vanish away.”⁸

Received on 8/3/06

“The only way to be fulfilled in this life is really simple, once you experience the reality of knowing My will for your life and go about that on a daily basis.

“When circumstances prevent your being with Me, you feel the void. That is, when circumstances prevent your doing what I have called you to do, even if it is nothing but the daily ‘housekeeping’ chores of life, the void, the yearning is there.

“My son, you are now where I want you. I want you to be available to Me, not just for your sake, but also for Mine. I yearn for My people, My family, to be engaged in My will, for that is what satisfies the yearning in My heart. My son, even though you are divinely and wonderfully made,⁹ I made you that way for Me. You were created with My divine nature for My divine hunger and thirst to fulfill Me.

“You see, Our needs and the fulfillment thereof are reciprocal in nature for that is the way I created you. I have needs the same as you. When you are walking daily in My will there is a reciprocal fulfillment unavailable for either of Us any other way.

“Oh, My son, if I could just get my precious creation, mankind, to see this, to know and experience this, utopia might be attained in the here and now. The one thing that prevents that, however, is the opposition of the enemy. So long as he is at large, even though his power is limited to the power of suggestion, he is an obstructionist now by nature. So you see what vanity and pride unrestrained will do. They are self destructive, for they have no desire except to thwart My plans. Hence the battle, the conflict remains until after Armageddon. Only then will My poor world begin to experience the benefit of the absence of evil. The absence of evil is the presence of good, for that is the way of My creation.

“As I have said to you, this time I will not be denied, for My only Son will reclaim man, the heavens and the earth in stages, carefully planned stages.¹⁰

“So, My son, I say again, know that everything I

have promised and prophesied to you will come to pass. I wish to showcase you more than you want to be showcased, for this was My idea from the beginning.

“Do you remember your praying for My family?¹¹ That, even that, portends blessings beyond your imagination. But your faithfulness since that activity was completed and your willfulness to completely abandon yourself to Me through bold prayer that challenges even Me, portends blessings ahead planned expressly for you.

“My son, your aggressive faithful obedience has challenged Me more than once. You see, that works this way. As you learn to listen for and to hear My rhema words, the hearing thereof is not only life changing but faith changing as well, *for every rhema word you hear is imparting My own nature to you. You can actually become all I want you to be in this life thereby*. Then, the next step is to remove your earthly cloak so that the intensity of the transition may be stepped up.

“Faith simply is the vehicle, the only vehicle which I have chosen to reclaim man. That way I draw him to Me and once he responds, the task begins. My faith draws him to Me; his faith draws Me to him. It must be that way for the rules of the war so dictate. That way both I and the enemy have equal access to man. He still thinks he can win, for that is his evil nature, but I will prevail for I created him.

“Do not be deterred by those who warn against believers who often say, ‘The Lord told me’ or ‘The Lord spoke to me.’ There is a need to be cautious, but such a blanket statement means that man has not learned to listen for and to hear My rhema words as you have. Did I not tell you that this is a *new thing*?

“You may respond with the precautions in My logos to beware of those who would mislead you and then end up with the conclusion that one who so speaks could be partially correct, but by making such a blanket statement becomes an obstacle to himself.

“It’s like the teacher you recently observed. He was fearful of spiritual warfare done alone because he does not know what I have taught you. The same thing applies to one who would warn against *anyone* who says He frequently hears Me speak. That man is speaking from fear based on lack of knowledge and understanding of My word. So be gentle but firm when you respond, My son, so as to draw instead of repel.”

Received on 8/4/06

“Revelation is the source of true knowledge. The

⁸See 2 Corinthians 4:17; James 4:14.

⁹See Psalm 139:14

¹⁰Twenty of the planned stages are listed in my *letter* dated February 15, 2006, **THY KINGDOM COME, Part Two**, page 2, columns one and two.

¹¹There is insufficient space in this *letter* to explain this statement. However, it is important and will be explained in a future *letter*.

reason that is true is because God is the source of revelation, or God is the source of true knowledge.

“My son, much of your growth is *because of your bold response to My admonition to be bold in prayer*. That coupled with your bold obedience (without strings attached) is responsible for much of your growth. My son, it is not often that the Challenger is challenged. But I love it!

“Imagine My delight to be challenged when most of My body (family) thinks I am mute. I desire to challenge everyone, for My challenges bring one closer to Me. That’s the whole purpose which must begin with hearing My voice. *I challenge with My voice. Your listening ear challenges Me*. One feeds off of, or prompts the other. It’s the seed principle again. I draw you to Me with My Holy Spirit. Then after Holy Spirit baptism, My ability to woo you, to draw you, increases. Then, as you grow, you learn to listen and My word (seed) is implanted within you to grow. Then as your listening/hearing grows and matures, the revelation prompts your Spiritual aggressiveness. That is how My word (seed) is implanted within you to establish the intimacy that I had with Adam.

“When I told you the Adamic sin curse was removed from you, that means the intimacy I initially had with Adam was restored and ***THAT*** removes the sin curse. The sin curse was a cessation of intimacy wherein communication was severed and man was lost. The removal of the sin curse occurs as open and free communication (communion) is reestablished. Now you know the definition of the sin curse.

“Satan’s sin curse was the severance of My relationship with My creation, which was the purpose of My creation. Man was made to have communication, communion, fellowship with Me as a blessing for both man and Myself.

“‘The wages of sin is death’ means the severance of My relationship with man is death to man. The reestablishment of that relationship is life to man. That’s why accepting Jesus as Lord is so important. That one act reestablishes contact with Me and thus saves man. But that is only the beginning. One then begins again as an infant. His response to Me thereafter determines his rate of growth and his reward blessings at the judgment seat of Christ. Christ judges believers because He is the entry way ***back*** into the kingdom. The first Adam was born (created) into the kingdom or the economy of God. Sin, however, severed that. The reestablishment of that entry way into My kingdom was My goal beginning with Adam’s sin. When one comes to Christ by faith, that reestablishes the connection to Me that was severed with Adam’s sin. But for the sin curse to be removed, communication,

communion or intimacy must be restored and that comes through learning to listen for and to hear rhema words from Me.

“My son, the great move of God to bring many souls into the kingdom will come through those who learn to listen as I have taught you. The whole basis for bringing many into the kingdom in these last days is, will be, intimacy or in other words, conversation, dialogue, with My body, My individual family members. That was the intimacy I had with Adam. That must be restored in these last days. As it is restored, that individual is then prepared to be used *beyond anything that has ever occurred on the earth*. The reason is simple. ***That individual is prepared and equipped to listen to me for My instructions, for My instruction is essential for My results to occur***. My son it’s that simple, but that profound!

“The whole scheme of redemption, My son, is to reattach to man My umbilical cord that was severed from Adam when he sinned.

“You can now more clearly see what sin is and what sin does. Adam *deliberately* sinned and suffered death. One cannot live without Me, the source of his life. Knowing Me is life because My life is his source – his only source.

“Satan’s ruse is disbelief of this basic fact. As he succeeds, death is the result. As he fails, life is the result.

“My son, there is much, much more for Us to learn, for Us to enjoy together. You have no idea how much I am blessed by the reckless abandonment of yourself to Me, for that portends blessings for both of Us beyond your ability to know now. But I know and am thrilled at your future for My sake as well as yours.

“Now you are beginning to see, not only how important you are to Me, but how important I am to you. It’s a mutual love affair, My son, made in heaven to be lived out on the earth in real time.

“Jesus is the reconstructor of the umbilical cord. That’s how important He is to the whole process. He earned that right at the cross. The cross, as cruel as it seems, was His graduation ceremony. His gradation of death paid the penalty. His resurrection of life defeated the enemy. It took both. The penalty had to be paid before He could become My connector to My life again.

“So you see how important was My Son to the whole process. He became the key when I fertilized the egg (seed) in Mary’s womb. After that, there was no turning back. The die was cast and Redemption was begun.”

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