

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)

HARVEST TIME

The introduction to this letter is my letter No. 93 dated February 15, 2007. Unless that letter is read, this letter may have an abrupt, misunderstood content. In that letter **I used the words of Jesus** as recorded by the apostle John and Dr. Luke to establish that Jesus of Nazareth in His visible ministry on the earth was not God. He neither was 100% man and 100% God nor was He very man and very God. He was the very **son of man** and the very **son of God**, the two terms He used to describe Himself.¹ Instead of being 100% God, He was 100% submissive and 100% subservient to the Father Who was 100% God. If you have any doubts about that fact, go back and reread my letter #93. If you did not get that letter or would like for me to send you another copy, email your request to my address in the upper right corner of this page.

Jesus of Nazareth was the son of man because He was born through the birth canal of His mother. He was the son of God because God sent His Spirit to fertilize the egg (seed²) in Mary's womb, a function otherwise performed by the sperm of man. For this reason, God was His Father and Jesus, therefore, was the son of God. He came as the last Adam (Paul's writing³) in real time in the exact similitude of the first Adam in order to negate the sin of the first Adam at the cross. God could not do that. Man had to do that. **God could not take the penalty for man's sin because God did not sin, man did.** Therefore God sent One in the exact similitude of the first Adam to live a sinless life (under the Father's explicit, detailed, daily instructions and authority) to offer Himself once and for all as a living sacrifice to negate forever the first Adam's sin.

¹According to the apostle Paul, it is interesting to note that as many as are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God and joint-heirs with Christ (See Romans 8:12-17). Therefore every believer who meets Paul's description is also the son of man **AND** the son of God which are the two terms Jesus used to describe Himself during His personal ministry. Jesus became the Son of God in His first birth while Christians today attain that status in their second birth (See John 3:3-8).

²An egg is a seed that reproduces itself without end. See Genesis 3:15.

³See 1 Corinthians 15:45.

The reason God's servants should see the humanity of Jesus is in order to understand that He accomplished the will of God as the son of man and as the son of God, not as God Himself. **That makes the prophecies of prophet Jesus believable, understandable and attainable in the now of time.**

The two prophecies of Jesus to which I refer are:

(1) “He who believes and is baptized will be saved but he who does not believe will be condemned.”⁴

(2) “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do because I go to the Father.”⁵

Neither of these two prophecies have been fulfilled in their entirety. Before I begin the explanation, hear the words of this servant of God, “Before the rapture of the Church,⁶ **which will occur in this generation**, both of these two prophecies **in every detail** will come to pass!”

The first prophecy concerns salvation or being saved. The two words *salvation* and *saved* are translated from the Greek word “sozo” which means saved, healed, delivered, preserved and made whole.⁷ Here is the expanded meaning

Saved from the influence of the enemy and the beast⁸ (the antichrist).

Healed from all illness, disease and infirmity.

Delivered from all demonic invasion, oppression and addictions.

Preserved to walk in Divine health.

Made whole to walk as Adam did before sin and as Jesus walked in His personal, visible ministry.

The evangelical Church has concentrated on the basic “salvation message,” that is, getting people *saved*

⁴Mark 16:16.

⁵John 14:12.

⁶The rapture of the Church (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17) will not occur as many believe. Lackadaisical believers who are indifferent in their walk with God may be in for a surprise.

⁷See Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, #4982.

⁸Those who will be raptured will be protected from the wiles of the enemy. However, there are faithful believers alive today who will not be raptured, but because of their spiritual maturity, during the Great Tribulation, they will boldly confront the beast (the Antichrist), refuse to worship him and refuse to take his mark on their forehead or right hand and will consequently be beheaded – see Revelation 20:4.

and/or *born again* because of the vast number of people worldwide who have not yet heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is because the Great Commission includes all nations⁹ and all the world.¹⁰ That was and still is the heart of the Gospel.

However, since this imperative was spoken to a small band of followers about two thousand years ago, the gospel message has literally gone around the world via missionaries, radio, television, audio and television tapes, CD's, DVD's books, magazines and Bible translations in many languages of the world. Servants of God are still rightly charged with this imperative.

On the other hand, *something new* has appeared on the horizon. Some prophets of God are saying that believers should get ready for the rapture of the Church. I am among those who believe that and I also believe that some who read this letter will not die! To have that faith derived from the knowledge of written biblical prophecy is a great blessing. To hear that spoken as fact from the mouth of God to confirm biblical prophecy is even a greater blessing. I know someone who has had that confirmation from Him!

Some servants of the Lord alive today will literally see the Lord descend from heaven, hear the shout, the voice of the archangel and the blast of the trumpet and then shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air (clouds), as the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica.¹¹

For this reason, even as you read these words, God is in the process of calling men and women out of the pew, bypassing a corrupted pastoral system¹² whereby He will train, prepare, equip, commission and send them out with instructions to bring in **the greatest harvest of souls that has ever occurred on planet earth, just prior to the rapture.**

Among those who will be called *out of the pew* will be those who will learn to listen for and to hear the voice

of the Lord continually.¹³ As I have written previously, this is a learned process. It is like neither the gift of prophecy¹⁴ nor the office of prophet.¹⁵ It is a learned procedure available to every Spirit filled believer who has an insatiable hunger and thirst for God.

The *first prophecy* of Jesus listed in this letter (Mark 16:16) will be fulfilled in the lives of those being prepared by God (even as you read these words) to participate in the greatest harvest of souls to occur on planet earth.

The first prophecy is actually supplemental to or tied to the *second one* found in John 14:12. ***Some of the works Jesus did*** have been done and/or are being done selectively through faithful servants of God today. Before we look at His works, hear again what Jesus said, "The works that I do he (believers) will do also and greater works than these will he do because I go to the Father." That's where He is today.¹⁶

I have included only a few bible references in the following list of His works because the works are commonly known and are referenced numerous times in the Gospels.

He (1) turned water into wine, (2) cleansed lepers, (3) restored a withered hand¹⁷ (creation miracle), (4) healed mental and physical illness, disease and infirmities, (5) multiplied loaves and fish to feed 4000 men (estimated 8 to 10,000 total) and 5000 men (estimated 10 to 12,000 total), (6) stilled (calmed) the wind and waves by speaking to them, (7) raised the dead, (8) walked on water, (9) restored sight to the blind, (10) hearing to the deaf and (11) speech to the mute and (12) deliverance from demons, usually with a word.¹⁸

Although not included in His *works*, here are some attributes of His ministry which accompanied His works: He (1) often said to the one asking for healing, "**your faith** has made you well" or "be it unto you according to **your faith**," (2) on occasion **as many as touched Him**

⁹Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:47.

¹⁰Mark 16:15.

¹¹See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

¹²These are the exact words God gave me. If you want to understand the meaning of "a corrupted pastoral system," look around to see what is coming forth from some pulpits. The "gospel" of convenience, of perversion, including those who will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears; they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. Faithful pastors have no need for concern. They will be greatly blessed by this *new thing on the horizon*, the abundant harvest forthcoming from the latter rain of James 5:7 so that they will have to hold multiple services just to take care of the crowds.

¹³Not continuously, meaning without interruption, but continually, which means with interruption but without cessation. The same concept as when the apostle Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

¹⁴See 1 Corinthians 12:10.

¹⁵See Ephesians 4:11.

¹⁶See Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12.

¹⁷See Matthew 12:10; Mark 3:3; Luke 6:6.

¹⁸More than 40% of His healings where the one healed was identified or identifiable, He healed by casting out a demon or demons. That same problem persists today. See My letter #22 dated July 20, 1999.

were made well,¹⁹ (3) **was limited in His spiritual authority (power)** to minister in His home town because of the lack of faith in those who knew Him²⁰ and (4) in some instances **He healed everyone who came to Him.**

These two lists do not include the greater works that Jesus prophesied in John 14:12.

If you will read carefully the details in the prophecy of Jesus recorded in Mark 16:16 (page one column two of this letter) and then carefully read the twelve items I have listed under the “works” that Jesus did during His earthly ministry as referenced in John 14:12 (beginning on page two, column two of this letter), you may conclude as I have that neither of these two prophecies have been fulfilled in detail.

If Jesus prophesied it, **it will come to pass.**

An additional reason it will come to pass

More than seven hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied, “Behold the former things have come to pass, and *new things* I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”²¹ The Lord has said to me that the “**new things**” about which Isaiah prophesied are the “**greater things**” about which Jesus prophesied as recorded in John 14:12.

The way it will come to pass

The calling and training of faithful servants from the pew as referenced in this letter (beginning on page two, column one, paragraph four) is already in progress. Servants of God who have been faithful without a specific call in their life, who will learn to hear the voice of the Lord daily, may be trained by the Lord Himself to go forth commissioned with John 14:12 in a similar way that He sent out the seventy and the twelve.

They will be taught by the Lord in a similar manner as were the twelve during His personal ministry. He taught them daily and it was hearing His words that made them “clean” in preparation to be sent out (See John 15:3).

Those chosen who will be obedient, will be under the direct, daily instruction of the Lord Jesus exactly as He was subservient and submissive to the Father in His three and one-half year ministry. The training will come through hearing rhema words from Him daily. Those rhema words will literally change the obedient hearer into “Our likeness, Our image” as Adam and Eve were created (before sin) and as Jesus was during His thirty-three and one-half years on the earth. Hearing rhema

words continually is the “latter rain” preceding the harvest, of which James wrote, and is the believer’s Sabbath rest of Hebrews 4:1-11. Here is why hearing rhema words daily for God’s prescribed time is sufficient training.

“Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word (rhema) that proceeds **from the mouth of God.**”²² First, notice from these words of Jesus that every word (rhema) of God comes **from the mouth of God.** Secondly, every word from the mouth of God is **spiritual Jesus.**²³ Thirdly, each word is transmitted or revealed to the believer **by the Holy Spirit. Therefore the Godhead is literally in every rhema word** one hears! That is why one is changed into “*Their image, Their likeness*” as he obediently hears rhema words daily according to God’s sufficiency of time. There is no way to remain the same when one learns to hear the voice of God continually. Those words have the same power as when God said, “‘Let there be light’ and there was light.”²⁴

Many Christians in the first century A. D. believed that the “coming of the Lord” (the rapture) was eminent in their day. That has been the case in a number of generations since. While I may be criticized for my aggressive statements concerning the Lord’s eminent return (rapture), that has not changed my faith in what has been revealed to me as I have learned to listen to His voice daily. With this in mind, hear these words from two verses in the fifth chapter of James:

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and **latter rain.** **8** You also be patient. Establish your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

The latter rain, of which James wrote, is *rhema rain* on faithful obedient servants of God, to become saved (sozo), *commissioned with John 14:12* and sent out by the Lord to bring in the final abundant harvest immediately prior to the rapture.

Some servants of God who are being trained by Him to hear His voice continually will be saved (sozo) and commissioned with John 14:12 to participate in the great pre-rapture harvest, but will remain after the rapture.

¹⁹See Mark 6:56; Matthew 9:20.

²⁰See Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:4, 5.

²¹Isaiah 42:9.

²²Matthew 4:4.

²³John 1:14.

²⁴Genesis 1:3.

They will be chosen to remain afterward to boldly confront the beast (the antichrist) and refuse his mark on their forehead or right hand, knowing full well they will be beheaded. Here is the apostle John's record confirming this fact from Revelation, chapter 20:

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those **who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark in their foreheads or on their hands.** And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Here is a word of explanation concerning those who will be saved (sozo) and commissioned with John 14:12: Will they immediately begin doing all of the twelve works Jesus did as enumerated in this letter? No. Absolutely, no! Those who are commissioned and sent out will be subservient and submissive to the Lord daily, just as He was subservient and submissive to the Father daily in His earthly ministry. Those sent out will be equipped to do all of the works of Jesus, including the greater works, **but only as directed by the Lord and led by the Holy Spirit.** This is why it is necessary that those who are being trained must learn to hear the voice of the Lord daily, about which I have written for years. This is one of the prerequisites of being chosen. Hearing the voice of the Lord continually is essential to being chosen and trained, for that is the way each one will be directed after being sent out.

As a supplement to my letter No. 93, referenced in the opening paragraph of this letter, here are rhema words of explanation from the Lord on the similarity of Adam and Jesus of Nazareth.

Given the morning of May 12, 2005

Jesus had to come as a supernatural man, the same as Adam, in order to negate the evil effect of Adam's sin. It took a man identical to Adam to negate Adam's mistake; otherwise the sacrifice of Jesus would have been of no effect. A perfect Man, (as Adam was before his sin), had to give his sinless life, to atone for the **sin nature** of man, caused by Adam's sin. So you see, My son, the second Adam could not have come as God, for that would not have sufficed to negate the sin problem. God could not negate the sin problem any way except through another of His creations exactly like the first Adam. In addition, the further complication of the second Adam was that He, in order to be exactly like the

first Adam, had to be born according to the law of procreation set forth in the first Adam in order to negate the first Adam's error. So you see, My laws had to be observed exactly as I preordained through the laws of procreation set forth in the first Adam in order to negate his (the first Adam's) error. My laws had to be observed exactly as I preordained through the laws of procreation set forth in the first Adam.

Everything, My son, after the law of procreation set forth in the first Adam, had to be done within those laws of procreation to validate the arrival (birth) of the second Adam.

So, in essence, the second Adam was exactly like the first Adam, that is, a supernatural man born **without** the *sin nature*, for it is *the sin nature* that separates man from God. Without the *sin nature*, man was intended to be a supernatural being, totally unlike man today, but totally like the Second Adam.

My son, look at the Second Adam with this in mind as you peruse John and the Gospels and see how man was intended to be originally.

You are right. I did not come as God, but as a God-made man, that is, a man made in God's image to fulfill the heart of God as His family and to populate the earth with the presence of God's offspring made in His image, His likeness, to enjoy His heritage and surroundings to fulfill both man and God to the full, says God to you this morning.

If you will note, as you did this morning, **that I never set out to do anything but what the Father directed Me to do. I did not judge, act, nor speak on My own. Each action, each judgment and each spoken (rhema) word was directed by the Father, which made us One and glorified the Father, who in turn glorified the Son.**

Learn to hear the voice of God continually. **The blessings are unlimited** and you will never be the same. Since each *rhema* word contains the Godhead,²⁵ the attributes that Jesus of Nazareth exhibited in His personal ministry will gradually be imparted to the hearer in the latter rhema rain preceding the final harvest. That is the way believers will once again be changed into *Our likeness, Our image* (See Genesis 1:26).

²⁵See page 3, column 2, paragraph 2 of this letter.