

## ***NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS***

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring the **new things** of Isaiah 42:9 and the **greater things** of John 14:12

### **INTIMACIES REVEALED**

#### **Introduction**

The Lord recently said to me, "My intimacies with you need to be known." For that reason, I have chosen to share some things in this letter that I might otherwise edit out of the text. As these intimacies are shared, realize that they could have been said to you since God is no respecter of persons.<sup>1</sup> He has further said to me that it is His desire to lavish Himself on all of His servants. That comes by faith with a price but the cost is infinitesimal compared to the blessings.

#### **The beginning**

My intimacy with Him began with learning to hear His voice intermittently at first, then continually. That was, unknowingly at the time, in preparation for the later simultaneous manifestation of the *new things* of Isaiah 42:9 and the *greater things* of John 14:12. (Note the change in the masthead of this letter)

Much of what we hear about the Lord Jesus today occurred about two thousand years ago as recorded in the bible. That's because the "salvation message" has not changed and that is of the utmost importance.

On the other hand, hearing only what He said two thousand years ago may make Him seem to be a distant Savior rather than a personable One who desires intimacy with His followers.

From the book of Hebrews, we learn that "in time past God spoke to His people by the prophets, but today speaks to us by His Son."<sup>2</sup> While on the earth during His personal, visible ministry, in referring to Himself as a Shepherd, He said, "the sheep hear His voice and follow Him for they know His voice."<sup>3</sup> He also said, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me."<sup>4</sup> Learning to hear His voice *as a servant* is a failsafe procedure, for Jesus said, "They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, *for they do not know the voice of strangers.*"<sup>5</sup>

The apostle John, who had a special relationship with

the Lord, wrote, "And truly Jesus did many things in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book (John's Gospel).<sup>6</sup> As one learns to hear His voice continually, he may hear some of the unrecorded things to which John refers. I have heard many of them personally. Some will be revealed in this letter. In my experience, each such revelation:

- (1) will agree either in detail or in principle with the written record, which acts as a governor of the rhema,
- (2) may supplement or confirm other scripture,
- (3) will literally be spiritual food and drink,
- (4) will cause you to hunger and thirst for more (righteousness),
- (5) will point to the Lord and will glorify and exalt Him,
- (6) may reveal the meaning of a certain scripture verse or verses, since revelation is the source of true knowledge,
- (7) will result in exponential growth in faith since "faith comes by hearing."
- (8) will change your life because each rhema word heard contains the Godhead,<sup>7</sup>
- (9) will create an interest in and an excitement about knowing the Lord personally, otherwise unattainable,
- (10) will make the Lord more real to you than you can imagine,
- (11) will leave you at peace, eager for the next encounter with the Master,
- (12) may lead you into a ministry for Him you never dreamed of.

It has been revealed to me that the "great cloud of witnesses" referenced in Hebrews 12:1, 2 (a), as well as our saved loved ones who are also in heaven, may be informed of our activities on the earth by the Holy Spirit. Through the same Spirit, on one occasion He told me that my deceased family (mother, father and two sisters) know of my activities for Him on the earth. That is intimacy. Once you learn to listen for and to hear His voice continually, life becomes a whole new ball game!

Shortly after the resurrection of Jesus, two disciples

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<sup>1</sup>See Deuteronomy 16:19.

<sup>2</sup>See Hebrews 1:1, 2 (a).

<sup>3</sup>See John 10:4.

<sup>4</sup>See John 10:27.

<sup>5</sup>See John 10:5.

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<sup>6</sup>John 20:30.

<sup>7</sup>For an explanation that each rhema word contains the Godhead, see Jim Ash letter No. 106, dated May 15, 2008, page one, column two, paragraph two.

who witnessed His crucifixion in Jerusalem, started the seven-mile walk to their home in Emmaus. On the way home, as they were reminiscing about the events of the past several days, Jesus Himself, in visible bodily form, drew near and accompanied them on their journey. Their eyes were restrained so that they did not know Him.

Jesus then asked them about their conversation and why they were sad. Cleopas, one of the two disciples, answered and said to Him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have you not known the things which happened there in these days?” They then related to Him the events of the last few days concerning Jesus of Nazareth, how they hoped He was going to redeem Israel. But instead, the Jewish leaders delivered Him to be condemned to death and crucified. Three days later certain women who arrived at His tomb early, found it empty and two angels told them He was not dead but risen.

Then Jesus, still unknown to the two disciples, began to share with them all things concerning Himself as recorded by Moses and all the prophets. At dusk, the three arrived at the home of the two disciples in Emmaus and Jesus accepted their invitation to supper. At the supper table, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him and He vanished from their sight.<sup>8</sup>

That same hour the two became so excited, they immediately started the seven-mile walk back to Jerusalem. *That’s what hearing His voice will do to you!*

What I have experienced since I have learned to listen to the voice of the Emmaus Traveler continually, is like that of the two disciples, with this exception. I have not visibly seen Him nor heard His voice audibly<sup>9</sup> as did the two from Emmaus. However, I have seen two visions of Him and I have learned to hear his light, delicate, *silent*, “voice” continually.

I have been on the Emmaus road with a fellow Traveler for several years. The Emmaus road is unlike the Romans road.<sup>10</sup> Disciples on the Romans road do a lot of talking. Disciples on the Emmaus road do a lot of listening.

The message of the Romans road has not changed for

two thousand years because the Person of the “salvation message” has not changed, for He is the same yesterday, today and forever.<sup>11</sup> Servants on the Romans road must remain faithful to their calling and election.

However, the Romans road may lead to the much less traveled Emmaus road. On the Emmaus road today one may enter into his Sabbath rest *in silence* as rhema words from the fellow Traveler transform his life one Word at a time, one day at a time. That is the road I am on and I invite you to join me.

A born-again faithful servant of God has indwelling within him the Godhead, that is, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul gave us evidence of this fact when he wrote, “Do you not know that Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified.”<sup>12</sup> The apostle then confirms that statement with these words, “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you.”<sup>13</sup> Then the conclusion is sealed with these words, “For in Him (Christ) dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”<sup>14</sup> Since Christ dwells within us and within Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily, the fullness of the Godhead bodily indwells faithful servants of God.

This explains why Jesus said, “The kingdom is within you.” This also explains how we may hear the voice of God continually and how *each member of the Godhead* may speak to us, depending on our need at the time. God is neither far away nor mute. He desires to talk to (or with) every servant of God who will take time to listen. This does not imply an occasional word or impartation but a continual intimate relationship.

#### Rhema words from the Lord on May 2, 2007

My son, have I not said to you a number of times that **EVERYTHING** I have promised and prophesied to you will come to pass? Therefore settle that **NOW**. I will provide **EVERYTHING** necessary for you to accomplish **EVERYTHING** I have called you to do. I am God. I am Jehovah-jireh<sup>15</sup> who cannot fail for My words are always creative of whatever I speak. Remember that. The rest is left up to you. Upon you then falls the responsibility of receiving My promises by the words of your mouth. That

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<sup>8</sup>See Luke 24:13-33 for this story of the two disciples from Emmaus.

<sup>9</sup>I have heard the audible voice of the Lord only once. In my experience the continual voice of the Lord about which I write is not audible but comes as an inaudible, *silent* delicate *thought* or “voice.”

<sup>10</sup>The Romans road to salvation is comprised of eight scripture references from the book of Romans (available on the web at “Romans Road”) that lead one to salvation and sanctification.

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<sup>11</sup>See Hebrews 13:8.

<sup>12</sup>2 Corinthians 13:5.

<sup>13</sup>Galatians 4:19.

<sup>14</sup>Colossians 2:9.

<sup>15</sup>The Meaning of Jehovah-jireh is **THE LORD WILL PROVIDE**.

is why life and death are in the power of the tongue.<sup>16</sup> If I have said it, speak it, is the rule of life. **That means all of your words ARE CONFIRMATION of what you speak.**<sup>17</sup> Until you learn that, confusion proceeds from your mouth.

When Adam sinned, good and evil were diffused within him so that he could not distinguish between the two and so became lost. *You will have what you say*<sup>18</sup> is a powerful principle. You may teach that, My son. That has been neglected in My body on the earth.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”<sup>19</sup> When you begin to govern the words of your mouth by My word, you are simply saying what I have said and therefore are claiming it (or that) for yourself.

Do you now see what I mean? I have said it. Therefore it is creative truth. When the enemy says it, it is destructive of truth and creative of evil. That’s the main difference.

When I said death and life are in the power of the tongue, this simply means that as you speak My words, life is the result. If you speak the enemy’s words, death is the result. By words of your mouth you choose whom you will obey.

By words of your mouth, you choose sides.

By words of your mouth you choose whom you obey. Isn’t that simple, but so profound.

This needs to be made known, My son, and I appoint you to proclaim it loudly in your teaching and your writing.

*By using My words as I have instructed, one may gradually transform his life – his physical body from illness to wellness.*<sup>20</sup> As that one speaks My word, they are creative of life and destructive of death. Life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Remember, when Adam sinned, he obeyed the father of lies. That moment he opened the door to doubt, fear,

unbelief, insecurity, uncertainty, confusion and death.<sup>21</sup>

By sinning, Adam opened the door of his mind to Satan. It was then that he became confused. It was then that the tree of Satan bore fruit in Adam’s life. *He ate of that fruit by listening to and hearing words of Satan.*

**In the spirit world, feeding comes through listening to either Me or the enemy. That is always the way of being fed spiritually. The principle applies to both My words and Satan’s words.**

Spiritual feeding ALWAYS comes by spiritual listening, hearing and obedience thereunto, whether of listening to and believing My words unto life or the words of Satan unto death. Now isn’t that simple?

My son, **this is a principle that needs to be made known.**

The way Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was to listen to the words of Satan in his mind and believe them in his heart, and the manifestation came forth exactly as I, Jehovah-jireh, said. My word is always truth.

The way you know and receive the way of God, the truth of God and the life of God is to learn to listen for and to hear rhema words from Me daily.

Until the Millennium, that’s the way it will be.

The words of your mouth may produce life or death to the one who speaks and to the one who listens, hears and believes. Words, **all words** have a life of their own. This is the way of words. As you speak, you plant seeds (thoughts).

As the seeds find a *receptive heart*, they are watered thereby and begin to grow unto harvest. That one then becomes a seed sower and a life saver or a life destroyer, depending on the one who sowed the seed.

The seed is the Word. When you hear the Word in your mind (perception), believe it in your heart, and confess it with your mouth, you will have what you say. If it’s the word of God, life. If it’s the enemy’s word, death. That is the way he traps many unsuspecting souls. His way is relentless, destructive of good and life *and that is the way he is fed*. When evil prevails, he is exalted. When good prevails, I am exalted.

Now, My son, armed with this truth, **proclaim it loudly**. My church needs to know this truth. The truth that **ALL SPIRITUAL FEEDING** is accomplished by hearing spiritual words, whether unto life or unto death, is a truth that needs to be known. Do your best, My son,

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<sup>16</sup>See Proverbs 18:21.

<sup>17</sup>This means that all of your words **confirm or create** what you speak.

<sup>18</sup>See Mark 11:23 (b).

<sup>19</sup>Proverbs 3:5, 6.

<sup>20</sup>I know personally more than one person who walks in divine health by practicing the principle in this statement. That is really the “proof of the pudding.” Of what value is the principle if it cannot transform a life?

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<sup>21</sup>One way the spirit wars against the flesh is for good and evil to be diffused within man so that he cannot distinguish between the two.

to incorporate this truth into your life, teaching, writing and speaking and so accomplish My will in your life.

You are just beginning to see the meaning of **I AM** the **MORE** of (in) your life and **I AM** without limit.

My son, you are now beginning to see the value of hearing My rhema words daily. The reason these things are being revealed now is because of the stepped-up activities of the enemy. *This should be made known as protection from the enemy and his evil ways.*

The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is that which is produced by the knowledge of good and evil. When one hears Satan's lies in his mind and believes it in his heart, that thought is manifested in his life and he becomes a follower of Satan, which is the fruit of (that which is produced by) Satan's tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The thing Satan did not say to Adam was this: When you eat of My fruit (listen to and believe my words) you will have the knowledge of good and evil, but the two will become diffused within you so that you are unable to distinguish between the two, and so become lost from God.<sup>22</sup>

This is Satan's way of deceit. His lies often are half-truths. One half sounds good, looks good, feels good and tastes good, or appeals to one's pride, but the other half is misery, confusion, discontentment, despair, disillusionment and death.

You are fed physically by eating with your mouth.

You are fed spiritually by hearing words from God's mouth that are spoken to you.

Physical feeding comes through your mouth.

Spiritual feeding comes through God's mouth.

As God's spoken (rhema) words (thoughts) are heard, He feeds you with Himself.

As Satan's spoken (rhema) words (thoughts) are heard, **he** feeds you with himself.

The reason life and death are in the power of the tongue is because as we speak words of God, life is produced. As we speak words of Satan, death is produced.

This principle applies to both kingdoms. The kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God.

The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is produced by listening to and believing the words (thoughts) of the enemy. Every tree produces fruit of its own kind. It will either produce good fruit or bad (evil) fruit. The application is that the two trees in the midst of

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<sup>22</sup>It is then that your choices will be governed by the flesh because it looks good, tastes good, feels good or appeals to one's pride. And that's the way the flesh wars against the spirit.

the garden represent the presence of (1) good (God) and (2) evil (Satan). As Adam had equal access to both in the garden of Eden, so man today has equal access to both. We choose whom we will serve by determining to whom we will listen and obey.

I added the following note after transcribing and printing the above rhema word:

Both God and Satan had the legal right to be in the midst of the garden of Eden. God's right stemmed from the fact that, "The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."<sup>23</sup> Satan's legal right stemmed from the fact that Lucifer (his original name) was "called" or created by God to subdue the pre-Adamic earth and have dominion over it.<sup>24</sup> Satan's iniquity then caused God to destroy the pre-Adamic earth in His fierce anger. Since the gifts and call of God are without repentance (irrevocable), Satan therefore had the legal right to be in the midst of the garden.

From the Genesis record, we learn that *God did not cause the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to grow out of the ground.* He said that the tree of life was **also** in the midst of the garden, **and** the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam did not eat with his mouth the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The way he ate of that fruit was to hear Satan's tantalizing words in his mind and believe them in his heart and therein lies the sin. It's as Paul says about the word of God: "If you confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."<sup>25</sup>

That principle also applies to Satan's words. If you confess with your mouth Satan's words of evil and believe them in your heart, you will be lost. For with the heart one believes unto evil and with the mouth confession is made unto losing your soul. You will have what you say, whether God's word unto life or Satan's word unto death. Spiritual food, all spiritual food, whether from God or Satan, is eaten by hearing and believing words from either source. It's that simple. And that's why death and life are in the power of the tongue.

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<sup>23</sup>Psalm 14:1.

<sup>24</sup>See Jim Ash letter No 16 dated January 10, 1999, entitled **EARTH 101**, on the subject of Lucifer's authority and rule over the per-Adamic earth.

<sup>25</sup>Romans 10:9, 10.