

## NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly proclaiming the new things of Isaiah 42:9 and the greater things of John 14:12 in this generation

### RESTORATION OF MAN AND THE EARTH Part Six

The prophetic words in this letter are enclosed in quotations and were given to me by the Lord on the dates as indicated. The bold fonts, italics and underlining have been added for emphasis.

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“Yes, My son, now is the time to emphasize the Gospels. The Gospels are the heart of scripture and yet My people don't know their content. Proof of that is when you presented that truth in a class, it so upset a student she reported you to authorities as one who teaches error. That is a good illustration of how little My people know of Me.

“**The instructional part**<sup>1</sup> of the New Testament is emphasized. The relational part of the New Testament is not emphasized.

“This is the way the enemy has invaded the church. One who ceases to ‘conquer’ the scripture with self effort, who then learns to listen to Me and spends time with Me daily, **will have imparted to him instruction on interactive relationships with others, with spouses, with civil government and all other relationships with which they are involved.**

“Then when they read in the New Testament about the activities of life, they will understand what is written because rhema words of instruction simplify what is written. That is the only way to understand what is written because **you must hear what I say to understand what I said** (that which is written). It has always been that way.

“Hearing from Me is not just a way of life for My leaders. My leaders are to point others to Me for I long to have an intimate relationship with all of My people, for that is the way of a fulfilled life. That life may not have the *outward beckoning glitter* of the world, but it is the only way of living a fulfilled life.

“Yes, even the ‘unsaved,’ the ‘unchurched,’ and many ‘in the church’ **are My prodigals**. As soon as

they are successfully pointed to Me, many will excel as My most noble ones and some will exceed even that. Thus, the power of the enemy is exposed.

“What I am giving you today is something for you to teach. That teaching unleashed early in one's life is a powerful spiritual tool to defeat the enemy.

“My son, as you know, the New Testament is about the Gospels. The Old Testament is without a purpose without the Gospels. The Gospels are the focal point of ALL that is written.

“Lucifer's iniquity was the beginning of the Gospels in planning stage. The Adamic world was in preparation for the Gospels 4000 years in advance. The destruction of Noah's flood was about the Gospels. Abraham, Moses, the law and the prophets were all about the Gospels.

“The Bible may be diagramed as a pyramid with the Gospels at the top peak in the form of a capstone. The capstone of a pyramid is a single miniature pyramid, cut from a single stone at the quarry to be placed at the top of the structure to insure the integrity of the whole pyramid. Without the capstone, the pyramid will begin to deteriorate. Weather and temperature extremes will then enter at the top and undermine the integrity of the whole structure.

“The Gospels are the capstone of both the Old and the New Testaments.

“The New Testament writers did not have the New Testament as a guide. All they had was the Old Testament. They therefore had to depend on an intimate relationship with Me to write as they did. **Those writers are no different from you**. They are, they were, like you. They had to learn to listen to My voice to understand the Old Testament. As they listened to My voice, My rhema words, the light of those words shone on the Old Testament – that which was written – with understanding. That was the source of their writing and that was the way they wrote.

“The apostle Paul is a good example. The three years in Arabia<sup>2</sup> and the other fourteen-year period of time in his life<sup>3</sup> are good examples. Paul as a young

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<sup>1</sup>The instructional part of the New Testament may include the writing of Paul, James, Peter, John and Jude, excluding John's Gospel and the book of Revelation.

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<sup>2</sup>See Galatians 1:17, 18.

<sup>3</sup>See Galatians 2:1.

man lived in opposition to Jesus of Nazareth. Paul did not have the first hand knowledge of John. The reason Paul wrote much of the New Testament was not just because he had an excellent mind. It was because he spent more time with Me, listening to My voice, as you have. He spent years listening to My voice without the benefit of the New Testament. It was what he learned by listening to My voice for years that allowed him to write as he did. Here are some examples:

I interrupt the prophetic word here to insert the following seven examples of Paul's writing sources to show how they are related to Paul's prayer life (as he learned to listen), as I have been instructed:

**Interruption of the prophetic word**

(1) "Now concerning virgins: **I have no commandment** from the Lord; yet **I give judgment** as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. **I suppose therefore** that this is good because of the present distress . . . ."<sup>4</sup>

(2) "**I speak not by commandment**, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others."<sup>5</sup>

(3) "And in this **I give advice**: It is to your advantage not to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago"<sup>6</sup>

(4) "**I charge you** therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will . . . ."<sup>7</sup>

(5) "**For I received from the Lord** that which I also delivered to you . . . ."<sup>8</sup>

(6) "How that **by revelation He made known to me** the mystery . . . ."<sup>9</sup>

(7) Now **the Spirit expressly says** that in latter times some will depart . . . ."<sup>10</sup>

Notice in the first four examples, Paul wrote,

- without commandment but gives his judgment.
- by (his) supposition.
- not by commandment.
- to give his advice.
- to personally charge (admonish) Timothy.

In these five examples of what we call scripture, **we have Paul's opinion, His judgment, his**

**supposition, his admonition and his advice.** The reason Paul's opinion, his judgment, his supposition, his admonition and his advice was accepted **as part of the canon of scripture** is because his listening to rhema words from the Lord imparted to him maturity that may be obtained no other way.

Now notice that in the next three examples, Items (5), (6) and (7), (Paul wrote

- what he received from the Lord
- by revelation
- as the Spirit expressly spoke to him.

I consider that each of these three Sources are the same.

The reason Paul wrote more of the New Testament than any other writer was because he was unencumbered in his ministry and because he spent more time listening to the voice of the Lord than the other writers. Each word he heard from the mouth of God contained spirit, life, love, truth and light. The light of EACH of those rhema words shone on (enlightened) the Old Testament scriptures to impart spiritual understanding and maturity. That is why he wrote so prolifically. This is related to prayer that may generally comprise two parts:

(1) Expressing to God our desires, requests, needs, wants, distresses, disappointments, praises and thanksgivings and receiving his answers through dreams, visions and other Holy Spirit communications.

(2) Learning to be quiet before Him to hear His voice. This type of prayer may be divided into two general segments:

(a) Learning to listen to His voice wherein He ministers to our needs or the needs of others through us. This type of prayer may be **initiated by the believer** and has been available to man from the beginning.

(b) **Being instructed by God Himself** to discontinue talking to Him in prayer, but instead to spend quiet time before Him daily with no prayer agenda except to listen to Him tell us His needs in training preparation for ministry. His needs are greater and more important than ours. This may begin with Him gently suggesting that we discontinue a certain part of our daily prayers, for example, until He may say something like, "Hereafter when you come to spend quiet time with Me, come with no prayer agenda. If I want you to pray, I will tell you." Several years ago when He began to train Me to spend quiet time with Him with no prayer agenda, I was praying for an hour and a half to two hours daily, much of which was spiritual warfare prayer He had taught me to do. Then

<sup>4</sup>See 1 Corinthians 7:25, 26.

<sup>5</sup>2 Corinthians 8:8.

<sup>6</sup>2 Corinthians 8:10.

<sup>7</sup>See 2 Timothy 4:1.

<sup>8</sup>See 1 Corinthians 1:23.

<sup>9</sup>See Ephesians 3:3.

<sup>10</sup>See 1 Timothy 4:1.

one day He said to me, “If I tell you to discontinue a certain part of your daily prayers, I will assign that to someone else or there will no longer be a need for that prayer.” Thereafter, I had no reluctance to discontinue my prayer “agenda” as He instructed me. I do not suggest that you do this unless He instructs you to do so. **This type of prayer is new for this rapture generation and is one of the “new things” of Isaiah 42:9 in preparation for the “greater things” ministry of John 14:12.**

Continuation of the prophetic word

“The apostle Paul was no different a man than any man today. **Believers today have the same capacity to hear My voice that Paul had.**

“**Believers today have an advantage over Paul.** You have the Gospels. There you learn more about Me than you may learn from all of the rest of the Bible. The Gospels are why the Bible was written. The Gospels are the spiritual glue that holds the Bible together.

“Spend time with the Lord daily. Learn to hear His soft, quiet, inaudible, thought or ‘whisper’ that may be easily ignored. He does not demand equal time. You must give it to have it.

“While you are learning to hear His voice daily, write His words in a journal. Take your journal with you when you spend quiet time with Him. **That’s the way the Bible was written.**

“Then as you thusly spend time with Him daily, devour the Gospels. Much of the church knows more about Paul’s letters than they know about the Gospels. That must be reversed for proper growth. The Gospels are the foundation. None of the Old Testament prophets had it. None of the New Testament writers had it. You have it available at your finger tips.

“Devour the Gospels. There you find out what I said and did, not what someone else said about Me nor someone else’s opinion about Me.

“Devour the Gospels and believe what I said. **Claim EVERY PROMISE I made FOR YOURSELF.** You must ask for those promises (blessings) in order to possess them. When you ask for them, then I know you are My servant – even further, My friend, a friend that sticks closer than a brother.<sup>11</sup> As your Friend, I now have the authority to give you every blessing – every promise I made. Further, I long to give you all I have promised!

““Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will

find; knock and it will be opened to you,<sup>12</sup> ‘for behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.’<sup>13</sup>

“When you dine with me, I talk to you.

“When I dine with you, you talk to Me.

“Come, for the table is spread, for I have made ready for you the feast of Life.

“Come unto me all you who are weary and heaven laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your souls<sup>14</sup> **is for ALL OF MY PRODIGALS.** The ‘unsaved,’ the ‘unchurched,’ and many ‘in the church’ who are not in the kingdom are My prodigals held captive by the enemy who is a friend of the world.<sup>15</sup>

“**My super apostles will minister to the prodigals of the world who, by the power of miracles performed, will be compelled<sup>16</sup> to enter into the feast of Life. For behold, I come quickly.**”

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“Yes, My son, you are living something that is unique, something **NEW** prophesied by Isaiah 42:9. When you learn to hear My voice and put Me first in your life is when true life really begins.

“You will remember I said that those enrolled in My school of the prophets would prophesy their own future and write their own texts? You are living that life now.

“One characteristic of the activity of the Holy Spirit is ‘suddenly.’ That means ‘without notice’ or ‘without warning.’ But that may be descriptive of the action of the Holy Spirit within one who has not fully matured. One who has matured spiritually may know God’s will for his life **in**

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<sup>12</sup>Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:9.

<sup>13</sup>Revelation 3:20.

<sup>14</sup>Matthew 11:28, 29.

<sup>15</sup>This paragraph may give you a different understanding of the parable of the prodigal son as recorded in Luke 15:11-32. In that parable, the father is God, the elder brother is a law keeper who is the son of his Father but whose heart has not been circumcised of the flesh. The prodigal son is everyone alive on planet earth who is not in the kingdom because God formed each one of them in the womb and He therefore is their Father. Every prodigal is a captive of the enemy.

<sup>16</sup>See the parable of the great supper as recorded in Luke 14:16-24. In an effort to fill the house with guests for the great supper, the master told the servant to go to the highways and hedges and **compel** them to come in. This rhema word gives an explanation of the word “compel” in the parable. God does not force anyone to come into the kingdom. The miracles performed by the super apostles will be so overwhelming and convincing, that evidence of the miraculous will be the compelling force that changes the heart of those invited to the great supper who will enter at the eleventh hour. Hallelujah!

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<sup>11</sup>See Proverbs 18:24.

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“The reason for this is intimacy. My son, We long to have an intimate relationship with Our family but few neither understand the blessings thereof nor how to acquire or mature into that intimacy.

“**You are to tell them. This is NEW for this time.** It applies to Jews AND Gentiles alike. There is really no difference between Jew and Gentile. They BOTH now have equal access to My grace and mercy.

“As you have noticed, the Messianic Jews may still cling to their heritage of the past. They are like some Gentile pastors who are called to preach. The Jews are so excited to know Jesus as the Christ, that is their main thrust – to convert other Jews, just as pastors are excited to get people ‘saved,’ that is, to accept Jesus as Lord.

“So, in essence, the Messianic Jews and Gentile pastors emphasize the same thing from a different perspective.

“Therefore, one thing you can do is to point both Jew and Gentile to Me, to the intimacy I long to have with My family.

“In essence, what I desire is an intimate family upon whom I may lavish Myself. That’s both Jew and Gentile. All are My people. The Jews were set aside as a bloodline through whom Jesus would come. That’s why they are special. They are special because Jesus is special.

“Both Jew and Gentile, however, may benefit from your ministry. Both are My family. You will have a ministry to Jews and Gentiles alike. I have already spoken to you about this briefly. The rest I will tell you in time, all of which will be beneficial to Me.

“Once one understands that law was given to restrain man, but not change him, law is seen in a different light. A restrained man may be more potent to harm than one unrestrained. A man who knows Me does not need law. His restraint or ‘control’ initiates from within through love. That one will need no restraint of law because the law of the Spirit of life **has set him free from the law of sin and death or the restraint of law. That one needs no law to love since love is of the heart. Law does not control the heart.**

“The heart is controlled either by lust or love. When

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<sup>17</sup>This is the same thing that Isaiah prophesied with these words, “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). This scripture is for the now of time, the rapture generation. I am living this verse of scripture. The Lord has said to me that His servants who learn to hear His voice continually will prophesy their own future. That simply means as you learn to hear his voice continually, *every rhema word you hear will be spiritual Jesus imparting to you that part of Himself needed most in your life* at that time. In that manner He will also tell you of things **before they spring forth or before they occur.** Isaiah prophesied it. The Spirit confirmed it to me and I am living that prophecy day by day as my writing gives witness to. You also have the same capacity to hear His voice that I have and it will change your life.

that heart is circumcised of the flesh (in which nothing good dwells) that heart is prepared to serve Me through love.<sup>18</sup>

“That heart will not have to discern the difference between good and evil. That heart will be governed by love which always chooses the good for others and for self.

“So there you have My divine prescription.

“The only thing one may dispense who has an excellent knowledge of the Bible is law. One who knows Me may dispense love. *Law restrains, love compels* and that’s the difference between the two.

“Now you are beginning to see My objective. My objective is intimacy that comes only through hearing My voice for a sufficiency of time according to My measure, so what I say shines on what I said, to illuminate truth. *My light must shine on what I have said to reveal truth.* Until that occurs, the Bible is another set of laws or another set of things to remember. You don’t have to get out your check list to love. That is only for those who have not discovered the intimacy that comes from hearing My voice.

“Faith comes from hearing My voice. The words you hear are literally that spiritual part of Me needed at that time. That is the way you grow spiritually. *Bible knowledge does not produce spirituality.* Bible knowledge may produce lawyers who use their knowledge to measure (judge) others. That is what put Jesus on the cross.

“Paul said it correctly. The law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ through restraint, types and figures. But when we get to Christ, the law is not needed. You don’t need law to restrain you from someone you love.

“Law restrains.

“Love compels.

“Love is known only through intimacy.

“Intimacy is known only through listening to My voice, My love words, for a sufficiency of time so that the dross of 6000 years is removed that you might see, that you might know Me and the fullness thereof. Therein is the pathway of Life to Me. I am all you need.

“Come unto Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and **I will give you rest.** Take My yoke upon you, for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find **rest unto your soul.**’

“**Your rest is when My work begins**”.

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<sup>18</sup>As we review all of our activities at the beginning of each day before the Lord and ask for His approval, we will get a check in our spirit if there is a conflict. Otherwise, in general, He will give His approval. We then venture forth *as a son of God*, led by the Spirit under His protection from the enemy. Thus, the Lord, through the scalpel of the Holy Spirit, circumcises our heart by excising it of the flesh in which nothing good dwells.