

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 in this generation

BENEFITS OF HEARING RHEMA WORDS

How it began

While sitting at my desk on June 15, 2005, I began to list the *Benefits of Hearing Rhema Words*. That day I may have written thirty or more. Every few days thereafter, I would add a few more to the list. As the list grew to sixty in number, I realized that as I grew in the Lord, the number of benefits would grow. I also realized that there is no way to limit God by listing the benefits of hearing His rhema words. I therefore stopped the list at sixty. There is nothing significant about this number. It was only at this point that I realized one cannot limit the benefits of hearing His rhema words, for as he speaks to you, He is imparting Himself to you, and as the Holy Spirit said to me one day, "Jesus is without limit."

Through His grace and mercy, in patiently teaching me over a period of ten years, how to listen for and to *hear His rhema words continually*, I will be forever grateful. To the Father "who saw me when He sent His Son," and to His precious Son Who willingly went to Calvary to pay for my sins, Who rose again the third day to come forth victorious over death, hell and the grave for all who believe in Him, and to the Holy Spirit, the Administrator of God's love, grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord, all praise, glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

Introductory Explanation

In each of the following numbered *Benefits of Hearing Rhema Words*, it is implied that as one learns to listen for and to hear *rhema words from God*, **one should also record the prophetic word given**, although recording, of course, is not necessary. However, once one learns to hear *God's rhema words continually*, they may be given so profusely that they will not be remembered unless they are recorded. **Therefore the only way to glean the most from them is to record them as they are given so that they may be referred to periodically for the greatest benefit.** That's the way we got the bible.

In recent years I have found that recording the words as they are received, then transcribing and printing them with my word processor to be very beneficial. God has spoken to me and said that **hearing His rhema words continually is a "new thing" in preparation for the last day's end-time events that are at hand.** God has also spoken to me and said that the indwelling Holy Spirit within every servant of His imparts to him the ability to hear His rhema words. By *hearing* rhema words from God, I do not necessarily mean hearing an audible voice. I have heard the audible voice of God only one time. The rhema words I usually *hear and record* are not only inaudible but most of the time are *light, delicate thoughts* that may be easily ignored. Although God is an equal opportunity God, He will not demand equal time.

You must give it to have it. The following sixty *benefits* contain a few redundances, which I have chosen not to edit out, and are offered to you as evidence of the grace and mercy of our Lord.

1. Hearing rhema words permit Jesus to minister to you the same way He ministered to His disciples. He would call them aside¹ and explain to them the meaning of His teaching after He had taught or ministered to the masses and He wants to do that with you. He does that with me.

2. As you hear rhema words, those words shared with others may become like the words of Jesus during His three and one-half year visible ministry. As you give them away, they will have the same effect as when Jesus said them to you. Rhema words given to you do not lose their anointing when shared. As you teach from them or share them with others, they do not lose their anointing because they are your possession. That is not necessarily true of the logos, unless the Holy Spirit quickens the logos words to your heart.

3. As you hear rhema words, you may participate in something "new" that will occur in the last days end-time events whereby you may prophesy your own future.² It is a greater blessing to prophesy your own future and see it come to pass than to prophesy something big and not live to experience the event (Abraham is a good example). Those are His words to me and they are for you as you learn to listen. There are more than twenty items on "my personal list" of future events.

4. As an example of prophesying your own future as mentioned in #3 above, through rhema words God may reveal to you certain things concerning the Rapture. I am acquainted with two people and know of one other individual to whom the Lord has said that they will remain after the Rapture to boldly confront the beast. It's that close. Many servants of God living today will not die! Get ready to witness the greatest drama to ever unfold on planet earth right before your eyes! Learn to *hear* from Him and *live* for Him.

5. God has said to me that He, like you, longs for someone to confide in, to be intimate with. This is only one of the blessings of hearing rhema words. He has also said to me that as you learn to listen for and to hear His rhema words, not only will you be fulfilled but that also *fulfills Him!* Fulfillment is a two-way street or the street is closed for repairs.

¹See Luke 9:10; 10:23; 18:31.

²From Isaiah 42:9 we learn, "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." **What Isaiah is prophesying here is, when you learn to hear the voice of God continually, He may get you up to date and keep you up to date on certain current and future events that you would otherwise be uninformed on.**

6. Hearing rhema words from God have taught me to be bolder in prayer and have led me to pray boldly for spiritual blessings *for myself* that glorify Him. You may not pray too boldly *for blessings for yourself* provided those blessings will glorify our Lord. Glorifying Him is the purpose of your life.

7. Rhema words heard through a Malachi 3:10 open window become the door through which physical and financial blessings are obtained. That's the meaning of Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you." Righteousness is not dependant upon perfect conduct but upon obedience. **Obedience creates righteousness.**

8. Rhema words redefine your walk with God so that through obedience He will lead you to make right decisions and literally be set free to serve Him. He is not about rules and regulations, He is about freedom.

9. Rhema words have revealed to me that all prohibitions in scripture are for protection from the enemy. The positive things are to draw you to Him that He may bless you. Obedience, which removes obstacles on the path to Jesus, then becomes more logical, understandable and doable as blessings multiply.

10. Rhema words, which are simultaneously destructive of evil and constructive of good, as a two-edged sword,³ after a period of time will literally *cleanse a believer of the Adamic sin-nature* (God's words to me) – and set one free.⁴ This becomes foundational for exponential spiritual growth.

11. As rhema words free you from the Adamic sin-nature and as you are obedient thereunto, in time you may become one of those directed to minister, as did Jesus during His 3-1/2 year ministry, in an unprecedented, last days end-time move of God.⁵ This has been confirmed to me by the Lord.

12. Faith comes by hearing. As you learn to *hear* rhema words, your faith will grow imperceptibly, but that spiritual growth will be only discernable in retrospect. One reason the growth will be imperceptible is that the explanatory revelation offered by rhema words make the understanding of scripture verses or scripture principle so simple you will be unaware of your growth in faith. Remember, revelation is the source of true knowledge (God's words to me).

13. Rhema words will change you into the likeness of Jesus because rhema words literally are spiritual Jesus, the living Word who became flesh and dwelt among men.⁶

14. As you hear rhema words, the more your walk with

³See Hebrews 4:12.

⁴Jesus said to His disciples, "You are already **clean** because of the word I have spoken to you. (John 15:3).

⁵Jesus said, "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 My Father." (John 14:12)

⁶See Hebrews 4:12, 13; John 1:1-3, 14.

God will become relational and the more intimacy you will experience in your relationship with Him.

15. Hearing rhema words may prepare, equip and anoint you in preparation to be called out of the pew, bypassing a corrupted pastoral system, in the greatest move of God the world has ever seen. This 21st century move of God will bring forth the greatest harvest of souls the world has seen. God has confirmed this to me.

16. Rhema words will prepare you to become betrothed to the Bridegroom who earnestly desires to speak to His bride. Those who learn to listen for and to hear His voice (His rhema word proposal) may prepare for the Rapture. (His words to me). The Lord has said to me that the listening ear of the bride summons the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber.⁷

17. Rhema words may not only prepare you for the Rapture but also for the following seven-year training period to return with Christ for the millennial reign (His words to me).

18. Rhema words will supernaturally change you into something you never thought you could be because His Word will not return void but will accomplish what He pleases and prosper in the thing for which He sent it.⁸

19. Rhema words are instructional as transmitted though the Holy Spirit. They will literally instruct you – will lead you and guide you into His will to glorify and honor Him.⁹

20. Rhema words will teach you to be *a soul at rest and a spirit at peace* **and thereby become an instrument available to the Lord for His use.**

21. Rhema words will remove the blinders from your eyes, put there by the enemy, and allow you to receive revelation which is the source of true knowledge.¹⁰

22. Rhema words will let you know that your calling and election is settled and sure and give you confidence and boldness in your walk with God.¹¹

23. Rhema words will **remove all doubt** about what you should do. Through them He will tell you – will direct you – even to the smallest details as you grow. And that's freedom.

⁷See Matthew 25:1-13; Joel 2:16 (b); Psalm 19:4 (b).

⁸See Isaiah 55:11.

⁹See Isaiah 58:11.

¹⁰Paul wrote about such *blindness* with these words, "... whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." (2 Corinthians 4:4).

¹¹The importance of making your calling and election sure is emphasized by the apostle Peter with these words, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to **make your call and election sure**, for if you do these things **you will never stumble.**" (2 Peter 1:10).

24. As you hear rhema words, **your desire to serve Him will grow**. As you then make mistakes, and you will, it's no big deal. Those mistakes will become stepping stones, not sin. He has a short memory on mistakes (His words to me). As He corrects your mistakes, He will do it in such a way so as to draw you to Him in unbounding love. The scripture is replete with such examples and I also know this from experience.

25. Hearing rhema words from the Lord daily **will cleanse one today in the same way that the spoken words of Jesus cleansed and saved the twelve.**¹² This was revealed to me by the Lord.

26. All believers are knowingly or unknowingly involved in the ongoing war that began when Adam sinned. In this war, listening for and hearing rhema words **commands the Commander of God's army. The listening ear commands the Commander!** This is the opposite of physical warfare where the General commands everyone under his command down to the lowest Private. (His words to me).

27. In the beginning, rhema words will imperceptibly change your concept of God, Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit but then your intimacy with and your love for them will grow immeasurably.

28. As you read and reread God's rhema words to you (from your journal), you may do so at times in absolute awe or you may be moved to tears of joy or shouts of Hallelujah!

29. Rhema words may change you into a servant of God beyond your fondest dreams.

30. Hearing rhema words through the Spirit will make you One with God the Son and God the Father.¹³ (His rhema words to me) When you are one with Them, what you then do on earth is as it is in heaven.¹⁴

31. As you learn to listen for and to hear rhema words, you and the Lord will become constant Companions (His words to me).

32. True worship occurs as rhema words make you One with Him. (His words to me – see John 17).

33. In time, rhema words will so affect and change you spiritually that your desire to spend time with the Lord may supercede any other desire you may have, spiritual or otherwise. The Bridegroom woos His bride with words and she must learn to hear the words of her betrothed.¹⁵

34. Your desire to rush here and there, to run to and fro, seeking answers from first one and then another will diminish

and in time become nonexistent because the desire of your heart will be to spend time alone with the Lord. He will become the answer to your needs. His rhema words **to you** will become a greater blessing than hearing others talk about rhema words given to them.

35. As you learn to hear rhema words from God and remain obedient thereunto, you will have more fun serving Him than anything else you can conceive of. He's a fun trip!

36. Measure your rhema words either in detail or *in principle* with those in the bible. But don't become a scribe, chief priest, or Pharisee. Many of His rhema words to you may not be in the bible, but may explain or shed light on a bible verse, or principle in the same way that Jesus did when He would call His disciples aside and privately explain to them what He said as He taught or ministered to the masses. Jesus said and did many things that are not in the bible.¹⁶

37. You may receive rhema words that give logical explanations of bible truths which make them more understandable and applicable in today's world.

38. Hearing rhema words give reinforced meaning to the words of Jesus when He said, "My sheep hear My voice."¹⁷

39. As you learn to hear and record rhema words, the Lord may begin to change your prayer habits. For example, He may excuse you from a specific prayer assignment He had previously given to you. In that case either (1) there is no longer a need for that specific prayer or (2) He will give that assignment to someone else or (3) He may want you to spend time alone with Him – listening to Him. Such instruction will be gentle and will come with latitude or discretion that you may exercise. This He has said to me.

40. As you mature in the Lord and spend time listening to *and recording* His rhema words, He may prompt you to discontinue your prayer assignments to teach you obedience. In that case, time spent with Him is all He wants of you. Here is a specific example of His words to me on April 6, 2005, after I had spent considerable time listening to and recording His rhema words to me that morning: "*You may forego your prayer time this morning if you choose. I will see to every detail you usually see to, so that nothing will go undone. I am a good back-up prayer Man. I am delighted and blessed to be your back-up prayer Man, and I'm a good One!*" If you have any doubt that the Lord would use such common-place language with a nobody like me, you simply do not know Him as He would like. The heart of God and the intimacy He desires of believers are revealed in these simple words from Him.

41. Rhema words will teach you not to overlook nor miss the *supernatural* because you were looking for the *spectacular*. Rhema words may come as a light, delicate,

¹²See John 15:3.

¹³This was the prayer of Jesus shortly before he was crucified. See John 17:20-23.

¹⁴See Matthew 6:10.

¹⁵See the parable of the ten virgins recorded in Matthew 25:1-13.

¹⁶See Luke 18:31-34; John 20:30; 21:25.

¹⁷Four times in John chapter 10 Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice." He also said, "They (His sheep) will by no means follow a stranger (the enemy), but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (John 10:5).

intuitive thought that may be easily overlooked. God is an equal opportunity God but He will not demand equal time. You must give it to Him in order to hear from Him.

42. As you listen for and hear rhema words, you may find that they may be spoken either by God, the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit. In my experience, the Person speaking to me may change within the context of the “word” received on that particular day and time. The Nouns and Pronouns used and the context of the message will determine Who is speaking.

43. Hearing rhema words will permit you to properly establish your priorities.

44. As you hear rhema words, you may be drawn to the Gospels for there you will find what Jesus said, not what someone said that He said and not someone’s opinion about what He said. As you search the *Gospels*, claim for yourself the things Jesus promised, which He has prompted me to do. All of the Old Testament is about the *Gospels*. The rest of the New Testament is about the *Gospels*. Without the *Gospels*, the bible falls apart. The Lord has said to me that the Church spends too much time in the instructional part of the New Testament and too little time in the relational part of the New Testament (the *Gospels*).

45. Hearing rhema words will destroy your legalism.

46. Hearing rhema words will establish within you a confidence in your walk with God otherwise unattainable.

47. His rhema words are for you on the day, the hour and the moment they are spoken, for which there is no substitute. As He prompts you to share them with others, the blessings increase.

48. Hearing rhema words will give you a new understanding of sin, with a reminder that sin is not a necessity but an option and the words of Jesus, “Go and sin no more” will take on real meaning for you.¹⁸

49. Rhema words may give you insight into why the parents of Jesus did not understand what He meant when at twelve years of age He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”¹⁹

50. Your gradual change into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ will be facilitated immeasurably as you learn to hear rhema words because they are spiritual Jesus.²⁰ This will occur as He teaches us to cease our own efforts and enter into our rest as the Word does the work.²¹

51. As you become accustomed to the awesomeness of hearing His rhema words continually (and that takes some time) and realize that this relationship will continue so long

as your heart belongs to the Lord, your intimacy with Him, your faith and your love for the Him will increase beyond your expectations.

52. Hearing rhema words *will give you new understanding of what Paul meant when he wrote*, “For as many that are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God.”²²

53. As you learn to hear rhema words, the revelational knowledge received will become foundational to God’s call on your life.

54. All of the attributes of God are contained in His word. Therefore as you learn to listen for and to hear His rhema words, He will begin to remove from you unwanted attributes of self while simultaneously imparting to you desired attributes of Himself.

55. Rhema words reveal that only the pure in heart will be taken in the Rapture.²³ (God’s words to me)

56. As you learn to hear (and record) rhema words from God, the Holy Spirit *in you* will bear witness to words of the Holy Spirit *to you* and leave you at peace. Hence He becomes the Censor, Counselor and Comforter.

57. As you begin to hear and record rhema words from God continually, you will experience revelation that is new and exciting again, again and again because the words you hear are *alive*.

58. Rhema words purify one’s heart, his compass, which takes him where He wants him to go.

59. Rhema words may reveal to you secrets of the universe (His words to me more than once), as fulfillment of Amos 3:7: “Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” In these last days before the rapture of the Church, this scripture does not necessarily imply one with the gift of prophecy nor one who holds the office of prophet, **but one who learns to hear His voice continually**. When this occurs, each revelation will be very simple, never complex and always easy to understand so as to think, for example, “Why haven’t I “seen” (or understood) that before?”

60. Through rhema words you hear, doubt and unbelief will gradually be eliminated so as to simultaneously give way to the reality of the spirit world unattainable any other way. Hallelujah!

¹⁸See John 5:14.

¹⁹See Luke 2:49, 50.

²⁰See Ephesians 4:13.

²¹See Hebrews 4:9, 10.

²²See Romans 8:24.

²³See Matthew 5:8.