

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

TIMELY REVELATION FROM GOD FOR TODAY

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.”¹

His Son has spoken to me and admonished me to say and write these things to you. His admonition was given because, as He said to me, “My church does not know these things, My son. You are to tell them.” The Lord has said this to me a number of times. Therefore, church, listen to these words as from the Lord to you. Some of the things in this letter **will be new** to you for two reasons: (1) They have been revealed to me prophetically and (2) light in those prophetic words shone on the logos (bible verses) to reveal meanings previously hidden.

Amos prophesied, “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”²

Isaiah prophesied, “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”³

Jesus prophesied, “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.”⁴

The prophecy of Amos is not related to the gift of prophecy⁵ nor the office of prophet.⁶ Instead, Amos prophesied of a time when servants of God, who will unreservedly and unhesitatingly give themselves to Him, may learn to listen to the voice of God continually.⁷ Through listening to Him and hearing His voice daily, those servants will be transformed by the power of His spoken (rhema) words. Each word spoken (and heard) from the mouth of God is spirit, life, love, truth and light because each word from the mouth of God is spiritual Jesus.⁸ Each word you hear, therefore, will simultaneously be both constructive and destructive. *Constructive*, meaning an impartation of the

characteristics of Jesus needed most **AT THAT TIME**. *Destructive*, meaning the partial destruction or dissolution of the effect of living for 6000 years in the kingdom of this world controlled by Satan.⁹ There is no other way to deny (or rid one of) self, the god of Satan. It must be a work of God or it will not happen. Self can neither deny nor cast out self. One in and of himself is totally unable to identify, abhor and/or give up self as Jesus admonished each of us to do.¹⁰ That cannot be done naturally. It must be done supernaturally and that's how sly Satan is.

The prophecy of Isaiah, like that of Amos, is for the rapture generation in which we live. A large majority of those alive today will witness the rapture of the church. In the near future I will publish a letter with eight or nine prophetic words on the rapture *revealing God's time clock for this event*.¹¹ As Israel is God's time clock for the world, the rapture is God's time clock for the Second Coming¹² of the Lord and many other prophetic events through and beyond the Great White Throne Judgment.

Isaiah's prophecy declares that those who have learned to listen continually to the voice of God in this rapture generation, as they are faithful and unhesitatingly obedient, will, when proven trustworthy, hear words from the mouth of God that will declare **NEW THINGS BEFORE THEY OCCUR**. This means they will prophesy their own future (as well as the future of others). These prophetic words will contain the “how to” and the “when” of the prophetic words they are

⁹Three times Jesus called Satan the ruler or prince of this world. See John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11. That continues to this very day about which I have previously written.

¹⁰Jesus said, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily**, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23). Anything that is a product of self is as filthy rags in the kingdom because it is of the world overseen by the prince of this world. Each believer has a cross on which he must die to become a servant of God. Death on a cross is slow but inevitable.

¹¹In teaching about the rapture, Jesus said that no one knows the day nor the hour, not even the angels in heaven (nor the Son), but only the Father. (See Matthew 24:36-44; 25:1-13). But that is only a twenty-four hour window. In these last days of this rapture generation, God's prophets will know, not the day nor the hour but a close date for that event. Both Amos and Isaiah confirm this and My letter on the rapture, when released, will contain such information.

¹²The rapture will trigger a chain of prophetic events confirmed by scripture among which are (1) the Judgment Seat of Christ (a judgment for rewards), (2) the wedding of Christ to His bride followed by (3) the wedding feast and (4) preparation and training to return with the Bridegroom to rule and reign with Him for the Millennium. In talking to me about the rapture one day, the Lord said to me, “My son you are only coming for a meal.” And that's the way the Lord views time. Seven years is not a long time on God's calendar.

¹Hebrews 1:1, 2.

²Amos 3:7.

³Isaiah 42:9.

⁴John 14:12.

⁵See 1 Corinthians 12:10.

⁶See Ephesians 4:11.

⁷Continually means with interruption whereas continuously means without interruption.

⁸See John 1:1-3, 14.

given. Prophets of other ages have prophesied many things yet to occur without an understanding of *how* and *when* they would be fulfilled. Those who learn to hear His voice continually *in this rapture generation* will be given the “how to” and “when” of such revelation.

Knowing the “how to” of the Lord’s admonition and the “when” of His prophetic proclamations is the other fifty percent of the equation – an important and exciting fifty percent! Here are two examples:

A “how to” Example: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10). How may one incorporate this verse from the model prayer into one’s daily life? It is obvious that this can be done or Jesus would not have included these words in that prayer. To be told how this is done by revelation lends an excitement to otherwise dry bible facts.

A “when” Example: Knowing the prophecies concerning the rapture, the Tribulation, the Great Tribulation, and the Second Coming, for example, is beneficial. But knowing the time frame for the “when” of these events is also the other important fifty percent of the equation. Isaiah prophesied, “Before they spring forth I tell you of them.” That’s when dry-bone bible facts come to life and get exciting, especially when the “trigger” for the first of these events will occur in the lifetime of most people living today. This is why for years I have been writing about the blessing of learning to hear the voice of God continually. The Lord has said to me that **this blessing is within the grasp of every servant of His today!** One may not over value such an opportunity.

One who gives sufficient discretionary time to God to hear his voice continually will need to record in a journal the words he hears in order to benefit therefrom. Otherwise much of what He says will be “lost” or forgotten. For example, suppose Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel had not kept a journal.

Not only will His words you hear transform you, the light in those rhema words will shine on the logos (words in the bible) with understanding obtained **NO OTHER WAY**. In this manner will things be revealed that have been hidden – some from the foundation of the world.¹³ These exact words were spoken to me by the Lord. My journal is proof of this statement, much of which will be published in the future in God’s timing. All of this is to emphasize that the bible is a spiritual record and that intellectual knowledge thereof does not necessarily translate into spiritual reality.

Realize that understanding prophets Amos and Isaiah in this light (as quoted in this letter) prepares the way for the third prophecy in this letter. The prophecy of Jesus as recorded only by John.¹⁴

¹³See Matthew 10:26; 13:35; Mark 4:32; Luke 10:21; 18:21.

¹⁴Each of the four Gospels is unique in more than one way. However, the Gospel of John is the one that is most attractive to me because of the intimacy revealed there. John had an intimacy with Jesus none of the others had. He tries to hide that in his words about Jesus, but it is there, nevertheless. Jesus asked John to care for His mother while hanging on the cross. This tells you of His relationship to John. Only John defined Jesus in such a way so as

Prophet Jesus said the time would come when believers would (1) do the *same works* He did and also (2) do *greater works* than He did because He would go to the Father. The last few words are the key to this prophecy.

Before this prophecy could come to pass Jesus had to (1) die on the cross, (2) descend into the lower parts of the earth and take from Satan the keys of death and hell,¹⁵ (3) come back into His body for resurrection, (4) ascend back to the third heaven to put His blood on the mercy seat¹⁶ and then (5) sit down at the right hand of the Father.¹⁷ It was only then that Jesus completed phase one of the Father’s assignment *at which time* He (Jesus) was given all authority in heaven and earth. He then descended back to the earth where for forty days He appeared and reappeared to many believers as proof of His resurrection. He then ascended back to the Father to be seated again at His right hand (of authority). Ten days later the Father sent the Holy Spirit from the third heaven to the earth to remain there until the rapture of the church. Prior to that time, the Holy Spirit, who is a Person (not a bird), resided in the third heaven.

All of this had to be done before parts one and two of the prophecy of Jesus (in John 14:12) could come to pass or become accessible in real time. All of this occurred about 2000 years ago.

Now let’s look at (1) *the works* Jesus did and (2) the *greater works* than He did. This means we must first define “works.”

Jesus was in Jerusalem one Saturday (Sabbath) and walked by the pool of Bethesda. There He encountered an impotent man waiting for an angel to stir up the water hoping he could be the first to enter the pool and be healed of his infirmity. Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed and the man didn’t even answer His question. He simply told Jesus why he couldn’t get in the pool fast enough when the angel stirred the water. Nevertheless, Jesus said to the man, “Get up! Pick up your pallet (bed or mat) and walk.”¹⁸ The man heard what Jesus said, was obedient to His instructions, got up, was healed and walked immediately. Note that Jesus healed this man without faith on his part. It is a law of the spirit, that when Jesus (both then and now) gives one rhema word instructions concerning healing (for example),

to make Him real before the world was (John 17:5) then with his words in John Chapter one, John walked Jesus on to the pages of history into the lives of the Jews of His day and into the hearts of you and me as no other apostle did. From the record it appears that Nicodemus met Jesus that night at John’s house with no one else present. John was at the mount of transfiguration and was the only original apostle who did not die a violent death. The intimacy with Jesus revealed in John’s writing is unique and that’s why his writing is special to me. John is one of my bible heroes.

¹⁵See Revelation 1:18; Ephesians 4:9; Colossians 2:15.

¹⁶See Hebrews 8:12.

¹⁷See Mark 14:62.

¹⁸In many instances faith in one that Jesus healed was cited as the basis or foundation for receiving healing (see Matt. 8:13; 9:2; 9:22; 9:29, etc). Healing the man at the pool of Bethesda appears to be an exception. From the account in John Chapter 5, the impotent man didn’t know who Jesus was. The only thing the man did was to respond to the command or request of Jesus and he was healed. Faith was involved in this case, however, but after the fact. After the man was healed was when his faith was made manifest. My conclusion is that everyone Jesus healed involved faith, either before or after the fact.

obedience to what He says *creates* the miracle. That is what happened in this case.

It is interesting that Jesus saw the man in the Temple the next day and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you." That means this man had been made impotent, infirm or completely immobilized by a sin he committed thirty-eight years before. If you have any doubt about the result of sin read the complete account of this story in John 5:1-14.

After the report of this healing got to the influential Jews in Jerusalem, they wanted to kill Jesus because He healed this man on the Sabbath. In defending Himself against the Jews, Jesus said to them, "I did one *work* (on the Sabbath) and you marvel." My point in reviewing this account is that Jesus called the miracle of healing this man at the pool of Bethesda "*a work*."

Therefore the *works* He referred to in John 14:12 were **miracles** he performed and the *greater works* that He prophesied believers would do were **greater miracles** than He did. It does no harm to this scripture, therefore, to change the wording to:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the miracles** that I do he will do also, **and greater miracles** than these will he do, because I go to the Father"

I have heard it said this prophetic word has already been fulfilled because a number of the miracles Jesus did in His personal ministry were duplicated by His first apostles, and also by other servants of God since the first century. Those of us who have been baptized with the Holy Spirit have experienced miracles in our own lives (I have experienced a number) and witnessed miracles in the lives of others as well. And, yes, there have been resurrections from the dead as well as creative miracles.

On the other hand, I have also heard a bible teacher who seemed to rationalize or "sanitize" the meaning of this scripture completely by explaining that no one would ever be able to do the things Jesus did, let alone exceed what He did. If this is true, Jesus is a liar, a false prophet and not the Messiah!

But I say unto you, based on words I have received from the Lord, very soon, **in this rapture generation**, the Lord Jesus Himself, the Jewish Messiah, the Savior, Lord and Redeemer of mankind, will see this prophecy of His come to pass in it's fullness thereof. He will soon release a few servants, who have been in training for years, armed with John 14:12, who will be the seed from which the final abundant harvest will be reaped, immediately prior the Rapture. Those who will be commissioned into this ministry will be chosen from the pew, bypassing a corrupted pastoral system devoid of the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is a famine in the church. The Lord has told me that His church knows how to recognize a physical famine but cannot recognize a spiritual famine. A spiritual famine is when signs, wonders and miracles do not accompany both the teaching and the preaching of His word.

The cause of this spiritual famine is spiritual adultery. The Lord has said to me that He can forgive physical adultery¹⁹ but He cannot forgive spiritual adultery without repentance. The church is in spiritual adultery. Here is the reason:

In the absence of signs, and wonders confirming the teaching and preaching of the word, self has unknowingly crept into church activities in an effort to duplicate the work of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words church! Any effort, every effort undertaken by self to do "a work" for God, be it great or small, without the express approval or guidance of the Holy Spirit, is as filthy rags in the kingdom. **When self leads the way, one worships the God of Satan and he becomes your father.** This does not have to do with salvation, but with the cunning of the enemy to entice man, in the absence of signs and wonders, to do something "on his own" for God. Under such circumstances, Christianity has grown into a partially self based and partially faith based body which is spiritual adultery.

Note the following words the Lord gave me concerning self. There are similar things written in this letter, but I prefer to leave this prophetic word unedited so as to leave intact the word as it was given to me verbatim.

The Prophetic word

Everything I do in your life, everything I do for you must be for My glory, or it contributes to or opens the door to your pride. That is why it takes so long to mature as a believer.

Until My prescription in your letter No. 117 is met and until one comes to the point that **EVERYTHING** I do for you and **EVERYTHING** you do in obedience to My instructions are **ALL for My glory**, you are not truly ready to serve Me.

When one fails to glorify Me in **ANYTHING** he does, he has not fully matured.

This explains why many fall away after they first encounter Me. Each one must spend enough time with Me that the self in him is DOA or temptations may overcome him.

This sounds too strenuous but it isn't. I, Myself, was trained that way by the Father. That is evidenced by My reaction to My mother and brothers arriving at a place where I was ministering. When informed of their presence, My response was that My mother, brothers and sisters were those who believed in Me and were fed by My teaching. This was a demonstration of the Father's love for Me so as not to release Me into My ministry until the self of Me was abandoned as worthless.

I came to glorify the Father and that could not be done until I became dead to self.

I had to die to self before I could die for others. Isn't that simple? The only way for that to occur was to live for about 30 years under the Father's mentoring.

There is never an urgency to begin until the urgency of death to self is accomplished.

Everything I asked My disciples to do is something I practiced in My ministry of three and one-half years. I had to practice what I preached and taught to gain followers. You are no different from Me. That is why I, and I alone, determine your release date for ministry. I must know assuredly what is in your heart in order to release you.

Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life are all Satan's traps. Notice that lust of the flesh is first. **That is because ALL temptations involve the flesh.** Your eyes are tempted to the flesh. Your pride is of the flesh. That's why lust of the flesh is first.

That is why one must die to self, which dwells in flesh, to serve Me. When one dies to self, that crucifies all

¹⁹See John 8:11.

areas Satan has access to.

The flesh is selfish. That's why the flesh must die. Isn't that simple? Death to self is a slow process. Death on a cross is a slow and painful but an inevitable process.

Only I, and I alone, know when one has died to self so as to serve and glorify Me. Until that point of spiritual growth is reached, one is not – one cannot be My disciple.

In these last days before the Rapture, one may learn to listen to Me continually so as to attain the greatest rate of spiritual growth. The reason for that is, My rhema words you hear are spiritual Jesus. As you hear those words, spiritual attributes of Jesus are being imparted to you. That is why time spent listening allows for greater spiritual growth than by talking, whether to Me or someone else.

In beginning your day, release it to Me completely. Include the specifics you know of. Then as something unforeseen arises, enter into that covered by your previous commitment. But if the thought comes to your mind, cover that then. Otherwise you are covered.

Yes, My son, it will be well for you to write on faith and salvation and to point out that I saved two ways in My three and one-half year ministry – both before AND after healing or ministry. Many of My prodigals are saved in spite of the enemy's deception. Eve was not lost because she was deceived. I desire that no one be lost. Every one who will be consigned to hell will do so knowingly by rejecting Me and choosing the enemy's luring evil ways.

I reject only those who reject Me.

Prophetic words given after attending a bible class on Wednesday evening, January 14, 2009:

My son, do not be discouraged. Remember I said that as you mature spiritually, the fewer people will understand what you say. So just learn from this. Bide your time and bite your tongue as you did tonight and in time you will have a different platform from which to minister.

In addition, We have much more to do than to be concerned about a few people who do not understand you. Our objective is the world and the church.

You are close to the finish line. Many are cheering you on to your goal just ahead!

Word given Thursday morning, January 15, 2009:

Yes, My son, and I long for you. Your longing for Me is but a reflection of My longing for you. Do you see how it works? As the hound of heaven, as the heavenly beggar, I stand at the door of the heart of everyone I formed in the womb upon whom I may lavish Myself. But the spirit of unbelief finds entry into the heart of one who is used to the old wine. New wine is such a challenge until one surrenders himself to Me. Better said, when one without restraint flings himself to Me, he lands in My outstretched arms that I may love him into submission willingly. Those accustomed to the old wine of self restraint, of self accomplishment, of limited love, of limited accessibility are fearful of the new wine of change.

The old wine must be abandoned completely. For that to happen, one must abandon himself completely to Me. Complete abandonment is the new wine skin to receive the new wine.

This experience last night was good for you because you see the wisdom of My previous words to you: The more you mature spiritually, the fewer the believers who will understand what you say. To them, the staid old wine infiltrated with unbelief is their comfort zone. Remember

when you said to Me, "If you have something that has never been done before, use me as your guinea pig – here am I?"

That My precious son, pulled out all the stops. You had no idea that you were speaking the release of yourself to Me for the fruition of the "new things" of Isaiah 42:9. You gave Me permission unknowingly to have My way in your life, and that My son, is true love.

Revelation is the source of true knowledge. Complete abandonment of one's self to Me is true love. That is why the road you are on is seldom traveled. This is another Emmaus road experience known to My precious super apostles I am grooming to become Me.

So fret not over the unbelief of My followers. I rebuked the twelve because of their unbelief. You passed that milestone years ago unknowingly. Now you are beginning to know somewhat of My frustration, when, because of unbelief, My disciples could not cast out a demon (Matt 17:20).

Unbelief has many forms. He comes in the form of convention, in the form of the old ways that are better than the new, old wine that is better than the new, staid tradition that is better than the totally new thing of actually becoming Me. That is far beyond the concept of staid tradition.

My son, your becoming Me is similar to the problems I had with the Jews. The church of today is so used to being self motivated, they have no concept of being led by the Spirit 24/7. **Everything motivated by self without My previous approval, does not have My covering regardless of how "good" the results may appear. In this manner pride and lust have open doors.**

So fret not over the unbelief of My family. Soon the twelve super apostles will surprise AND stop the mouths of the naysayers and the gainsayers. It will be like My ministry. The common people accepted Me gladly while the rabbinical priesthood and their followers wanted to kill Me from the beginning. The old wine of the staid convention of the past must be abandoned to receive the new wineskin for the new wine of Isaiah 42:9. Rejoice, My son, you are in good company and in the rarefied air of the "hind's feet for high places" experience or understanding. Your commissioning and being released into your ministries will change that. Welcome home! (Prophetic of being raptured).

Eve was deceived and therefore was not charged with her sin. Adam sinned wilfully and knowingly, heeded the voice of his wife and was therefore charged with the sin. Since Eve was deceived, she sinned unknowingly, was not charged with her sin and therefore was the first of My prodigal family.

You, My son, will minister to My prodigals and will welcome many back into My family. Those prodigals who were deceived by the enemy will be saved while some believers who have done great things for Me, who then knowingly and wilfully turn their backs on Me to follow ways of the enemy, will be cast into outer darkness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM JIM & DALE ASH
GET READY – HE'S COMING SOON**