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

ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING

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If you are familiar with my letters, you know I have been saying that the Listening Method is something *new* that God has reserved for these few remaining years prior to the fast approaching rapture of the church.

In this letter, I will take a great step forward and proclaim some very interesting things the Lord has given me concerning the Listening Method. Stay tuned.

The bible record of God's restoration project begins with Genesis 1:3. From there, now fast forward through the flood of Noah to Abram, Isaac and Jacob, who became Israel.

Through Israel as a nation, God began one phase of His restoration project for the earth and for mankind. *That restoration project came in the form of strict laws imposed upon the Israelites*. "Imposed" is not too strict a word, for the laws of Moses were legal papers issued by God to divorce Israel from Satan.

Evidence of the need of the divorce occurred early in the wilderness experience. When the Israelites thought Moses was not coming down from Sinai mountain, they asked Aaron to make for them a molten calf of gold to worship. When finished, the Israelites said of the golden calf, "This is your god, O Israel, that has brought you out of the land of Egypt." The following day, as approved by the future High Priest of God, the people entered into licentious worship rites around the golden calf that ticked God off big time. In less then forty days, the Israelites forgot God and turned to idolatry.

Little is made of this incident, but it is very significant. Over a period of four hundred and thirty years, the nation of slaves had become beholden to the "gods" or the idols of Egypt. Therefore God's legal papers issued to divorce Israel from Satan, *had to be severe*. When seen clearly, the choice was actually simple. Through God's laws given to Moses, God was saying, "Disobey Me and you worship Satan."

The way Israel grew under the law of Moses was *through their own efforts* to learn and apply the laws to

their own lives. Here are instructions God gave them, as recorded in Deuteronomy chapter six:

5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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- **6** "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
- 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
- **8** "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- **9** "You shall write them on the doorosts of your house and on your gates"

Hence, through the individual effort of the parents, the Israelites were to learn the laws of Moses themselves and teach them to their children. They were also commanded to

- (1) bind them as a sign on their hand, and
- (2) between their eyes,
- (3) on their gates and
- (4) on the doorposts of their house.

All of this was commanded by God to divorce Israel from Satan and <u>required individual effort</u> of all Israelites, including the children. The physical visibility of the law on their hand, between their eyes, on their gates and on their door posts were constant reminders of God's love and of His desire to divorce them from Satan

Now fast forward to the ministry of Jesus. The Israelites (Jews) had come to the point that they relied on their knowledge of God's laws instead of relying upon God who gave them the law. They had mistakenly exchanged a relationship with God for the knowledge of God's laws

When the laws of God were given to Israel through Moses, that was <u>new</u> to a group of slaves who came out of Egypt as idol worshipers. And this new thing of obeying God's laws to divorce Israel from Satan, required the concentrated effort of each Israelite.

¹See Exodus 32:4.

In the ministry of Jesus, God again presents <u>something new</u> to his people. Extending grace, or unmerited favor, and mercy, which is forgiveness with compassion, <u>was new</u> to the law writers (scribes), the law teachers (Jewish leaders) and the law keepers (the self righteous).

Since certain deliberate disobedience resulted in death under the law of Moses, the leaders, who liked the old wine better than the new, killed the One who brought the new wine.

The following Pentecost morning, however, that began to change. That Pentecost morning, the new wine brought by Jesus, was offered to the old wine drinkers under a new label – under a new, supernatural, visible miraculous label. Hence, the new beginning of what I have called the Pentecost Method of spiritual ministry, that continues to this very day, which has been the basis of the growth of Christianity.

Up to this point, we have briefly described two new methods of spiritual growth – the law of Moses and the law of Christ, <u>both of which require extended effort</u> on the part of believers who wish to grow spiritually.

But here again, *for the third time*, something new has appeared. And, as usual, the old wine tastes better than the new. This third new thing to occur, however, will demonstrate a new, supernatural, visible, miraculous manifestation of the authority of God *that has not previously been seen on planet earth*.

This third new thing, brought forth by God, will fulfill John 14:12. The Great Commission was given to believers who follow Jesus or to those who represent Him. The new wine of this rapture generation, the third new thing about which I write, <u>however</u>, will fulfill John 14:12.

The Great Commission is different from John 14:12. Those who fulfill John 14:12 will not be followers who represent Jesus. *They will become Jesus*. They will be anointed with the same anointing and with the same authority Jesus had in His personal ministry, but will be able to destroy the works of the devil with no restrictions whatsoever.

There will be twelve apostles who will have this authority and they will spearhead the abundant harvest that will precede the rapture of the church. Their ministry will be verbally and violently denounced by church leaders who like the old wine better than the new. These twelve new apostles will initially by-pass those who have been offered the teachings of Jesus for years and will go to God's precious prodigals. Those

prodigals will readily accept and receive the new wine of John 14:12 that will create an avalanche of new believers, the beginning of the abundant pre-rapture harvest.

The <u>third new thing</u> God is offering to the world and to His people today <u>is the Listening Method</u>. Hear these words from the mouth of God as He describes the difference between the Pentecost Method and the Listening Method. These words were transcribed from my journal entry on the morning of Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Listen.

Yes, My son, one way the Listening Method is new is that in the Pentecost Method, you let your requests be known to Me. In the Listening Method, I, Jehovah God, let My requests be known to you.

It is not that your prayer requests are not important. They certainly are. But My requests are also important. The difference is in what \underline{you} see and in what \underline{I} see.

You do not have to spend **ALL** of your time in Listening. Half of your time is ideal in the Pentecost Method. But if you learn to listen continually, you then may be more perfectly guided by My Spirit.

Revelation 3:20 is the ideal prayer in the Pentecost Method – half of your time praying and half of your time listening. Once you get to that point of spiritual maturity, I can guide you more easily. And your growth, your spiritual growth, will become more prominent, more balanced and more mature.

All I want is your attention.

If you will learn to listen, you may be of more help to Me to assist with the final harvest. There is a definite place for those who remain in the Pentecost Method exclusively, but they will not experience the blessing attained through the Listening Method.

Remember, every word you hear from Me allows Me to insert or infuse into your life My characteristics that you need most **at that time**. With each "injection" or with each infusion or impartation, you will become more like Me and more able to assist Me with the work at hand.

By learning to listen, you will live a more fulfilled life because you will be filled with more of Me. I, My son, am what the kingdom is all about.

Not only am I what the kingdom is all about, I am all one needs in this life. My presence in one's life fulfills him.

An additional blessing of listening is that you are always in need of more – more of Me, for **I** am the

More in your life.

The time you spend in listening, in the few remaining years of this rapture generation, depends upon how much you desire Me, as compared with your desire to do My bidding.

Among My first apostles, John desired Me more than the eleven. It was not that I favored him. It was that he desired Me more than the eleven. My son, I respond to one's desires.

The same thing applies to Peter, James and John. Those three desired Me more than the nine. Consequently they experienced some blessings the other nine did not experience. It was not that I favored the three over the nine; it was that the three favored Me more than did the nine.

My son, I respond to the needs and the desires of My servants as they are expressed to Me.

You, My son, are a good example. You prayed that you would learn more of Me, the Lord Jesus, than any other man who walked the face of the earth. That is the most powerful prayer you can pray because the Lord Jesus is without limit.

That prayer, My son, **AND** your aggressive, obedient response to your faith walk with Me, is one reason you are where you are today.

If, as a believer, you see things to do, you will do them. If you see things to become, that will occur. If you see Me and desire Me, that will occur.

Neither of these things will occur rapidly because growth in the physical is like growth in the spiritual. Slower progress equals greater retention. That's why doing whatever I put on your heart to do is the most important thing for you to do.

As you become proficient in what I have told you to do, you are ready for the next step or for the next lesson.

That pretty well sums up the Pentecost Method compared with the Listening Method today. You simply have more advantages *as you learn to listen*.

Pastors who have faithfully ministered in the Pentecost Method will need to hold multiple services just to accommodate the crowds as the abundant harvest begins to come in. So they will perform a much needed function. Those in full-time ministry do not have the discretionary time you have. Therefore, as they are directed to allow you (and the eleven) to minister in their churches, they will see the blessings of listening and will spend more time with Me.

Such pastors will learn to set aside time for Me

first, in order to minister to My needs. My needs are the needs of My people who have been starved spiritually for years. As soon as you (and the eleven) are invited to minister in their church, they will observe the blessing of listening and will set aside time daily for Me to talk to them. Instead of spending all of their time ministering to the needs of their flock, they will begin to spend time listening to My needs. In that manner, they will become more useful to Me AND consequently, to their flock.

That's the ideal division of the time of a pastor.

Your time, My son, will be spent differently. Your time will be spent ministering to My precious prodigals and to My church in adultery. Your time spent in My school of the prophets has been your preparation time. That has been more condensed and more complete than any of My training, except that of Jesus, up to this point in time.

Jesus had the most complete training because He bore the greatest burden, except for Mine. I, the Father, My son, bore the greatest burden. For that reason, Jesus **AND** the super twelve have freed Me. That is an important part of your ministry – to show your earthly side or nature **AND** your spiritual side or nature.

As you and the eleven are released, you will become examples for others to see Me. **That's part of your mission**. To show yourself to the world **AND** to the church as My example for them to emulate.

Remember that, My son. Remember that.

So together, We have quite a ride ahead. It will be everything I have said it will be and more. Just stay ready. I am doing My part as rapidly as I can.

(end of morning prophetic word)

Later that day, beginning at 4:56 P. M., here is what He said to me:

God wants man to adapt to the Listening Method as soon as possible so we may become like Him in order that He may become one of Us. He wants to; He longs to have someone like Himself with whom He can "be Himself."

That was the purpose of Earth One. God wanted someone like Himself so He could become "one of them" in likeness, in association, and in reality.

Jehovah God is lonely for intimacy with someone like Himself. That is the purpose of the Listening Method. That is the only way We may become like Him in order that He, Himself, may become like us. Only in that manner may the Father Himself be fulfilled. He wants to have intimacy with someone like

Himself.

My son, that is one purpose of the super twelve. Remember, I said if you will spend a sufficiency of time listening to Me, you will become like Me? It's that time, My son. In the spirit world, you become what you eat (Matthew 4:4). And you eat spiritually <u>by hearing</u> rhema words from the mouth of God. <u>As you do so, you literally become Me!</u>

That is why Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father."

Isn't that simple when seen by revelation? If you will look back over My words, you will find this principle repeatedly. But only recently did I say to you in words, that the twelve would – or that they could – become like Me – or could actually become Me.

Now you know.

Shout it to the house tops, My son. It needs to be known. That has been My plan all along. That is the only way to overcome the enemy. To say it another way, the way to overcome the enemy is to become Me. That is the ultimate, but that is the only way to defeat the enemy at his own game right under his eyes.

This will incense the enemy, My son, as I release you and the eleven, because He will know he has met his Master – that is, that he has met Me, Myself, in every one of the twelve.

That's what I have been training you for all along. And the icing on the cake is, you will be able to teach this and become a living reality of its validity. That is what is so very important about the super twelve. **Each one of the twelve will first become Me, not by doing, but by listening**. Then each of you will be able to associate with believers as one of them to expose them to Myself as I have longed to do.

You and the eleven will fulfill the longing of the Father's heart – that is, for you first to become like Him, and secondly, to associate for about ten years with the common people, as one of them, so they see that they, each one, may become like Me, for true fellowship, communion, association and intimacy.

My son, I am overjoyed at you and the eleven becoming Me, that I may become you, and that We may be free to demonstrate to the world **AND** to the church, My divine plan for man.

Isn't that simple when seen by revelation? But isn't it fun, just to think about?!

Realize how long that I, the Father, have longed for this day in your life and in the life of the eleven. I, the Father, as well as the Son, will be living My (Our) dream in each of the super twelve. So remember, as I infuse you, I will not be left behind. I, the Father, a gratified Father, will be infused within you as the Godhead.

That is why the special twelve will be so special to the Godhead, as well as to the entire heavenly hosts.

Remember at the mountain of transformation, Elijah and Moses talked with Me about the crucifixion? This means that My network of communication is better than the internet

Your activities and that of the eleven are well known in the third heaven.

So get ready for a real ride, but also for an activity that will fulfill the heart of the Father. Nothing is greater than that. (end of prophetic word)

In synoptic overview, three *new things* have been revealed in this letter:

- 1. The law of Moses to divorce Israel from Satan.
- 2. The Pentecost Method to establish, maintain and mature the church.
- 3. The Listening Method, to close the two-thousand-year window of the church age.

These two verses from Hebrews, chapter four describe the *Listening Method*:

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Under the law of Moses and in the Pentecost Method, you do the work while God rests.

In the Listening Method, God does the work while you rest and listen to His words.

God's needs are more important than your needs. As you listen to Him, He will tell you His needs. His needs are the needs of His people who are starved spiritually. Hence, you will be able to minister to the needs of His people in the few remaining years of this rapture generation.

The choice is yours.

Choose the new wine. It tastes better than the old. And you will have more fun and will live a fulfilled life that is beyond your fondest dreams.