

## NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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*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

### JESUS OF NAZARETH Part Seven

Last year the Lord freed me to begin sharing with you something He has been teaching me for many years: to listen for and to hear rhema words from Him. That has added a new dimension to my life – a new dimension as simple and yet as profound as intimacy with God.

As a result, much of the content of my *letters* now are rhema words copied from my journal with occasional comments of mine to supplement God's words to me. He has said to me that His body, the Church (individual members), does not know of this intimacy and has given me (and others) the responsibility and opportunity to write and to teach this as a "new thing" for these last days end time events that are at hand. The Lord has literally taught me how to listen for and to hear his voice continually. This has not occurred because I am special but because He is special. He has told me that *He wants that same relationship with you*. That is one reason I write and teach.

He has said to me that *this intimate relationship* is more important than the office of prophet and the Spiritual gift of prophecy because (1) it is available to every Spirit-filled believer and (2) the intimacy about which I write, is continual. That is only the beginning and here is why:

All of the attributes of God are in His word. His word is literally a **God container**. That is why He has magnified His word above all His Name.<sup>1</sup> *Therefore as you learn to listen for and to hear His rhema words continually, His attributes are simultaneously being imparted to you.* That is the way you learn what He has called you to do. That is the way you learn why He formed you in the womb. That is the way your doubts are removed. That is the way you are led by the Spirit. That is the way to live a fulfilled life. A fulfilled life is a life continually being filled with His rhema words.

God has said to me that this is a new thing<sup>2</sup> birthed by Him in preparation for His calling men and women out of the pew, bypassing a corrupted pastoral system, to participate in the greatest harvest of souls ever, prior to the Rapture.

He has given me permission to publish some of His rhema words *that refer to me personally*, some of which I

have previously been reluctant to share with you. As you read them, remember that He wants that same intimate relationship with you. In every generation, God takes the individuals at hand<sup>3</sup> (His raw materials) who are willing to (1) put Him first in all things, (2) be guided by His rhema words and (3) give Him the glory and honor,<sup>4</sup> and then mold them into His image, His likeness to be used in His service for His glory. And it doesn't get any better than that!

Here are rhema words given to me by the Lord, copied from my journal on the dates as indicated.

Friday, September 1, 2006

"Yes, My son, your teaching now is both biblical and revelational. That's the best kind, for therein is *the law of dual reference* confirmed. My son that is the only way of true teaching, for unless it is revelational, it will not be anointed. This is the power of two in agreement again.<sup>5</sup> When I have inspired someone to write and have given revelation on the same principle, the power of two in agreement, or the law of dual reference, confirm the way of anointed teaching.

"If the teaching is from the logos only, it will be intellectual and may lead to pride. But if by revelation I confirm to you the meaning of the logos, you may then teach with assurance and boldness unattainable by intellectual study alone. One leads to pride. The other leads to Me. Now you see; now you know the difference.

"My son, the blessing of your seeking Me is without limit and We've only started!

Saturday, September 2, 2006, at 3:30 A.M.

"Intellectual knowledge produces pride. Revelational knowledge produces humility. My son, that is why My servants need what I have given you. When I

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<sup>3</sup>That's His inventory.

<sup>4</sup>God has said to me that these are the three measures of a church, a pastor, a believer or any entity that bears the name of Christ. These three measures are **given by revelation** as one learns to listen for and to hear rhema words from God. If you fail in one, you fail in all.

<sup>5</sup>The power of two in agreement is actually *the power of four in agreement*. **The first Two:** (1) The **Holy Spirit** Who inspired the original logos writing and (2) rhema words given by the same **Holy Spirit** today confirming the original logos writing, either in detail or in principle. **The second two:** (1) The **individual** inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the original logos and (2) the **individual** who today hears from the same Holy Spirit rhema words confirming the original logos, either in detail or in principle.

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<sup>1</sup>See Psalm 138:2 (b).

<sup>2</sup>See Isaiah 42:9.

reveal something to you by My Spirit, it is true knowledge because revelation is the source of true knowledge. The reason the apostle Paul was so proficient in his writing was not necessarily because he knew the law and the prophets. It was because of the revelational knowledge he was given by Me. You, My son, are headed in the same direction. That's why May of 2009 will be My target date for you.

“By May of 2009 you will have an arsenal of rhema. That's where I am taking you. The reason Paul's writing was formative of the New Testament was because of the time he spent in the school of the prophets in which you are now enrolled. He had neither a word processor nor a computer. My Holy Spirit was his word processor. That, coupled with his good mental knowledge (grasp) of the law and the prophets, was the foundational reason he wrote as he did.

“Perhaps now you can become more adjusted to and more understanding of My school of the prophets. You will have all nine gifts operating in you when you finish My schooling. **But they will operate when you finish at the time I have chosen.** That is very important to you and Me. At this point, I could release you now to minister with the foundation I have given you. But as I have previously said to you, had My twelve disciples known of the realtime limitation with which I was confronted, they would have thought some of our times together were wasted, but they were not. Only I, as guided by My Father, knew when the fulness of time occurred.

“You have said it, My son. My timing is just as important as is My will and My way because I see the end from the beginning.<sup>6</sup> So none of your (Our) time is wasted. My son I want to waste My time on you. I want to lavish My time, My Self, upon you! That, My son, is righteous selfishness. I am righteously selfish for **ALL** of My servants enrolled in My school of the prophets.

“You have briefly read – scanned – looked over – the treasure trove of rhema I have given you. When you (We) finish, that treasure trove will be priceless. That is why I said to you the last time, ‘I have placed immense angels at your side.’ I have a lot invested in you, My son. You have great responsibility to undertake for Me (and yes, go ahead and make your burial arrangements, but they will not be needed<sup>7</sup>) and that responsibility takes more training – more revelational training for Me to commission you as I desire. So be at peace on the timing. I see the end from the beginning and know assuredly that I see you eternally

whereas you see through a glass (mirror) darkly, as Paul wrote. But the longer We are together, the more unclouded that mirror will become because I want it to reflect Me, My son.

“Continue to claim ALL I have promised you physically, financially and spiritually. Speak it, proclaim it over yourself. Every area is important. I am accumulating the funds necessary for all I have prophesied to you. Believe it, confess it and grow not weary in well-doing, which means grow not weary in walking the walk I have given you. Each day, each step is, has been, will be, ordered by Me as We travel together toward Armageddon.

“Those who are saved only, who have not been born into the kingdom, will not be limited in rewards but will be limited in certain blessings and activities reserved for those in the kingdom, those who are reborn into the kingdom. Certain responsibilities and opportunities are reserved for kingdom residents that others are not privy to.

“When you are One with the Lord, you are at Adam's starting place. Then you start over again. Then is when the Adamic sin-curse is removed, but additional schooling of preparation are necessary for you to be full grown. Training and additional preparation are needed **until one is commissioned and sent out by God.**

“The prophetic likeness of Joseph to Jesus is striking. (Finished taking dictation at 5:45 A.M.<sup>8</sup>)  
**On the giving of gifts**

Christmastime, or the holiday season of the year, may be characterized by the giving of gifts. The magi brought gifts to the Christ child.<sup>9</sup> Under the law of Moses, the Jews were commanded to give a tithe (one tenth).<sup>10</sup> Many believers, including myself, now consider 10 per cent as a benchmark minimum for giving. Paul urged believers to give willingly, not grudgingly nor of necessity for the Lord loves a cheerful giver.<sup>11</sup> Jesus admonished us to give as the means of receiving.<sup>12</sup>

The following are new rhema words from the Lord to His servants on giving:

**Received on March 7, 2006**

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<sup>8</sup>I have been asked if God always gets me up in the middle of the night to speak to me. The answer is no. There are times, however, when I record for your benefit the time He gives me certain rhema words. That way **you** may know, when occasionally you awaken in the middle of the night with your mind clear, it may be because the Lord has something to say to **you**. Those are the times when He will have you to Himself without interruptions. He looks forward to such times.

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<sup>6</sup>See Isaiah 46:10.

<sup>7</sup>When I was given this “word,” Dale and I were in the process of redoing our wills to include burial arrangements. This confirms the fact of my Rapture which the Lord has confirmed to me both personally and prophetically to at least one and perhaps two others.

<sup>9</sup>See Matthew 2:1.

<sup>10</sup>See Matthew 23:23.

<sup>11</sup>See 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.

<sup>12</sup>See Luke 6:38.

“Yes My son, you are right. Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights in whom there is no shadow of turning.<sup>13</sup> Nothing naturally given is worthy of use in the kingdom. In order for Me to use an individual, I Myself must gift to him My ability for use in the kingdom.

“Then when everything used by a servant of mine has been given by Me, I get the glory. Otherwise the individual gets the glory and ***I will not be robbed by My servants, regardless of how talented they may be.***

“You must forsake everything and everyone or you cannot be My disciple. Only as you forsake everyone and everything can you be My disciple.

“Whatever it is that you possess naturally or that you have achieved on your own ability ***is not fit for the kingdom.*** Every natural talent or ability, whether achieved by physical discipline or mental discipline is not fit for the kingdom because it did not come from above. It must be God’s gift to be perfect and ***He will not accept imperfection in the kingdom.*** Therefore everything you have achieved, if it contributes to your pride, is as filthy rags in God’s sight.

“And yes, My son, the surrender is now complete. And you are Mine now. So just relax and do what your hand finds to do and I will bless you.

“Yes, I hear your request for My help. Continue to fast today and I will give you the desire of your heart to bless and glorify Me through My gifting.

“When you give to the Lord that which He has given, at His directives, you are giving a spiritual gift that will glorify Him.”

***Comment***

This “word” from the Lord on giving is supported by many things that Jesus said and did. Several of my *letters* might be written on such *support*. The only way this type of giving may be understood is by revelation or by a rhema word. Actually in this “word” on giving, the Lord Jesus was talking about Himself. He is the One who came down from the Father of Lights. He is the One Who said, “For God so loved the world that He ***gave*** His only Son.”<sup>14</sup> His only Son was and is the ***perfect gift*** given by the Father to set man free from the clutches of the enemy. He was the perfect sinless gift. At one level, God will accept only a perfect gift from His servants – that which He has given Himself. Understanding of this kind of giving may have to come *by revelation*. Hence, the blessing of listening for and

hearing rhema words from the Lord Himself. Remember that the eleventh Commandment is, “If you don’t know, ask Me,” and the twelfth, likened unto the eleventh is, “Learn to listen,” says the Lord God to His servants in this generation.

Here is another thing about giving. Notice these words given on March 7, 2006, column one of this page, in the next to last paragraph, “Continue to ***fast*** today and I will give you the desire of your heart to bless and glorify Me ***through My gifting.***” Obviously, these words on giving were revealed to me on a day of fasting.

God does not tell us to fast to deprive us of physical food, but to make us hungry for spiritual food.<sup>15</sup> Over the past ten years, at the Lord’s direction, I have done what I call a water fast for approximately 460 days. According to God’s law, each of those 460 days that I fasted created a spiritual hunger and thirst for righteousness, which, ***without exception, was satisfied by the Lord Himself.*** That always equates to spiritual growth. The Lord instructed me to fast 10 percent of my time, the same as we fast from 10 per cent of our income. As a practical matter, I usually fast one day each week on a regular basis. That way it’s easy to remember. Only on two occasions has the Lord directed me to water fasts for more than 10 per cent of my time. One was for five days, the other was for seven days. When He tells you to fast and you are obedient, it is not near as difficult as it may appear in the physical realm.

The key is obedience. Obedience is based on faith without which it is impossible to please God<sup>16</sup> and faith comes ***from hearing*** rhema words from Him.<sup>17</sup> “To obey is better than sacrifice”<sup>18</sup> means anything or everything that you might think of to do “for God,” that He did not specifically instruct you to do, however sacrificial it might be, regardless of what it might cost you, is of no value in

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<sup>15</sup>These words on fasting are rhema words given to me by the Lord years ago. It is a law of God that ***God Himself always feeds everyone who hungers and thirsts for spiritual food.*** For example, in a laboratory when you create a vacuum within a bell jar, then open a valve, that will ***always*** equalize the pressure within the bell jar to the outside atmospheric pressure. That is a law of physics. Likewise, it is a law in the spiritual world that *one’s hunger and thirst for spiritual food will always be satisfied.* Jesus Himself stated the law, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). In this statement Jesus was talking about Himself for He is our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6). When we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we hunger and thirst for and are fed Jesus, the living Word, Who became flesh and dwelt among men. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

<sup>16</sup>See Hebrews 11:6.

<sup>17</sup>See Romans 10:17.

<sup>18</sup>See 1 Samuel 15:22.

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<sup>13</sup>See James 1:17.

<sup>14</sup>Jesus said this during His personal ministry when most of those who heard these words were unsure that He was talking about Himself. He had to be careful about His words so that the cross, His destiny, would occur only in the fulness of time as appointed by the Father.

the kingdom and will be a total loss to you.

Received on September 11, 2006

“Do not be attracted to another’s ministry, be attracted to Me. Realize that the one whose ministry to which you are attracted spent much time in training and preparation. And he did not go on his own. He was sent by Me; he was commissioned by Me, but only after I had trained him for the road ahead.

“Be not attracted to another’s ministry; be attracted to Me. For I am the Source, I am the Way and the One to whom you are to go, for My training is gentle but firm and certain not to lead you astray. In order for you to serve Me, there must come a time in your life when you are willing to forsake everything and everyone to come unto me for I, and only I, am your Way to everything your heart may desire.

“My relationship with you, My son, *is of the heart*. When your heart is knit to Mine, then the power of two in agreement knows no boundary. Then My communication to you is the silent communion of the heart, for therein is fulfillment for both Parties.

“That is the purpose for which you were made. This is the cure-all for man’s ills, for all his cares of life, for everything his heart desires. As this occurs, *the desires of My heart are transferred to your heart and that is the source of your rhema words. That is why they silently occur and that is why no one knows of our intimacy unless you tell them.*<sup>19</sup>

“Between two such lovers there are no secrets. Intimacies are shared without fear or apprehension, for all barriers are removed with the intimacy of love.

“From an abundance of the heart man speaks.”

Received on September 12, 2006

“Instead of asking or praying for Me to bless someone, **proclaim the promised results over them or over the situation.**<sup>20</sup>

“My son, when your schooling is finished and I commission you and send you out, *then is when all I have promised you will come to pass*. Until then observe as I have said to you, listen and learn and We’ll have a good time, turn some heads and bless many.

“My son, the reason My communication with you is different from the office of Prophet and the gift of prophecy is *because it (My communication) is continual*. The reason it is continual is because it is a *heart transmission* based on oneness or becoming one with Me and the Father. When We are one (you and Me) our hearts are knit together like

that of David and Jonathan.<sup>21</sup> When two hearts are knit together by love, that oneness transcends all other relationships. Then My heart’s desire for you is transferred to your heart, then expressed with your mouth and manifested into existence. *That is when I give you the desire of your heart* – and now that has a different meaning, doesn’t it?

“‘I give you the desire of your heart’ means exactly that. *That means it is not what you desire but what I desire for you that I place in your heart*. Then and only then do I always give you the desire of your heart.<sup>22</sup>

“This again, My son is based on intimacy. ***The basis, the foundation of intimacy, is your learning to listen to Me. Therein do we become one.*** Therein are our hearts knit together. Therein is the desire of My heart expressed to your heart, the way of two who are in love. As you express with your mouth the desire of your heart that I put there, the results **MUST** come to pass for they are My express and expressed desire for you. Amen.

“When I give you the desire of your heart or when I place in your heart My desire and you express that desire, it becomes manifested. Then is when My will ***in your life is done on earth as it is in heaven***. That is when We are One. ***Then you begin to live as Adam did before sin.***

“For this to occur, the Adamic sin curse must be removed by a sufficiency of hearing My rhema words. Hearing My rhema words ***are the cleansing needed*** for the curse to be removed. Those words, as applied by the Holy Spirit (living water) are the cleansing agent for your life, for the renewing or renewal of your life, says God.

“This is the way, ***the only way***, My will is done on earth as it is in heaven, that is, within the heart and life of an individual ***prior to the Millennial reign on the earth.***

“***During the Millennium***, the Lord Jesus as King will literally reign over the earth from Jerusalem. At that time, My will over the entire earth will literally be done, or enforced, as it is in heaven.”

Comment

Here are two new revelations within these “words” received on September 11 & 12, 2006. (1) Rhema words from the Lord about which I have written for years **originate from the heart of God** and (2) the Lord gives you the desire of your heart **only as that desire is transferred from His heart to yours**. Saints of God, this is – today is – the most exciting time to be alive ever.

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<sup>19</sup>I have been admonished by the Lord to boldly declare His rhema words to me as I am sure of His teaching.

<sup>20</sup>This is new to most of the Church. This is the way Jesus ministered. He spoke the end result over the situation or the person and what He spoke was manifested in the physical.

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<sup>21</sup>See 1 Samuel 18:1.

<sup>22</sup>“Delight yourself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4). See also Matthew 12:34; Luke 6:45; Psalm 21:2; 145:19.