

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)

AN UNUSUAL REVELATION

Introduction

I have been writing these *letters* since September, 1997. From the math, I find that averages 10.75 letters per year. From that day in 1997 to this day in 2008, by reading my writing, one may chronicle my spiritual growth. That is what the statement in the masthead of my letters implies. If you have read my writing from the beginning, you may have seen my weaknesses and perhaps observed the Lord's gentle corrections without rebuke. His corrections are kind and gentle so as to draw you closer to Him. During these eleven years and eight months, I have discovered an intimacy with Him I never thought possible in this life.

To leave a record of my walk with God is one of the purposes of my writing, and the journey has turned out to be far more interesting and rewarding than I ever anticipated – and, as the Lord has said to me, "The best is yet to come!" *I know things about my own future and about yours that I have learned by listening to His voice.* What is even more exciting, I invite you to come along with me on this journey, for indeed God is no respecter of persons.¹ If he can do it with me, he certainly can do it with you.

In recent years, *prophetic revelation from the Lord* has been the basis for my writing. That is because, through obedience, the Lord has taught me to hear His voice continually. Hearing His voice is not new, for Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."² However, the Lord has confirmed to me that **hearing His voice continually is new** and is one of the *new/greater*³ things he has reserved for this time in the remaining years prior to the rapture. I have written this before but it bears repeating: I know of no greater spiritual blessing than to hear His voice continually. Here is one reason why:

¹See Deuteronomy 16:19.

²John 10:27.

³The Lord has revealed to me that the *new things* of Isaiah 42:9 and the *greater things* John 14:12 are the same things, and that these two prophetic words will be fulfilled in this generation before the rapture that will occur within the general time-frame of twelve years from the date of this letter.

Jesus was quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 when He said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhema) that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"⁴ This means that every word of God comes from the mouth of God or it isn't the word of God. Secondly, every word of God that proceeds from the mouth of God today is spiritual Jesus.⁵ Thirdly, every word of God that proceeds from the mouth of God, which is spiritual Jesus, is transmitted or revealed by the Holy Spirit.⁶ Therefore, **the Godhead is literally in every rhema word of God.** That's why when God said, for example, "Let there be light,"⁷ there was light. For this reason, as one learns to hear the voice of God continually, **that one cannot remain the same.** Provided he continues in obedience, as he hears the voice of God continually, he will not only be changed into "Our image, Our likeness," as it was said of Adam,⁸ but as he hears the voice of God continually **according to the Lord's measure of time**, he will be changed into "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."⁹ The Lord Jesus has said to me when I finish with His training, I will be changed into His likeness, as He was in His three and one-half year ministry, which is the same thing that Paul wrote.

I have been given ten or more prophetic *words* on the rapture of the Church. Here is an excerpt from a rhema word received the morning of March 23, 2005:

⁴See Matthew 4:4.

⁵See John 1:1, 2, 3 & 14. In these verses, "Word" (logos) is capitalized and is referred to with the masculine, personal pronouns, He and His. Therefore the Word (logos), as referred to in verses 1, 2, and 3, is a spiritual, masculine person. In verse 14, however, this spiritual, masculine person supernaturally becomes a visible, flesh, bones and blood Jesus.

In the New Testament, "word" is recorded 206 times. In 200 of those listings, 172 are translated from *logos* (the person of Jesus), and 28 are translated from *rhema* (200 times total), the voice of God Who is the spiritual person of Jesus. (See Strong's Concordance *word* listing for proof.) **The New Testament is literally the spiritual person of Jesus.**

⁶See Ephesians 3:5.

⁷See Genesis 1:3.

⁸See Genesis 1:26.

⁹See Ephesians 4:13 for this statement from Paul.

footnotes have been added for clarity.

“Your ministry is an eleventh hour (last generation) ministry and it will be prominent, My son. Prominent because the time is short and I need a servant who is totally devoted to Me and My cause, free of other encumbrances, as are you. So you see, your ‘station in life’ is important relative to your calling and election. Never in the annals of time has there been a time such as this. We are in the last part of the eleventh hour. The time is past 11:30 and as I have said to you, I will reveal to you when this present (last) generation started. I can reveal that to you because of your trustworthiness.”

Notice the reference to the time as being in the eleventh hour (the last generation) and past 11:30,¹⁰ or with less than twenty years remaining when this word was given.¹¹ The Lord has revealed to me the beginning time of the last generation and that is why I prophesy that the rapture will occur within the general time-frame of twelve years from the date of this letter.

The Unusual Revelation Introduction

The following was written the morning of June 6, 2007, after receiving a profound revelation earlier that morning. This revelation was unlike any that I have received. It originated as a compound, inclusive thought that contained many things. It came as though the many thoughts were compressed into a small, compact bundle, and handed to me as a “package” to unwrap, explore and record. Because of the nature of this revelation, my first draft has been edited and rewritten many times in order to accurately express the revelation I was given. I have found out through this experience that when God gives me His revelation clearly, His choice of words are superior to mine and that He is able to phrase His thoughts with carefully chosen words that convey the exact meaning of His revelation. There are a number of things in this revelation you have previously seen in my writing. Rather than edit them out I have left them in so this *unusual revelation* may be presented as I received it. Here is my attempt to express the *insight* given to me that morning in June, 2007. The bold fonts, underlining, italics, parenthetical insertions and

¹⁰The eleventh hour is the same as 5:00 P. M.; the twelfth hour is the same as 6:00 P. M. when the Jewish work day was over.

¹¹In this example, one hour is the equivalent of one generation, or in this case, forty years.

The Unusual Revelation

In Genesis chapter one, ‘according to its kind’ is written eight times concerning procreation principles while “according to their kind” is written once, being the same principle in the plural.

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul wrote that “Christ has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”¹²

Through Adam’s sin, death came to the earth. That one sin began the destruction of and/or the degeneration of the earth, including everything on its surface, all life, things under the earth’s surface and in the first and second heavens.¹³ Based on God’s order of reproduction or procreation, a seed will reproduce after or “according to its kind.” God therefore had to send a Man in the similitude of the first Adam before he sinned, plant Him in the earth as firstfruits to bring forth the life of the first Adam back to the earth, since God’s order of procreation is that like produces like, according to or in the similitude of itself. There can be no exception to that rule because it is God’s law of reproduction or procreation. Paul wrote of this Seed (Christ) as bringing forth life, meaning resurrection.

This revelation was expressly given to me by the Holy Spirit: In this Rapture generation God will bring forth men and women from the pew, by-passing a corrupted pastoral system, and train them to hear His voice. As each one learns to listen for and to hear His voice **continually**,¹⁴ those words from His mouth will be (are) Jesus of Nazareth Who came in the similitude of the first Adam before he sinned and as the Jesus of Nazareth lived His life on the earth.

As those words are heard continually, they will

¹²1 Corinthians 15:20.

¹³Disruption and displacement in the third heaven occurred prior to Genesis 1:3. The original earth, ruled over by Lucifer (Genesis 1:1), was catastrophically destroyed by God (Genesis 1:2). Then Lucifer and his first set of fallen angels were cast out of the third heaven. This appears obvious from the fact that Satan, first known as Lucifer, appears as a serpent in Genesis chapter three while he is described as the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty in Ezekiel 28:12, 13. The rejection of Satan and his angels left a gigantic void in the third heaven. The dominion of Satan after his fall was limited to the earth, things under the earth and the first and second heavens.

¹⁴Not continuously, which means without interruption, but continually, which is similar to Paul’s admonition to, “Pray without ceasing.”

supernaturally impart to the hearer the attributes of both Adam before he sinned and the flesh and blood Jesus of Nazareth Who knew no sin. It will be that way because God's law of procreation demands that **like produces like**. Therefore as we learn to listen for and to hear the voice of God continually, those words that come forth from His mouth are Jesus in the similitude of the first Adam before he sinned and in the similitude of the flesh and blood Jesus Who knew no sin.

In that manner, each servant who hears the voice of God continually, will be changed into the similitude of the last Adam as He lived on the earth.

Therefore, when the metamorphosis is complete, as produced by the spoken words of God, His servant will then be trained, equipped, commissioned and sent forth to bring to fruition John 14:12 in his life. That servant, and those like him, will bring forth the greatest harvest of souls ever to occur on the earth **prior to the Rapture**.

One reason why many of God's servants may miss this metamorphosis is **because it is supernatural but not spectacular**, meaning that the impartation is done silently, *slowly*, as a light, delicate, intuitive thought (that may easily be ignored) so as to retain the newly acquired attributes. Along the way one will be relieved or delivered of all works of the flesh. Here is the way that will be done.

As one hears the voice of God continually, the Lord will become so real and so precious to that servant, he will willingly give up any and every fleshly desire that would not glorify Him. The thought of anything that would hurt, harm or embarrass Him will be shed like an old worn out garment that is no longer desired. As His voice is heard continually and the fleshly things are seen (revealed), they will be abhorred and released instead of becoming a temptation.

As this transformation or metamorphosis progresses, the servant will have no control over, nor will he direct any part of the transformation. **It will be done for him** with no effort on his part as he remains faithful, teachable and obedient and continually hears God's voice. It will be accomplished for him in the same manner as the earth was created and then furnished **by the spoken word of God**. He spoke into existence all of the necessary furnishings to complete the Paradise prepared for the first Adam.

In the written account of God's recreation of the earth and its contents in Genesis chapters One and Two, the spoken word of God created everything. In creating

all life (except man) the record reveals that each type and/or species of life was created to reproduce according to its kind. In Genesis 1:1-25, the statements "according to its kind" and "according to their kind" forever set forth God's law of procreation or reproduction.

This includes grass, the herb that yields seed, the fruit tree that yields fruit whose seed is in itself and great sea creatures, every living thing that moves with which the waters abound, every winged bird, cattle and everything that creeps on the earth. Everything was created with its seed in itself to forever bring forth reproduction according to God's law of procreation, "according to its (or their) kind."

When God created (formed) man, He said, "Let Us make **man** in Our own image according to Our likeness,"¹⁵ then told *them* to be fruitful and multiply. The same "according to its kind" law of procreation in *man* was forever set forth through the egg (seed) in woman's womb when fertilized by man's sperm. Therefore, although different terms were used, God's law of procreation was forever set forth *in man*, whose seed is in himself, the same as for all other life.

When Adam sinned, life thereafter became irrevocably altered until another Seed¹⁶ could be planted in the earth. So as to keep God's reproductive process from being eternally sinful under Satan's control, man was driven from the garden. Cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned every way, were placed at the tree of life so that man could not eat of its fruit and live forever in the sinful condition caused by Satan.¹⁷

God restored and refurnished the earth for the first Adam by the power of His spoken word. The earth, therefore, played no part in its own restoration except to stand still (figuratively) and see (witness) the salvation (restoration) of God.

In like manner, during this Rapture generation, a servant of God may be restored to the similitude of both the first Adam before he sinned and the last Adam during His earthly ministry. The restoration of that servant will be done by God with no effort whatsoever on the part of the servant except to hear God's voice continually. He will then stand still (figuratively) and

¹⁵Genesis 1:26.

¹⁶Seed refers to the Seed or egg in Mary's womb (Genesis 3:15). In this case the egg is a "seed" that reproduces itself over and over again without limit.

¹⁷See Genesis 1:22-24.

see (witness) the salvation (restoration) of God in his life.¹⁸

In 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 Paul writes of Christ who was the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. This means that He was the first one who lived on the earth, Who died and was resurrected not to die again, as a guarantee that His followers would experience that same resurrection and have the same flesh and bones¹⁹ body as He now has, throughout eternity.

I have been given new revelation **for this Rapture generation that Jesus of Nazareth** (the flesh and blood Jesus as He was during His three and one-half year ministry), is also **“the firstfruits of them that live.”** This means that as one today learns to hear the voice of God continually, the word spoken will be spiritual Jesus of Nazareth transmitted by the Holy Spirit. In those words the attributes of Jesus of Nazareth, the flesh and blood Jesus, will be imparted to that servant as the way of God, the truth of God and the life of God, as Jesus was during His three and one-half year ministry.

As one continually hears His voice and remains faithful, teachable and obedient, all of the attributes of Jesus of Nazareth will be imparted to him. Then, in God’s timing, he will be equipped to be commissioned and sent out to bring to fruition John 14:12 and participate in the greatest harvest of souls to ever occur on planet earth, prior to the Rapture.

As one begins to mature in this walk with God, he will gradually lose (have removed from himself) the appetite to satisfy the desires of the flesh.

Jesus of Nazareth came to prove that God did not make a mistake in creating the first Adam. In order to do so, He had to send another in the similitude of the first Adam to prove His point. Jesus of Nazareth was not only like the first Adam, He also came to negate the sin of the first Adam. When God does something, He does it right the first time. He does not have to “practice” to get it right. **Jesus came to affirm**

God’s perfect act in creating Adam and to negate Adam’s sin through the cross.

God created the earth perfect the first time (Genesis 1:1) and gave a perfect Lucifer the authority to govern it.²⁰ Lucifer then sinned and destroyed God’s original plan, so He had to begin again. The destruction of the earth over which Lucifer ruled is recorded in Genesis 1:2. The earth was then replenished beginning with Genesis 1:3 for a perfectly created Adam. Adam then sinned so God had to begin again. The third failure was evidenced by Noah’s flood. The fourth time He sent His Son to rectify the acts of Satan, Adam and the “sons of God” to forever establish on the earth His rule and reign based on obedience from the heart through love. In order to obey from the heart one must have the freedom to disobey. Satan, Adam and the “sons of God”²¹ disobeyed. This time (the fourth time) God’s will shall prevail through His only Son. But notice that the vast restoration and renovation **program** that began with Jesus will this time be done in stages. In God’s first two attempts, it was not done in stages. All preparation was done on the earth before authority to subdue it and have dominion over it was given by God the first time to Lucifer; the second time to Adam. This time, in order to insure that His will shall prevail, God started the complete renovation and restoration of the earth with His only Son. Phase I of the renovation was completed when Jesus placed His own blood on the mercy seat of the third heaven. Phase II of the program began with the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Phase III will begin as the following two events occur in this generation simultaneously or within the close proximity of each other: (1) the beginning of the seven-year tribulation and (2) the Rapture as depicted in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. The Rapture will end the Church age and begin phase IV of the renovation/restoration program. Hallelujah!

¹⁸Read Hebrews, chapter four completely, for support of this statement. Zero in on verses 9, 10 & 11.

¹⁹After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples in Jerusalem, as the two from Emmaus were telling of their experience on the road home when they were joined by a fellow Traveler (See Luke 24:13-32). It was then that Jesus said to them, “Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have **flesh and bones** as you see I have.” (Luke 24:39)

²⁰See Jim Ash letter No. 16 dated January 10, 1999, entitled, EARTH 101, for a detailed account of Lucifer’s dominance of the earth and his downfall as recorded in Isaiah chapter 14, Ezekiel chapter 28 and Jeremiah chapter 4. .

²¹“Sons of God” refer to angels who co-habited with the daughters of men so that every thought and intent of man’s heart was continually evil. That brought on Noah’s flood. See Genesis 6:1-7.