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ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Mavis duCille went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on November 22, 2008.

Brother Cecil duCille went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on October 20, 2009.

They faithfully served the Lord in ministry for over 50 years. Although their passing was a great shock and loss to many of us, we rejoice in the sovereign will of Almighty God, knowing that precious in His sight is the death of his saints. We are so thankful for the many years of faithful ministry to the Lord. He and Mavis dedicated their lives to the Body of Christ, and we have all been eternally blessed by their sacrifice. They most certainly fought a good fight, finished their course, and kept the faith. There is therefore laid up for them a crown of righteousness. They have now joined the ranks of that great cloud of witnesses. May the fruit of their labor continue to flourish in the earth until His glorious appearing.

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FOREWORD

Cecil and Mavis are choice servants of the Lord, who have given their lives to carry this word from the Lord across America and around the world. Those of us who benefited from their ministry can only marvel at our good fortune, and we say Thank you, Jesus! We love you both.

After being born again, I wondered "What is this salvation?" It seemed so vast and mysterious. The first time I heard Cecil teaching the Tabernacle of Moses, I began to see the pattern of salvation of Spirit, soul and body. I was elated.

It became very obvious that all the Bible was important for study. That praying for the help of the Holy Spirit was necessary as well.

God bless all who read this book. May it point you to the cross. May you be part of the church victorious at the end of this age.

Maranatha,
Steve and Fran Goodmon

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Yours in Christ, Cecil J. duCille

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Every builder who contrives to construct an edifice first makes a plan to suit the requirements of that which suits the purpose for which he builds.

God, the greatest master builder of all, made three distinct plans or patterns of that which He builds in earth.

1. Moses' Tabernacle in the Wilderness:
The First Temple - Exodus 25:1-9
2. Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem:
The Second Temple - 1st Chronicles 22:9-11
3. Jesus Christ the Man:
The Beginning of the Third Temple - Matthew 24:2

Let us first look at the quality change in the materials which were used in both the building of Moses' Tabernacle in the wilderness as against that used in the building of the Temple of Solomon.

In the Tabernacle of Moses, the materials were wood overlaid with gold, skins of animals, brass, threads of certain symbolic colors, and silver.

- a. Wood symbolically means carnal man.
- b. Gold symbolizes the Divine Nature.
- c. Skins of animals, which are produced by the will of the flesh, symbolize sacrifice and covering. This, more than anything else, brings us into the realm of a life of intercession for others and an unselfish surrender for the good of the Body of Christ.
- d. Brass symbolizes judgment and justice against sin.

- e. Colors: Blue means purification.
White linen means purity.
Red signifies the blood of Jesus.
Purple stands for kingship.

There were some marked differences between Solomon's Temple and the Tabernacle of Moses in the type of materials used in construction. Skins of animals, which represent the will of flesh, and wood, which represents humanity, though covered with gold (divinity) were used in Moses' tabernacle. In Solomon's temple, stones were used for the walls, which, unlike skins, were not produced by the will of the flesh, but by process of God's own operation. The individual stones were inlaid with golden mortar poured into a pattern of holes drilled into them (more like our cement blocks) and plastered on the outside with pure gold, thus covering the nakedness of their presence in the temple by His own divinity, and at the same time filling them inside also with divine life. God's promise to man is that He would walk in them and talk in them.

2nd Corinthians 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

The work was no more to be just an outward covering up of the nature of man under the nature of God, but even as the GOLDEN MORTAR permeated the inside of the stones, so The Living God would work on the inside of man.

All brass objects were peculiar to the Outer Court, for the Outer Court is the place where God deals with sin.

In Solomon's temple, the size and number of the symbolic furniture were increased. For instance, the candlesticks (lampstands) were multiplied to TEN, which speaks of the massive increase in the "dunamin" power of the Holy Ghost's work in the soul and spirit realm of the individual believer,

and the church generally (2nd Chronicles 4:7). The candlesticks were placed, five on the right side and five on the left. The Table of Shewbread was also multiplied to ten. Five tables were on one side and five on the other. Five is the number of the Ministry.

This placing of the ministry - five on the right and five on the left - signifies that there would be a ministry that was carnal and would be like the foolish virgins, and there was a ministry that would be wise and be as the wise virgins.

The cherubim were also greatly multiplied in size. The cherubim on the Mercy Seat were apparently small figures, maybe no bigger than 1 cubit or 18 inches, but the cherubim in Solomon's temple touched from one wall of the temple to the other. They were twenty cubits in their wing span. Wing touched wing and the outer wings touched the walls. This speaks of the increase in the overwhelming abundance of the overshadowing at the Mercy Seat. This means that when the spirit of man is incorporated with the Spirit of God, the soul is overshadowed. Between the soul and the spirit is the place where we meet face to face with God.

1. THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

God gave Moses a detailed plan of a tent he should build, which was portable, to go along with the Israelites as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. At once we see Egypt as the type of bondage, sin, and our old carnal Adamic nature, and Canaan as the type of the great promise of salvation and a life free from sin.

The outer fence was made of posts of wood covered with brass and set in sockets of brass. This signifies that humanity will be used of God as part of the means of shutting man into God. The fact that the posts were covered with brass and socketed in brass signifies that there is a compulsion in their position and ministry, and that there is no latitude for vacillation

or change. The whole fence was covered with linen cloth, with hooks and joinings of silver. Linen speaks of righteousness and silver of redemption, that is, their righteousness is held in place by the redemptive power of Christ. Another fact that is pertinent is that they were placed five cubits apart, which means that God Himself would place them in the Body and it would be a ministry. This fence was 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide, thus making the perimeter 300 cubits, which was the number of Gideon's overcomer company. This plan or pattern contains in symbolic language every iota of God's word, from the Holy Spirit working in the life of the sinner outside of the tent, to bring him in through the gate, to the believer being installed into the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies with all the attributes of the risen Christ manifested in him.

This pattern therefore contains the very essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His love. This revelation has now come to the Church so that all of God's people might participate and be made ready for that mountaintop experience into which we shall soon enter, through tribulation or fire.

2. SOLOMON'S TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

The pattern shown by Solomon's temple tells us that there is a second stage that mankind would come to in the development of God's plan where we would be "lively stones built up a spiritual household." These stones would not stand up of themselves, but would have golden bars supporting them inside and plastered with gold outside. Gold speaks of the divine nature. Therefore our old, cold, dead, stone nature would be covered up with God's nature, and our nakedness vindicated by the Almighty. THIS, OF COURSE, SPEAKS OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

The next important point here is that the GLORY of this temple would increase over the glory of Moses'. The glory at one time under Moses was so great that his face shone and the

people could not look upon him. This, of course, deals with the subject historically. What is meant by this is that there was a time when God dealt with the church on a lower level spiritually than He is dealing with us now. AT PRESENT WE ARE MOVING OUT OF THE SOLOMON'S TEMPLE EXPERIENCE and going into the third experience, or the COMING FORTH INTO THE NATURE OF THE CHRIST MAN.

According to 2nd Chronicles 3:3, the measurement of the temple was 60 x 20 Cubits equaling 1200 Square Cubits (120 x 10). Ten is the number of government or the perfection of divine order, i.e. The Ten Commandments. (For further information on the number ten, see "Number in Scripture," by E.W. Bullinger).

One hundred and twenty brethren were in the upper room at Pentecost, and it speaks of that victorious indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His life was divided into three segments of 40 years. Each segment was a time of tribulation, and the third 40 years of tribulation brought him victory over death itself.

The Porch measured 20 x 20 Cubits and its height was 20 cubits and the Holy of Holies was 20 x 20. Twenty is a symbolic figure of the witness of Christ and the Holy of Holies is the place of the total fulfillment of humanity when he comes into the fullness of Christ.

3. JESUS CHRIST THE MAN, OR THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD TEMPLE

"These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD." Revelation 3:14

"The first begotten of the dead." Revelation 1:5

Jesus Christ is the beginning of the construction of the THIRD TEMPLE. In Christ, we are that third temple and the final fulfillment of all that has been written about temples in the Bible.

Jesus Christ told the Jews, in effect, that Herod's temple was not the true temple, but that His body was the true temple.

John 2:18-20, "Then answered the Jews and said unto Him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that Thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt Thou rear it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body."

Paul speaks of this temple.

1st Corinthians 6:19, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

It is very interesting to note that this teaching is believed even in modern Israel. There is, however, one exception in Israel's belief - it being that they think they are that third temple. In a natural sense they are, but in the spiritual sense we, the Israel of God, which includes both Jew and Gentile, are that temple.

The story is told of the reference to the third temple being made by a high-ranking Israeli when things seemed very dark for Israel during the 1973 October war.

His words to Premier Golda Meir were, "This is the end of the Third Temple." In that dark hour for Israel, he would not be playing with words had the meaning not been fully known to the Premier. He was referring to Israel in no uncertain terms.

For a long time, our colleges and seminaries have been teaching that the symbolic meaning of the word Canaan is a glory land beyond death, and thus fostering a doctrine of a far away heaven on some far away planet. Now, through the revelation of the Holy Spirit and the Christ within us, we know for sure that the experiences of heaven are ordained of God for us to have here and now while we are in this life. Jesus, through His life, demonstrated that He dwelt in heavenly places while

on earth. For example:

"No man hath ascended up to heaven but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." John 3:13.

This passage and many others clearly say that Jesus, though He was on earth, also was in heaven. Not just heaven in us, but us in heaven.

TRUE ENOUGH, most Christians have to die before God can get them still enough to bring them into the reality of the Spirit, but now we are understanding the ways and purposes of God, and we know that God will bring heaven down to earth (terra firma) as soon as the saints allow the Kingdom of God to come within them.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10.

LIKE JESUS

We can be like Jesus. This will happen not because we are trying hard to be; as a matter of fact, we will never be by trying, but because we are learning to step out of the way and LET HIM MAKE US LIKE HIMSELF.

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD is God's final pattern of that which He is creating with His word in the earth. "He spoke and it was done." By the anointed word of God, we are being recreated in His image and likeness. There is a teaching which would disarm you, which says that you can do nothing about it. You have been given of God a free will, and you can prevent God to the point of going to hell if you desire. On the other hand, you can give God the right of way in your life to bring you into conformity with His image. Romans 6:16 states that whatsoever spirit YOU obey, his servant you will become. Thus God expects you to exercise your franchise in submitting yourself to Him that He might put you in alignment with Christ.

THE NECESSITY FOR THE MESSAGE

The necessity for this message lies in the fact of the Gospel of Jesus Christ being a MYSTERY which was never fully revealed in any age, but is to be fully revealed to this generation of the end-time.

Daniel 12:9, "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

Paul also, in his letter to the Ephesians (3:3-5), bears out the same idea.

"How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery, (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit."

Some of my readers may say, "But it has been already revealed to the apostles and the prophets." But Paul says no. He received words which he was commanded not to utter. 2nd Corinthians 12:4.

1) John, in receiving the revelation of Jesus Christ, was given the thing in mystery, and this mystery is only being revealed to the sons of God by the Holy Ghost for our time.

2) In Revelation 10:4, John was commanded not to write that which the SEVEN THUNDERS uttered. I believe some of the revelations we are receiving now are these that John was commanded not to write.

3) In Daniel 12:9, the angel told Daniel that at the time of the end, the mysteries of the Gospel would be revealed. "And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

THE CHURCH SYSTEM IN DARKNESS

We are at present at the end of the age of the Laodicean church which is described in Revelation 3:15 as being "neither

cold nor hot," but "rich, increased with goods and having need of nothing." This means that all the seven churches with all their rebellion have come together in one church. This is the picture of a church well settled in the world, being the richest institution on the face of the earth, and wielding political and economic power of great proportions. Spiritually, she is inept and sick unto death with divisions and sin. The doctor would say her condition is incurable. The modern church system has slipped into a quagmire of preaching one thing, and finding it totally impossible to practice its own preachings from the Bible. Thus something more like the generation gap exists, ever widening, between her and her Bible. Something has to give. Therefore the Church, instead of giving way to the Bible, has been trying to bend the Bible to the Church.

By 1991, many of the churches had changed their hymnals to suit the trends of the time. Some have printed a new Bible which puts God in the feminine, and now we see the "overspreading of abominations" (Daniel 9:27) in the holy place. This alerts us that there will soon be the desolations and then the consummation of which this passage speaks.

The difficulty is like dealing with a pernicious disease, for the Bible was never written for carnal men and CARNAL INTERPRETATION. To remedy this ailment, every major religion has either done it herself, or embraced a translation of the Bible which appears to support her position doctrinally. In spite of this, the Bible as a whole condemns these organizations of man. Men who lack godliness institute doctrine to bind their adherents. Thus in this late hour of time, we find an influx of translations, with some passages being made clearer, and at the same time, other passages being made darker, increasing the confusion. It is alleged that even the Communists are making a Bible translation.

One POPULAR TRANSLATION changes all the figures in the Bible, bringing them to their English equivalent, thus destroying all their SYMBOLIC meanings. For instance, 12,000

furlongs translated to 1,500 miles destroys the symbolism of 12 with three zeros behind it to a meaningless figure. Not only this error, but others of a far-reaching nature such as errors of making a passage clearer according to the writer's natural scope of understanding, when there is a spiritual understanding beyond the scope of the writer. Because of the number of men who translated and cross-checked the King James Version of the Bible, it does not carry any slant of any special doctrine for any particular group, whereas most of the other translations do carry such a slant.

THE INDICTMENT

The indictment against the present church system is:

1) DIVINE ORDER is absent in the rule of our church government. Not Theocratic Rule as was God's intention, but Democratic, Autocratic, Despotic, Plutocratic and even Totalitarian in some widespread instances. EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF Divine Order is DISORDER, and the worst kind of disorder is an orderly disorder. Disorder which is deliberate and ordered is, in effect, a rebellion. This is exactly how God looks at it. *"I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me."* Isaiah 1:2.

2) The church system presents God to the world as a God that is slack concerning His promises, and one that is unable to rule His own household, by presenting themselves as His ambassadors while living in every type of sin in which the ungodly participate.

3) In doctrine they say that God is too good to judge and condemn sin, robbing themselves of the knowledge of their own judgment. This doctrine says that God is going to contaminate heaven with a lot of unwilling, self-willed, rebellious and sinful people who hate God and all His works. In doctrine, they distort heaven, making it a faraway dwelling place of spirits, yet with streets of natural gold and walls of natural jas-

per, upon some carnal, physical, faraway planet. They distort hell, making it nothing but a myth in one rendition, and in another they make it a hole in the ground, in spite of the hint given by the Word of God, "bottomless pit" (Revelation 9:2). A pit without a bottom is not a pit at all. That in itself shows that it is not a natural pit, since every natural pit, to be a pit, must have a bottom.

4) Finally, under the name of God, the churches occupy the most popular corners of every city, and under the guise of charitable organizations, transact business, buying and selling, usurping and lobbying for laws to be passed in all the legislatures of the world to facilitate their pursuit of power. Because of these and more, it is very evident in our time that the church system is at its lowest ebb, while some of the people of God are rising to their highest.

The logical conclusion is that somewhere in the near future, there must be a breakaway of the true Christian from the false church.

I am recording this as a matter of history for the information of those who do not know, that many years ago during the time when Dr. Ramsey was Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England advocated and lobbied for a law to be passed to legalize homosexuality among consenting adults, and to foster an abominable marriage between consenting males over 21.

Since this blatant example of defiance against God's expressed will for humanity, many of the other churches, one by one, are following suit and some even surpass her in rebellion against God by creating homosexual churches. In 1991, the Episcopal church ordained its first woman lesbian bishop. This is abomination; confusion. The Presbyterian church, however, fought off a strong faction in the church which wanted them to recognize homosexuality, etc. in their 1991 Synod.

In 1993, many Anglican churches in England broke away to join the Roman Catholic church, and to claim the "Pope" as

their head. It is inevitable that the daughters of the harlot of Revelation 17 must return to their mother.

The New York Council of Churches urged the New York legislature to repeal statutes banning certain sex acts between consenting adults.

"While adultery, fornication, homosexual acts and certain deviant sexual practices among competent and consenting adults violate Judeo-Christian standards of moral conduct, we think that the penal law is not the instrument for the control of such practices when privately engaged in where adults are involved and where there is no coercion."

The above represents the published position of a church system which at one time had a name of being alive. In opposition to this, let me quote what God says about these "deviant sexual practices" which the council approves.

Leviticus 18:22, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

Leviticus 20:13, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

The judgment for this sin is burning by fire.

Genesis 19:24, "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven."

The word brimstone is an old one which needs some explanation in modern terms. This word simply means "explosive material." It does include TNT and all other forms of gunpowder. It must be noted that almost all the weaponry in the modern arsenals are weapons of fire.

Genesis 9:11, "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth."

Genesis 9:13, "I will set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 8:21, "And the Lord smelled a sweet savor; and the Lord said in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more

for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

God made a covenant with mankind that He would not destroy (a) all living creatures from the earth again, and (b) that He would not do it with water. The implication here under (b) is that even as the rainbow is a fiery aura across the skies that fire will be used in the next judgment. This assumption is borne out by 2nd Peter 3:10, "the elements (the Greek word is 'stoicheion,' meaning 'part of the world') shall melt with fervent heat, the earth (worldliness) also and the works (man's works contrary to God's will) that are therein shall be burned up."

The fundamentalist belief that God is going to destroy the world with fire is only partly correct. The worldliness and all things that offend will be destroyed by fire, but the good things of God will not be destroyed. This would be consistent with the promise of the rainbow, that God would not again destroy all living things from the earth. Contrary to scripture, the rapturists say the Christians will be removed in a rapture, and while they are basking in the heavenlies, God will incinerate the earth, and then they will return to reign and rule with Christ, over nothing but heaps of ashes, or maybe over themselves. We will mention further scriptural proof that the earth will never be destroyed.

Ecclesiastes 1:4, "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever."

Other references are in Psalms 104:5 and 119:90.

In the secular world, the governments of the nations are following the lead of the churches and being quite open about their position. At present our children are unsafe in the institutions of learning which are teaching them "sex" in its most perverted forms. What sane parent wants sex taught in kindergarten class? This, however, is what the government of America is making compulsory, beginning from kindergarten school.

THE JUDGMENT IS NOW

Before this book gets into your hands, the judgment might have already begun. Almost all the weapons of the modern war machine are made of some type of fire. FIRE will dominate the next war which is now about to break upon us. The super weapons are not yet revealed to the layman. Sudden death at this moment is lurking in the arsenals, under the oceans, and in outer space, ready to cast that "burning mountain" of Revelation 8:8 into the sea of humanity.

COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM

Now is the time for Christian families to begin to relocate themselves from those who are under the judgment of God. Fire will be poured upon the wicked cities of America, Europe, Asia and the world. Millions of humanity jammed together in the monstrous cities of the United States, Europe and the Far East are ripe for judgment. The holocaust of this tribulation is beyond our imagination. It would make Dante's Inferno look like an afternoon bonfire.

THE MESSAGE IS URGENT. Christian families must remove themselves from these centers of judgment. Lot had a lot of reasons to remain in Sodom, but there was a time to run, and he did not have to lose his shirt in running, but he waited until it was too late. He lost his wife and all his possessions. Nevertheless, be sure when you make a move, it is God who tells you to, and that He tells you where to go.

CHURCHES DISQUALIFY THEMSELVES

Since the bad example set by the Anglican Church, it took a number of years for the other backsliding congregations to come forth boldly, and admit their sins in the newspapers of the land.

The Daily Pantagraph, Bloomington, Illinois, U.S.A., in its issue dated July 21, 1974, states:

12 GAY CAUCUSES

Minneapolis (UPI) - Lutherans involved in the homosexual world - either through ministry to or participation in - have formed a caucus to support the cause of homosexuals in the Church. 'Lutherans Concerned for Gay People,' which claims ties with homosexuals in all three of the country's largest Lutheran bodies, brings to nearly a dozen the number of gay caucuses in various church groups.

This is in total contravention to and rebellion against the Word of God. Ephesians 5:15-21 states that no unclean person, whoremonger, homosexual, etc., will inherit the Kingdom of God.

How, then, can people who are supposed to know the scriptures, speak of "homosexuals in the church?" The two things are incompatible; they cannot work together. It is like saying that sin is in God - totally paradoxical.

Because of the failing of the church, and the falling of the leadership of the church into these sins, and also because of the widespread corruption of the people, the legislators of the nations are bringing forth abominable laws and bills to express the will of their homosexually-minded constituents. One example of this is quoted from the San Francisco Chronicle, Thursday, February 20, 1975.

MOVES FORWARD BILL TO LEGALIZE MANY SEX ACTS

Sacramento - Legal bans against many sexual activities between consenting adults would be removed under a bill approved by an Assembly committee yesterday. The measure by Assemblyman Willie Brown (Dem - SF) would legalize oral sex and anal sex unless committed by force or with a minor. It would also legalize adulterous cohabitation. The bill was ap-

proved 5 to 1 by the Assembly Criminal Justice committee. It now goes to the Assembly floor, where a similar bill died last year. It is AB 489.

Isaiah 28 speaks of those who "*stumble in judgment.*" Surely, this is a strange Criminal Justice Committee. Sometime after this, the Assembly passed the bill and made it law.

POPE PAUL VI: Quoting from a report in the Newsweek magazine of November 4, 1974, under the caption, "TO BE OR NOT TO BE," Pope Paul VI was quoted as saying:

"The church is in difficulty; the church seems destined to die."

This is an accurate summation of what is about to happen in the near future. The Church of Jesus Christ CANNOT DIE and does not seem to be dying, but the Pope was not speaking of any other church but the Roman Catholic Church. The whole organized church system is patterned after the Catholic system, and in truth and in fact, is really one system with two heads.

The corruption which has engulfed the church system disqualified her as a church, and it is either that the word is now meaningless, or some new modern meaning is being applied which makes it no longer the "called out" and the "separated unto God." Thus in the sight of God, it has a name that it lives, yet it is dead.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

There is HOPE. God would not leave us without light. Men are rising up from every corner with the true light of God, here a little and there a little (Isaiah 28:13), and the spirits of division which haunted the true church in the past are being put under foot by the truth, for the Spirit of God is making us one. Not an organizational oneness based upon color and/or creed and class like the exclusive clubs, but a oneness of Spirit which is not of man but of God, as represented by the Candle-

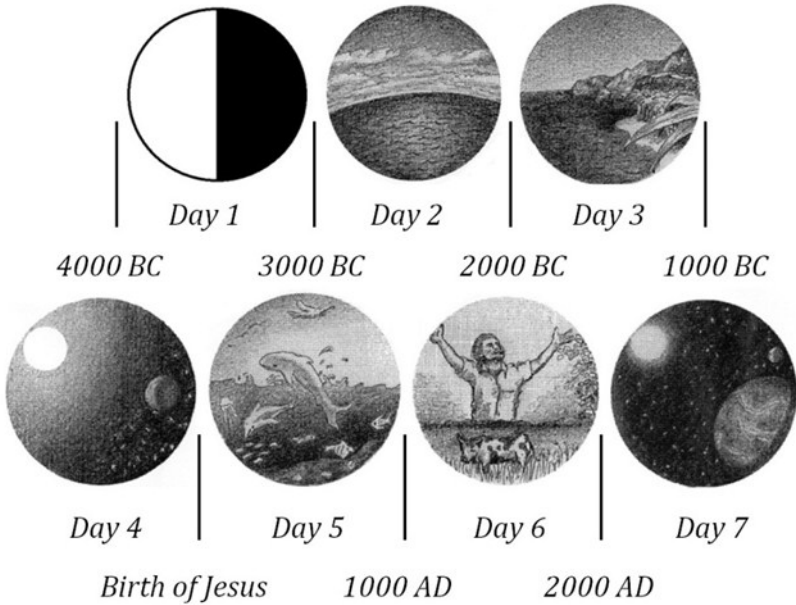
stick (Lampstand) with its seven lamps all burning the same oil, yet producing many lights.

This study therefore is beyond all religion and religious sects. It deals with God as a person and a teacher who draws on a blackboard His blueprint called the TABERNACLE, the plan of the ages to the very threshold of eternity.

Anyone, therefore, who begins to understand this MYSTERY, has begun his ascent out of doctrinal bondage, and into the freedom of the image and likeness of God.

CHAPTER 2

THE TIME OF THE END



In this particular study, we will focus our attention on the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, given of God to Moses as a pattern of the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness.

This is authenticated by Jesus Himself.

John 5:46-47, "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: FOR HE WROTE OF ME. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

Peter also subscribed to this thought in Acts 3:22-23.

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall

ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

Many of us as Christians do not know that all the writings of the Old Testament are written of and about Jesus Christ. If it were not, then it would have no value as scripture.

Every book of Moses' writings has been authenticated by Jesus Christ and the apostles. They quote from them freely in the Gospels. This we know is not just the case of one person casually mentioning the other, but Jesus Christ based His teaching upon the books of Moses, and then in John 14, He made it plain that the words He spoke were not His, but of the Father that sent Him.

We can safely say then that God quoted Moses because the words of Moses were from God - the word of God.

God clearly stated to Daniel and other prophets that the Gospel and the fulness of Christ would be revealed to the people of the time of the end. Many people in the past have claimed that they have had revelations that they were that people of the end time spoken of by these prophets, and some even prophesied the time when the end would come.

TIME OF THE END

Many years ago, there was a notable case in Jamaica of this nature. A man named Bedward attracted a very great following because he prophesied that on a certain day, the world would come to an end, and that he and his followers would fly away to some prepared heaven in the skies.

They were all encouraged to sell their properties, and to give him the money, and so they did. Cash piled up and I understand he was made quite rich as the day of deliverance drew near.

The faithful moved their families to his camp and waited in blissful anticipation.

The day arrived and as morning turned to midday, and midday to afternoon, and nothing happened, the faithful began to be a little less faithful.

It is alleged that a deacon climbed a tree and many others followed suit. In their anxiety to hasten the rapture, they jumped from their perches, only to fall heavily to the ground. That day the hospital was busy with broken bones, and that was the only eventful thing that happened that day.

There were hundreds of cases like this all over the world, and even at this moment, there are those who are prophesying the end of the world.

SMOKE SCREEN

The adversary is making a smoke screen to frighten away those who can be frightened and deceived, but the truth still lives. In spite of all that has been said, and all the deception which has been perpetrated, every sign that has been given in the natural and in the spiritual proves that we are indeed at last in the end time.

THE END TIME

I am sure that after you have read these thoughts on the end time, you will not any more have to guess as to what time we really are in.

John 6:39-40, 44, 54, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again AT THE LAST DAY."

Verse 40, "And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY."

Verse 44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY."

Verse 54, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY."

In each of these verses repeated by Jesus in one sermon, He promised to RAISE US UP AT THE LAST DAY. If we succeed in identifying what Jesus meant by the "Last Day," then we can identify what day we are in at this moment, and when the Last Day will come. God created a seven day week in Genesis, and on each day He did a different work. In John 5:46, Jesus said that Moses wrote of Him. Genesis, then, is about Jesus, and therefore, though the creation was physical, it had a spiritual meaning which is to be found in Jesus.

If we examine the things that God created on each day of creation, and take each day for a thousand years from Adam, there is a spiritual counterpart manifested. That which He began to make on the twenty-four-hour day, He completed in the 1000-year day.

Since God is Spirit, and spiritual life is the highest form of life, then when God creates natural things, His plan must be to enhance some spiritual purpose.

SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION

THE FIRST DAY symbolic meaning is the first thousand years. There was a separation made between light and darkness. This symbolically means that from the beginning, God was going to make a separation between good and evil. The instance given in the Bible, of God calling for a sacrifice from Cain and Abel, and Cain taking his fruits from the field and Abel taking a lamb, was only God's way of showing us the working of the evil heart, as different from that of the good. Wherever light shows itself, darkness is revealed.

The First Day or first thousand years produced Enoch who lived for 365 years, and then walked so closely with God that "God took him." Hebrews 11:5 declares that it was done by faith. His years on earth were the number of one solar year

of days. This man, therefore, marked the end of the first day (thousand years) by being caught up into heaven without seeing death.

THE SECOND DAY symbolic meaning is the second thousand years. This second thousand years which is depicted by the creation of dry ground, in preparation for the growing of trees, symbolically spoke of the sons of God being a separate generation from the sons of earth.

It ended with Noah, whose righteousness sealed the doom of the other inhabitants of the world who would have destroyed him had they not been destroyed by the flood. Evil had run ahead of righteousness so far that God had to intervene and put a halt to it. In God's plan, however, the first two thousand years represent the Outer Court of the Tabernacle, whose destiny is to be destroyed. This will be expanded in a later chapter.

THE THIRD DAY symbolically means the third thousand years. On this day, God created the fruit-bearing trees and the green vegetation. This is interpreted to mean that on the third thousand years of life on earth, God would bring forth men of godly nature to show forth fruits of God. This is the age which produced some of the mightiest men of the Bible.

Shem was a mighty one who some authorities think might well have been the Hercules of Greek mythology. Shem, of course, is the father of the Semitic nations of which is Israel, the chosen people of God. Of course, not much is said of him in scripture, but the inference is very strong when we consider him to be the father of Eber, from whom the Hebrews come. It is also believed that Shem was instrumental in leading the righteous people to fast for ten days and defeat the iniquity of Nimrod, which resulted in Nimrod's death.

This period later also produced Abraham, the father of the faithful; the friend of God. Thus Abraham, a man "planted" of God, bore fruit abundantly on the THIRD DAY. Also Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, etc.

THE FOURTH DAY symbolically means the fourth thousand years. On this day were created the sun, moon and stars. Symbolically, the sun is Jesus Christ. The moon is the Church. And the stars are the sons of God.

Jesus was born during the law near the end of the fourth thousand years, and lived for thirty years under the law before He ushered in the age of grace by His resurrection. The church was born, and God began the process of begetting sons in His nature.

THE FIFTH DAY - Symbolically, the fifth thousand years were when Jesus resurrected, and brought forth LIFE EVER-LASTING, and triumphed over death, giving us immortality as a present. On this day, the Lord created the living creature. Symbolically, this means that life and immortality would be brought to light by Jesus Christ, and so it was. 2nd Timothy 1:10.

THE SIXTH DAY - Symbolically, this is the sixth thousand years, and on this day God created the beast first, then He made man to control the beast and the whole creation. The word "beast" in scripture speaks of a man in whom the basic human function is missing. Man was made of God in His own image, and created in His likeness. This means that man would look like God in his natural attributes (seeing, smelling, hearing, etc.), but was created to be LIKE God in his final completion. God, of course, saw him as complete and perfect even before he was made. Man, therefore, was to function as a soul, having a spirit and living in a body. When a man blocks out his spirit, which is the only means of leading him to God, then he is soul and body being led by evil spirits - he is beast. The beast, then, is an evil spirit in a man, which will manifest itself in a system of government, void of God, and will not even be human, but totally demonic and infernal.

The time of the completion in the creation of this man, therefore, must be the sixth day or the sixth thousand year, which began with the dawn of the year 1000 A.D. By our cal-

endar, which is not correct, but could be used for this purpose, it is well past the year 2000. This means that we are in the evening of the sixth day or sixth thousand years. I might as well be a little more specific in this matter.

The calendar we now have, called the Ecclesiastical calendar, or the Gregorian calendar, was created by a brief issued by Pope Gregory XIII in March of 1582, in which he abolished the use of the ancient calendar, and instituted the one we now have.

Man has had an interminable struggle with time, and the calculating of it, from the very beginning. God stated in Genesis 1: 14, 16,

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: He made the stars also."

The word calendar comes from the Roman "kalends," which was a method of distributing time into periods adopted for purposes of civil life: hours, days, weeks, months and years. The earth revolves around the sun in an egg-shaped or ecliptic orbit, once every 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds, and this is called an astronomical year. The civil year differs among different nations and peoples according to how they might set different events, and when they would begin their year. The great problem comes when men try to reconcile solar and lunar periods. Months are calculated according to the moon, whose synodic revolution is accomplished in about 29½ days. The confusion comes in, therefore, when we multiply this by twelve months: it only comes to 354, which leaves approximately 11¼ days to account for. No extended period of time, therefore, can be calculated by the lunar method.

We must assume that God, the great architect, deliberately created this situation, and clearly gave us a puzzle that we have not been able to reconcile over the years by generations

of scholars. We count our weeks and months and years by days, and every year there is a fraction of a day which is not counted. We try to correct it by having a "leap year" every four years, which still leaves us with a fraction not accounted for. Let us look at two scriptures which seem to address this subject.

Daniel 7:25, "And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, AND THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS: and they shall be given into his hand UNTIL a time and times and the dividing of time."

Here we see that a man and his system would come in the end time and try to change times and laws which God has set into motion. Note that the scripture says "think to change," which means that actually nothing would change by man's action.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

The above verse tells us that there is a block in man's thinking which prevents him from finding out what God is doing in the earth. In deciphering accurately where we are in time, the carnal, natural man does not have a ghost of a chance. This block might well be the flaming sword which God set in the garden to prevent man from returning where he could take of the tree of life while in sin. Genesis 3:24.

All the countries of Europe have borrowed the Roman calendar. In the time of Julius Caesar, there was a difference between the civil and the astronomical equinox of three months, which brought winter months into autumn, and autumn into summer. This was very confusing, so Julius Caesar abolished the use of the lunar year altogether, and regulated his civil year entirely by the sun. He it was, with the help of Sosigenes, who fixed our year at 365¼ days, and after every three years, a fourth year of 366 days (leap year, or in Latin, "bis-sexto calend.") This was done 46 years before the birth of Christ on the

1st of January, and the 708th year from the foundation of the City of Rome, which was the commencement of the first Julian year.

Now we get to the real heart of the problem to which Daniel 7:25 refers. The Julian method of intercalation was the best that could be adopted, yet it supposed that the year was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long, and an error of a day in 128 years. In the course of a few centuries, the equinox moved towards the beginning of the year.

Pope Gregory XIII, therefore, in an effort to correct Julius Caesar, and to restore the equinox to its proper place (since the sun, God's clock, is not watching our calendar), ordered that ten days be suppressed in the calendar, and because the error in the Julian calendar was now found to be 3 days in every 400 years, he also ordered that the intercalations (added days) of Caesar on all the centenary years be omitted, with the exception of those that occur on every 400th year.

Scholars and scientists, over the years, have contended and still do contend concerning the errors of the present Gregorian calendar, but no corrections have been made. It has been estimated that the calendar is wrong by about four to seven years, no one but God really knows.

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK

There is another reason for why we believe that we are just a few years from the end of the sixth day.

If time should be counted from Jesus, then we would have to hear from God as to what time in Jesus' life He began to count. Was it at the birth of Jesus? Was it at His baptism, when He began His ministry? That would add three and one half years to the error in our calendar. One thing we do know is that God generally makes one era gradually fade out while the other is coming in. In this light, we can see John the Baptist's ministry fading away while Jesus' was increasing.

Another point which might be important, if not inspired, is that in the prophetic book of Revelation, in chapters 11 and 12, it is clearly stated that God counts 1,260 days as three and one half years, which makes one year to be 360 days. If God's year is 360 days, then our solar year of 365¼ days would leave us 5¼ days too much, which would amount to about 30 years to be added to our current date.

ONE THING CERTAIN

In spite of our calculations, there is one thing certain. God has allowed man to be confused in his calculations of time, because the times and seasons, spiritually speaking will be revealed to the sons of God, and not to the world. I can therefore state with great certainty, that it is later than we think, and to be more specific, we are indeed AT THE END OF THE SIXTH DAY or the sixth thousand-year period.

In order not to leave any doubt in the minds of my readers, let me say that the sixth day, according to the word of God, must end in a period of tribulation - distress and war as never seen upon the earth since God made man until this time.

THIS THEREFORE is the time in which we are, I believe.

THE LAST DAY OF JESUS

We can here, therefore, identify the "last day" utterances of Jesus in John 6:39, 40, 44 and 54 as referring to a ONE THOUSAND YEAR PERIOD which corresponds with the SEVENTH DAY of creation in which God rested from His work. This rest must necessarily be symbolic, since God is never tired, neither needs to rest. This is explained in Hebrews chapter 4. From these utterances in John 6, we see Jesus impressing upon us a very urgent message, made more pointed by its repetition, that there will be a RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS during the seventh thousand-year period.

THIS IS THE TIME

At the end of this age there will be a three and a half year period of intense trouble for the world, which will be the end of the period called the "Great Tribulation," after which the church will be delivered by resurrection, and the sons of God will reign and rule on earth with Jesus Christ in a glorified body.

MY REVELATION

In 1970, it was revealed to me by a wide-awake, open-eyed vision in which I saw a man enter my room in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and present me with two sheets of paper. The first was fully written from the edge of the top clear to the bottom. He pulled it away from me as I strained to read it and could not, and said, "Do not worry about it, it is the past."

He pushed the other sheet into my lap. It was blank, except for two lines written at the extreme top in the same illegible hand of a man, and then he said, "This is the tribulation." That was in or about April, 1970.

An apology is needed here. The first writing of "The Pattern" was in January 1973. In the subsequent edition, in 1975, on page 23 under the heading of "My Revelation," it was stated that "the sons of God will come forth into a higher nature in or around 1977." This error was caused by submitting to the erroneous teaching of the church, that the Tribulation will be seven years, since seven years from 1970 was 1977. Already many more years of tribulation are gone, and every year it is getting worse, and as yet the 3½ years of the ministry of Christ by the church has not yet begun. I here apologize to my readers for that error.

My interpretation may be wrong, but I believe, especially because of this vision, that there will be a great war in our time, which will make all other wars look like child's play, and

there will be such suffering as never was experienced on earth among so many people before. The sons of God will come forth into a higher nature, and eventually overcome the beast nature in the earth, and that this will culminate in the earth being brought under the rule of God. For Jesus Christ, our Lord, will descend from heaven with a shout, and with our brothers who now live in the invisible realm, and then the invisible realms of God will become visible, and the visible invisible - that is, we will be changed and have power to be either visible or invisible.

The earth will be at rest. Praise be to God.

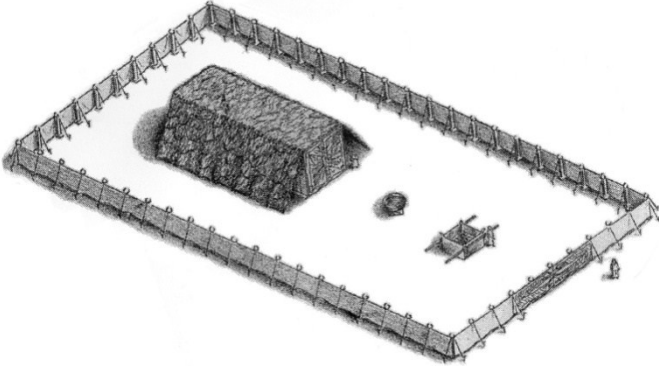
REVELATION NOT STATIC

The revelation of Jesus Christ within the hearts and lives of the saints is a flowing experience, and by the time you get these revelations I have committed to paper, there might be others coming forward which will make these obsolete. It is therefore necessary for Christians to be in touch with one another at this time, for I have heard from the Lord that things are happening within the body of Christ, and the sons are moving higher and higher, so silently and so imperceptibly, that the breaking forth will even take us by surprise.

Strive to get your minds off the things of the earth, for this is the hindrance of the body of Christ. We must overcome in the area of the mind, or else we will not overcome at all.

CHAPTER 3

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS



The word Tabernacle has two different and distinct meanings.

1. A tent, a shepherd's dwelling place and
2. A temple, a place of worship

At once, we see in reference to the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, which God gave Moses, a dwelling place of God, and also a meeting place between God and man.

Acts 7:48, "the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands."

Since God does not dwell in temples made with men's hands, and He told Solomon to build Him a house, then, at the most, it could only be a TYPE of His true dwelling place WHICH IS THE HUMAN BEING - that everlasting house, for an everlasting God.

JESUS, in speaking to the Jews in John 2:19-21,

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body."

Jesus here describes His body as the temple not made with men's hands.

The tabernacle in the wilderness, therefore, is the blueprint or type of this Great Temple, the human being: The Third Temple.

SEVEN STAGES

The plan of this tabernacle in the wilderness was given to Moses by God with the charge: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount." Exodus 25:40. It contains within its three sections SEVEN PIECES OF FURNITURE, which represent the seven stages of development through which God is taking His people. These seven progressive works of grace, therefore, are being manifested in three different bodies on earth.

1. The Church
2. The Body of Christ
3. The Human Being

THE CHURCH

The word Church comes from the Greek "EKKLESIA." "Ek" means "out of," and "klesis" means "a calling." "Kaleo" means "to call." Therefore, church means a called out group. In this book, we will study the progression of the Church through its seven stages to the final completion of all that is called Church.

THE BODY OF CHRIST

In dealing with the Body of Christ, we see it as the epitome of all bodies. It claims ascendancy over all that is called a body or organization. The human body is the greatest organization in our realm, but the Body of Christ will supersede this greatness, being itself comprised of many human beings.

THE HUMAN BEING

This section will deal with the human body as the TEMPLE of the Living God. I Corinthians 6:19 says "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

In the realm of the human being as the temple of the living God, man makes a leap into God when the symbolic meanings of the Tabernacle are being worked within his being - spirit, soul and body, in reality. In this study, we shall see the struggle in the soul between the forces of heaven and those of hell to possess the prize, man's soul, and the METAMORPHOSIS of man either into a heavenly being or into a demonic creature of wrath.

It therefore transpires that the human being at the very height of his development, as shown in the lesson from the Tabernacle, will give up his life in order to be absorbed into a higher life form, the MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST.

Instead of being a whole, he becomes a part. Even at the height of his wholeness or perfection, he pours out all his goodness which he received of God for one great ACHIEVEMENT, "*the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" *Philippians 3:14.*

THREE DIVISIONS

We need to note at this point that the Church as a division

of the Tabernacle is represented by the outer court which compasses and envelops the other two divisions.

The second division, THE BODY OF CHRIST, is represented by the holy place, which is also a part of the church.

The third and final representation of the HUMAN DWELLING PLACE AND MEETING PLACE OF GOD AND MAN, the human body, is represented by the holy of holies. This is the reason why a human life is such a precious thing to God, and should be to us.

SEVEN DIVISIONS

The seven divisions are distributed under the three headings as follows:

The Church (The Outer Court):

- a. The Brazen Altar (brass altar)
- b. The Brazen Laver (brass basin)

The Body of Christ (The Holy Place):

- a. The Candlestick (lampstand)
- b. The Table of Shewbread (the dining table for the priests)
- c. The Golden Altar of Incense

The Human Body (The Holy of Holies):

- a. The Mercy Seat (the cover of the ark, made of pure beaten gold)
- b. The Ark of the Covenant

From this chart, one can readily draw the inference that the duty of the church is to lead the man to the fiery Altar of sacrifice and to the watery grave, the Laver, for washing and cleansing. Beyond this, the work is on the inside of the believer's own heart, where the work of the Candlestick or

Lampstand (Holy Ghost), the Table of Shewbread (Christ-life), and the Golden Altar of Incense (total separation unto God of one's whole human and spiritual life) takes place.

The third stage of development in the human soul, as depicted by the Mercy Seat and the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle, brings man out of himself and into the nature of the Father. It is the third experience and the end of all flesh (carnality).

THIRD EXPERIENCE

From this third experience, man comes to be like Jesus in His natural body. He walks and lives in flesh and blood, yet without sin. Then afterwards in a resurrected body - human, eating if he wants to, but Godlike enough to come through the wall or disappear at will. This is the experience Paul describes in 1st Corinthians 15:51-53.

Romans 8:29 bears that fact out that we shall be like Jesus, not only spiritually, but physically also. It must be, that one day soon, the Lord will truly answer our prayer, *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth (our being), as it is in heaven."*

"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed... For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1st Corinthians 15:51-53.

SOME WILL NOT DIE

Some of the people alive today will never see death, if it

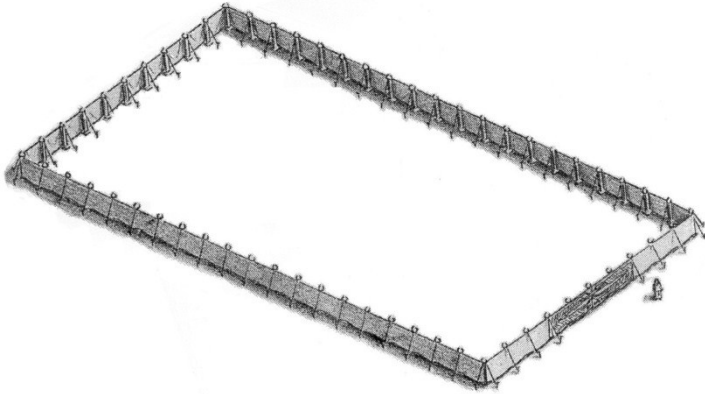
is as late as we think. Nevertheless, whether we see death or not, if we belong to God during the THOUSAND YEARS of the last trumpet or message of life, we shall be changed from mortals to immortals.

THE RAPTURE

There will be no PHYSICAL rapture which will take us off the earth to another planet, BUT there will be a spiritual lifting up or change. We will be enraptured out of mortality into immortality, in which case no fire on earth could burn us. We will have to be here to reign and rule with Christ over somebody, not just over the ashes of those who have been burnt to cinders. A further explanation will be given later on in the book.

CHAPTER 4

THE COURT OF THE TABERNACLE



"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." Exodus 25:8-9.

In the first 2,000 years (The Outer Court) of God's program of reproducing Himself within the earth, the pattern that He gave man was embodied in Noah's Ark. Noah died 2,006 years after Adam's sin.

In the second 2,000 years (The Holy Place), the pattern of God's salvation was embodied in the TABERNACLE which God gave Moses. This is the reason that it was so imperative that Moses build according to the pattern.

In the third 2,000 years (The Holy of Holies), which is now ending, the pattern lies in man, the prototype of which is Jesus Christ.

When the first ark - Noah's ark - had saved the nucleus of

humanity from the waters of tribulation, then it fulfilled the purpose for which God had made it, and therefore was cast aside. But the Tabernacle which Moses made in the Wilderness has its final fulfillment in us. Therefore, before we cast it away, we should have all the types and emblems which it portrayed fulfilled in us. At this time, we shall be the true TABERNACLE OF GOD, and His everlasting dwelling place. This is the reason we are studying the tabernacle. It will assist us to readily spot any false doctrine, so many of which have been imposed upon us. The Christian church is, in some cases, guilty of accepting paganism in the name of Christianity. The interpretation and revelation of the Tabernacle is therefore very important to the person who is going on to perfection.

THE THREE PARTS OF THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle is divided into three parts: the Outer Court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The same pattern exists in the heavenlies. God has made all things in threes. This readily proves man three partite, God three partite, heaven three partite and even the atom to be in three parts. The three parts of the atom, being also three partite within themselves, making an infinity within as vast as the infinity of the universe.

The court of the tabernacle was 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide. These figures must not be tampered with, neither should they be changed into feet, except for the understanding of approximately how long the court was. Whether a cubit was 18" or 12" would not matter in this study, because it is the SYMBOLIC meaning of the length which means something to us. This would be 300 cubits in perimeter - the number of Gideon's army. Symbolically, it is the number of the sons of God.

"And the Lord shut him in." Genesis 7:16. These words

were used concerning Noah and his family and the animals which were shut in by God in the ark before the deluge fell upon the earth.

The enclosure called the court of the tabernacle is the beginning of the "shutting in" of men by God, just as the caterpillar is shut in, in order to enter into its metamorphosis to bring forth a beautiful butterfly. This is the picture the Bible gives when God commanded Moses to erect the enclosure for the tabernacle.

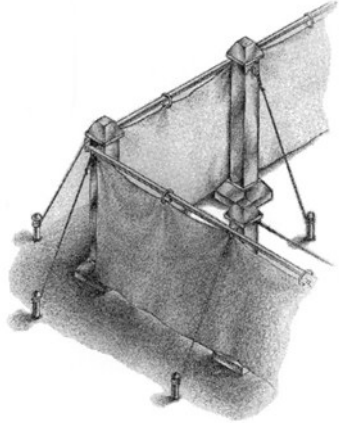
BRASS PILLARS, PEGS

Brass here is a type of judgment, justice and force. The pegs and posts of the tabernacle court are made of brass with brass sockets in the ground, and each one is five cubits high. The number five here represents the ministry as living stones which God is using to build His courts. This is the ministry He has placed in the earth to both shut out the ungodly, and shut in God's people. Being made of brass only makes the analogy stronger, showing that there is no other way of being in Christ, and eventually **MAN WILL BE THE JUDGMENT OF MAN**. Man will also judge angels, for even as God sends the rain upon the just and the unjust alike, all men have equal opportunity to either be of God or of the Devil. If, then, some excel in godliness, they become the judgment of others. If also angels had a greater opportunity, and better reason to have overcome the Devil and they did not, then **MAN WILL BE THEIR PARAGON OF JUDGMENT**.

The measurement of the court in its perimeter is 300 cubits. This signifies that the walls around us are God in His fullness, manifested through the witness of Christ by the Word and the Spirit. This is arrived at by the number three as the first figure, which represents the fullness of God. Zero, or zero, is the seed. This, repeated twice, is the witness of the Spirit and the Word.

THE SILVER FILLETS

The top of the posts of brass are filled with silver. This clearly speaks of the redemptive quality of the enclosure. Redemption surrounds the whole court. Though it is austere judgment and justice, it only represents judgment and justice against our enemy, SIN, for the purpose of this judgment and justice is REDEMPTION. Her walls are redemption. Though I am shut in even forever, it is to redeem me from my enemy. Praise the Lord. The hooks on the pillars are made of silver, and these are used to hold the hangings. See the picture on next page.



THE HANGINGS

These hangings, in all their types, represent THE FLESH, and their HOOKS are of silver, which represents redemption. Thus we see the hangings, representing the flesh (which on one side face the outside world, and on the other the inside), are a specially treated fine twined linen, and are kept in place by the REDEMPTIVE POWER OF GOD. The hangings are ONE HUNDRED cubits by FIFTY cubits in the length and breadth. One hundred speaks of the testimony of Jesus (God our salvation). Fifty speaks of the Ministry of Christ, which brings us to the JUBILEE (50th year), or the time in Israel when the captives are set free and all debts are forgiven. Reference is made to this in Luke 4:17-19.

Jesus, in Mark 6:40, made them "sit down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties." There was indeed symbolic meaning to the hundreds and the fifties. JESUS, WHILE HE WAS

ON EARTH, PRACTICED DIVINE ORDER IN ITS PERFECTION. Noah's son, Japheth, was 100 years old when the flood came.

The construction, therefore, of the Tabernacle, and every detail pertaining to it, was in perfect unison with DIVINE ORDER, and represents the plan of God for this church which must now enter into GOD'S PERFECT ORDER.

The hangings were made of needlework by hand. There is mention of handwork (we do not think they had machines in those days, though it is not impossible that they might have had some crude form of machinery for the weaving of cloth). Nevertheless, handwork was definitely mentioned, which speaks of the WORK OF THE MINISTRY which God ordained.

FINE TWINED LINEN

The walls of the Court were made of fine twined linen handwork. Symbolically, this means that purity is the defense of the church. The devil cannot stand purity, and purity is an offense to evil men. We find that the true church does not ask evil men to leave. They cannot stand to be around her. The whole fence, except the gate, was made of fine twined linen.

The work of this ministry will perfect God's work within men. Ephesians 4:13. The different color threads show the different works of the Spirit which will be woven to make the kind of flesh that will withstand the outside world, and keep in the glory of the inside of the Court.

Blue Thread = The anointing

Purple = Sonship (this entails the born-again experience)

Scarlet = The blood, or life of God, in us (Death to self)

Fine Twined Linen = Righteousness (not our own)

THE GATE

The gate had four pillars, which signify tribulation and an end to man, through which we enter into God. Exodus 27:16-17. The gate signifies the place where man reenters into God. Man was cast out of this place of close relationship with God when Adam sinned in the garden. We see here a close reference to this gate and the gate of the Garden of Eden. The reader should understand that all these things, though they were natural happenings, do have a spiritual meaning to us in Christ Jesus.

Genesis 3:24 "So He drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims, and a FLAMING SWORD which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

The way INTO LIFE IS THROUGH FIRE or tribulation. The scripture did not say that the intention of the flaming sword was to prevent man partaking of the tree of life, BUT RATHER it implied that if he should enter into life, he would have to pass through FIRE and the CHERUBIMS. We find these same emblems in the tabernacle on the veil which separates the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. We will deal here with the fire, and later with the cherubims.

FIRE IS THE INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE

Fire changes every substance to which it is applied by speeding up the velocity of its atoms, and changing its consistency. Thus in the spiritual, God uses the word fire very freely in the scriptures, depicting the agent of change. The gate of the Tabernacle has, written in its symbolism, FOUR PILLARS OF BRASS - tribulation and judgment to flesh, and, in a sense, CONDEMNATION to the life form which enters through its portals.

GLORIOUS CONDEMNATION

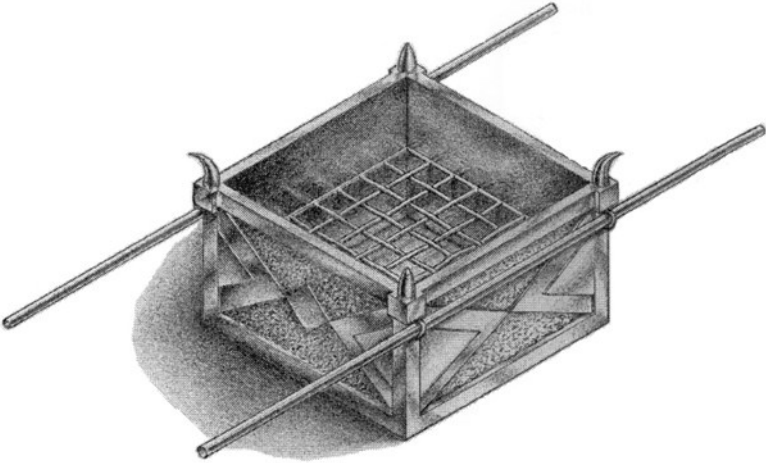
This means to be changed into the likeness of God by the work of justice and mercy and love.

While the four pillars in the gate speak of testing and tribulation and change, the ten pillars of the east side of the tabernacle court speak of divine government. God is here showing that although all the different forms of government might be outside, that within the portals of His court, there must be DIVINE GOVERNMENT.

The TWENTY PILLARS on the length of the court speak also of TRIBULATION, as twenty is the number of JACOB'S trouble. Tribulation is the only means by which God is going to purge sin out of His people once and for all.

CHAPTER 5

THE BRAZEN ALTAR



The plan of the church in the tabernacle is represented by seven pieces of furniture as follows:

1. THE BRAZEN ALTAR - Representing the cross or death to sin.
 - a. Justification - Made just as if you had never sinned.
 - b. Salvation - Redemption - Bought and paid for.
2. THE BRAZEN LAVER - Representing Death to Self typified in baptism - Entering into a Covenant relationship with God.
 - a. Baptism - Entering into a Covenant of death, burial and Resurrection with Christ.

- b. Sanctification - Made clean and acceptable to God
 - c. Consecration - Putting aside that which is cleansed for the purpose of God's use alone.

- 3. THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD - Representing the feasting on the Body of Christ - God's dining table - The King's Table
 - a. Feeding on Christ in the Body.
 - b. Feeding on Christ within one's own spirit.
 - c. Feeding on Christ in Jesus, who is not only in us, but with us.

- 4. THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK or Lampstand - Representing the union in the spirit of man and God. It does not merely represent the baptism of the Holy Spirit, since one may be baptized in the Holy Ghost and not live in the Spirit, but it represents the bringing forth of the fruits of the Spirit. It represents man and God working together as one unit.

- 5. THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE - Representing the offering of the soul.

- 6. THE MERCY SEAT - Representing the overshadowing of the Body of Christ.

- 7. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT - Representing the manchild.

These seven pieces of furniture represent:

- 1. The seven stages of progression in the history of the church which will eventually produce a perfect church, spoken of in Revelation 12:5 as the "MANCHILD."

The seven mysteries of the gospel which will be and are being revealed within man. As we walk in them, we receive the revelation of them. God is daring men and women to walk blindly by faith into the blazing light of the WORD. Jesus said in John 7:17, *"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."*

The opening of the seven mysteries is the opening of the Seven Seals, Revelation 5:2. As these mysteries of the gospel are opened, the world is being brought nearer to the final fulfillment of all things.

THE SEVEN SEALS

The opening of the Seven Seals in Revelation 6 describes certain momentous occurrences, some of them cataclysmic. As the message of life goes forth to the Church and becomes clearer, and as the Church gets stronger, the world, the flesh and the devil are given more power to manifest. For this reason, we find that the breaking of the seals produces certain adverse effects in the world.

THE CHURCH

A bucking, bellowing bull is brought in by sheer force to the place of death. He can smell the blood of his predecessors, and he fights the more to retain his life, but it is all in vain. He is tied down with cords to an altar of brass with four brazen horns - depicting power, authority, force and judgment - then slain with one stroke of the priest's knife. The bucking ceases with one last kick, and the bellowing voice is forever stilled. The bull has entered into its METAMORPHOSIS to migrate into a higher form of life through death. For the first time in its long history of destruction, DEATH has been used of God to kill that which is undesirable: carnality. Thus, because of

sin, death becomes a necessity. "*The sting of death is sin.*" 1st Corinthians 15:56.

CALVARY WITHIN

This altar of Moses was symbolic of Calvary - not the one that was enacted in real life upon the same hill where Abraham sacrificed a ram instead of his son (Genesis 22:13) - but the Calvary within the human heart. The ram of man's sin life is being sacrificed.

The knife is the Word of God. The sin life of the sinner is the bull. The rope is the physical circumstances which bring us to the binding. And the Great High Priest is Christ.

Jesus Christ Himself, of course, was the first lamb slain on this altar, and since then, we are only asked to do it in spirit, and we receive all the benefits of life.

The brazen altar is sometimes called the altar of burnt offering. The dimensions were 5x5x3 cubits, and it was made of SHITTIM wood overlaid with brass. It had four horns at the four corners, also made of wood overlaid with brass.

WOOD is a type of flesh, which signifies that man would have to save man from his sins. This point is brought out in 1st Corinthians 15:21,

"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."

SHITTIM WOOD suggests that it was a special type of wood. We find all through the Word of God, this wood being used in the construction of holy things. This would suggest that those who minister in the redemption of the world of men are special people ordained of God, and not just anybody who likes the profession of preaching.

BRASS is a type of judgment, justice and force. The work of the altar speaks of judgment against sin - justification by faith - and a measure of force which is being used to bring in the animals, as it is in the case of every convert. Jesus states in

John 6:44,

"No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

FIVE BY FIVE BY THREE

Five is the number of the ministry and the number of redemption. Five squared represents a complete work - ministration of death to sin. Though this altar does not represent the full redemption of man, it represents the beginning of the work of redemption. Redemption begins in death. The old life must die before the new life begins. This altar, being square, shows the equality required by God of each minister with Christ in his or her willingness to sacrifice. For that matter, every child of God who comes to this altar is required to be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5. In Matthew 20:22, Jesus asked James and John, *"Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"* They answered in the affirmative. We must be equal to our Savior in the will to sacrifice. The Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:12 states, *"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."* This is the spirit of equality. The NUMBER THREE is the number of God. The Altar of Burnt Offering is three cubits high, which signifies that the height or fulness of God's will in this first work is the creation of a new creature. The horizontal work, or that which is laid down on a flat plain, which is represented by the figure FIVE, is the laying down of one's life for the brethren, even as Christ did for us - the nature of the lamb.

HORNS represent force and rulership. Six men took in the animal to be sacrificed, generally against its will. Very often, the Outer Court was a place of confusion. Men struggling with animals; animals bellowing and fighting in a vain effort to save their lives. It was a place of evil smells with the odor of blood, and the noxious bowels of animals. No man comes

to God by his own free will.

God having made man subject to the fall, and KNOWING BEFORE MAN WAS CREATED THAT HE WOULD FALL, took the onus of man's fall upon Himself, and not only pays the price for man's redemption, but takes it as HIS BUSINESS TO DRAW EVERY MAN TO HIMSELF.

John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

THE BLOOD WORK

At this point, the church begins. Outside the Outer Court, there is no church. Any institution or organization which does not begin with the blood of the cross is not a church at all. Thus the REFORMATION of the church in general actually began with Martin Luther, who broke with Rome and again preached JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Romans 5:1), to a world which only knew penance, purgatory and Pope. This was only the first of the seven steps to perfection, but even in our time, some churches stop right here, at Luther, and refuse to budge. The fact of the altar being made of brass, shows that it is justice and not perfection. It suggests, also, the absolute necessity for a Christian to begin at the gate of the Tabernacle, and at the Brazen Altar, with no exceptions. "*The wages of sin is death.*" Romans 6:23. The body of sin must die, because it is an alien nature to God. If we are taking on the nature of God, then the alien nature must go. The blood shed on this altar depicts the life of God. This life was sufficient to re-energize our realm. Death had entered into our realm, and had slain all our forefathers, and would continue to impose upon us that which we hated. What we needed was energy to fight our enemy. God is light, and LIGHT IS ENERGY, thus God found a way to reveal HIS ENERGY in our realm in the form of the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST: a ready source from which we can recharge our tired batteries. This is fantastic, but beyond

all shadow of a doubt, TRUE. The life of God which was sent here in the veins of a man named JESUS was a PRISONER within His veins and within His body, and unless He gave this up, you and I would have no hope of deliverance. When He did give it up, the whole UNIVERSE was quickened, and Satan was cast down from his throne as prince of the power of the air (no longer in a position above us). MAN WAS ONCE AGAIN PLACED ON the throne OF GLORY, which is the HEARTS of the Sons of God (Throne of David). We find thus, that in this age, men obey God or the devil by free will choice, for NOW THEY HAVE A BETTER WAY than obeying the devil. This is the reason David could be a man after God's own heart, and yet capable of such heinous sins.

GOD A PRISONER

When we contain God, we retain, restrain and detain Him. Even as God THE MAGNIFICENT was contained within a man named Jesus, so also He is now within human frame again by the same process of procreation of the species which he used in bringing forth the FIRST CHRIST. This is a paradox - the ALMIGHTY GOD inside the closed confines of flesh which is addicted to corruption; BUT how else would this flesh become incorruptible?

SIN entered into man! Thus God must enter into man to finally deal with the foe. Even while Jesus walked on earth in human flesh, the LIFE of God within Him sought for a resurrection or a breaking forth. The same is within us who have the true work of the blood within us. THIS WORK AND THIS WORK ALONE makes us the church, none other. This is the entering, in the beginning of the creation of God. WITHOUT A BEGINNING there can be nothing at all.

The imprisonment of the Christ within us is a great mystery. In order to manifest HIMSELF within our realm, Jesus Christ our Lord had to come as a prisoner of humanity. Hu-

manity contained and restrained DIVINITY, until Divinity overcame that which contained Him, and the man and the contained became one expression of God. I am depending on you to be in the Spirit to understand what I am saying. If you can understand this, then you are in the Spirit. If you cannot, then pray.

THE TRUE CHURCH DEFINED

The church therefore was never meant to be a building or an organization, but God Himself designed His people as HIS CHURCH. All that has been done in the past has only been a preparation for the TRUE CHURCH. Any organization which claims that it is the true church, no matter what good intentions it has, must be usurping a position which it can never live up to. When Jesus called His disciples together and gave them a spiritual charter, it exceeded and superseded all human charters and laws and was above them all. It was a "law planted on the fleshy tables of their hearts," which, if you have, you will obey God and be one with God's people. If you do not have it, you will just do everything but that which God requires. Thus we find that the churches which are running headlong with their programs of doing good are not in God's order, and to God, they are like wild animals running up and down in the jungle doing their thing until their day of visitation.

GOD WINKS

For a long time, we all dwelt in this overcast situation, and after a while, we convinced ourselves that we were in the will of God. God, on the other hand, gave us many blessings and encouragements, healings and deliverances, which we have used to convince others that we are in the will of God, and that they should follow us and our program. YET, every

honest minister of the Gospel knows that our programming of God, and our business of running the church, never really filled the bill in the eyes of God. Could God use this word for our works: "Perfect in his generation?" This kind of action, which has lasted for hundreds of years, while the light slowly breaks upon the church, demands an END. We HAVE NOW COME TO THE END OF PLAYING CHURCH. God is bringing the ax down upon our churchianity, and within a short period of years, there shall be a cleaving and a tearing, and GOD SHALL SUDDENLY DIVIDE THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS.

FOR A WHILE, WHICH SEEMED TO BE A VERY LONG WHILE, GOD WINKED AT OUR OPERATIONS IN HIS NAME, BUT NOW, HE WINKS NO MORE.

DEATH, THE GATEWAY TO LIFE

The Brazen Altar is not life - neither does it represent life, but death which is the gateway to life.

THE THREE CHANGES OF THE BRAZEN ALTAR

The brazen altar represents three changes.

1. Change by death.
2. Change by fire.
3. Change by assimilation.

1. **Change by Death:** From Bull to Beef.

The law of life dictates: that which must rise from one life form to a higher life form must give up the lower life in order to gain the higher. Thus the caterpillar goes into a long sleep and dies, but from its tomb a beautiful butterfly rises with a new body and a new nature.

John 12:24, "Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground and

die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

This is a spiritual law and although paradoxical, it is absolute in its truth. The lizard eats the fly, and the chicken eats the lizard, and the man eats the chicken. Thus fly, lizard and chicken are raised by one overt act to become man.

When the bull was brought into the tabernacle and killed, the skin and the dung were taken outside of the tabernacle, and outside of the camp and burned with fire. This depicts the removal of the filth and mire of our past from us by faith, when we accept the death on Calvary within our bodies. The law of the Spirit which applies here is the one stated in Exodus 13:13.

"And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck."

Interpreted in the Spirit, we see that one SOUL can pay the price for the sin OF ANOTHER. The problem in the human realm was that the soul of the sinner could not pay for the sinner. Therefore, it took the just to pay for the unjust. We needed Jesus CHRIST and we needed Him badly. Another divine order law applies here which is found in Romans 6:16.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

We had been in our past lives servants of Satan and his spirits, because we submitted to them. Now Christ is asking us to submit to the DEATH THAT WAS IN JESUS; His cross bringing the death to sin and carnality.

The accepting of Calvary and the death on the cross brings us to the same point where the lowly bull, in order to be exalted to oneness with the priest, must give up its life and be absorbed by the life of the priest. We therefore are asked to accept by faith this very position, and give up the natural life in order to gain the spiritual one. Giving up this carnal life is more of a happy riddance than a sacrifice.

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice." Romans 12:1.

2. Change by Fire: Beef to Steak.

Fire is that element which changes the consistency of all other substances by increasing the velocity of their atoms, thus forcing them to change their form and structure. The fire therefore changes the beef to steak, breaking it down to be easily assimilated in the human body.

This act of change is a type of what occurs within the human being when the Spirit of purging comes upon him and brings deep remorse for sins. Sin comes under judgment at the Brazen Altar, and to the soul purged from its power, sin is exceedingly sinful. We see here that repentance is a basic part of receiving the work of the Brazen Altar within. "Why is repentance so necessary?" someone will ask. "Why could I not just accept Jesus as my Savior, and receive all the benefits of salvation without repentance?" Jesus cannot participate in sin. Matthew 9:16 states,

"No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse."

This is a Divine Order principle. God's dealing with man under the law was to make man come to the realization that his righteousness was as filthy rags, and that he, man, needed a Savior. He could not save himself. Thus repentance is the renouncing of the old for the acceptance of the new.

SAVIOR BUT NOT LORD

Many have accepted Christ as their Savior, but have denied him as Lord of their lives. They want to do their OWN THING. This is the basic difference between the Adamic man and the Christ man. The Christ man seeks to do the will of the Father, while the Adamic man wants to do his own thing. Here lies the chief cause of division in the Christian world. Each person or group is obsessed with their own program,

and few seek God's perfect will.

The FIRE OF THE OUTER COURT is a fire of judgment and death. As JESUS HUNG on the cross, every nerve and every particle of His being was aflame. He was paying for the death we should have received, so that we might receive the purging without paying the price.

3. Change by Assimilation

The third change of the brazen altar is represented by the meat becoming food to be eaten by the priest and to be absorbed into the human body, thus giving the lowly BULL a part in the service at the altar. The priest actually eats in the Holy Place and not in the Outer Court, but the sacrifice of the Outer Court actually shows the breaking down of the flesh of the animal to a point where it is good for food. Some of the sacrifices are completely consumed on the altar, typifying the absolute uselessness of flesh in the service of God. Carnality has no place in God's business. The end cannot justify the means before God. If the motive appears godly, but the means are ungodly, then the whole program is an ungodly one. The rallies and money-raising schemes, and even the preaching of a PROSPERITY gospel, (which always seems to end in the carnal thought of GIVING TO GOD in order that you might receive MORE), WOULD all come under the heading of unacceptable offerings before God. Nothing that has a carnal MOTIVE can be SPIRITUAL.

Daniel 8:25, "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, AND BY PEACE shall destroy many."

The prosperity doctrine is part of the doctrine of the anti-Christ.

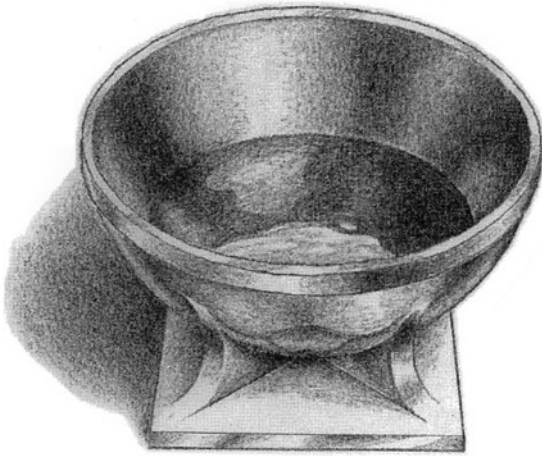
God does not require help, but OBEDIENCE.

This type, therefore, of the priest eating the bull is showing the work of the Spirit in the church, where carnal man

(the bull) gives his life to Christ (the priest) and becomes a part of the priest. The DESTINY OF THE PRIEST is to become part of God as he offers himself to God in the Holy of Holies. THUS BY ASSIMILATION, the bull will enter into the very life of God.

CHAPTER 6

THE BRAZEN LAVER



The word Laver means wash basin. The English derivative of this word is lavatory which carries the meaning of place of washing in addition to wash basin.

The BRAZEN LAVER, or basin made of brass, is positioned between the altar and the Holy Place. The brass was taken from the mirrors of the women. A mirror or looking glass represents vanity, and it was an act of great sacrifice to self for the women to surrender their highly polished brass mirrors for the construction of the Laver.

Incidentally, the law of the Tabernacle forbade the woman to go any further than that point in the Tabernacle. The symbolic meaning of this is that Soul in the Bible is always described as feminine and Spirit as masculine. In the Holy Place, all the activities represent the works of the Spirit. When, therefore, we are in Christ, we do not operate in our

own soul power. The Church is described in Scripture as the feminine and Christ as the masculine, thus the bride or wife does not act in her own name, but in the name of her husband. This is the symbolism of the women's looking glass being destroyed to create the Brazen Laver.

The Laver also represents three changes, and they speak of DEATH. The whole realm of the Outer Court is a realm of death; the death which precedes life.

DEATH TO SELF is the message of the brazen laver. The three changes are:

1. Sanctification - depicted by the washing
2. Consecration
3. Baptism

At the Brazen Altar, the blood of the animal was taken and mixed with hyssop, which must eventually go into the Holiest of All and be sprinkled before the Lord. Now the priest must wash his hands of the stains of the Brazen Altar.

This depicts the work of sanctification - the removing of the very stains of sin which yet remained from the acceptance of the death principle. While there is the possibility of sin, sanctification will continue.

The wash basin being of brass, here again, shows that it represents judgment. This time it is JUDGMENT AGAINST SELF. Because the soul has returned to God to participate in His DIVINE ORDER, he must GIVE UP SELF LIFE before he can enter into the CHRIST LIFE. The Holy Place represents Christ Life. Again, here we see that the washing cannot make one perfect, though it is necessary in our walk towards perfection. Sin was an alien nature thrust upon us by the error of our forefather, and on the whole, even from a human point of view, is UNDESIRABLE. BUT the second death is not so. It demands death for that which we desire to live - SELF.

SELF DIES HARD

When the priest washes at the Laver, in effect, he puts the death of the cross behind him as a work completed, and turns to the next step on his journey through the Tabernacle, which is Sanctification and Consecration. CONSECRATION is the putting aside of that which was cleansed for the work of the Lord only. The thought behind this act has its counterpart in the act of King Belteshazzar of Babylon, who took the consecrated vessels of the Lord and drank from them, whereupon God wrote with his own hand on the wall, and the king was slain that same night. The people who bear the name of the Lord must be clean and are not permitted worldliness. The word "church" means a called-out people. Called out of what? The world is the answer. Too many Christians are part of the SIN SYSTEM of the world. They were called out, but they did not come out.

Paul dealt with this subject conclusively in his letter to the Corinthians.

2nd Corinthians 6:14-18, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

CONSECRATION IS THE MESSAGE THAT WILL TAKE US OUT OF BABYLON. The word Babylon, as used here, means the whole world of rebellion against God's DIVINE ORDER. Man is resisting God spiritually, politically, and economically, and this is the main cause of our failure in all these

areas.

The Spirit of God is now calling all men to separation unto Himself. This is the message of consecration.

THE BRAZEN LAVER REPRESENTS BAPTISM

The Brazen Laver represents baptism. This is the second church-realm experience, which also is the second church age into which God leads man in his walk unto perfection.

Baptism, therefore, is death. It is death to SELF, and all things pertaining to one's own personal ambitions, aspirations, desires, will, thoughts, emotions, and emulations.

WATER BAPTISM - A COVENANT

Water Baptism is an act of Covenant, just as a Marriage Ceremony. When we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, there was no cost accrual to us. Our salvation was bought and paid for by The Blood of Jesus Christ. Now that we are Christians, God is asking us to reciprocate. If we want to be a part of the Body of Christ, our first act would be to make a covenant with the Body of Christ, or in other words, declare our loyalty and love by some act of our will. We, therefore, must renounce the former things, and declare our stand for Christ, thus becoming dead to sin and alive unto God.

1. Natural - Matthew 3:11
Baptism in water
Baptizer is man
2. Spirit - Matthew 3:11
Baptism in Holy Ghost
Baptizer is Jesus
3. Fullness - 1st Corinthians 12:13
Baptism into Christ
Baptizer is Holy Ghost



As the chart shows, let us look at the three dimensions which God has ordained for us to operate.

(1) NATURAL - The first dimension is always the natural. Every principle of God is first given to us in the natural. If we allow our understanding to remain in the natural, then it has no real meaning, since the natural will pass away, and at best is temporary. THE NATURAL BAPTISM, THEN, IS IN WATER, AND PERFORMED BY A HUMAN PERSON.

(2) SPIRITUAL - The Second dimension is always spiritual. The spiritual, therefore, is the real purpose for the natural, and it is upon a higher plane. The spiritual baptism is called the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the entering in of the Holy Spirit into the spirit of the individual. In this baptism, instead of being covered over with water, one is covered over with the Holy Spirit, inside and outside. The pattern, however, was laid by the water baptism. Just as the water covered the believer, so also the Holy Spirit covers him, and the Baptizer is Christ Himself.

(3) FULLNESS - The Third dimension is the absolute fulfillment of both natural and spiritual. If we then understand the water baptism, then we will easily understand what the fullness of baptism will be. In this baptism, we are immersed into Christ by the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 6:2 speaks of "baptisms," while Ephesians 4:5 tells us that there is only "one baptism." These are reconciled when we understand that in the one there are three. Matthew 3:11 tells us that John the Baptist baptized with water, but Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. That gives us the scripture for the first two. The third is found in 1st Corinthians 12:13, where it states that the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ.

An example would be in order at this point. There was a natural man named Israel, and he produced a people named Israel. If this was the end of the story, then it would be a sad one indeed, but the natural Israel produced a man named Jesus Christ, who became the Savior and Lord of a spiritual na-

tion, and then some of the promises which it was impossible for natural Israel to walk in, the spiritual Israel are walking in. However, this spiritual Israel is just as unsatisfactory before God as the natural Israel. God, therefore, must bring another Israel to be made out of both, which He calls Zion (The Body of Christ), which will be the perfection of Beauty.

THE TRUE MEANING OF BAPTISM

The first thoughts of baptism came to us from Genesis 7, where God baptized the whole world in the waters of tribulation, and only those who had faith in God survived. All others died. Baptism by water, therefore, typifies death; therefore a baptism without a RESURRECTION would be negative and without life. BUT "buried with Him in baptism - rise in newness of life." Romans 6:4. The two go together like peas in a pod. The experience is the last before the priest goes through the veil into the Holy Place. Thus before the individual enters into the LIFE OF CHRIST, he must first get rid of SIN AND SELF. THE CEREMONY WITHOUT THE WORK HAVING BEEN DONE IS ONLY "tomfoolery!" The baptism is a dying from within, and the ceremony is a TESTIMONY for those without. The next question which is appropriate is, "Can we do away with water baptism, since it is the work within that matters?" The answer is EMPHATICALLY NO! If we could, then we could do away with the marriage ceremony. "I take this man! I take this woman!" This is absolutely necessary to be performed before witnesses. I will tell you a story.

DOING AWAY WITH THE CEREMONY

There was a church organization in Jamaica which did away with the legal marriage, and insisted that they were above the law, so they would take unto themselves wives without any legal papers being signed by an authorized per-

son. FOR A WHILE it worked well, when everybody was spiritual, and men and women kept their obligation without being bound by any natural human law. BUT THEY WERE TEMPTING THE DEVIL. So it happened after some time, the BISHOP of this church was taken by lust, and he saw a young girl which he wanted to marry and so he did. When the people rebuked him, his reply was that he was never really married to his wife, with whom he lived for many years and had raised children, because there was no legal marriage and no legal papers.

DIPPING MANY TIMES

Many persons are taking several trips to baptismal pools, hoping that by these several baptisms, they may obtain something they did not have before. Some are being baptized in different names, hoping that if the name of Jesus or some other name is called over them, then they will be OK this time. BUT NO CALLING OF NAMES OR REPETITIONS OF BAPTISM CAN SUBSTITUTE FOR THE *"answer of a true conscience before God."* 1st Peter 3:21.

BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Someone who reads this book is asking right here, "Then what name must we be baptized in?" I will put it simply. The word "name" in the Bible does not just refer to the calling of a word, but it definitely speaks of NATURE.

Thus we find the names of the twelve tribes of Israel refer to twelve natures within man through which God will work His glory (further explained in another chapter on twelve loaves).

NAME IS NATURE

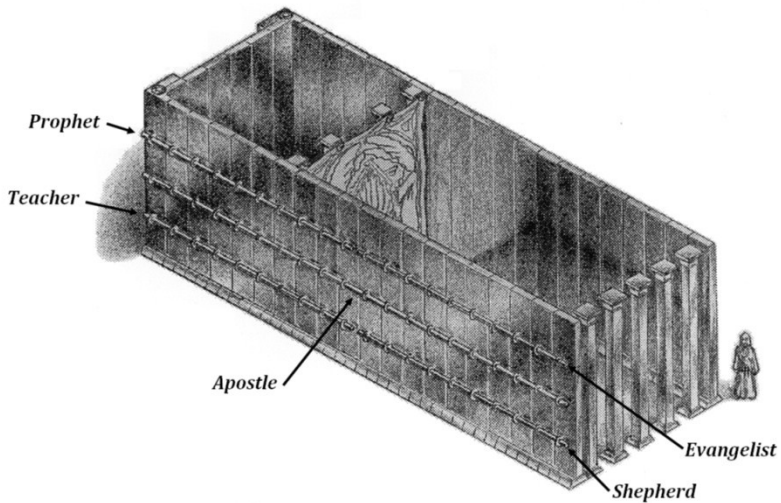
To be baptized in a name, therefore, is to be immersed in the nature of the name. Thus, when men enter from the Outer Court to the Holy Place, we enter into the NATURE OF CHRIST, THUS WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST. Therefore, when I say you should be baptized in the NAME OF CHRIST, I mean into His nature. The Christ nature should cover and supersede your own nature, and the CHRIST SHOULD BE THE PREDOMINANT factor in your being.

A WET SINNER

If one, therefore, who does not give up his own name (nature), yet takes baptism, then he would go in as a dry sinner and come up as a wet one. That was the only difference in his going down and his coming up again. THUS THE WHOLE CEREMONY HAS BECOME AN INNOCENT LIE. "They know not what they worship." The preaching that there is a certain magic in being baptized in the name of Jesus is twisted by misunderstanding, particularly by the ministers. Some say, "If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, I will baptize you," even though you live in adultery and all manner of uncleanness. Water baptism can only be in its proper place when the work is done within, or when the candidate firmly submits to OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST, who is the AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF his faith, and enters into a Covenant relationship with Him. One is therefore BAPTIZED OUT OF SELF, losing your name, and by Covenant agrees to go all the way with Christ, receiving a new name, even Christ. Remember name means nature. Baptism means IMMERSION, "being covered over with;" therefore, to be baptized into the name of Christ means being covered over with His nature.

CHAPTER 7

THE STRUCTURE



The Tabernacle was more of a building than a tent. It looked like a tent from the outside with the cloths of blue, purple, scarlet and linen, and with the goats' hair, rams' skins and badgers' skins hanging down on either side and over the top of it. There was also the glint of glittering gold to be seen on the sides of it, which is hardly discernible under the hangings which drape the sides.

It was constructed of 48 wood boards of one and a half cubits wide, which were overlaid with pure gold, and rather looked like long bars of gold. Twenty boards on one side made it 30 cubits long, and six boards on the width made it 9 cubits wide, with two extra boards at the corners for reinforcement.

The figures must never be changed to feet, because this

would spoil the symbolic meaning of the measurements.

The corner boards were coupled together with two golden rings, and all the boards were set in silver sockets, each with two tenons set in two mortises. This construction was three sided, having only one entrance at the east side which was made of curtains.

SYMBOLIC MEANINGS

No wood was visible in the Tabernacle. Wood is one of the types of flesh, and we can see that in God's business, there is no place for flesh. All through the checkered history of the church, privileges and positions have been given to this one and that one, for reasons other than that the person is the chosen of the Lord. When we speak of flesh, we mean man's reason and selfish motives. The gold is a type of the nature of Almighty God, and the only acceptable manifestation in the church is that of God in man.

The last act of the Outer Court before entering through the Door of the Tabernacle was symbolic of Death to Self. This must be so, because all the baser metals (brass) did the last of their work at the door of the Tabernacle, and could not have any place in the Holy Place.

THE WOMEN'S LOOKING GLASSES

Looking glasses speak of vanity, which was sacrificed to symbolize Death to Self. The woman dies in the Outer Court. Only Christ lives in the Holy Place.

It is interesting to note that the laver, which was the last piece of furniture the priest used in the Outer Court, was made of women's looking glasses. It would appear that the women either used brass-handled looking glasses, or the brass was so highly polished and of such good quality, that this was ideal for the use of making this wash basin. The spir-

itual implication here is that even the things of the women, (which the women used), could not find their place into the Holy Place, but they were used to signify the message of death to self. Woman in the scripture carries much more significance than in our English language. In one sense, woman means complement to man. The assumption is that man is not complete in himself. He needs the woman to reproduce himself. Both physically and spiritually he needs the woman. On the other hand, there is a meaning to the word attached by scripture, which shows that woman means weakness. This meaning is derived from the fact of the woman having been tempted and deceived by the devil in the Garden of Eden. The truth of the matter is that God created one being in His image which was male and female, and separated him into male and female. Thus, the woman basically is more soulish (emotional, thinking, caring) than man. The word soul in scripture is a synonym of woman. Spiritually speaking, a woman is more susceptible to spirit work than a man. Some good sister will ask here if that is good or bad. It is both, but mostly good. No church can exist without women. God endows women with the ability to function spiritually as a delicate seismograph, and the record shows that the women were in the forefront in every missionary venture! Last at the cross and first at the tomb, even bringing the first resurrection message.

LET THE WOMEN BE SILENT?

The Holy Place is the type of being IN CHRIST. Therefore, Christ as the head of the church is the MASCULINE; natural sex does not count into the business of God. Therefore, in the Holy Place, God does not recognize physical man or physical woman. When man or woman has matured in the Spirit to a point of dying to self, and allowing the Christ to come forth in them, then they can be trusted in God's busi-

ness not to allow any form of flesh to rise up in the congregation of the saints. Nevertheless, there are those who have not matured, but the Spirit of God will manifest Himself through them. HOW DARE ANYONE rebuke the Spirit of the Lord when He works through a vessel!

WOMEN CAN BE WOMEN AT HOME WHEN THEY GIVE THEIR CHILDREN SUCK, and at the same time IN THE CHURCH SPEAK WITH THE WORD OF AUTHORITY WHEN IN THE SPIRIT.

There are some who contend that the Bible says in I Timothy 2:11, "*Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection*"; that it means that the woman must be silent in the church. But the same apostle of the Lord in Galatians 3:27-29 says,

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

IT CLEARLY SHOWS HERE that if the first statement was right, the second must be speaking to a different order of persons.

Some teachers teach that women who are spiritual are in the masculine because they are in Christ. They even say that a woman who is more spiritual than her husband is the head of the house. This is error. I have seen this kind of doctrine destroy scores of homes across the United States. The truth is, however, that in CHRIST there is no male nor female, which means that if the woman claims to be male because she is spiritual, then she is out of place in the Gospel of Jesus as much as the man who is asserting his manhood in God's business. SEX is not considered in the Gospel. It surely has no place in spiritual things. Sex is absolutely a physical, earthly arrangement. It does not go beyond the resurrection.

The following quotes, however, need some clarification.

I Timothy 2:8-12, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere,

lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

Here the apostle Paul addresses the men, which shows that he was putting matters in order which were needed. He was apparently addressing specific problems. We can see, therefore, that there was a problem in getting the men to raise their hands and praise the Lord.

Verses 9-10, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

This second problem concerned the women. Then, as now, the women were going after the styles of the world, which could be summed up in two words, worldliness and vanity. He was saying that the manifestations of worldliness and vanity are not godly qualities. Now the daughters of Zion dress more like harlots than like women professing godliness. Painting the face is almost exalted in the church as a godly virtue. Wearing pants, tights, slacks and shorts is part of the equipment of Christians as much as of sinners. The women and men of Paul's time needed apostolic leadership then, as much as our women do now. Paul continues with the questions about women.

Verse 11, "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection."

"Esuchia," translated as silence, could be better translated as quietness, without heckling from the floor and wild soulful outbursts. Here again, we see that there must have been problems along this line which needed to be corrected. Under Jewish law, women were muzzled. But in the church, no one wants to stop anyone from speaking in the Spirit, and no one should tolerate anyone speaking out of the Spirit.

Verse 12, "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

Here again, we come upon the word "silence," and this time it is in contrast to two words: "teach" and "usurp." We have already established the meaning of the word "silence,"

therefore let us look at the word "teach." The King James translation of the verse is not as accurate as it could be, since there is no such word as usurp in the Greek rendition.

"But to be master (head of the congregation) I do not allow, nor to exercise the authority of a man."

The Greek word used here for "teach" is "didaskein." It means "to teach, or to be lord and master." In this specific passage, it should be translated "master" and not "teach," because the scripture says that the gifts of the Spirit are evenly distributed in the Body, and there are many women who have the gift of teaching. On the other hand, we have already quoted the word in Galatians 3:27-29, which clearly states that in Christ, there is neither "male nor female." Therefore, if one scripture says the woman can teach, and another says she cannot teach, it means that someone translated the word wrongly in one of the passages. It is not difficult, therefore, to see which one of the passages has the wrong translation.

The conclusive evidence, however, is in John 13:13, where the word "didaskalos" is used and translated "Lord and Master," in reference to Jesus.

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am."

Rightly dividing the word of God in this passage would allow us to see that the rightful place of man is to be head of the woman. When the woman is head, it destroys God's divine order. Paul, then, was just affirming this position, and not putting down women.

There is a great confusion in the world today. Women no longer are striving for equality. They are striving for headship and rulership. This is a sign of the times which will bring a great evil upon the world.

In Christ there is equality. We will not all have the same job, but we will all have equal opportunity to become what God ordained us to be. Both men and women, bond and free, Jew and Gentile, are coming to that great meeting point called "In Christ."

THE WOMAN'S PLACE

In view of the serious condition which persists in the church, and in the homes of our present modern age, it is very much necessary for every preacher to lay out in very certain terms the place of the women who name the name of the Christ.

JEZEBEL MULTIPLIED

Our modern women would make Jezebel blush, and from the account of scripture, it would be a hard thing to do. Impropriety on the part of our women is such a common place thing, that most of us do not know right from wrong. When things reach to this point, it becomes necessary to preach about it.

ERRONEOUS CHURCH BEHAVIOR

The church to a large extent, and some worldwide preachers, who call themselves Apostles, teach that the woman's place is a subservient, back-seat, muzzled position. According to their teaching, if she does not have a husband, or if she has a husband who is not forward in the things of God, she should come under the protection of the "shepherd," and he should play the role of "Lord and Master;" she having to get permission from him if she wants to visit the church down the street.

This is error, and has no foundation in scripture. In the first place, as co-shepherds (pastor is an unbiblical terminology), working with the Great Shepherd Jesus Christ, our duty is not to make disciples unto ourselves, but to encourage the sheep to follow Christ, and not have them tagging along behind us.

In the second place, a congregation should not only have

sheep, but if the Word is being taught, then there should be every degree of maturity, and even sons will grow out of that first sheep. For this reason, a man who sets himself up as a shepherd, and only caters to sheep, would either have to so preach as to keep everybody always at the sheep stage, or would be out of place with his own sheep when they grow up.

God's answer to this is a plurality of Elders, among whom God will endow the varying degrees of Ministry - no one-man-show.

WOMAN THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH

Hebrews 9:23, "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

The apostle Paul was speaking of the earthly Tabernacle being purified by the blood of bulls, etc., and the heavenly Tabernacle being purified with the blood of Jesus Christ.

The first thought expressed in the verse shows us that the things in the heavens do have their patterns down here.

WIVES SUBJECT TO HUSBANDS

The analogy is even more direct in Ephesians 5:23-24.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

The main error of understanding this verse comes from reading the word "subject" to mean being subservient, or less than or inferior. This word does not mean or even imply that the wife would be an inferior person to the husband. As a matter of fact, it suggests an AGREED POSITION, rather than a forced one. The manager of a business or program has the

authority over his workers as far as his business or program is concerned, but his position should never suggest either inferiority of his workers or superiority of his own person.

We are one with Christ, brothers, but nevertheless, Christ's position as the Only Begotten Son of God and our Savior (Savior of the Body) puts Him in a position of authority far above us and every principality and power.

CHRIST FIRST

The Offering of the Firstfruits under the Mosaic Law is a type of the Christian putting Jesus Christ as the first in his/her life.

If, then, the head of the woman is Christ, then all other heads, whether it be in business or in marriage, are subject to that one head. He is not only King of kings, but Head of heads.

UNPLEASANT SUBMISSIONS

Often in the woman's experience, she has to submit to unpleasant situations, and it is sometimes difficult for her to draw the line when, where, and what to submit to.

Every individual should know Jesus Christ as the focal point or reason of any submission. Thus, if submission is for Christ's sake, it is sanctified and holy.

UNHOLY SUBMISSION

When one allows oneself to be used by a devil for his own purpose, and contrary to the Spirit of God within one's own being, then the submission is unholy and not ordained of God. In order that the reader might understand the degree of which I speak, let me tell you a story.

There was a sister, whose husband wanted her to go to

the bar with him and his friends, who spent their time drinking and dancing. She was advised by certain "shepherds" that she should obey her husband and go. I advised that she should tell him in love that her Lord will not allow her to do so. She obeyed the "shepherds" and went with him, and she thought she would preach to them as they drank. She tried to speak about the Lord to them, but soon everybody kept far away from her, and she became the laughing-stock of the party. Husband and wife were living in a strained atmosphere, and so the wife came back to me for advice.

I told her to pray until she lost all feeling of animosity for her husband, then to approach him in love and to show him her love, then to explain to him the reason she will never go back with him to any more parties. He submitted to the Spirit in which she approached him, and told her he was sorry for the embarrassment he caused her, and promised never to ask her to go again. This was not the end of the story. Some months after, he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior, and the other stage of the battle began - where the woman was more advanced in the things of the Lord than the man, and had to coax him along the path of righteousness, while at the same time being in submission to him.

God cannot agree with submission unto sin.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God." I John 4:7.

THE BOARDS

There are 48 boards, the product of 4 x 12. Four is the number of testing, trial and tribulation, and twelve times tribulation brings man to perfection.

I Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor..." That which binds us as part of the building of God, as lively stones built

up as a spiritual household, is described in the tabernacle as FORTY SOCKETS OF SILVER. These sockets are on both sides, and hold twenty boards upright on each side. These boards are joined together by FIVE RODS OF SHITTIM WOOD OVERLAID with gold. The WEST SIDE of the tabernacle has EIGHT boards set in SIXTEEN SOCKETS OF SILVER.

TWENTY is the number of redemption, and FORTY is the number of tribulation and testing and the end of flesh. It is the FORTY sockets of silver which keep the TWENTY boards upright. Thus silver, having the same symbolic meaning as the number twenty - REDEMPTION - is that which keeps us in our place with God in the body of Christ. The two tongues represent the Spirit and the Word.

Vs. 7 continued: "... and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

These boards were overlaid with gold, which signifies that all flesh, and all that is of man, must be completely and permanently hidden in Christ. The only outward manifestation to the eye is the gold, which signifies the NATURE OF GOD-LOVE.

SHUT IN

These boards constitute the second enclosure of God shutting man in. They were TEN cubits tall. This is the symbol of government - divine order. They were ONE AND A HALF cubits broad, which is half of the divine fulness. This signifies that no one man is going to come up to this fulness all by himself. He needs the others to make a tabernacle.

"Till we all come... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Ephesians 4:13.

ONE PERSON CANNOT BE THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRY. This life represents only half of the circle of perfection.

BODY MINISTRY

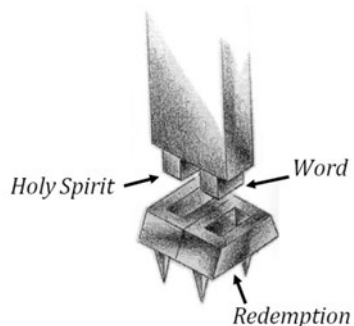
The word "body" means an organization that is comprised of organisms. The very use of the word in a spiritual sense makes it a unique operation. It is a SPIRITUAL body with PHYSICAL machinations. It is a machinery of human organisms with a SPIRITUAL HEAD, moving many humans by one mind and one Spirit.

THE GLORY

The glory of this lies in the fact that the humans are not automatons or robots working under a super-lord, as is the case of a man taken by the devil. BUT humans, who by their own free will and volition, their love of God, their deliberate intentness, even by their hard striving upward in Godliness, HAVE USED THE TOOLS OF GOD, AND HAVE OVERCOME THE ENEMY WITHIN, and the enemy without. By their diligent effort and dedication, they have re-created themselves into SONS OF LIGHT, which they will forever be BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE.

OUR MOORINGS

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REDEMPTION THEREFORE is that which keeps us standing in Christ; but that which keeps us from leaning each in his own way are the five rods of WOOD overlaid with gold.

FIVE FOLD MINISTRY

These five rods BINDING BOARD TO BOARD in the tabernacle definitely represent the FIVE human agents God has ordained on earth to keep the saints straight and together. These are specifically mentioned in Ephesians 4:11-12.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors [shepherds] and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

THE APOSTLE

There is one rod in the center, which goes straight through from the first board to the last. This rod represents the APOSTLE. It is 30 Cubits long, which is the number of the matured son. The work of the apostle is therefore like that of a mainspring. It is vital to the construction. It is CENTRAL, and lays down the line for all the other ministries to follow. The true apostle brings the people of God together, and can-

not be LOCAL in his operation, but must encompass the whole tabernacle. Once the boards are in their place, they not only feel the power of the apostle's message, but such a message binds them into the Body of Christ. WOOD never touches WOOD. GOLD touches Gold.

"Deep calleth unto deep." Psalms 42:7.

Every God-ordained group, or church, must have an apostolic vision. *"Without a vision the people perish."* The people of God cannot grow in Him without a vision of what they are, where they are going, and where they are.

The true message of God will bring the people into DIVINE ORDER. There is disorder everywhere, but it is the business of the true apostles to bring order by the power of the message of God in them. This power is now being asserted by the APOSTLES OF THE END TIME, and every false thing is being swept out of the way. That which many call accidents are incidents which God is using to clear his field, and to make way for his true messengers. Someone getting upset and leaving a group or a body might well be a blessing to that group or body. If they were of us, then they would not have left us.

THE LAW OF LIFE

No longer are the people of God bound together by a bunch of carnal laws or church affiliation, BUT as maturity comes to the church, we are bound by LOVE, which is the law of life.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." I John 1:7.

This fellowship is not forced by regulations and "thou shalt nots," but the LIFE principle that "like things adhere." We find fellowship one with another. We cannot help it. We have it.

SIXTEEN SOCKETS OF SILVER

The sixteen sockets of silver keep the boards upright or standing in their places on the west side of the tabernacle. These are a type of LOVE kept in place by REDEMPTION. Here again, we see a beautiful lesson. Love needs to be kept in place, but without redemption, love is unfounded and will be everything else but the pure, true "AGAPE," or God's love. Without redemption, love becomes SEX love, FILIAL love, that is, love for the family or love of earthly things. Thus the sixteen boards representing love can be described by one word only, "AGAPE."

THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE

JESUS, THE MASTER OF LOVE, is that board at the right hand corner, binding all the others in love, with a ring of gold binding the whole building together at the corner. AT THE OTHER CORNER, there is another board binding the left hand corner of the tabernacle.

This signifies that Christ would bring forth children in the earth, A PEOPLE like HIMSELF, who would also do the work He is doing in the body. This is represented in Revelation 7 by the 144,000, or in Revelation 12 by the MANCHILD - THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD.

The apostle, the center rod, is THIRTY cubits long, which shows him to be a more matured son of God. We know, however, that in the past, no man has reached this maturity, which is being just LIKE JESUS. Here we see, therefore, the possibility of man remaining in the Spirit and manifesting absolute PERFECTION, even though he himself is not yet perfect. In the Spirit there is perfection. When we are in the Spirit, we cannot be wrong, and the apostle is expected to remain in the Spirit.

The rods are set in THREE ROWS, as seen in the illustra-

tion at the beginning of this chapter. This shows that they are in divine order, which is suggested by the three rows. They are set in of God. They are motivated by God. They are sent of God from place to place. And they carry out the will of God. We know that there are some apostles who do not abide in their calling. At present, many have the tendency of "doing their own thing," as the phrase goes, but there will be less and less of this in the next few years, as darkness and tribulation settle over the land, and within this time we shall see the people of God coming together more than ever before in the history of the church. The rod is pushed through rings on the boards - golden rings, which speaks of a marriage. The paradox is that although the rod holds the boards straight, it is the rings on the boards which hold the rod in place. This signifies that the apostle, or any of the other ministries, cannot and should not own the church, but the church should hold them in place, and desire them to be there.

THE PROPHET

On the first row there are two rods. Each of these rods is FIFTEEN CUBITS long. They are covered with gold so they look like long bars of gold. These rods are pushed through rings of gold on the boards, thus forming the connecting link between board and board.

The first rod to the left of the sketch is the PROPHET. The function of the prophet in the body is, in the first place, to help keep the body together by the direct or indirect revelation of the Spirit.

PROPHET MINISTRY OF GOD

The prophet ministry is put into the Body of Christ by God's divine operation. No prophet can study to be a prophet, and can only enhance his prophecy by the degree of sancti-

fication in which he lives. A Prophet can get his revelation by vision or dreams, or by direct word of God, or by any other means God chooses, BUT he must keep in the will of God, or else he will not know the difference between a revelation from a deceiving spirit, or from God.

THE NECESSITY OF THE PROPHET

The church cannot reach to its height in the Spirit without the function of the prophet ministry. By this, I do not mean prophesying in the church. The ministry of the prophet is one which carries a power and authority in the church next to the apostle.

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

The mistaken idea about spiritual authority is that men who claim to have authority in the church are mostly those who rule over different sections of the church, BUT authority is from God. WHEN THE WORD SPOKEN is powerful in heaven and on earth, then that is spiritual authority.

An example of this is a situation where a certain minister's preaching was being challenged, and the brethren decided that they would not have him any more. He said nothing but went away and prayed to God. The result was that they were sorry, and reversed their decision. The authority was exercised in the Spirit.

On the other hand, there are those who speak great swelling words, only to find that the Spirit of God was not with them, and their words did not carry with the spiritual people.

Jesus had this to say of spiritual authority:

Matthew 20:25-27, (RSV) "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but who so ever would be

great among you must be your servant, and who so ever would be first among you must be your slave."

This simply means that God will exalt such a person to a place of authority, so that "whatsoever he binds on earth is bound in heaven." We can see clearly that God intends a Prophet to speak as the very oracle of God.

EVANGELIST MINISTRY

The ministry of the evangelist is that which takes to the church the revealed word of God. In doing this, the evangelist must be equipped not only with the power of the Holy Ghost, but with the gifts of the Spirit, sufficient to vindicate the Gospel in the wide range of circumstances into which he will fall.

The ministry of the evangelist is by far above the ordinary, evangelistic outreach of the local church. This ministry must be one of extraordinary power to cope with the hurdles which the enemy will set in its way. Jesus, in speaking to the apostles just before His resurrection, gave them some idea of the preparation which precedes an evangelist going into "all the world."

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Jamaica is my Jerusalem, but for you, some of my readers, it might be your Judea, Samaria, or the uttermost part of the earth.

There is a deep revelation in this, which is the reason behind this instruction.

Where you are born is your Jerusalem (where you grew up). The people of your town, county and country who know not God submit to that prince of devils which rules over that part of the world. For you to preach the Gospel effectively in your own hometown, state or country, you must first over-

come this devil to a marked degree. After this is done, God will lead you to the area of a neighboring spirit (not necessarily geographically), one allied to the type of sin that overcomes your people.

When you have overcome this Judean spirit, then God will lead you on to also battle and overcome the Samaritan spirit, the spirit of witchcraft.

After you have gained these three notches in your gun, the Lord will lead you into all the World.

Whenever this process of training is not accomplished in the life of the evangelist - that is, he went without being directly sent of God - then he generally makes shipwreck, and sometimes causes a lot of heartache and confusion in the body.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SHEPHERD (PASTOR)

The word in the Greek is "Paimenos," which means "Shepherds." The position of "Pastor" was created by the fallen church, and is contrary to every spiritual concept of what a Shepherd should be. A ministry is not a position, but an endowment of the Spirit. In our modern, ecclesiastical terminology, we have made the word "pastor" to mean a person who holds the position as head of the congregation. This in the church is not scriptural, according to Matthew 20:25-27. We cannot make a person Shepherd of a congregation, no more than we can make an apostle. **GOD MAKES THE INDIVIDUAL SHEPHERD IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.** The word "shepherd" erroneously translated as "pastor" in Ephesians 4:11 is a spiritual endowment, a ministry, or the spiritual ability to seek out and care for God's sheep. This generally manifests itself in a local situation, but nevertheless the spirit of the shepherd is one which has a care for God's sheep everywhere.

This is represented in the chart by the left lower bar which is 15 cubits long.

The word "shepherd," translated "pastor," does not give any minister absolute charge over any congregation. It gives him the responsible position of being answerable to the "Chief Shepherd" for the ministry to care for the sheep given to him. Therefore, while he is caring for sheep in the congregation, there are others who would be caring for lambs, and others neither sheep nor lambs, but sons - little sons and big sons. Therefore, in God's Order, we FIND A PLURAL MINISTRY OF ELDERS WORKING TOGETHER.

THE TRUE SHEPHERD

It is very easy to discern the true God-appointed shepherds, as different from the man-appointed ones or the self-appointed ones. In Ephesians 4:11, we notice that the Word says that "He gave some, Apostles, etc."

A man-made apostle is an alien creature in God's business, yet all the churches appoint their own trainees to positions. Divine Order is totally rejected in the modern church as recorded in: 2 Thes. 2:3.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away (rebellion) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

History is repeating itself. Just as Israel turned away from God to the dumb idols of the nations, even so, 90% of the church has turned from God to worship buildings, and pews, money and status - rebelling against God. Jesus Christ, our Lord, said that this would happen before His return. He gave a parable of the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13:24-30. Then from 37-43, He gave the meaning of this parable of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 13:37-43, "He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the

harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather OUT OF HIS KINGDOM all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear let him hear."

The above passage outlines the condition of the church before Christ comes. It clearly shows that there is at this time a rebellion in the church, against the Master of the Vineyard, and that He is waiting for the time of His judgment to separate the wheat from the tares. From what I can observe, the tares have taken up the chief corners of the streets of our cities with magnificent edifices. They occupy the major positions of authority in the vast majority of the congregations of the world. They are the richest institutions on earth, but we understand that the time of harvest is very near, even at the door.

The true shepherd seeks the glory of the Lord. The false shepherd seeks the glory of his denomination, or group, or nondenominational denomination, or something else beside Jesus. The question here arises, what is meant by seeking the glory? The question brings us back to the teaching of the "firstfruits." Whatever is the focal point of our operation and programs is the thing that is first in order of priority. Are we more interested in holding our members than in their spiritual growth? If we are more interested in their spiritual growth, even if we lose them, then Christ is first. Are the shepherds God-trained, God-appointed men, or man-appointed pastors, herdsmen, cowboys, man-appointed, Seminary-trained after the order of man, Romish? As God-appointed shepherds, they would be laying down their lives and not looking after their own enrichment or status. Then that is putting Christ first. Is the shepherd striving to do the will of the Father, ra-

ther than to please his congregation and the other church leaders around? Then he is Christ centered. Is the shepherd making plans for bringing in money in the church? Then he is NOT Christ centered but otherwise centered. Is Christ the whole motivation of the church? If so, then they are putting Christ in His rightful place - first. A shepherd, therefore, is not an hireling. He cannot be bought or fired, because he is working with God Himself who trained and sent him, and he will teach every sheep to follow Jesus Christ. Every God-appointed shepherd knows that the word shepherd is not a title like the "Names of Blasphemy" - Reverend, Pastor, Father, Holy Father, Pope etc., (Revelation 17:5) - but that it is a spiritual endowment, a deep compassion in the heart for God's children everywhere. It is a gift of the Spirit, and we should only be under-shepherds with Jesus Christ.

MY SHEPHERD

This is a warning to those who have human, man-appointed, pastor-shepherds here. Anyone who usurps the position of Jesus in your life is an impostor, for it is written in the word,

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

If you are starving spiritually, then you have the wrong pastor. Make sure that you have "MY Shepherd."

In the New Testament, the word "shepherd" ("poimne" in Greek), is mentioned about eighteen times. IN ONLY ONE INSTANCE, THIS WORD IS TRANSLATED AS "PASTOR." - Ephesians 4:11. One cannot help but notice some design by the translators to foster the Roman Catholic position of hierarchy in the church. Jesus said we should not have a hierarchy among us. He said it was for the rulers of the world.

Matthew 20:25-27, "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. BUT IT

SHALL NOT BE SO AMONG YOU: But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant). And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (slave)."

THE MINISTRY OF THE TEACHER

A congregation can appoint a teacher, but it cannot give him/her a ministry. God alone sets ministries in the body. The ministry of the teacher must come directly from God. From my own experience, when God tells me what to tell His people, He tells me how to tell it. I teach sometimes with a chalkboard, and the drawings I put on the board are those things which I see in the Spirit.

There are, however, many, many different administrations of the Spirit. Although God deals with me in this way, He may deal with someone else in an entirely different way, BUT with the same result - His people will get the message, and it will be directed by Him.

THE MINISTRY AND THE GIFTS

There are ministries with the same name as gifts of the Spirit, but the ministry is different from the gift. The gift is the manifestation of the Holy Ghost within the believer, working whatever gift God sees fit to bring forth through the individual.

On the other hand, the ministry is a special and more powerful endowment to the church. The minister, therefore, is the gift of God to the church. His endowment is not his own. He cannot preach where he wills, do what he wants, but as an important part of God's machinery, he must move when and where God wants him to move or go.

Every human being is capable of some gift of the Spirit if he or she surrenders to God, but not everyone is an anointed preacher of Christ. It must be remembered that every believ-

er, as part of a body, is a ministering, functioning part. In a sense, everyone who is born of God is expected to work with the ministry in one capacity or another. Without these sinews of the body, the ministries could not function effectively.

These five ministries are the five bars of the tabernacle.

We should not forget one important observation. The golden rings which hold the bars are attached to the gold on the boards, thus signifying that the nature of God in the body is that which holds the ministry, and not the ministry or minister holding the congregation.

THE FIVE PILLARS

This is the DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE through which only DEAD MEN ENTER: men and women who have died to SELF in the Outer Court, and now are being resurrected in CHRIST. Jesus, speaking to his disciples in John 10:7 said, "I am the door of the sheep," and intimated that there was no entering in except through Him.

Galatians 2:9 speaks of James, Cephas, and John as pillars of the church. We see here, not only Jesus Christ being a pillar of gold, but God setting men in the body as pillars. Thus the five pillars, representing the ministry which God would set in Christ, have the quality of man, which is the wood, and the quality of God, which is the GOLD. They were nevertheless seated in brass, which signifies that their foundation is in judgment and justice, and that there is no levity of permissiveness in the God-ordained minister. He must abide in that which he preaches and "die daily" as Paul said in 1st Corinthians 15:31.

FOUR PILLARS AT VEIL

The veil of the tabernacle is the THIRD doorway, and the entering into the HOLY OF HOLIES or HOLIEST OF ALL.

Here we find FOUR pillars of wood overlaid with gold and set in SILVER sockets to keep them upright.

Genesis 3:24, "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Cherubim were on the veil, and cherubim were on the mercy seat.

When a man enters into the Holy of Holies, he has to pass through FOUR pillars, which is a type of testing and tribulation. If man is to return to Eden (the realm of complete oneness with God), he must pass through the flaming sword. The burning of the incense on the altar of incense is the type of the complete offering of the soul of man to God. Man at the height of his achievement in righteousness, loses himself and becomes absorbed into God.

Exodus 13:21-22, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."

Here we are speaking of the God who overshadows His people, and protects them as a mother protects her young ones, sheltering them with an umbrella when the sun is hot, and giving them fluorescent light when the night is dark. El Shaddai is the Big Breasted Mother. Like a hen gathering her brood under her wings, God cared for them and cares for us.

The covering of the tabernacle was in four parts:

1. Embroidery - ten curtains of blue, purple, scarlet and white, fine twined linen
2. Goats' hair
3. Rams' skins
4. Badgers' skins

The top covering of the tabernacle, made of embroidery work, was the work of the women, which before God, was just as much an offering as the other coverings.

The coverings of 2, 3 and 4 are the skins of dead animals. This is symbolic of the fact that the only men who can cover another are dead men. The embroidery covering represents the work of the church which is motivated of God.

The ten curtains for the covering were joined together in two groups of fives. The length of the one curtain was 28 cubits. They were two cubits short of 30 cubits, which was the full length of the tabernacle, and also the number of a full-fledged son of God.

The symbolism of the fives tells us that the ministries (not the minister), which bring about the covering of the body of Christ in the earth, are those which are joined by the GOLDEN RING, or the symbol of God's love and union in the earth - one with another. The ministry moves in their labors in 1) Spirit and 2) Word.

The symbolism of the 28 cubits shows that this covering is short and incomplete, even when it is absolutely right and in the will of God.

We have already dealt with most of the symbolism of the curtains; therefore, we proceed to deal with those which have not been fully dealt with. You will notice that the symbolism is repeated in many areas of the tabernacle, but each time there is something added which did not come in, in the first instance. FIFTY LOOPS OF GOLD bind TWO curtains of FIVE together. The fifty here speaks of the fiftieth year, which is the year of JUBILEE in which all captives are set free and all debts forgiven in Israel. It is of great note that JESUS DIED, ROSE AGAIN, AND GAVE US PENTECOST ON THE YEAR OF JUBILEE. Moses lived for 120 years, and there were 120 saints at Pentecost. One hundred and twenty multiplied by fifty brings us to 6000, the year of the FINAL JUBILEE when the sons of God will COME FORTH. This is written in the ceiling of the tabernacle. The two sets of curtains here again represent God's two great witnesses in the earth, THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD.

EMBROIDERY

Let us deal with the symbolic meanings of the ten curtains of a) blue, b) purple, c) scarlet and d) white fine twined linen.

These colors were hand-woven with cherubim woven into them, and were made by the women.

THE KEY

Woman means the church.

Embroidery means her work and labor of love in the Spirit directed wholly and absolutely by the Lord in the same way they were directed by Moses.

Cherubim means Spirit fellowship. When we move in the Spirit, the heavenly host joins us, and this becomes a covering. Not that I cover you, but that the Spirit in the body covers us, just like the flesh covers the bones. Without this, we are nothing but "a valley of dry bones."

Isaiah 30:1, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

The symbol of the cherubim is the symbol of covering. Wherever they occur in scripture, they depict a covering of some sort.

God forbid that I should presume to cover another, not even my own WIFE. I cannot cover her, since there is no strength in me to will or to do, but my strength is in Christ. In the hour of trouble, I have to turn her over to Jesus and trust Him with her safety.

THE FOUR DIMENSIONS OF THE EMBROIDERY COVERING

It has already been stated that the embroidery means the work of the church directed by the Holy Spirit. This work has

four dimensions, which are represented by the four types and colors of thread used in its construction.

HOLY SPIRIT COVERING

BLUE thread means sanctification. This is the process by which the nature of the Spirit is burned into my flesh, like the cattleman uses his branding iron. When He has finished His work on me, I not only bear the mark of Christ, but I am all His.

CHRIST COVERING

PURPLE thread pertains to the King. The son who is clothed with his father; his nakedness is covered by the presence and power of the King.

BLOOD COVERING

SCARLET thread means sacrifice as opposed to self-preservation. This symbolizes a deliberate and careful work, "fine twined."

ANGELIC COVERING

WHITE, fine twined linen thread means purity; holiness. This is a deliberate and careful work, "fine twined."

These colored threads represent the work of the church, which forms a covering to the believer.

WE ARE DIVINELY COVERED

Psalm 91:1, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High (between the cherubim on the mercy seat) shall abide (remain stable and fixed) under the shadow of the Almighty."

Verse 2, *"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I (confidently) trust!"*

Verse 4, *"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings (symbolic for power) shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler (weapons of defense)."*

Verse 11, *"For he shall give his angels (special) charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."*

THE COVERING SYMBOLIZED IN SCRIPTURE

As the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses in Egypt to the promised Canaan land, God provided every form of care and deliverance possible, so that they might survive what would be an impossible journey for women and children, for old men and cattle, in a parched and dry wilderness void of sustenance for a few people, let alone hundreds of thousands or perhaps millions. The following scriptures will give us an idea of the vastness of the miracle of provision which brought them out and carried them in.

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself." Exodus 19:4

The symbolic term "eagles' wings" means wings of power. This is borne out by the circumstances which prevailed in the wilderness.

Exodus 23:20 speaks of an angel who went before Israel to protect them and deliver them.

"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

Verse 21, *"Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him."*

Verse 23, *"For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off." (Gergashites omitted - Joshua 24:11).*

Seven nations were cut off before the Israelites, and today

some of these people are saying the land of Palestine is their land to this day.

They were provided shelter from the blazing sun, and high protein food to keep them strong and vigorous. Shoes and clothing were provided by God supernaturally, and there was never any people mothered and cared for by a loving God ever in the history of humanity to that time. Let me quote the scriptures for you.

UMBRELLA OF GOD

Exodus 13:21, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night."

CLOTHED, HEALED AND FED WITH MANNA

Nehemiah 9:21, "Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not."

Exodus 16:4, "Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or no."

WATER FROM THE ROCK

Exodus 17:6, "Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

YESHUA

God is a provider. There is provision in Him to cover all

our weaknesses and to heal all our diseases.

Some who read these lines may be in grave physical danger as war and revolution sweep the earth; but remember, David faced danger every day of his life, and the Holy Spirit spoke through him more than any recorded writer, of the deliverance of God from the enemy.

Psalm 23:1-5, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over."

This and more represents the response of overshadowing which God gives to the church, as she moves in the Spirit. The embroidery covering is symbolic of all this.

GOATS' HAIR

Exodus 26:7, "And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle."

The goat is a sacrificial animal, and here we see it giving up its own covering for the covering of the tabernacle. This speaks of the accumulated sacrifice of the saints, which increases the anointing, or the covering, as the tabernacle comes to its completion. We are inheritors of the labor and lives of millions of brethren who have gone before. As we build, we are conscious of building on the foundation of the labors and sacrifices of others. In a metaphorical sense, I can see Paul's hair and his skin hanging in the pattern of that which God has built in me.

Not only Paul, who is outstanding, but my mother repeating in my ears day after day, "Omni vincet amos," (love overcometh all things), or some other little remembered soul

who gave a word of life sometime, somewhere. We labor upon the lives of others for good or evil. Blessed are those who hang a permanent piece of their hair or skin to adorn another's tabernacle.

RAMS' SKINS

When man sinned in Eden, God slew two animals and took their skins for a covering for man's nakedness. In the building of the tabernacle, many animals paid the supreme sacrifice, so that their skins might make a covering. Here again, we see the principle of death to self. THE RAMS' skins were dyed red, and this color more than any is a DEATH TO SELF MESSAGE. Self has absolutely no place in the tabernacle of God. Those who are in Christ are all dead men in a sense: dead to self and the world, and ALIVE unto God. The greater the deadness, the more glorious the anointing or covering.

The HOLY PLACE IS THE TYPE OF THE SOUL. All the goodness of the soul, which God has sanctified and cleansed for His own purpose, is not to be used by man, but to be laid down before God for His use. Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda, and His heart of compassion went out for all the sick folk there, waiting for the moving of the water. But it was God's will that day for Him just to heal the man who was lying there for 38 years, and He did just that and no more. Some of us would have set up a tent there, and made a big healing service out of it. The gift can be right and the individual wrong. The general consensus of opinion seems to be that when the GIFT SEEMS RIGHT, it puts an approval upon the person and his doctrine. THIS IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. The gift can work because God wants to work, and the person be as wrong as wrong can be.

Romans 11:29, "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

This scripture simply means that God's gifts are irrevocable, permanent and good. The degree of the use of the gift depends upon the person who received them, but God never withdraws them once they are given.

SIN AND THE GIFTS

Because of the above fact of scripture, SOME of the persons using gifts, while these gifts are of God, not living a holy life, become a source of confusion to many Christians. We should not be confused. A gift is a gift. The person's righteous behavior depends upon the extent of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. If we had to do anything to receive them, then it would be of works and not of grace.

BADGERS' SKINS

The whole message of the covering of the tabernacle is a message of sacrifice. There were no badgers in that part of the country, but the Israelites could have brought with them badgers' skins from Egypt, which was a highly commercialized nation. Nevertheless, we know that there were goats' hair, and rams' skins, and badgers' skins. The badgers were a third class of animals. Their skins, used to cover the outside of the tent, were able to withstand all the rigors of the climate and to remain intact. It could be that these animals came from a different climate and had tougher skins, but we do know that God used this to build the tabernacle, and it was just the right thing to use.

God uses the right material, and wherever He puts us, that is just where we should be, and the purpose for which we are best suited. Of course, this is contrary to our thoughts for ourselves.

This covering or anointing faces the sun, the wind, the rain, the heat and the cold, and remains intact, and it covers

all the covers.

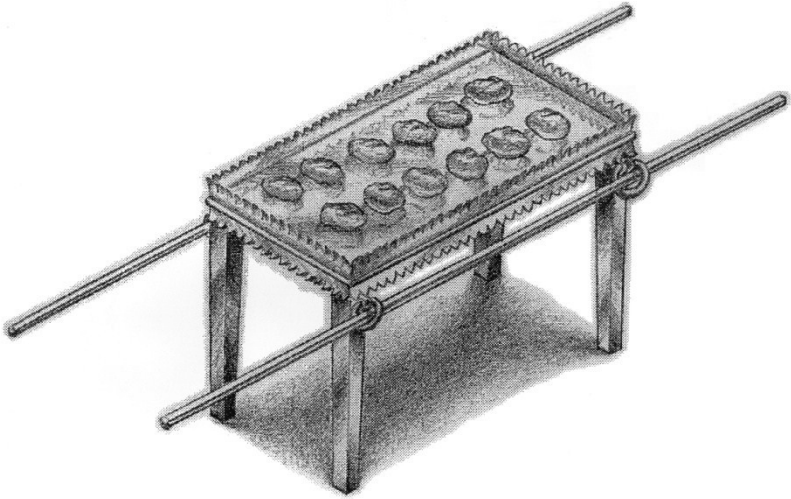
God is raising an army of people in this hour, who will not be beaten, but who are THE OVERCOMERS. They will overcome all things and receive the prize, even the fulness of CHRIST within their mortal bodies. THEY WILL MANIFEST CHRIST TO THE EARTH. They represent the badgers' skins - the last covering of the tabernacle of God.

Isaiah 30:1, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that COVER WITH A COVERING, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

All human covering is vain. Let us seek for the covering of the Spirit of God provided in the body, and let us be satisfied with none other.

CHAPTER 8

THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD



Exodus 25:23-25, "Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about."

THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD represents the third church experience as shown in the tabernacle.

THE MEASUREMENTS

Two cubits long and one cubit wide is a square of two, which would signify the WITNESS of the Spirit and the

Word. One cannot have the Word without the Spirit, for it is the Spirit that enlightens the Word to us. One and a half cubits high still shows the lack in the fulness of God. This experience of eating at the table of shewbread was not intended to bring the church to the full stature of Jesus Christ, but it was another experience on the way.

THE KING'S TABLE

The crown on the edge of the table, and then the breadth of a man's hand as a border, and another crown at the bottom (one crown was turned up and one crown was turned down), gives the double significance of the table, being the king's table, and at the same time, a place of kingship through suffering and tribulation. The crown turned up was a sign of an exalted position; turned down was a sign of humility. All through these types, we see the gold as the nature of God, "pure gold." The vessels on the table were of pure gold. Spoons, bowls and covers were also of gold. The table itself was wood overlaid with gold - humanity, with God outside. But the dishes and spoons and bowls were of "pure gold," signifying that the service at this point of God's dealing with man, or with His church, is purely of the Spirit, though man is used.

FEASTING ON JESUS CHRIST

The whole operation of the third church realm, as represented here in the tabernacle, is a type of man feasting on Christ.

John 6:48-51, "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is

my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

This does not merely represent man feasting on the word of God from the pages of the Bible, BUT it represents man feasting on the living CHRIST Himself. Feasting on Christ is a spiritual business, not a memorizing of scriptures or any other physical act, but an entering into the Spirit, and a submission to the Spirit of God, who is able to feed us with the living word.

We feed upon Jesus Christ in three dimensions.

(1) The Christ within - Christ is in the Holy Ghost. When the believer receives the Holy Ghost, he receives Him in his spirit. Immediately, the Holy Ghost begins to energize the soul, so that the Christ might enter. The still, small voice within the soul of the believer should be nurtured and obeyed. Very often, our tendency is to obey the voices from without, and to reject the voice within. As a matter of fact, the majority of the churches teach that we must obey our leaders, and that women must obey their demon-possessed husbands, no matter what they say or what they do. I am teaching that we obey the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost in the believer will lead us to obey good and not evil. If a woman takes this as license to rebel against her husband, or if any Christian takes this as encouragement to rebel against his leader, then that Christian is not hearing the voice of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost leads us into all truths.

(2) We feed on the Christ in the body of believers. Those who have gone before left us very real teachings and examples which we should keenly observe and follow. Since there are so many counterfeits, we have to depend on the Holy Ghost. God, therefore, will send to the body the necessary spiritual food they need. In the assembly, there is a movement of the Spirit, which cannot be found anywhere else. Where the two or three are gathered together, the Spirit will move with gifts and blessings which are not present anywhere else. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves to-

gether." Hebrews 10:25. Two words stand out in this quotation: "ourselves," and "together." "Ourselves" in this passage means those who are one with you in the Spirit, and "together" means being in one accord. On many occasions, many assemble, but they are not together and they are not the "yourselves." Sometimes we gather together under man's auspices, and man dictates the terms upon which we meet, therefore God is secondary in the gathering or the assembly. Every assembling of Christians must have God as King of the congregation, and He must be thus recognized in our gatherings. The following scripture will bear this point out.

Matthew 18:19-20, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

This passage clearly shows that Jesus Christ attends our meetings, and that the key of our gathering is being "together."

(3) We feed on Christ in a third dimension in His presence and person. This means that the man Christ Jesus is walking about our houses, in our bedrooms, in our dining rooms, in our living rooms and in our churches. He is not there as a visitor to whom we will show kindness, but as Lord and King. If this is so, then we Will feed on Him night and day, sleeping or waking.

THE SPOKEN WORD

From the Living Word (The "Logos," John 1:1) comes the spoken word. When the living word is within, then the words spoken are SPIRIT and life. When we speak in the voice of Christ, all the AGENTS OF GOD obey us. THE SPOKEN WORD, therefore, is the commands of the Spirit carried out by the angelic servants of God who are "ministering spirits,

sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." Hebrews 1:14.

The Old Testament was written as a type and shadow of the things which are to come to pass in Christ Jesus. Thus everything written in the Old Testament points to Christ. Christ therefore, is the theme of the scripture. One will inquire if some statements of scripture were not instructions to the Jews for proper living in the physical. The answer is yes, BUT since the spiritual made the physical, there can be nothing in the physical that is not a lesson or a shadow of the SPIRITUAL.

DESERT CHRISTIANS

God was dealing with a people who were traveling through the natural desert, and He deliberately gave them rules and laws for their subsistence which were good in the natural, but which when applied in the SPIRITUAL is also good for SPIRITUAL DESERT CHRISTIANS. In the spiritual sense, we are in dry places. Man and the devil have overshadowed the gospel with so much trash, that had it not been like pure gold, we would not have been able to redeem it. This world of sinners is indeed a desert place. Therefore, even as Christ was that Rock which gave the Israelites water, so is He now in our desert. 1st Corinthians 10: 4, 11.

THE CLEAN ANIMALS

Leviticus 11:2, "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth."

Jesus said, "eat of me." Here we find a principle laid down; the principle of taking into one's spiritual system that which is life and that which is wholesome. Eve fell when she believed the lie of the devil. She had fellowship with Satan

and she tasted of death. SHE FELL FROM GOD CONSCIOUSNESS TO SELF CONSCIOUSNESS; from life to death. In the present confusion of things, one finds it hard at times to identify that which is of God and Christ, or that which only bears the coloring of God designed to deceive and ensnare us. The Christ will appear to us in many forms and in strange vessels at times, thus it is absolutely necessary for us to be so equipped to know Him.

Matthew 7:16, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

If a man is doing great miracles, yet cannot live a clean Christian life, do not judge him by the miracles, but by the life he lives. Victory in the Spirit begins with victory over one's own soulish carnal nature.

EATING CLEAN ANIMALS

In the Old Testament, therefore, when we see the word "eating," we must realize it is the type and shadow of the act of absorbing within one's own being some spiritual work or influence from without. In this sense, we can now understand Leviticus 11:3.

"Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat."

The whole lesson of the tabernacle is one of God working through human agents to bring forth life in the earth. This instruction here is showing us how to assess all AGENTS when they bring the word to us before we absorb it, and when we absorb it. The key words here are "cheweth the cud" and "parteth the hoof." Those who chew the cud are those who speak the word, and those who part the hoof are those who walk in the word they preach. If a minister preaches a wrong word, he will find out his error when he walks in it, and his error will be made open and known to all. Thus the word of God here requires that we only become part of that

person, that spirit, that word, which is proved by the working or daily life of those who preach it.

2nd Timothy 2:6, "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits."

One is not equipped to preach patience if he has none. "No love," cannot preach love; "no joy," cannot preach joy, lest preaching becomes only a repetition of words and not the "*power of God unto salvation.*" Romans 1:16. In this passage, the apostle Paul uses the Greek word "dunamis," which is the explosive power of the Holy Ghost.

CHEWING THE CUD

There is no phrase more apt than "chewing the cud" to explain the process of hearing the word, and rehashing it in the mind until the word becomes "flesh" within us. John 1:14. Jesus was the word made flesh. We are flesh being made the word, so that one day we shall be like Him - the living word manifested on earth. "It takes time to be holy" means there is much chewing on the WRITTEN WORD to produce within us the LIVING WORD, so that which is written on the pages of the book may come forth in real life in us.

CLOVEN HOOF

An animal that is cloven footed has the hoof parted in two, and encased in a hard bone-like substance. This animal walks in mud as well as on stones, and there is hardly a case of sickness in the hoof.

The cloven hoof signifies a spiritual walk that is "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15. The two toes signify the walk that is balanced by the Spirit and the Word. A person who walks in Spirit alone, and does not believe in the authority and authenticity of the Word, is bound to be tripped up by Satan somewhere along the way.

The written word is the balance which God has placed here for us in our walk. When the church began to accept dogmas and logical assumptions to add to the word and/or to rationalize it, then it marked the decline of its spiritual life.

Many teachers of the word assume that since John said in John 21:25 that there were other words spoken by Jesus, it was a license to add other words to the Bible.

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

Many teachers imply that there are other words and other Bibles just as important and authentic as this one. BECAUSE OF THIS, I went to the Lord for an answer, as this piece of rationalizing seemed to be well founded.

GOD SPOKE TO ME. The Lord said to me, "That which is written in our Bible is sufficient for your salvation." This was a most satisfactory answer to me, for I have been discovering that we do not yet even understand that which is written, that it is just being revealed to us in a deeper measure, and there is much more to come. It is also true as Paul said,

"But I follow after; if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12

UNCLEAN MESSENGERS

Leviticus 11:4-8 speaks of the cud chewing animals which are unclean, in spite of their agreeing with the word and chewing the cud. If they do not have cloven hoofs along with the cud chewing, they are UNCLEAN. There is here a basic lesson in discernment by observation. One cannot walk in the Word, except by the Spirit of God. SATAN CAN PREACH THE WORD, but neither he nor his angels, nor sinful carnal man can walk in the WORD. It takes the Spirit of God in man to walk in the Word.

NO IMITATION

If we imitate Christ by our walk only, scripture likens us to the swine who walk with a cloven hoof, but does not achieve the distinction of chewing the cud. If we preach the right word, but do not walk or live that which we preach, verse 4 likens us to the camel. Thus our pastures are well prepared by God, and those who obey the Word of God, which is His revealed will to us, will know the truth, and the truth shall make us free. Here is a scripture which beautifully illustrates this thought.

John 7:16-17, "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will DO his will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Let us be reminded here that the word "eat" has the meaning of becoming one with that which we eat. So that even as our bodies feed by taking in natural food, which supplies energy for our lives, the soul feeds on spiritual food either from God or from elsewhere. Many times, Jesus made reference to natural and spiritual food in the same utterance. When Jesus was being tempted of the devil to make stones into bread, He shifted the argument by one utterance, from the natural to the spiritual

"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4.

Again, there was another occasion when His disciples left Him with the woman at the well in Samaria and went to procure meat.

"In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:31-32, 34.

THE ANALOGY OF THE FISH

Leviticus 11:9 gives TWO qualities which distinguish the clean fish from the unclean. They must have scales. They must have fins.

The fish with scales is shielded from the water by the scales and is not a part of the water. This is a dry fish in a wet environment. Even the eyes of this fish are shielded with a kind of "contact" lens from the water. The scales also have a rough surface which causes a certain amount of friction when the fish darts along, supplying heat to its body. So the fish draws heat from the cold water. THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE of this is that the fish represents the Christian in the world. The water is a type of the world, and the fish is a type of the Christian. He is in the world, but not of the world. He is a paradox, drawing good from an evil environment. A warm-blooded animal in a cold environment, breathing air from the water. He beats the water with his fins to propel himself, unlike the unclean fish which goes with the flow of the water, coiling and uncoiling like a serpent, to propel himself onward.

OVERCOMERS

Beating his way through the waters with his fins is a type of the Christian overcoming the world. Slithering along like a serpent is the type of a person who has to go along with the world in order to make headway. This is unclean. BE REMINDED, WE ARE not discussing NATURAL FOOD, but SPIRITUAL principle. For those who think of this in the natural, I will quote this scripture and leave it there.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and command-

ing to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." 1st Timothy 4:1-5

SPIRITUAL BUT ABOMINABLE

There are those with whom we should not have fellowship among the very spiritual. These are described in Leviticus 11:13 as ABOMINABLE FOWLS. The inference here is that they are birds that defy the laws of gravity and fly above the ground. They are not earth bound, they are SPIRITUAL. These fall into four distinct kinds.

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| 1) The predators | 3) The birds of night |
| 2) The scavengers | 4) Creeping birds |

1) HUMAN PREDATORS

Birds that capture their prey are a type of spiritual men and women who do not have a ONENESS OF MOTIVE in preaching the gospel. Those who preach the gospel with any other motive besides doing the will of the Father are preying on the people of God. They are using the people of God and the gospel as a GIMMICK to foster their ambitions in other areas. Truly, Paul spoke in 1st Corinthians 9:9,

"For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?"

And in 1st Timothy 5:18, quoting Deuteronomy 25:4,

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn."

The phrase, "take care for oxen," simply means that God does not write a bible for oxen.

THIS DOES NOT GIVE the "OX" the right to own the field, as some preachers do.

BIG BUSINESS

Every business must have a "stock in trade," or service which is sold to the public for a consideration or remuneration. The stock in trade of the PREDATORS is the people of God. They buy and sell them and use them as sheep of the pasture. In type, they feed upon their flesh, fleece them and sell the wool, and make merchandise of them, then keep them in darkness in order to be able to hold them for ransom. Actually, what they do is "buy and sell the SOULS of men." Revelation 18:13, last clause.

FEED ON CHRIST

If the people were feeding on the blood and body of Jesus Christ, their spiritual energy would be so great, that they would overcome their captors and set themselves free. But the predator ministries see to it that the people do not get to Christ, by giving them false spiritual food, which saps their energy. An example of this is the doctrine of "transubstantiation," which cheats the believer out of a true relationship with Christ, making him or her believe he is partaking of a carnalized Christ through the blessing of the minister, when taking the bread and wine.

We would not have space here to expose all the gimmicks and programs, garden parties, Christmas, Easter, St. Valentine's Day, Halloween, St. this and St. that, bingo parties, rock Sunday school, cantatas, love feasts, and all the money-raising schemes of Babylon. We are sure that you know much more about these than I mention. As you walk in the light, the darkness will become extremely dark. Do not look at the darkness, neither dwell upon its quality, but look

steadfastly upon the light, and you shall become sons of the light.

2) THE SCAVENGERS

Scavengers feed on dead or decaying matter. We are not to eat the scavenger birds. "They are unclean unto you." We are dealing with the spiritual meaning. Spiritually, God is saying to His people, "Do not fellowship or make them a part of you; those who feed on dead things." Life comes from God. We cannot feed on dead things and bring forth life. Among the natural birds, there is a kind of segregation on the basis of the food they eat. Doves eat grains and berries and crows eat carrion. They could not fellowship because the food of the one would be offensive to the other.

Churches and groups are divided in many instances because of the word which is preached among them. MAN'S DOCTRINES have wrought havoc among God's people by dividing them. When we begin to feed on Christ, we will automatically come together under one HEAD.

There is a lot of CARRION floating around in the name of the gospel. Anything which does not bring spiritual life to the believer should not be entertained. Some of the doctrines which some of the churches preach are only DIVISION DOCTRINES to split hairs to get people away from other groups to their own, and these doctrines have no life in them. LIFE can be described as that which emanates from God, and makes the believer show forth the FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT. Feed on anything which tends to change your nature to the nature of Christ, your mind to the mind of Christ, your emotions to the emotions of Christ, your will to the will of God and your desires to the desires of Christ. That is living food.

SPIRITUAL GARBAGE CANS

When a person brings evil tidings to you concerning another, and asks you to keep it a secret, he or she is binding you from your duty towards God. He or she lets loose a demon spirit upon you against your brother, and at the same time USES YOU AS A GARBAGE CAN to dump spiritual waste. Do not allow it. Either do not listen, or if they tricked you into listening, let it cease with you by applying Matthew 18:15-17. 1) Tell him his fault privately. 2) If no result, then tell him with witnesses. 3) If no result, then tell it to the church. You will ask the question, "which church?" The answer is a gathering or group of the called-out saints, real saints. 4) If no result, then he does not regard God's authority on earth, so pray for him as for a sinner, show him love, and commend him to judgment which will surely fall upon him to bring him back to God. THIS IS THE METHOD OF DEALING WITH GARBAGE. Unless a person wants to be exposed in the future, he will not come to you with tales against God's people.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

If you entertain evil thoughts against the people of God, and that which you have heard is true against them, then you immediately become responsible to help them repent. If the tales are not true, then the Christians who spread them should be brought to account.

3) THE BIRDS OF NIGHT

Night birds are mostly predators, plus one special quality of being able to see in the dark. This quality, though an advantage at night, is a disadvantage in the daytime. Therefore, this bird will reverse his sleeping habits. They will sleep in the day and hunt at night.

The spiritual meaning applied to predators, therefore, persists here. This person is able to operate with great vision in things pertaining to the carnal and in an evil spirit, but is not able to see the smallest things in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Leviticus 11:16-17 describes them as the...

"Owl and the night hawk, the cuckow and the hawk after his kind, the little owl and the cormorant and the great owl."

This group of people includes the palm readers of our time, also the horoscope readers, and some of the prophets of our time, who are giving prophecies about world conditions without seeing this in the light of the word of God, and without bringing any deliverance to the people of God by their prophecies. This includes those who prophesy lies in the name of Jesus.

Prophecies must bring forth Godly *edification, exhortation and comfort*. I Corinthians 14:3. If Ahab, the king of Israel, believed and obeyed the prophecy of Micaiah pertaining to his death, he would not have died in the battle 1st Kings 22:28. Although it was a rebuke to this sinful monarch, it was also an exhortation to life which, when rejected, meant death. There must be two sides to every prophecy. Exhortation, edification and comfort is only one side. The rejecting of these must be judgment. God is light, and the sons of God are able to see in the light. The vision which God gives is for the uplifting of the body of Christ, thus all visions that are not for God's people are not of God. Some of us have visions to help us carnally, to make us better businessmen, or to make us rich. These are carnal and cannot come from God, EXCEPT they are designed to help God's people to be more spiritual. Those, therefore, who are expert at seeing in the dark, which is in the things not pertaining to Christ life, are classified in Leviticus 11 as birds of night - spiritual but not godly.

4) CREEPING BIRDS

Leviticus 11:20, "All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you."

The analogy here is bringing to our notice the unnaturalness of a flying creature which cannot fly. This is the type of the Christian which should be spiritual, but is not. He cannot defy the law of gravity and rise above the earth, because of some defect in his nature. God says such a Christian is an abomination. In the category, we find all the carnal Christians who have a doctrine for their carnality, so that they say they are good and fine without any spiritual life. This includes those who say God is a spirit, yet they refuse to admit the in-filling of the Holy Spirit, and deny the supernatural in their lives and behavior.

In verse 21, there is a qualification, and it would be good for us to take a note of this.

"Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth."

Verse 22 names the locust, the bald locust, the beetle, the grasshopper after his kind.

These creeping, flying things show that there are those who are not able to stay aloft in God or in things of the Spirit, but we should not reject them, because these will be able to survive spiritually when they are absorbed into the body of Christ. The reference to the body of Christ is not a reference to a group or a church organization, but a body of people which have entered into Christ through death to self and death to sin, whom the Spirit of God has baptized into the body of Christ.

This is NOT WATER BAPTISM, NOT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, but the immersion of the man into the mystical body of Christ, by the Holy Spirit.

CREEPING THINGS

All creeping things are a type of fleshly, carnal, unsaved man. Christians should not marry an unsaved person. Even in the different levels of Christianity, it is not the perfect will of God for marriages. We find that a sheep is a clean animal, but it does not have union with a cow, nor does the dove with the chicken. To have the perfect will of God, we must obey His orders in all things. Disobedient people will never know the right people to fellowship with, neither will they know the right doctrine, because you have to obey the will of the Father before you know the truth. John 7:16-17.

This does not mean that we cannot talk to sinners, and even love them, but it does mean that we are not to become one with them, but lead them unto Christ.

TWELVE LOAVES OF BREAD

Twelve is the number of COMPLETION. It also signifies a divine accomplishment in the absolute, which, in other words, means PERFECTION.

We can see, therefore, that twelve loaves of bread would mean the perfection of the feeding on the Word, since the bread signifies Christ as the Word of God. 1st Kings 4:7 states,

"And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household."

In Revelation 22:2, there is the reference to twelve manner of fruits. *"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."*

Here again, we see a reference to Spirit food; this time not as bread, but as fruit. The reference here is that the sons of God will bring forth the very essence of God's nature, even as a tree brings forth fruit from that which it feeds upon, and

will give forth spiritual energy to support life in others.

The twelve manner of fruits in Revelation 22 refers to the complete life of God coming forth through His people, not through one man, but through a people. Jesus began a work to be completed in us and through us. The TABLE OF SHEW-BREAD was made of wood overlaid with gold. Man was the base of the table, but gold or the nature of God was the overshadowing or covering. These twelve manner of fruits should come forth in TWELVE MONTHS. Twelve months make a complete year or measure of time. This refers to the fulness of time, when the sons of God will bring forth all the glory of God.

TWELVE NATURES OF LIFE

Within the twelve tribes of Israel were the twelve basic natures, through which God was manifesting His life to humanity in the earth. The names of the tribes carry the clue to the natures which God is working in His people.

1. REUBEN means visions, from the root word to see or discern. In Ezekiel's vision in Ezekiel 1, the picture of the Holy Ghost is one with eyes all over, depicting the spirit quality of seeing or discerning.

2. SIMEON means hearing. The idea expressed by Paul when he said,

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

3. LEVI means attached, cleave, unite, remain. Here is another God quality, which is absolutely necessary in the armor of those who would come to perfection.

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." James 1:6-7.

The Levitical priesthood was that which united God and

man until Shiloh (Jesus) came. Union with God is now being accomplished by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost to bring forth Christ within the soul of the believer, which is the womb of the church.

4. JUDAH means praise; worship with outstretched arms. The nature of praise is not the nature of a servant, but that of a SON. The spirit of praise is not that of earth, but of heaven. When man praises God, he joins in a heavenly chorus which he hardly understands, but nevertheless from which he derives benefits. As we join heaven in praise, our spirits become brighter, and as we pull energy from the realms of heaven, we give forth SHAFTS of life in the form of light, which drives all the forces of darkness away. *"Praise is comely."*

The angel Heylel (erroneously called Lucifer) was the "Memshak," or anointed praiser in heaven before his rebellion. With praise, he overshadowed heaven, and while the angels opened their hearts to praise, they received the energy of God. Praising God is feeding the soul.

5. ZEBULUN means dweller. This nature is borne out by many scriptures. Psalm 91:1 says,

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

John 15:4, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

6. DAN means to minister judgment, to strive lawfully, to attack, to invade. This nature which God works into His children is the only one which does not find any place in the final fulfillment of all things, but in the end is completely abolished, and gives way to another, even to the name MANASSEH. Manasseh means causing to forget. He was the first son of Joseph, which is of the fruitful vine. Dan, the man of judgment, is very unfruitful. Yet the striving lawfully was necessary for a period of time. When man attains Christ, all

striving ceases. Matthew 11:12 states that the violent take the Kingdom of Heaven by force, but Revelation 7:6 excludes the tribe of Dan from the FIRST FRUIT COMPANY who have come forth in Christ.

7. **ISSACHAR** means he will bring a reward. This not only suggests the receiving of a reward, but the knowledge of a new nature within to give a just reward as priests and kings unto God.

8. **GAD** means that troop. This nature signifies that which is willing and able to be part of a whole and a unit of an army. This is the basic quality which is absolutely necessary in the make-up of those whom God is choosing to function under one head as one, even under Christ as His body. God is recruiting an army.

9. **ASHER** means honest; happy; prosperous.

10. **NAPHTALI** means wrestling; struggle. When the carnal nature is stilled in man, then he will really learn to wrestle in righteousness. The OVERCOMER company mentioned in Revelation 14 as the 144,000 will continue to wrestle until they overcome all things - sin, sickness and finally death. These are God's wrestlers. Praise His name!

11. **JOSEPH** means the fruitful vine; obedience. Obedience and fruit bearing go hand in hand. John 15:8,

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."

12. **BENJAMIN** means son of the right hand, or son of strength. Even as it was said in symbolic language, that Jesus Christ is at the right hand of the Father, so shall it be said of the sons who will come forth in the nature of Christ in the near future.

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

The twelve loaves of bread in the tabernacle are a type of the complete nature of God being absorbed into man, which must bring forth the GLORY OF GOD, manifested from the

human realm. The bread is a type of energy. Jesus Christ is the bread. When we become like Him, we become the bread. Thus Israel, who was a type of the great people of the end-time, was also a type of the bread which was broken for the world. They became the tool of God to enact the Bible on the pages of history, so that we might have not only the type of God's goodness recorded in actual facts of life, but also of God's severity to them that disobey. We, therefore, eat this bread until we become the bread broken for a dying world.

If, therefore, bread represents energy, then God, who is LIGHT, would bring forth His final glory in man by showing forth the energy as light. We, therefore, see the Holy City in Revelation 21 showing forth twelve precious stones, the same ones the priest had in his breastplate.

THE TWELVE STONES

Jesus praying to the Father in John 17:5, said,

"And now O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

And in verse 10b, He states, *"I am glorified in them."*

In verse 22, "And the glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

The twelve stones in Revelation 21:19-20 brings forth the final glory in the symbolic meaning of the stones. The revelations must be translated in the Spirit of God, for it is written in mystery. The twelve stones are here given with their meanings as revealed:

1. JASPER is a translucent stone of various colors, especially that of FIRE. This stone appears in scripture in Revelation 4:3, 21:11, 18, 19. In Revelation 4:3, we see the Christ appearing on His throne, and His countenance being described as a jasper. He was giving off a red glow; at the same time, a bright shining. This signifies redemption; purity, and at the same time judgment.

2. **SAPPHIRE** is blue. This symbolized anointing. It is a very hard stone, almost like the diamond which speaks of the permanency of the work. Moreover, it is a stone that varies in the shade of blue, which means it has all the various degrees of anointing.

3. **CHALCEDONY** is a green stone signifying life. It comes from deep down in the earth from whence it derives its color.

4. **EMERALD** is a light green color, a transparent stone signifying hope, life and purity. It was the appearance of the throne in Revelation 4:3, and there it was described along with the other stones as giving the appearance of a rainbow. The rainbow, apart from its promise factor, has the symbol of the church coming together in one in Christ. The fulness of light; the oneness of the church.

5. **SARDONYX** is red and white signifying redemption and holiness, blended together by love.

6. **SARDIUS** is yellowish brown, giving the appearance of a flame, signifying force and rulership. As fire changes the nature of the other elements, so nothing shall stand before the burning presence of the Lord when He sets up His throne within the hearts of men

7. **CHRYSOLYTE** is God color. It symbolizes the nature of God - Love.

8. **BERYL** is sea green color. This green completes the third shade of green among the stones and symbolizes the completeness of life. We had the green of the rainbow, the green of the trees and now the green of the sea. Life will come forth from the nations and tongues and languages.

9. **TOPAZ** is yellow. It is almost as hard as the diamond. It has the power of double refraction, and when heated or rubbed becomes electric.

10. **CHRYSOPRASUS** is golden green; green mixed with gold. The nature of God, and the life of Christ, comes forth to blend with the other lights of the city. It must here be noted,

that this was one of the stones missing from Ezekiel 28:13, which states that "Every precious stone was thy covering." It is inferred here, that God gave every grace and power available at that time to this being Heylel, but then the word "every" only referred to nine stones. Now here in Revelation 21:19, we read that the city was garnished with "all manner of precious stones," but this time it refers to TWELVE STONES. Three stones are added. This means that the perfected man has three added natures of light, which the Adamic man did not have. This will be discussed at the end of the chapter.

11. JACINTH is dark blue, meaning purification, anointing, overshadowing.

12. AMETHYST is wine color. The Greek 'amethystos' means "not drunken." This stone refers to the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ in the first place, and the firstfruits in the second. It being the last stone in the foundation, also wonderfully refers to the last son of Israel, Benjamin, the son of strength or the son of the right hand. The reference to wine is, in many cases, made in connection with Christ's sacrificial death and subsequent judgment of sin. Isaiah 63:3. Moses, prophesying before his death, spoke to Judah these words,

"He washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk." Genesis 49:11-12.

The Greek word for the paschal lamb is "amnos," used figuratively of Christ in John 1:29, 36, and this also refers to blood or wine. This stone also is one of those missing from the Ezekiel list.

We see, therefore, that the final presentation of the bread of the table of shewbread is one of the manifestations of bread after it is appropriated in the body of Christ. This is the symbol of energy coming forth from the sons of God. Bread going in, and precious stones coming out. Fire going into the bread as an offering of fire before the Lord, and glory coming forth in the form of lighted gems.

The son of God will not be just one Israelite and one member of a tribe, but he will be all Israel in one person. Having the fullness of the meaning, and the glory of such a name imprinted upon his nature, he will have all of God within his being.

On the Day of Atonement, the priests would sprinkle frankincense on the twelve loaves of bread and eat the bread with the frankincense. The implication here is that the Christ whom we eat, and who brings the perfect manifestation of Himself within us, magnifies the anointing within us, so even as the frankincense gives forth a fragrant smell, we give off glory by our partaking of His divine nature.

THE THREE MISSING STONES

- (1) The Seventh Stone - CHRYSOLYTE - The Holy Ghost
- (2) The Tenth Stone - CHRYSOFRASUS - Christ
- (3) The Twelfth Stone - AMETHYST - The Blood of Jesus Christ

YAHWHVH, Jehovah God, in English, gave to all His creatures of light the ability to attain nine natures of light, symbolized by stones. There were, however, three natures which God could not give, and these are represented by the three stones above. Without these three - The Holy Ghost, Christ and the Blood, humanity could not come into completion. Adamic man, therefore, had to fall. He could not overcome Satan without these.

CHAPTER 9

THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND



The golden lampstand, or candlestick, stands to the left as one enters through the door of the tabernacle. It is made of pure gold, from one piece of metal, has no joints, and is carved with buds and flowers under each branch of it. It stands on a square base on the floor of the tabernacle, with six branches, three on the one side and three on the other. The seven lamps are level at the top.

The candlestick represents ONENESS WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

This is the first operation in the tabernacle which shows forth the perfection of God in man in an operation involving

God and man. The previous emblems or pieces of furniture either showed BRASS, which signified imperfection and death to something, or as in the table of the shewbread, it was made of wood which showed humanity, though covered by the nature of God. This candlestick is made of pure gold, which signifies the pure nature of God. It is saying that the Holy Spirit when He comes into our spirits, brings PERFECTION TO OUR SPIRITS, and there is nothing of man left in our spirits, though the soul and body remain as human as we will let them. This operation brings perfection to the CHURCH, in that when we are in the Spirit, we can operate as perfect as God. That is, when we come together for worship, it is just as if Jesus is in our midst when we operate in the Spirit. That is the reason why in this realm, there is no place for us to say that a man or a woman said such and such. It was either in the Spirit or in self, and if self is dead, then it must be in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in us.

DIVINE ORDER

The three branches on the one side and the three on the other speak of God's divine order of things. Six is the number of man. If the branches were six, then they would be just pure man and no perfection, since six is the highest number man can attain to. But the SEVENTH candlestick, which is in the center, divides in two that which would be the number of man, making it THREE AND THREE instead of six. Three is God's divine order, and three twice given shows that the church has the witness of God's divine order within herself. We see, therefore, that perfection only comes in JESUS CHRIST, for He is the center candlestick (lampstand).

THE GLORY OF GOD

To bring forth the glory of the light takes three things.

1) The gold 2) The oil 3) The wick

THE GOLD

The gold is the pure nature of God, without mixture, as only can be brought forth by the work of the Holy Ghost within us. This is covered with fruits and flowers, which shows the bringing forth of godliness. Fruitfulness is the nature of God, and the flowers depict TRUTH which has been engraved deep within the structure, not something which has been put onto it, but that which has become part of its own nature. This speaks of Spirit work in our lives as the work of Hiram the artificer, who God specially endowed with wisdom to build and decorate the Temple of Solomon (1st Kings 7:13-45). Deep marks of beauty sharply engraved in the skin of our consciousness, and indelibly imprinted upon our souls, make us not only the property of God, bearing the marks of Jesus in our bodies, BUT make God a part of our property.

Gold is the only metal I know, which does not burn, but is made pure by fire. This speaks of the indestructibility of the pure nature of God within.

PURE OLIVE OIL

This oil is not manufactured, but is obtained by beating the olive berries from the palm olive tree. This evergreen tree gives forth its strength to its berries which contain this vegetable oil. It was the smiting of the rock by Moses which brought forth the water for the deliverance of Israel. It was the pressing of the life from the man Jesus which brought the Holy Ghost to us. The oil is a type of the Holy Ghost. The container of the oil is the candlestick, made of pure gold. We can

thus see that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not within the soul of man, but in his spirit. His Spirit dwells in our spirit. The work of the Holy Ghost is in the soul, but He lives in the spirit of man. This is the reason that the candlestick is shown in the Holy Place which is the realm of the soul.

Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly (soul)."

THE WICK

There is no authenticity for the thought that the wick was made from the old garments of the priests. However, this could well be true.

ONE GREAT LESSON

We must, however, learn this one great lesson. There are many more true things which God has deliberately omitted from our Bible, because they have no direct bearing on our spiritual existence. We should never, therefore, seek out irrelevant revelations which will only serve TO CHOKE our gospel, cramming it with generalities and thoughts of no spiritual importance. The wick, whatever it is made of, signifies humanity. The oil, which is the Holy Spirit, preserves it from being immediately consumed. By the coordinated effort of the three, a fourth is produced; the light created from the fires of the Outer Court.

THE BRANCHES

The candlestick or lampstand looks like a a tree with branches. The center stem is called the candlestick, and has six branches. In John 15:5, Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

THE FOURTH CHURCH AGE

The candlestick or lampstand represents the fourth church age, wherein is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people, as a preparation for the overshadowing of the church by God. The bringing forth of the Manchild church is the final act of God in the creation of man in His likeness.

Ezekiel 47 speaks of four moves of the Spirit in the earth. The fourth move brings man into the full flow of the living waters.

John 7:38 speaks of living waters flowing from the belly (soul) of man.

Ezekiel 47 says the waters would flow from the house (temple). When we put the two together, we see that man is that temple referred to.

In Ezekiel 47:3, the man with the line in his hand measures. First, 1,000 cubits of water flows to the ankle. The first move brings man only ankle-deep in the Spirit. The second 1,000 cubits of water flowed to the knees. Man was knee-deep in the Spirit. The third 1,000 cubits of water flowed to the loins. Man was half-way covered, and at the same time half-way buried in God. The fourth 1,000 cubits of water flowed to cover man completely. God had made His final move in the earth.

I believe that this is the time of the final outpouring in which we now live. This outpouring is hurling men from their thrones, and although the water is rising gradually, it will eventually overflow every kingdom, in the spiritual sense and finally in the natural.

This therefore is the meaning of the phrase used here, "the fourth church age."

It began at Pentecost, was arrested by the incursion of Satan in the church, broke out at Azusa Street in Los Angeles and some other points all over the world, and in our time is making a new resurgence among all peoples of the world. Nothing will stop the flow of the Spirit now. It is going to become a flood and heal the whole earth. Praise the Lord! The

barriers and fences of religion and the walls of man's ideas and programs are doomed in the path of the mighty flow of the Spirit. You see the signs of it in every religious organization. The true children of God everywhere are listening to the Holy Spirit, and soon and very soon, no man will find a place for his feet. It will be "waters to swim in."

PERFECTION

Man cannot attain to perfection with himself as a carnal being, BUT he can be perfect in his OPERATION now, if he remains in the Spirit. A car might have worn parts and worn tires, but yet it operates perfectly. In the realm of the GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT, man walks into a place of perfection. In the Spirit, we discern perfectly, we speak perfectly, we prophesy perfectly, and all the operation of the Spirit is as perfect as God is perfect. One does not make mistakes when he is in the Spirit, neither can a prophecy be wrong which is in the Spirit of God.

EQUALITY WITH CHRIST

The seven lamp stands are on one level at the top which signifies equality with Christ. When man comes forth in Christ, he will sit in an equal place with Jesus Christ as part of the Christ Himself. *Ephesians 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."*

There is perfect equality between the head and the body. Jesus is the head and we are the body, WHEN THE BODY FUNCTIONS IN THE SPIRIT.

It is, therefore, not just a matter of being perfect at some future time, and then gaining equality with Christ, but obeying the Spirit now, operating perfectly now, because we have been given an equal status with Christ. This is not to bring Christ down, but to lift humanity. Jesus said, "*And I, if I be*

lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

It is necessary for us to understand equality. This is a statutory equality which is different from the position one holds in the body, and the work appointed for each to do.

In other words, Jesus is the head and the different functions are apportioned out to us, the body. We are just as important and equal in the body operation as the head, but, of course, we are not the head. If one part usurps the function of another, then two jobs would be undone.

I am afraid that this is the problem of the body today.

ERROR IN THE BODY

Before we attain this perfection, which entails changing the human nature to the DIVINE NATURE (2nd Peter 1:4), we must abide in the perfection of the Spirit. At present, we do partake of the divine nature in a limited way, but then we shall in its fullness. No man will rise to the perfect image of God before the death and the resurrection of the FIRSTFRUITS COMPANY, and this event shall jolt all creation. No man is correct in going around saying he is Christ. He cannot be Christ until the firstfruits come forth, and we shall all know about this when it happens, because perfection will come to a body of people and not to an individual. Thus it is the body that will be called Christ, and not the parts. This is the meaning of the scripture in Matthew 24:23,

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not."

If Christ was going to come in this fashion, then in obedience to the scripture, we would not believe Him when He comes.

This scripture, more than any other, clearly says that Christ will not come and say unto any man, "I am Christ." Thus, any person who says this is doing so in the spirit of the antichrist. The people of God who are now being taught that

because Christ is coming forth in His church in the individual members, that we are Christ, are being "artfully and cunningly" prepared by the devil to accept the antichrist. My instruction to you is that you must repent now and cease from this heresy, if so be that you thought it was all right to worship the Christ in your brother. Worship the head, not the body. The body is not yet perfect. We must only worship God.

THE HIDDEN PURPOSE

In the dispensation of grace, it is readily revealed and easy to be seen, that the Holy Spirit comes into the lives of the believers to endow them with power. Power first is to overcome sin within, and then secondly to give the believer supernatural power for service in the Lord's business. There are two other areas of the work and purpose of the Holy Spirit which are not readily seen, and were indeed a mystery until God has begun slowly to open the message to us as we mature in Him. The first area is the overcoming of self. This involves a man "deny(ing) himself, and take(ing) up his cross and follow(ing)" Christ. Matthew 16:24. Self dies hard. Self is subtle. Many times, man believes he hears God when he is listening to himself. Is it GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS OR SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS? Any preaching or prophecy which is self-centered, and dwells on the goodness of the individual and does not exalt Jesus or God, is not of God.

THE INSEMINATION OF THE BRIDE

The second and great work of the Holy Ghost is to plant the seed of life into the womb of the church, which is the soul of the believer. It is far more important to God to change the NATURE of the believer, than to endow him with power. No matter how much power the individual has, if he or she is not changed from within, God has not yet brought forth a SON.

God wants to multiply, just as we want to multiply. It is within HIS DIVINE nature to bring forth children. This nature of God is expressed in everything He makes. The grass, the flowers, the trees, the birds, the animals, and all things bring forth abundantly.

God's order of bringing forth is the same everywhere. The scripture declares that everything brings forth after its own kind. Therefore, if we desire corn, we plant corn. If we must bring forth Christ in the earth, then we must plant Christ. What the ministry has been doing for hundreds of years is planting themselves in people and expecting to bring forth Christ.

God's divine order is revealed in Luke 1:28, 30-33. God first sent the angel Gabriel to Mary with a message.

"Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Fear not, Mary, for thou has found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great and be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

This message of the angel was absolutely positive. He skipped 2,000 years in one sentence to bring all the good news concerning Jesus. Not a negative note - nothing was mentioned of the death and suffering. The intention was clear to bring faith in Mary to receive the Holy Ghost and the work He should do within her. Mary cried,

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy Word." Luke 1:38.

The angel left. His work was done.

The minister of the gospel is the angel; the messenger who carries the word of the Lord to the maiden, the church. The church is not the wife of the minister. The minister is not the husband of the church, he is the husbandman, not planting his own seed, but the seed of the word to invoke faith in

the maiden. When the faith is invoked in her, then she receives the Holy Ghost. He it is that plants the seed of the Christ within the soul, which is the womb of the church. The overshadowing of the Holy Ghost is the overshadowing which is necessary to bring forth the change of the human nature to that of the divine nature.

OBEDIENCE

This obedient nature can only be planted within man when he obeys the Spirit of the Lord. John 14:23 shows this plainly. In verse 22, Judas, not Iscariot, asks the Lord a most pertinent and direct question.

"Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself to us, and not unto the world?" Verse 23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and WE will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

This shows that the coming of the Christ is first within the believer, BUT only the believer who obeys the Holy Ghost.

The further explanations here show that every man who loves God keeps His sayings. The ministries and believers who go about freely expressing their love for God, yet continue to "do their own thing," are only deceiving themselves that they love God. In short, love is obedience.

MAN'S EFFORT

We can see here that no amount of effort or labor on the part of any son of God can bring him into the NATURE OF GOD. Only obedience to the Spirit will allow him to plant the CHRIST SEED within the soul, which will change the soul nature to God-nature, the mind to the mind of Christ, the emotions to the emotions of God, the will to the will of the Father, and the desires to the desires of God. This work, when

it is completed, will bring forth a change from mortal to immortal; the body itself being resurrected from its mortal tomb. This will take place in God's time when the firstfruits company comes forth; then after that, at the coming of Jesus Christ, each man "*in his own order.*" 1st Corinthians 15:23.

WISE MINISTRIES

Matthew 25 describes some virgins as wise and some as foolish. The wise virgins had OIL in their lamps and in their vessels. The foolish, although in every detail were identical to the wise, did not have oil in their vessels with their lamps.

The oil in the vessel is a type of the CHRIST IN THE SOUL changing the nature of the believer. When the bridegroom comes is the type of the Christ coming forth in His fullness within the soul of man. The OIL IN THE LAMP is a type of the Holy Ghost in the spirit of man. The candlestick made of pure gold shows that the spirit of man is the container of the Spirit of God.

The great and final test came at MIDNIGHT. It is possible that we are quickly approaching midnight. In any event, midnight on earth is an immediate consideration of modern man. What is midnight? It can be described as the apex of darkness on earth. It is also a turning point in darkness. Every evil operation has been maximizing toward its perfect manifestation. Spirits have been striving for 6,000 years to bring forth their personalities within the human realm. This includes the expression of their natures in destructive power, and in every form of carnality and evil desire. In our time these forces will succeed, by permission, to manifest the fullness of their natures, which is described in scripture as 666.

The answer given the five foolish virgins when they came knocking at the door was, "I know you not." The full understanding of what was said lies in the meaning of the word "KNOW." The word in the Greek is "oida," which in this pas-

sage carries the same meaning of an intimate relationship as "ginosko" in Philippians 3:10, which in one facet of its meaning speaks of knowing, in the sense of Adam knowing his wife Eve. When applied in this sense, the bridegroom was in effect saying, "I have not had union with you." In a marriage chamber at midnight, no admittance can be given to any but the bride. This is what was being implied. The MARRIAGE SUPPER IS now, and it will culminate with the consummation of the marriage between Christ and His bride, the church. Not the whole church, as is shown by the parable of the virgins, but just that part of the church which will be ready. This is the reason that in 1st Corinthians 15:23, "Christ the firstfruits" is mentioned, and in Revelation 14:4, the virgins were called "the firstfruits."

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the place in the spirit, where the sons of God receive the seed of Christ within their souls, and the long sought after change begins to occur in their soul nature. This change is variously described in the scripture, and is the "parousia," or coming, in 2nd Peter 1:16,

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming ("parousia," in Greek) of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of His majesty."

This word "coming," as used here in the Greek, means not only the arrival of Jesus Christ, but the coming within His church, and the eventual revelation and manifestation to the world.

Contrary to old beliefs, the marriage supper of the Lamb is not in the skies somewhere in space or on another planet, but RIGHT HERE AND NOW. The word of God proves this.

Matthew 22:11-13, "And when the King came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This, above all others, shows definitely that the wedding FEAST is right here on earth and that it is not a rapture which shall take us up into the skies for a wedding feast. This we know surely, because there was a man in that feast, according to the word we just read which should not have been there and who was cast out. THIS IS AN EARTHLY SCENE of those in our midst, who are not covering themselves with the righteousness of God, but just taking the word in their natural minds without absorbing it into their spiritual beings.

The work of the Holy Ghost is to inseminate the bride at the marriage feast with the Christ seed, so that she might bring forth Christ. If the ministry is the husband of the church, then the ministry would come forth from her, which would not be good enough.

In view of this light on Matthew 25, in the parable of the virgins, we can see that the SPIRIT is called the lamp and the SOUL, the vessel. This is confirmed by scripture.

Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

The word "candle" is to be translated "lamp," and the word "belly" is to be translated "soul." Thus, the spirit of man is lit by the Spirit of God, and when it is, it sheds light into the vessel of the soul. God, speaking of Paul in Acts 9:15, says, "*He is a chosen vessel unto me.*"

Romans 9:21 speaks of "*vessel unto honor.*" From the Old to the New Testament, man, the soul, is referred to as a vessel. It is God's revealed will that He desires man's soul to be like his Spirit. This is the chief reason God desires to inhabit man's soul with His Holy Spirit. This is clearly expressed in the scripture.

Matthew 6:10, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

This expression applies not only to the heavenly invisible realms of God, where He dwells in all the magnitude of His unimaginable power, but in every realm which is called heaven. Now, heaven is the dwelling place of Almighty God, and wherever God prepares for His dwelling place is heaven. Thus, if we are the "*temple of the living God,*" then we must be a heaven. God dwells in our spirits when we are filled with the Holy Ghost, therefore this scripture can be applied to our souls that God is making the soul of man as perfect and as habitable as His Spirit. "*Thy will be done IN earth*" means within the earth man or the soul man, as it is in the spirit man. This marriage of soul and spirit will be dealt with in detail in another chapter.

THE PAWN IN THE GAME

Man's soul is the pawn in the game. The spirit of man returns to God anyhow, therefore God does not lose anything when a sinner dies. The body will go to the earth, and be resurrected to be the eternal habitat of the soul, whatever condition it is in, BUT soul is the man, and he is the one to be saved.

Ecclesiastes 3:21, "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"

Ecclesiastes 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

THREE STEPS TO LIFE

There are, therefore, three steps which the soul man takes from death to complete life in God.

1) The blood step 2) The Holy Ghost 3) The Christ or the

manchild

1) The blood step is taken when the believer accepts Jesus as his Savior, and submits himself to the spirit of the death of the cross, thus giving up his carnal life and submitting to a spiritual life. He then is passed from death to life; from a dead soul to a living soul. The blood, therefore, being the life of God, quickens us to life. We died being children of the dead Adam. In Jesus Christ, we come alive through submitting to a spiritual blood transfusion given by Dr. Holy Ghost. All living things feed. Therefore, the soul, being alive, cries for food and is fed by receiving the Holy Ghost to dwell within his spirit and energize his soul.

2) The Holy Ghost is God within. His duty is to form the nature of the Father within us, so that we will no longer be under tutors and governors, but by nature, we will do the will of the Father, and our natures will give us much joy when we do His will.

3) The Holy Ghost will form the nature of God within us by planting the seed of the Christ child within us, and when the fullness of time is come, we shall bring forth Christ.

Eph. 5:26-27, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Such terms in the word of God as "*present it to himself*" are not meaningless. In this instance, what God is saying is that the Spirit of God in the ministry is preparing the church to present it to Jesus as a bride without spot or blemish. Christ presents the church to Christ. There is no basis for the ministry or anyone else to call himself or themselves Christ. This simply means that the preparation of the church cannot be done by man, but by the Christ in man. The manchild ministry is not the ministry of Christ, because the manchild must necessarily grow up to the stature of a man before he can take a bride. When he does in the millennium, it will be the world

at large which he, a many membered company, will take, to form Christ in them even as Christ had been formed in him. At this time, this company will include the man Christ Jesus who is the head of the body.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

We receive the Holy Ghost by obedience to the blood. Some groups teach that by obedience to the ministry, we receive the Spirit and other attributes of God, but this is error. This is the same error which the Catholic Church and all the other denominations preach, when they say they are the only true church, and unless you belong to their ranks you cannot make heaven.

God's order of things is that one obeys the Word of God to receive the blood of Christ, which is the life of God. The next step is to obey that which you have received, to receive that which you desire. We obey the blood, and we receive the Holy Ghost.

When we obey the Holy Ghost, we receive the fulness. This is clearly defined by Jesus Himself in John 14:23,

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

The Holy Ghost causes people to speak in tongues, but not everyone who speaks in tongues is filled with the Holy Ghost. In some places, devil worshippers speak in tongues. There are unclean churches who believe in abominable living, preaching and teaching abomination for doctrines, yet speak in tongues. People can speak in tongues psychologically. There are three types of tongues. (a) Tongues from God (b) Tongues from the devil (c) Tongues from the mind of the individual.

FIVE SIGNS OF THE BELIEVER

Mark 16:17-18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: (1) In my name shall they cast out devils; (2) they shall speak with new tongues; (3) they shall take up serpents; (4) and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; (5) they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Of these five signs mentioned, there is only one which could be reasonably shown in a congregation - speaking in tongues. This is surely a sign of the Spirit being within, when involuntarily one speaks another language, whether it be the language of angels, some extinct or living language; it does not make any difference. In parts of Africa, Christians receiving the baptism of the Spirit, in many instances, speak clearly in English, which they could not speak before, with their understanding as unfruitful as those who speak Greek here in tongues.

An incident occurred with us in India in 1981, which will adequately explain this situation. We were in a meeting with brethren in Velpur, Andhra Pradesh State, where they speak only Telegu. We had an interpreter, and the Lord said we should speak on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The interpreter was somewhat displeased with us, and when we were about to commence the meeting, we saw him go off in a rickshaw. We began to preach the word with as much sign language as we could, and with the help of a brother who knew a little English. Suddenly, my wife saw an angel standing beside one of the sisters. Now the chief problem there was that they did not want the women to speak in the congregations. When this angel appeared beside this sister, she lifted her hands in the air and began to speak in perfect English. Then, another woman, and another woman, and soon the whole congregation began to raise their hands and praise the Lord in English.

We felt so stupid. Here we were trying to make signs to

them and talk to them when it now seemed that all of them could speak English. What had actually happened is that none of them could speak English. They were all speaking in tongues. We did not find this out until they were out of the Spirit and we tried to talk to them. We have a large congregation there now, and they still have not yet learned to speak English.

NOT A DOCTRINE

Tongues should not be preached as a doctrine. This is just a fact which takes place whether you will speak or not. People should not speak in tongues because they want to or because they expect to, but because they are baptized in the Spirit. The fact is that the speaking in tongues should not precede the filling with the Spirit, but SHOULD BE AS A RESULT OF BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. There are so many theories on this subject and so many different teachings, that I have no desire to enter into the controversy. There should be no controversy on the matter because if a person has to go about asking someone else if he is filled with the Spirit, it might well be a good indication that he is not filled. The Spirit of God is His own witness, and this witness must be in the soul of the believer. Nevertheless, because there are so many wrong and outright devilish teachings on the subject, many persons are being deceived to think they have the Holy Ghost when they do not. The teaching that you receive the Holy Ghost when you accept Jesus as your Savior is erroneous and dangerous. In Acts 19:1-6, Paul went to some Baptist brethren, who at that time were disciples of John the Baptist and asked them a simple question. "*Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?*" They answered, "*We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost.*" He asked them the next pertinent question. "*Unto what then were ye baptized?*" They answered, "*Unto John's baptism.*" These were disciples of

John, and since John had not brought salvation, Paul discovered that these persons were not saved. He preached Jesus to them, and then when they believed, baptized them in the name of Jesus Christ. Paul then laid his hands on them, and the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake with tongues and prophesied.

There is a most important lesson here. Paul said nothing ABOUT TONGUES. They, however, spoke in tongues, although it was not necessary for any supernatural form of communication among thirteen people who had no problem of communication. Tongues is one of the expressions of the divine nature coming into man. There, however, is no time limit set on how long after the Holy Spirit takes the spirit of a believer that he should talk in tongues. With some it is spontaneous, and with others it is delayed.

SOUL BLOCK

When man is filled with the Spirit, he is filled in his spirit and not in his soul. It, therefore, takes time for that which is in the spirit to come forth within the soul realm. Within our spirits, there lies all the fulness of God, yet we fail to appropriate it in the soul realm, because we have blocks which stop the manifestations. For instance, we who are filled with the Spirit of God do not manifest the perfect nature of God, not because we do not contain God in our spirits, but because we restrain Him by our soulishness. We have got to be overcomers, and break through the blocks. There are environmental blocks, heredity blocks, blocks of wrong teachings, and wrong upbringing, and wrong doctrines. When we are able to recognize truth, then the "halo of lies" will be swept away, thus allowing the Holy Ghost to break through with all the goodness of God.

SCRIPTURAL RECORD OF TONGUES

In order to make this manuscript complete in carrying out the thoughts mentioned, I find it necessary to give the Biblical history of tongues.

1. GOD WROTE IN TONGUES. In Daniel 5:25, God wrote on Belshazzar's wall four words of judgment - MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Men of every nation conquered by Babylon were present, and they failed to interpret the writing. I would venture to say that every language in the known world was spoken in Babylon, as it was at that time the center of the world.

"But they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof." Daniel 5:8.

Only Daniel under the power of the Spirit of God could interpret the writing.

2. ISAIAH PROPHESED THAT THIS GENERATION WOULD SPEAK IN TONGUES.

Isaiah 28:11-12, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear."

There are THREE SABBATHS. (a) The seventh day Sabbath, (b) the Holy Ghost Sabbath, and (c) The millennial Sabbath. The first Sabbath, or the seventh day Sabbath, could not bring man into righteousness; therefore, when God brought the Holy Ghost rest to man, He brought man's Sabbath within himself. The promise is found in Ezekiel 36:27,

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

Paul also clearly stated this fact in Hebrews 4:3,

"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."

The whole passage here, with its context, points to the

fact that God ordained the Holy Spirit to be the believer's rest, and that when we receive the Holy Spirit; we should rest from our own works, and do God's works through the direction of the Holy Ghost.

The millennium is the seventh day of God, or the seventh thousand year of man, in which God is bringing man into His likeness, and in which man will rest from his works completely, and allow God to work through him absolutely. In this period, the whole earth will be at rest, the devil will be chained, and the sons of God will form the government under God. This millennium, or 1,000 year period, is also referred to in scripture as the THIRD DAY. This third day of Christ is actually the seventh thousand year. (The evening and the morning is the day.) So, Jesus came at the end of the age of the Law, which was the end of the fourth day, and the beginning of the fifth. Jesus' first day, then, was God's fifth day. This means that Jesus' second day would be God's sixth day. We are now 2000 years from the birth of Jesus, so we are near the end of the sixth day, which is the second day of Christ. The age will end on the second thousand year, and dawns the third thousand year or the year of JUBILEE, (the seventh day).

3. JESUS SPOKE IN TONGUES

(a) *Mark 5:41, "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, TALITHA CUMI; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise."*

There is no question here that Jesus spoke in a language that was not known to the people around Him. This is the reason in the first place an interpretation was necessary in the scripture.

The theologians say it was the ancient Chaldean language, but the Bible says Jesus was not learned. John 7:15 bears this point out.

"And the Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

(b) *Matthew 27:46b-47, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias."*

Some of the persons standing there said He was calling for Elias. It is therefore plain that He did not speak in a known language. He spoke in tongues. Here again, we see Jesus speaking in a language which He is not supposed to have known. "Chaldaic," say the theologians. This only authenticates the fact that He spoke in tongues.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In John 8:12, Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world."* The lampstand is the only light in the Holy Place. This light is a combination of the golden container, the golden olive oil and the wick. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus said,

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

In this instance, we see Jesus using the part as the whole, calling the wick the light. The lamp could not work without the wick, BUT THE WICK CANNOT WORK WITHOUT THE OIL AND THE LAMP. We are only the wick, yet we are the light of God in the earth. The true light of God in the believers' lives must come through being filled with the Spirit, and lit by the fire of the Outer Court from the brazen altar of sacrifice.

UNION TO UNITY

Because of God's desire to make us one with Himself, He enters into union with us through the Holy Spirit, whose chief work is to inseminate the bride with the seed of CHRIST, to change her nature from the human corruptible nature to the LIFE NATURE OF CHRIST, which is INCOR-

RUPTIBLE.

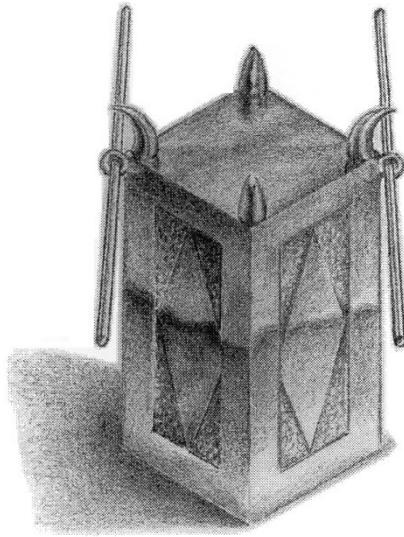
THE WOMB OF THE CHURCH

Christ, the seed, grows within the womb of the church, as the seed, the Holy Ghost, planted within Mary grew and took nine months to bring forth. The Holy Spirit at this time is inseminating the church with the same seed of Christ, which He used to bring forth Jesus into the world. There is only one difference: God works in progressive stages of three. The first is always carnal; the second spiritual and carnal; and the third and final stage, the triumph of the spiritual over the carnal, bringing forth its perfect manifestation of the thing desired. The first stage of man brought forth Adam, the father of the fallen race. The second stage brought forth Jesus the God-man, the Savior of the world. The third stage is bringing forth the Christ-man in the whole earth, the salvation of humanity and all creation. THE ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is seen here. Like Eleazar, the servant of Abraham in Genesis 24, His duty is to bring back the bride to Isaac. In God's divine order, man's nature is to be changed to the nature of the Christ by this operation of the Holy Ghost. The womb of the church, therefore, is the SOUL OF MAN.

Jesus Christ was born from the womb of Mary as a natural birth. The final Christ shall be born from the womb of the church, which is the change to take place within the soul of man, which in turn will change the physical consistency of this body, AND THEN THE RELATIONSHIP OF ALL CREATED THINGS TO THEIR MAKER (Romans 8:23 and Revelation 12:1).

CHAPTER 10

THE GOLDEN ALTAR OF INCENSE



Exodus 30:1-6, "And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee."

The golden altar of incense was two cubits tall, which

would be about three feet. It was one cubit wide and one cubit broad, a square of about eighteen inches at the top. It was made of acacia wood, otherwise called shittim wood, which was a type of wood like cedar, which did not rot easily and was very durable; a type of wood used for making ships. It had a crown around it, and four horns with hooks for carrying it at the corners, which made it easier for one man to lift. The priest had to use it in the holy of holies once a year to burn incense before the Ark of the Covenant to fill the holy of holies with smoke before the offering could be made for the people.

SYMBOLIC MEANINGS

The symbolic meaning of the dimensions of the altar speaks of the square of the number which represents God, ONE. Two cubits in height speaks of the witnesses of God, the Spirit and the Word.

The crown on the altar of incense is a symbol of victory, of the believer coming into kingship. On the table of shewbread there was victory, but it was accompanied with tribulation. In this instance, however, the tribulation is past, and the pure essence of the soul is about to be spirited up to God by an offering of fire. This vital step brings us into becoming kings and priests of God.

TWICE MARRIED

Two golden rings symbolize the believer to have reached the stage of being married, and becoming one with both the Spirit and the Word.

All this symbolism which points to the individual also points to an international historic event, when so many individuals will reach this point, that the international church will be changed by the magnitude of this power.

The wood of the altar is humanity, and the gold is the pure nature of God which covers our humanity.

SOUL SACRIFICE

There are two altars of sacrifice in the tabernacle. The first was the brazen altar of sacrifice, where flesh was the sacrifice. That was the type of man being divested of his own righteousness and of his sin nature. The second is the altar of incense. This burning of incense speaks of man's soul nature being consumed to bring the highest glory to Almighty God. When we first offered ourselves to God, we had nothing presentable (dung, skin, bowels, etc.). Now the nature of the soul has been partly changed, and the four wild beasts of the soul (eagle, lion, ox, man) have been partially tamed. On the other hand, the nature of God has begun to manifest itself within the believer as Christ enters into him. At this point, at the height of his spiritual achievements, he is asked to surrender all his soul's goodness unto God. This is the meaning of the burning of the incense. ALL SOULISHNESS MUST DIE. Jesus, though He had all power, never exercised it, but gave it back to the Father for His use at His will. "Not my will but thine be done," was a pattern laid down for us to follow. This is the place where man does not even use his gifts, without being in the direct will of God. Jesus went down to the pool of Bethesda where there were many sick folk, but he healed one and went away, because that was the will of the Father for the time. Many of us would have put up a tent, and held a big revival meeting right there on the spot.

CAPITALIZING ON GOD

We should never capitalize on our spiritual gifts. The gifts of God are given to the church and not to individuals. Truly, we are stewards of these gifts for the edification of the

church, but never for our use as we wish. This, however, will happen if the self life is not dead. The death of the self life is an Outer Court work, which should have been done and finished within the Outer Court, but if not done as it ought to have been, then when the soul is being offered up, it will be even as Cain's offering, unclean and unacceptable to God.

THE HORNS

The horns on this altar signify force and compulsion. It is peculiar that, at this point of a person's spiritual metamorphosis, there would still be the element of law or force. This shows that before one can enter into the Holy of Holies, there is one last compulsory act, COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF THE FATHER. This point in man's spiritual achievement represents one of the crossroads of the Spirit. Man here is asked to submit all that he has attained and achieved in Christ, and to learn the great lesson of power, THAT IT SUBMITS to higher power. The lesson persists in the fact that the road to entering into the Father is the way of surrender of all things that the Father has given to the man. This has been the pattern right along from the outer court. The grain of corn falls into the earth and dies, so that it might bring forth many more grains. The life is given up, so that one might gain the life of Christ. Now, all that one has gained in Christ is being surrendered to gain the fullness which is in Him. What, then, are the consequences of not going the step further?

DEATH AT THE GOLDEN ALTAR

The Golden Altar of Incense is a place of life. The whole idea of the Holy Place is the type of entering into the life of Christ, BUT one must remember that when one enters into the life of Christ, one must give up his own life. It stands out

as truth, therefore, that to enter into the very fullness of the life of Christ, one must settle the question of SELF LIFE and ALL OTHER ALIEN TYPES OF LIFE, upon which the Covenant of the Outer Court was sealed and signed with blood.

There is a fearful record of DEATH AT THE GOLDEN ALTAR. Leviticus 10:1-2 records the death of Nadab and Abihu, two sons of Aaron who were also priests. In our time, it represents not only ministers, but those who have reached that stage in Christ.

"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in THEM THAT COME NIGH ME, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord hath kindled. And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses."
Leviticus 10:1-7

God did not kill these people. They transgressed basic principles, and became the victims of their own folly. No other fire was to be used in the tabernacle but the fire from the Outer Court altar of sacrifice, which God Himself lit, and which was a holy fire to be perpetuated. They disregarded instructions, and EXPERIMENTED in things of God. All this sounds familiar to me. The men and women of our day are

transgressing in this very thing at the Altar of Incense, and are indeed DROPPING DEAD, both physically and spiritually.

Adam was created of God, a LIVING SOUL, but Adam died. Since that time, the perfect will of God for man has been to see man move again, NOT ONLY INTO LIFE, BUT INTO IMMORTALITY.

2nd Timothy 1:10, "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

It is God's will, therefore, for man to move higher than just being a LIVING SOUL, but to the very LIKENESS OF GOD, becoming a QUICKENING SPIRIT.

This, in other words, is the SONSHIP MESSAGE which we now preach.

It is the message of God to His creatures to lift them from SERVANTSHIP to SONSHIP. They are to be masters and rulers in the natural, but children in the spiritual.

It transpires, therefore, that when the soul realm is conquered, and the GIFTS AND FRUITS of the Spirit begin to come forth in our lives, and we begin to have power over the enemy, having overcome the enemy within, THEN there remains only one enemy, or one VEIL yet, and that is ourselves. The veil represents flesh, and there are three to be crossed in the Tabernacle, before we come into the Holy of Holies, where God meets with man in a FACE TO FACE relationship.

Exodus 25:22, "And there I will meet with thee and commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

THE HORNS

The horns of the Altar of Incense signify the absolute necessity of the work which they depict - the necessity of the

soul being offered. The offering must be "without spot or blemish, a male of the first year." God's perfect offering is prime, not second grade. Many of us give God what is left of a life half lived for Him, but He wants the FIRST FRUITS of our lives. The term WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH carries much meaning here. Hebrews 5:9 speaks of Jesus Christ on this wise,

"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation."

To the casual reader, this would suggest that Jesus was not perfect but was made perfect, BUT when we see the thing in the Spirit, then we understand that Jesus Christ could only be made the perfect sacrifice through BEING SACRIFICED. Thus, it was through His suffering that He became the perfect sacrifice. To be this, He had to suffer in the flesh. Here again, we have another scripture which has sometimes been misinterpreted by us.

1st Peter 4:1, "For as much then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin."

It is a fact that many have suffered in the flesh and have not ceased from sin, therefore, the word "suffered" here must carry a specific spiritual meaning. The suffering in the flesh which God requires is not a type of penance as some think, but the RESISTING OF THE FLESH AND ALL ITS DESIRES. Thus, suffering in the flesh destroys the power of the flesh life and immobilizes the force of its enticements. The mind of Christ leads us into this type of suffering.

WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH

We can see, therefore, that the term "without spot or blemish" speaks of a soul as the lamb of old without any scar or tarnish of sin, which has been thoroughly cleansed of God, and emptied of self, and offered to its Maker for His use. It is

possible that a person can reach the stage right HERE AND NOW, where he or she does not sin with his Mind, neither with his or her Emotions, neither with the Will, nor with the Desire. When you are in this condition, then you only need to make sure that your motive for all this was not SELF. Self PRESERVATION could easily make a man get so smart with His God that he would submit and do all he needs to do. If self-anything is our motive, then self is still alive. All our motive must be GOD AND GOD ALONE. God's people, God's plan, God's will. Lost, utterly lost in God, and absolutely rejecting that which we knew to be the thing called self. When Adam fell, his thought pattern fell. Now we rise. Our thought pattern must rise.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, SO IS HE." Proverbs 23:7.

THE PATTERN

The Christ cannot be fully resurrected from within us until we are dead in Him. Death of the seed precedes the life of the new plant. If Jesus cleanses us of all sin, then, praise God, we should reach the point where sin is completely driven out of our soul nature, and the Divine nature is being formed within. Without spot or blemish... blameless.

"ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM"

Wherever men of faith dwell, and wherever men live by faith, the name Abraham becomes a beacon and a sign post to them.

Genesis 22:2, "And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; And offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." Verse 4, "Then on the THIRD DAY Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off." Verse 6, "And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his

son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together." Verse 10, "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son." Verse 11, "And the Angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM: and he said, Here am I."

The angel had spared Isaac by his intervention, BUT had slain the self life of Abraham. How significant it is that all this took place on a mountain which was afterwards the site of the temple built by Solomon. 2nd Chronicles 3:1. The site is Zion City, the stronghold of the people of God, and a SYMBOL of God's elect in the end of this age. This was also the same spot where the threshing floor of Ornan stood, where David offered the sacrifice to God and saved Israel from a terrible plague. Today, the spot is covered by the Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque, a Moslem house of worship.

God, the same today as He was yesterday and shall be forever, required from Abraham the same sacrifice of self which He requires of us today. With the greater knowledge and more ABUNDANT LIFE which we have received, we will automatically give more when we give all. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:48. All of a bucket is different from all of a well, and yet the sacrifice is the same.

SOULISHNESS

The soul of man is the prize of God. This is the one earthly item which we definitely know that God desires more than all others. Gold, silver, lands, cattle, angels? No! The soul of man is the great prize. When this is won, then all creation is won. God DESIRES SONS, not robots, not beings compelled to worship Him, but sons who willingly lay at His feet all the goodness He gave to them.

"Not my will, but thine, be done." Luke 22:42.

Gifts from the Spirit of God are to be given back to God.

God is not making man independent of Himself, but by His goodness being poured out upon us, He is drawing us to Himself. There is nowhere else where the goodness of God can be MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE, but in the hand of God. Do you use God or does God use you? God is His own administrator, and when man acquires the attributes of God and uses them for self, he is usurping authority.

There is another classic example in the Bible in Revelation 4:10 and 11.

"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Here the beasts represent the souls of men, changed from the beast nature to the nature of the Christ. They took off their crowns, came off their thrones, fell down before Jesus Christ, and worshipped Him.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power."

This is what they say, surrendering to Him all the power and glory He gave them by His blood and sacrifice. This loudly suggests that they will not be their own, but forever be His and part of Him who redeemed them.

According to the promises of the Lord, we are to be made priests and kings. Revelation 4 shows this situation, when man is at last made priest and the soul is inhabited by the King, Jesus Christ, thus, we also become kings. Even as Jesus surrendered all power and authority to the Father, and submitted Himself to the ignominy of the cross, so also the sons of God, true to pattern, surrender their crowns and their priesthood to Him who redeemed them. A very beautiful picture indeed.

THE GOLDEN ALTAR CHURCH

This church represents a realm of worship one step beyond the Holy Ghost baptism realm. This is the place where the church prepares to enter into the Holy of Holies, and to even taste of the abundance of union with God. The death of the old ministry and the complete reliance on God is absolute at this point. Man must lay aside the last vestige of FLESH. Here carnality suffers a mortal blow. The priest takes off his outer garment and leaves only the linen. When he entered into the Outer Court, he died to sin. When he entered into the Holy Place, he died to self. Now he is about to enter into the Holy of Holies, and he has to die to SOUL. In other words, he has to give up the gifts, and take on the NATURE of the Christ. Giving up the gifts does not mean that he does not use tongues or prophecy any more, but that he lays them in the hands of God, and they are only used as the Father uses them. The man is no more. Only the Christ is seen in the Holy of Holies. For this reason, we have not seen the church in this condition. It seems a continuous going in and coming out. God is leading His shepherds to lead His people into the Holy of Holies, and to teach them to remain in the presence of God in an everlasting union. There is not much more to say about this place. ALL THE CHURCHES SO FAR, AND ALL THE MEN OF GOD, HAVE EITHER HALTED HERE OR FALLEN. Those around us who are boasting that they are in the Holy of Holies are still in the Outer Court marching around. Mankind is waiting for LIFE, and when it breaks forth from any of us, it is hard to hide.

Thus, the question of how we will know when one goes in is irrelevant. Even the blind sinners will see the glory of God manifested in such blinding light, that nothing will withstand the glory of THEIR shining. On the day of atonement, the last act the priest does in the holy place before entering the Holy of Holies is lifting up the Altar of Incense, and bodi-

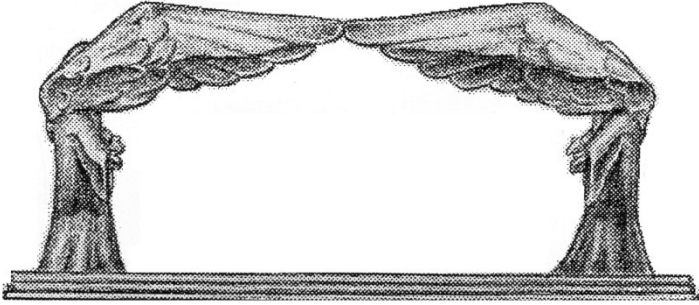
ly carrying it into the Holy of Holies with him to complete the soul offering before the mercy seat.

IN THE REALM AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

In this realm, the Golden Altar of Incense represents the woman clothed with the sun in Revelation 12. She has been sanctified, consecrated, baptized into Christ, and the nature of Christ is being formed within her womb (soul). This prepares her for the entry into the Holy of Holies.

CHAPTER 11

THE MERCY SEAT



Exodus 25:17-22 "And thou shalt make a Mercy Seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the Mercy Seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the Ark; and in the Ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the Mercy Seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the Ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

The Mercy Seat is the only piece of furniture made of pure gold, without any other substance as a complement. The Candlestick is made of pure gold, but it has a wick, and con-

tains oil to make it operable. The Mercy Seat, therefore, with the two angels, signifies the overshadowing of the Spirit, rather than that of any human being. This will be dealt with later.

THE THIRD VEIL

On the Day of Atonement, once every year, the priest goes into the Holy of Holies. This is a division of the tabernacle separated from the Holy Place by the third veil, which is a woven cloth of blue, purple, scarlet and linen, with cherubim woven all over it. At the entrance between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, there are FOUR pillars of wood overlaid with gold, four speaking of the tribulation through which we must enter this heavenly realm. The veil represents FLESH. This flesh, however, is marked and engraved with the engravings of God, yet the removing or the BREAKING THROUGH OF THE VEIL represents the re-entry of man into the Garden of Eden. Man is man's own enemy, and his chief barrier to entering into life in God.

Man's own carnal nature or beast nature keeps him from entering into the place with God which is called Eden, and yet God has ordained us to go BEYOND EDEN, even into immortality. Man was excluded from the Garden of God by cherubims with a flaming sword which turned every way.

Genesis 3:24, "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

THE SWORD OF FIRE

We cannot re-enter into life and partake of immortality until we have passed through that sword of fire. Jesus, speaking to His disciples as recorded in Luke 12:49-50 said,

"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be

already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!"

Fire is tribulation. It is contrary to the carnal nature. When brought into contact with the physical, it changes the consistency of the physical. Therefore, this in the above quotation is the instrument of change. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, said,

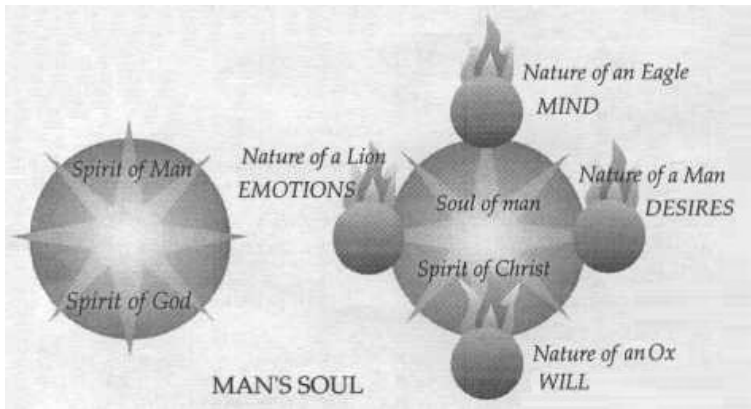
"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matthew 3:11-12.

THE FOUR CHERUBIMS

The four pillars at the entrance of the Holy of Holies is a type of the four cherubims of Ezekiel 1 and 10, Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4. These represent a picture of man's soul, which in Revelation 4 is mentioned as "four beasts," and in Revelation 7:1 as four angels of death and destruction standing on the four corners of the earth (soul).

To re-enter Eden, we must go through fire. The flaming sword is the word of God, and the baptism of fire through which man must go to come into perfection. Note that the angel with the sword was at the east of the garden, and the angel of Revelation 7:2, the fifth angel, was rising from the east to seal the saints. The east represents the mind of Christ.

The picture of man's soul is as follows.



We could re-enter into this Eden realm, and eventually partake of the tree of life which is Christ, which would recycle our nature to the nature of Christ, BUT for these four beasts which occupy our soul realm.

Man has the nature of the eagle in his mind, which makes him soar in his thoughts away from God. In his emotions, he is like a lion, a wild savage beast that thrives upon the death of others. In his will, he is stubborn as an ox. In his desires, he is a man. No other creature desires as much as man. He will desire heaven and hell at the same time. He is a creature of desire.

The breaking through the veil, therefore, speaks of man breaking through his own flesh nature. Paul writing to the Hebrew Christians spoke of the veil being the flesh of Jesus Christ in Hebrews 10:20,

"By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh."

Jesus prepared the way for us by breaking through His own flesh, thus He established the "how" of it, so that we too might break through and be OVERCOMERS.

THE FIRE IS TRIBULATION

This fire is identified in the teaching of Paul in Acts 14:22, *"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."*

The nature of man needs to be purged by harassments and tribulations of all types, so that he might have the incentive to inculcate the nature of God, which is in Christ Jesus, within himself. The veil, therefore, with the cherubim, is the same as entering into the Garden of Eden, where there is the tree of life. We have already overcome the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thus have no more danger of falling.

Armed with the basin of blood from the Outer Court, the fire on the Altar of Incense from the Holy Place, and the altar of incense with the censer hanging by his side, the priest takes both the essence of the Outer Court and the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies THROUGH THE VEIL of the cherubim. The veil is the last barrier between man and immortality.

WITHIN THE VEIL

Leviticus 16:12-13, "And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the Mercy Seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not."

The Mercy Seat is the point of contact between God and man; therefore, man must be careful that he does everything according to the rules, lest the great power of God's radiance hurt his flesh.

This picture of the Mercy Seat with the two cherubims speaks of a realm in God, where God is His own witness (two being the number of witness). The Ark, with the Mercy Seat

as its cover, is the perfection of God's grace in the human realm. The overshadowing, therefore, is ABSOLUTELY OF GOD.

SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

The overshadowing here is a cherubim of PURE BEATEN GOLD. This gold signifies that it is the pure nature of God Himself, without the human element which will now bring forth the last and final act of perfection within us. This is not a theory, but an absolute fact, and this fact has its precedence in God's order. Let us read Luke 1, verses 26-38,

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

The seed of God was not entrusted to an angel, although his name was Gabriel. Not even the mighty Gabriel was worthy to take the seed of God to plant into the womb of Mary. Man is entrusted with the seed of the WORD, but the precious seed of the MANCHILD (the Christ) to be planted in the womb of the church, which is the soul of man, is the prerogative of the Holy Ghost Himself.

Jeremiah 31:22, "A woman shall compass a man."

This phrase, spoken by the prophet to backsliding Israel, of the coming of Jesus Christ, now speaks to us of the spiritual woman, the church, compassing the manchild, which shall come forth out of the travail of the souls of God's people. This picture, therefore, represents the overshadowing of the Spirit of God over the church or the body of Christ, in which is being formed the FIRST FRUITS of God unto immortality in the earth.

IN THE REALM OF THE CHURCH

In the realm of the church, this church is called the sixth church, or the church of the overshadowing. We do believe at this time, we are in this church, and that we are now being overshadowed by the direct ministration of the Spirit of God to produce in the earth that which all the saints and prophets of old prophesied about. This church is depicted in scripture as the woman in Revelation 12:1-2,

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

The scripture shows that every woman who was used of God to bring forth deliverance in Israel was barren. Sarah, the wife of Abraham, was one of the foremost, who brought forth Isaac, the son of promise. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was also a barren woman who prayed, and God opened her

womb to bring a man who never failed God, and who saved Israel in his day. Manoah's wife was another example who was the mother of Samson, the greatest one-man army that never lost a battle when anointed of God. The greatest of all these barren women is the "woman who is the church." The church system has never brought forth life, but always brought forth something less than the seed she received. God is still waiting for her to bring forth a manchild instead of a woman-congregation. The word "masculine" is being used here as that which gives forth life, and "feminine" as that which receives life from the masculine. The full discussion of the manchild will come in the next chapter.

It is very important to note the cherubims on the Mercy Seat were not like the four-winged cherubims of Ezekiel 1, or the six-winged ones of Revelation 4. These cherubims represent the human soul, and every piece of furniture in the tabernacle except this one, the Mercy Seat, has some humanity symbolized in them. The cherubims however, which were on the Mercy Seat, were different. These were angelic images with two wings each, and these had in them no implication of beast nature, as those of Revelation 4 and Ezekiel 1. In Revelation 4, they were called the "four beasts," and in Ezekiel, they were called "living creatures" or beasts. From the following scripture, the description of these cherubims can be seen.

"And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub." 2nd Chronicles 3:11.

From this scripture, it is conclusive that the cherubims of the Mercy Seat had only two wings, thus were different from those mentioned elsewhere in the scripture, thus different in their symbolic meaning. This point has become important because of those who claim that the ministry is the covering of the body of Christ, which will bring forth the manchild church in the world. The covering or overshadowing is the

HOLY GHOST and not the ministry, and this fact cannot be too much emphasized.

THE OVERSHADOWING

In order to be filled with the "divine nature," we must be overshadowed by the divine. The effigy of the two cherubim on the Mercy Seat is a type of the divine overshadowing. The Song of Solomon speaks of the love between Christ and the church, and the final act of planting the seed of life within the soul, the womb of the church. This is God's divine order of bringing forth life.

Isaiah 51:16, "And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people."

Since the heavens are of old, and the earth is already founded, we can only conclude from this scripture that it speaks of the heaven, or abiding place of God within the soul of man, and the earth, to mean the physical man which as the scripture says, will be made immortal. The covering here is one of protection, an overshadowing that does not only change man's nature, but protects him while the change is being made. This idea is carried out by the scripture as shown below.

"And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by." Exodus 33:22.

It is absolutely amazing that God had to cover Moses to protect him from Himself. In simple terms, the power of radiation of God was too much for Moses' eyes, so God simply hid him in a rock. The overshadowing always brings protection along with the main purpose for which God gives it.

"Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my ref-

uge, until these calamities be overpast." Psalm 57:1.

"For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall." Isaiah 25:4.

Here again, we see the double purpose of overshadowing. Not only is it a place of hiding, but in this scripture, it created strength to the poor.

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." Genesis 28:15.

In I Corinthians 10:1-2, Paul writes in the Holy Ghost,

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

With every age, there is an overshadowing, and this must come forth within those overshadowed by the will of God for their time. We, therefore, in this time have an overshadowing, and this is the greatest of all the overshadowings of the past. They were only a type of that which God is bringing forth within us for our time and for all mankind.

"And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared." Numbers 16:42.

Along with the cloud went the glory of the Lord. This brings us to the picture of the woman in Revelation 12, clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet.

THE WOMAN AND THE GLORY

God's smile, His good will, and His permissive will are all that the church seems to have been enjoying until now. But

now is the time of the overshadowing, when the manchild church is being brought forth within the woman church. We are moving into a time when nothing but the perfect will of God will be acceptable.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Revelation 12:1.

This is not Mary, the mother of Jesus. This chapter was written of the future and not of the past. Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost and brought forth Jesus Christ, the son of God. The church is being overshadowed by the Holy Ghost again to bring forth the Christ in us, not in a physical sense, as with Mary who had a natural child, but in the spiritual sense, where we shall bring forth the fruit of the soul and not the fruit of the womb. "Clothed with the sun" signifies an elect and called-out people of God, who at last will attain to the glory of God as their covering. Covering is not only for protection, but clothes which they wear daily - the righteousness of God being a part of our habit. The sun represents Christ, just as the moon represents the church. This woman was clothed with the sun, and her footstool was the moon. The meaning is clear. It brings out the scripture of Jesus' prayer in John 17:5 and 22,

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

We do not need ecumenism. The glory of God in us is making us one without reservation or fear of separation.

This glory which Jesus prayed about is the picture we see in Revelation 12. It is the same glory which hung over the tabernacle in the wilderness. The same glory Ezekiel saw at the river Chebar, and which Isaiah saw in Isaiah 1 and 6. All the prophets saw it, and Paul saw it when he was knocked down on the road to Damascus. I believe this is the same glory

which I also saw in a vision in Greenwich Farm in western Kingston, when I saw the shadow of a man, cast by a great light in the sky, resting on the sea and on the land, and the voice of God speaking to me, saying, "The glory of God dwelleth in His people." The glory is already given, and the church needs to appropriate it. The people of God are the only temple on earth now recognized by the Lord as His temple. In Haggai 2:7 and 9, there is a prophecy which is yet to come to pass, and it cannot be speaking of a natural temple, as there is none now standing which would have the approval of God. This temple, of course, must be the temple of the human body which God desires to dwell in, "*not made with hands.*"

"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."

This scripture speaks of Revelation 12:1, which is the fulfillment of Haggai's prophecy. The woman, the church, will be clothed at last, not in her own righteousness, but with the GLORY OF GOD.

"Upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Jesus declares in Revelation 22:16b,

"I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

This is in conformity with the thought that God is light. The son of God is THE STAR, and all the other sons of God are lights of varying brightness. In Revelation 2:26-28 we read,

"And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR."

We see here the word "morning star" having a specific

meaning in this verse. "Give him the morning star" signifies some great position of honor with the Father.

Not only does it imply a position with the Father, it shows the very nature of the Father, which is the nature of LIGHT.

"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." 1st John 1:5b.

The outward signs of light upon the woman of Revelation 12 show her to be a part of the SONS OF LIGHT (sons of God).

SHE IS INDEED AND IN FACT, THE VERY WIFE OF THE CHRIST. This is the reason she bears the TWELVE STARS upon her head as her crown, clothed with the sun as her garment, and the moon under her feet, as her footstool or foundation. Everything about her is of light.

TWELVE STARS

The crown of twelve stars represents the very completion of authority, and power, and life of the church. A crown represents ROYALTY. This, more than any other symbol, makes a woman a QUEEN, or a man a KING. It is the symbol of coming into the order of light, but being in the very highest position of such an order - THE WIFE OF THE KING OF LIGHT. No church has ever reached to this position. This position in scripture is also described in Matthew 25 as the FIVE WISE VIRGINS, who were permitted to be the wife of the BRIDEGROOM. In the Song of Solomon 6:13, she is described as the Shulamite.

"Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies."

The picture of the woman of light is here again given.

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Song of Solomon 6:10.

This verse takes it out of the realm of the natural. No one could read of one making love to natural woman and telling her she is like two armies, and still consider it natural. The church is surely like two armies, since there is a spiritual army fighting alongside, aiding and abetting her.

Jesus preached that He is the LIGHT.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the LIGHT of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

Jesus speaks of the church as the light.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle; and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16.

The record shows that light came out of darkness.

Genesis 1:3, "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

The parallel of this is that out of the darkness of man, God is creating light, even Himself within us. The darkness is being separated from the light. Darkness first, then light; evening then morning. Morning must come forth in the end. Wherever there is darkness, this in itself is the promise of the dawn. Let all men HOPE IN THIS. God's divine order brings forth light out of darkness. To the sons of LIGHT, darkness does not bring despair, but the promise that it will be superseded by light. In the same way, every negative thing which works against us must give way to that which glorifies God. Tribulation must be the forerunner of victory.

THE MOON UNDER FOOT

The moon always represents the church, which takes its light from the sun and reflects it. The woman with the moon

under her feet suggests that the order of reflecting light, as an imitator of the true, will pass away in this new relationship. The woman, the church, will be in a position above that of reflecting light, as she will be clothed with the sun. This speaks of the final act of God to reproduce Himself in the earth.

Being overshadowed by the sun (her husband), she is naturally pregnant. The analogy continues. She brings forth a manchild, no longer another woman church system which represents souliness, and the inability to give forth the seed of life, BUT a masculine church which will give forth LIGHT and life to the world. This will be dealt with in the next chapter.

THE MARRIAGE

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Verse 9, "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." Revelation 19:7, 9.

The marriage supper of the Lamb will not be in heaven in some far off galaxy, but right here and NOW. This thought is scriptural, and we will prove it presently.

Matthew 22:1-14, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city.

“Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This parable speaks of a man in the wedding feast who was an impostor. IF THIS WEDDING FEAST WAS IN HEAVEN (the invisible realms of God), then this man could not have gotten in at all. This wedding feast, we see, was depicted in the parable as being right here. God is at present calling out His people to become the bride of Christ. It takes male and female to bring forth life. CHRIST THE MALE and the church the female are necessary for the bringing forth of seed. God is bringing forth seed in the earth like Jesus Christ Himself. To carry out the whole analogy, the man must marry the woman, which is the relationship between us and Christ, and the issue of such a marriage will be the perfect man which must come forth as the sons of God. The wedding feast, therefore, is the new thing which God is doing in the earth at this time, in which He, the Spirit of God, is overshadowing the elect (called out of the called out) and INSEMINATING their souls with His own DIVINE NATURE, which is the promise of God. 2nd Peter 1:4. This man who was cast out of the wedding feast represents those who have been given the Word, the Holy Ghost, and everything the others received, without producing the righteous nature which they should have produced. The wedding feast, as depicted in the above passage, was one where those who came through the

door were given a wedding garment, and it was absolutely free. A man inside of the feast chamber without a garment proved that he did not come through the door, but as a thief, probably through a window.

The door is Christ and as shown before, in order to enter into Christ, one has to be dead to sin and dead to self, which are the two messages of the Outer Court. When this is done, the servants of the King (the Holy Ghost) baptizes one into the body of Christ. The question here will be asked, how could anyone enter into the experiences of the Holy Place or the body of Christ without being baptized by the Spirit? The answer is simple and clear. One does enter into the experiences of the Holy Place before entering into the Holy Place. For instance, many of us were baptized into the Holy Spirit before we even knew what He was, and we do partake of the glory of God in realms where we do not belong. How else could we be lifted to a glory we know nothing of? Because of this, however, most Christians think of themselves more highly than they really are.

Some of us have been given gifts of the Spirit, and we mistake it for our righteousness. This is a fallacy among the people of God. A man or woman will be manifesting a gift, and people laud them as being great.

THE TEN VIRGINS

This thought coincides with the picture of the ten virgins given in Matthew 25:1-12. We will now deal with this matter more fully than was mentioned in a previous chapter.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold,

the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

The five wise virgins represent the prudent ministries, and their congregations who receive the Word and the Spirit of God within their spirits, and the Christ within their souls.

The five foolish virgins represent those who minister and receive the Word and the Spirit in a partial measure, YET REJECT the final work which completes the cycle of God's will in their lives.

The difference between the wise and the foolish virgins, at a casual glance would seem small. Both were well dressed which represents the righteousness of the saints. Both were called to the marriage supper; but whereas in the case of a guest to the marriage supper, the dress was all important, in the case of the bride it has to be something within. There has to be OIL in the VESSEL. Please note here that there was oil in the lamps, but the oil which made the difference, qualifying some and disqualifying others, was the oil in the vessel. In this parable, WHAT IS THE LAMP and WHAT IS THE VESSEL? We can see that they both refer to INWARD work, just as the dress refers to outward work.

THE LAMP

The lamp is the spirit of man.

Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle (lamp) of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly (soul)."

Matthew 5:15, "Neither do men light a candle, and put it un-

der a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

THE VESSEL

The vessel is the soul of man.

Psalms 31:12, "I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel."

The psalmist spoke of his soul, since he was not at the time sick in body, and did not complain of bodily ailment.

Acts 9:15, "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

Paul here is described by God to be "*a chosen vessel.*"

This parable is saying that even as the spirit of man is incorporated by the Spirit of God when he is filled with the Holy Ghost, so the soul of man needs to be filled with the Spirit of Christ.

In Matthew 6:10, Jesus speaking to his disciples, instructing them how to pray, says,

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

In metaphorical language, earth means soul, and heaven means spirit. "*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done*" in my soul, as it is in my spirit. When the spirit of man is filled with the Holy Spirit of God, man's spirit becomes a perfect realm, which strives to bring the same perfection to the soul realm. The picture would be shown in the illustration below.

In some scriptures, man's soul is described as an imperfect heaven. In Revelation 12:7 and 8, we read,

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

Satan had been cast out of heaven (the invisible realm of God) from before man was, therefore, he has no more access

to THAT heaven, but he still has access to other heavens. Consequently the heaven, or God's dwelling place within man, has become a battlefield. In Revelation 12:7-8, the heaven that is mentioned is man's SOUL, God's dwelling place which is being prepared. The theologians who believe that Job 2 (which gives the story of Satan coming to God when the sons of God came together) speaks of heaven, are in error. The scene in this chapter was a convention with Job and the other sons of God, where Satan was present as he always is when we gather together.

That the reader may be affirmed that this is not a wild theory, but the direct word of the Lord, we will return to Revelation 12:1 for a moment.

"And there appeared a great wonder in HEAVEN; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

The woman was in heaven in this verse, and in verse 3, the great red dragon was also in heaven. YET in verse 5, she brought forth a son who was to rule the earth, and her child was caught up to "God and to His throne."

In simple comprehension, this would mean EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS. He was caught up from God's abiding place on earth, where there is war and victory, to a place above this realm in the Spirit where there is no war, for He has overcome all things. This situation will be dealt with more completely in the next chapter.

Returning to the main point, we see that the five wise virgins had oil in their vessels, which is the Spirit of God in their souls. Proverbs 20:27 says "The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly." Lamps need oil, and this is the exact situation which struck the five foolish virgins in Matthew 25. They had no oil at MIDNIGHT. Midnight on earth is that period of time described by Matthew 24:21,

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the

beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

In the Dark Ages, human suffering was terrible, and for a long while in the dark history of human existence, humanity had borne the brunt of demonic wrath, in torture chambers and dungeons of indescribable inhumanity; man to man. BUT in this verse 21, it would appear that Jesus spoke of something worse yet to come.

Since Jesus spoke, it is the first time in human history that it would be possible for horror to exceed the horror of the Dark Ages, for hell to conceive of other devices to torture the human soul. We have seen Hitler in our time and the torture chambers of Germany when Jews cried for their Messiah, and died with His name on their lips, as it were, without hope.

When, however, we think of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (the towns where the first atom bombs fell), we can see that human experience has entered into a new era of horror. Nobody has ever fully described the horror of an atomic bomb falling upon an open city with women and children, blotting out the midday sun, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, turning an earthly paradise into unimaginable hell. Skin fell off living people. Eyes melted out of the sockets while they yet lived. One rescuer lifted a woman by her hands out of a pit, and came up with only her skin while the body fell backwards in hopeless pain. Today after almost FIFTY YEARS they still suffer, not from any disease, but from unknown radiation related maladies which the doctors themselves do not even understand.

This was just a baby bomb when compared to the hydrogen monsters quietly resting in the arsenals of this fair land. There is a nerve gas horror that could be suppressed in a hand carrying case, carried into a city, and without smell or color silently kill millions.

Many years ago, I visited the Planetarium in New York City and unwittingly stood beside a Polaris missile. Immediately, I was overshadowed by the angel of death. It frightened

me when I understood what was happening; that death would hover over this instrument of destruction, even in a showplace.

I must here mention the FOUR ANGELS in Revelation 7, who stand on the four corners of EARTH (here the carnal man's soul is called earth).

These four angels of destruction occupy the four areas of man's soul: the mind, the emotions, the will and the desires.

Out of the mind of man has come forth the greatest horror of all times, and as Jesus said, nothing like that will have happened before, nor will happen after. Matthew 24:21.

Man's emotions are described as a lion, a wild savage beast, and they will lead him into using these horror weapons. His will and his desires will force him to destroy his fellowman, BUT...

Psalm 91:1, 5 and 6, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow (missiles) that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

THERE IS PROTECTION IN CHRIST

At midnight, therefore, men must not only have oil in their lamps, which is the Holy Ghost in their spirits, but their very nature must be changed. They must have the Christ in their souls.

CHRIST IN THE SOUL

When we accepted Jesus Christ, we received life. The blood of Jesus Christ is the life of God which we received in our souls, which were dead in trespasses and sins. This life had to help us die to the alien life of sin which had occupied the soul. Then we had the self life, also, which had to die. So

we see that when we accepted Christ as our Savior, it was a matter of submitting to death in order to receive life. When that process is completed, then we begin to enter into Christ. Paul speaking to the Corinthian Christians in 1st Corinthians 12:13 declares,

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

We are not baptized into the body of Christ until the body of sin and self is given a death blow. If sin is still reigning in our members, then it was not fully dealt with. The grain of corn cannot bring forth a new life until it has given up its own life. We must die to live, and that life does not begin until that death is complete. This is all done by faith. We cannot deal with this subject fully in this book, because there would not be enough space.

The divine order of the entering into Christ is shown in the tabernacle by the three veils. The first veil is called the Gate. The second is called the Door, and the third is called the Veil. The door is Christ, and the entering in is preceded by the washing at the Laver, which is death to self and a complete surrender to Christ. Self cannot be on the throne, and Christ be crowned as King at the same time. One King must depose the other, and even more than being deposed, ONE KING MUST SLAY THE OTHER, so that there is no further possibility of a coup to regain the throne.

THE ENTERING IN OF CHRIST INTO THE SOUL of man is a conscious act of man's will, which is preceded by the three BAPTISMS of death.

There must be a death before there can be a resurrection. The three baptisms are:

- 1) Baptism in water, the baptizer being human
 - 2) Baptism in the Holy Ghost, the baptizer being Jesus Christ
 - 3) Baptism into Christ, the baptizer being the Holy Ghost
- Christ enters into us, then we begin to enter into Christ. Just as the Holy Ghost enters into us, then we begin to live in

the Spirit.

When Christ enters the soul as King, He begins His rule on earth within the individual. HE MUST REIGN TILL ALL ENEMIES ARE PUT UNDER HIS FEET, even death. We see, therefore, that He brings life and immortality to light by the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:10.

The beast nature of man, therefore. is being changed to the nature of the Christ.

From the illustration, we can see that the ten virgins had oil in their lamps, which is the Holy Spirit which occupies our spirits, and not our souls. This stands to reason why, although we receive the Holy Spirit, we still have the power to reject His counsel and have our own way. It also is the reason why we still fall into sin, though having the Holy Spirit of God within us. The process of the Kingdom of God gently seeps into every area of our lives with our own free will consent, just as the leaven that leavens the whole three lumps of the woman's meal in Matthew 13:33.

This, therefore, is the work of the overshadowing. The work is done in:

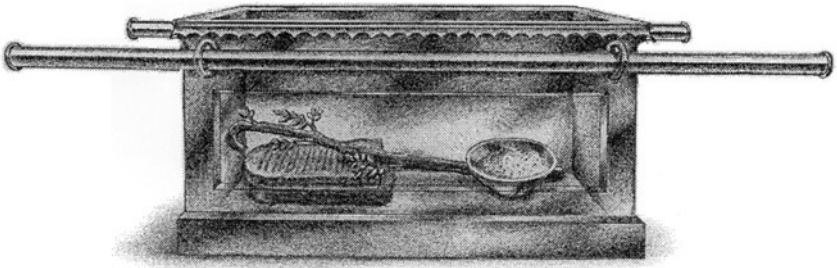
The individual temples (individual lives)

The elect church (called out of the called out)

The time of the restitution of all things, the dispensation of the fulness of times, IN OUR TIME.

CHAPTER 12

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



Exodus 25:10-16, "And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee."

The seven pieces of furniture in the tabernacle formed a cross with the Ark of the Covenant at the head. The Ark of the Covenant is the head, and so it is in God's order. When we finally get the work which the ark depicts, done in us, then this will be the NEW CREATION MAN coming forth in the full image and likeness of God, even as Jesus Christ Him-

self.

The Ark was made of shittim wood and overlaid, or sealed, with gold. To arrive at the full symbolic meaning of this Ark, we must first understand the meaning of the word "ark." We will go into the history of arks from the beginning.

There are three arks in the Bible:

Noah's ark

Moses' ark

The Ark of the Covenant

All these three arks were constructed to SAVE THE ELECT of God.

The first ark of Noah was constructed to save Noah and his family. These eight persons constituted the whole world of those who were not against God. These were the remnant of a righteous generation.



Others were destroyed by violent men and by the action of sin.

The righteous generation began with Seth, the son of Adam and Eve, given to them of the Lord in the place of Abel who was slain by Cain. From Seth's line came Enoch and from then on, men began to call upon the name of the Lord. This line was completely destroyed except for these eight persons.

Genesis 6:1-2, "And it came to pass when men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

First of all let us identify who the sons of God were.

Luke 3:38, "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of

Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

Adam, here, is called the son of God. In scripture, when a genealogy is given, only the righteous people are named from his line.

Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

2nd Corinthians 6:18, "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Galatians 4:4-7, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

The proof is overwhelming that the elect of God of every age are called sons. The sons of God in Genesis 6 are not fallen angels. There is no place in God's word where He calls fallen angels or transgressors His sons. The sons of God in Genesis 6 are the righteous generation of Seth who fell from their righteousness, and married sinners and brought forth MIGHTY MEN OF RENOWN.

God's law, as stated in Genesis 1:11, shows that every seed must bring forth after its own kind.

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

It was so, and it is still so. No scientist has been able to, or will ever be able to, break this law. In spite of the pseudo-scientific theory called evolution, man has not been able to breed the human gene with a monkey or vice versa; neither has anything been able to breed with anything else outside of certain genetic barriers, which God has set up in His great wisdom. The horse and a donkey can bring forth a foal which is called a mule, but the mule is barren and cannot bring forth

anything, thus the excursion stops there.

ANGELIC HUMANS

Angels cannot marry human beings and bring forth anything. The scriptures say angels do not marry. Luke 20:35. They do not have the power to produce life in the human realm. If this were possible, we would have people walking around here who would be DEMONS inside, not because of their choice, but because OF THEIR BIRTH; circumstances over which they had no control. They would be sent to hell because they were born for hell. This is A LIE. NO ONE CAN BE SENT TO HELL FOR ANY OTHER REASON but THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AND SALVATION. There are indeed women who give themselves to evil spirits sexually, which in their own WARPED IMAGINATION and carnal depravity have weird experiences, but none of these ever produced anything. I have known a number of persons who had all the signs of pregnancy for years and brought forth NOTHING.

IF THIS HAD HAPPENED IN GENESIS 6, THEN IT COULD AND WOULD BE HAPPENING NOW. Satan has no power to reproduce in the human realm; no power to produce life.

Man was violent, breaking every rule of God, and killing the righteous until only EIGHT PERSONS were left. God had no choice but to destroy them to save the eight. He told Noah to build an Ark of salvation. The parallel with our times is astounding as Jesus said it would be.

Matthew 24:38-39, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Thus, God contrived the building of an ark for every

2,000 years of His RE-CREATION OF MAN. The final ark, which is called the Ark of the Covenant, is the symbol of the last thing God will do in the human realm to bring man into perfection.

NOAH'S ARK

This ark had three stories. The bottom story represented God the Father. The seal, with pitch and tar, was the main feature of its salvation quality.

The second story represented Jesus Christ the Son. The main feature of its saving quality was the door.

The third story typifies the Holy Ghost. The main feature of salvation was the window looking up to heaven.

THE SEAL

The question of what is the seal is pertinent here. The seal saved the ark in the flood, and thus saved all aboard. Without the seal, there would be no salvation. It is necessary for us to seek into the matter.

Noah's seal was pitch and tar, formed in the bosom of the earth and could not be applied until the time was near for the ark to float. Therefore, the time of the sealing had to coincide with the time of the flood. No one knew when the exact time of the flood would be but God, therefore the sealing of the ark had to be directed of God Himself..

Moses' Ark was made of leaves and twigs from the river. It was made by women, Moses' sister and mother, who are a type of the church. It did not have stories like Noah's ark, but in place of the stories was a manchild - Moses. This meant that if the hull of the ark represented God the Father with the seal, then Moses represented the Son and the Spirit. THE SON AND THE SPIRIT are God's two witnesses on earth. Moses was God's witness in Egypt, both to the Israelites and

to the Egyptians. He manifested God magnificently, not carnally, but by Spirit action. The papyrus leaves and twigs from the river represented FLESH and humanity, just as the wood of the ark represented flesh and humanity. God uses humanity as the negative through which He manifests His positive nature. The sons of God are NEGATIVE GOOD, manifesting the nature of FATHER GOD. On the other hand, the sons of Satan are NEGATIVE EVIL, manifesting the nature of their father, the devil.

POSITIVE GOOD

God, therefore, is positive good, and we, His sons, are negative good. This is contrary to those who teach that Satan is the negative of God. This teaching is error, because it says that we cannot get on without Satan. This is the reason God is about to bring us into a MILLENNIUM where Satan and all his forces will be bound and separated from the human realm, and we will see some men being their own Satan. The knowledge of good and evil is sufficient to make some men choose good and some choose evil. When God sent Jesus Christ to save humanity, He was only giving us the opportunity TO EXPRESS THE GOOD WITHIN US. We were taken slaves by Satan and sin, and though we hated it, we had no power to resist and to overcome. JESUS NOW GIVES US THE POWER TO OVERCOME. The whole thing is on the converse now. God has to be keeping back man from partaking of the fulness of the power, because of our lack of wisdom and MATURITY. If we had our way this day, and had the energy to do it, we would destroy Satan now, and blast him off to some uninhabitable realm. This would destroy the plan of God, which is not only to destroy the devil, BUT to destroy sin and its possibility ONCE AND FOR ALL AND FOREVER, and to overcome death for all of God's creatures.

DID GOD MAKE EVIL?

Isaiah 45:7, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things."

When God MADE GOOD, He automatically created its opposite - EVIL. In making the car, we create pollution. We did not make pollution, but it was the natural outcome of making the automobile with an internal combustion engine. We make one wall in a room, and we create division, creating two rooms.

After man created the motor car, and reaped the benefits of its use, he then had to find ways of dealing with pollution caused by the car.

We thus see God making all things good. But in His great wisdom, knowing there must exist the opposite at least in theory, He taught His creatures good and evil. Again in His wisdom, He LIBERATED heaven, giving all His angels freedom of will to choose good, which they know intimately, and evil which they only knew about. He taught them all that evil would bring, its sorrow and pain, its destruction and final defeat in absolute, irrevocable alienation from God. That which happened in the FIRST HEAVEN, the invisible realms of God, happens in every heaven, and every heaven has to undergo its test in order to be made incorruptible.

IS HEAVEN INCORRUPTIBLE?

Heaven, the invisible realms of God, that frequency of the Spirit where dwell the holy angels and God in all the magnitude of His power, is now an incorruptible realm. BUT our heaven - the heaven of our spirit, soul, and body, where there is striving and fighting, where Michael the archangel fights to unseat the devil and his hosts, is not yet incorruptible. God's invisible realms were not always incorruptible. At one time in the unimaginable past, God had allowed Satan,

who was then called by the name of Heylel, "the SHINING ONE," to sow seeds of rebellion among all the bright ones of the ORDER OF LIGHT. These bright ones were those who occupied the second realm of heaven next to God, and above whom was this bright and shining angel called, in the King James Version of the Bible, "Lucifer." This was a translator's error, since the name was Heylel. This shining one in Ezekiel 28:16 was described as the "Memshak," or the cherub which overshadowed heaven. This means that he held a unique position in heaven, and that his power was so great that he would cover all heaven (those below him) with the expression of the Father and the will of the Almighty, and he would invoke heaven to high crescendos of PRAISE. Angels feed on the energy of God, when they open themselves to praise. There was only one position higher for him, and that is the position of JESUS THE SON. He, Heylel, wanted to be the HUSBAND OF THE CHURCH.

Isaiah 14:13d, "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north."

God had not made Heylel for this position. Therefore, he could lead the host of heaven in praise; he could overshadow heaven with great power, but he could not bleed and die on Calvary for our sins. This position was not for any angel. HE DID NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY.

Determined to be king, there was only one position open, one vacancy, that of KING OF EVIL. Evil had no king. It had no personality. It was only a theory. The opposite of God had not yet been put to the test. None need to put God's word to the test to know it is true, but Satan invented the LIE. He began to preach the opposite of truth - the lie. This changed his nature.

"When lie speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44c.

He showed the angels of heaven the kingdom he would give them. He pointed out to them the weakness of the man

which God had planned to make. He told them how he would occupy the BRIDE OF CHRIST, and how he would bring forth sons to fill their kingdom, and offered them principalities. They had freewill choice, and this was the only means by which God could make HEAVEN AN INCORRUPTIBLE REALM. God had to allow His angels to make their own choice, without any help from Himself.

They were free to choose against Him, not from a standpoint of weakness, BUT FROM A VANTAGE POINT OF STRENGTH, WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING.

THE POINT OF NO RETURN

This meant that once they had made their choice, they would have crossed a point of no return. Those who had made the CHOICE FOR GOD would not be able to revoke it, and those who made the choice for EVIL could not revoke it. There is one great and basic reason why they could not. But before God explained this to me, I wondered like so many others, why does God who is SOVEREIGN not save them all and put them again in heaven.

I sought God to find this truth, because I felt that God could do all things, and He surely could save the devil and all lost men and women, and purify them and put them into heaven. BUT GOD SHOWED ME THE TRUTH. As I prayed, I fell into a vision. In this vision, I saw someone come into my room who was surely a person of great power, and one who seemed to be used to authority. He had the bearing of a prince. BUT as I watched him, I knew instinctively that he was a FALLEN ANGEL. I addressed myself to him after our salutations, and asked him if he knew heaven. I did this because I did not want to reveal to him readily that I knew he was an evil spirit. He calmly said to me, "Where do you think I am from?" This made me know that he knew that I knew

who he was. I next explained to him that I, and men like myself, wanted desperately to go to heaven, that life here meant nothing to us if we could but make heaven our home. Then I asked him how is it that he left heaven for this torment, and asked him why he did not repent, since I felt that God would forgive him and take him back into heaven.

He exploded into utterances of hate, and cursed God as I had never heard before. Then he said if God would forgive him of all that he had done, and take him back into heaven, that he would only return there with one intention, to destroy heaven. He hated God, and heaven, and all things pertaining to God. I had never seen such hate, or ever had to speak to anyone who had not the slightest touch of God's nature in him, as this creature I then faced. I arose to rebuke him, but he had already anticipated my move, and calmly stepped through the door. I went after him, but found him playing with the kids; playing ball with them like a loving uncle. God said to me then, that I would have to play ball with the kids to win them back out of his hand.

The lesson was conclusive. THE DEVIL AND HIS HOST, along with sinful man, cannot be saved against their will. Man will never go to hell because of having sinned, neither will Satan or his angels. Hell is provided for those who do not want to be in heaven.

THE GREAT QUESTION - WHY HELL?

Hell is the extreme MERCY OF GOD. In God, all things move, consist, live, and have their being. To live, one must be in God. In order to die, one must get out of God. In other words, if God made you a creature of LIFE and you want to partake of death, then you must recreate yourself into a creature of death by divesting yourself of God, FOR GOD IS LIFE. The great secret in those who depart from God not being able to return, is in the fact that to wholly depart from God, one

must LOSE THE NATURE OF GOD within, and imbibe an alien nature. The alien nature cannot respond to God, neither can it return to God, since it is not of God and NEVER WAS. Since the SIN NATURE cannot divest itself of itself, there is nothing within the fallen angels or Satan to take them back to God. THEREFORE, THEY DO NOT WANT GOD and never will.

HEAVEN ETERNAL

In the same way, those who finally divest themselves of the sin nature receive the DIVINE NATURE, and cannot again revert to the sin nature, having made their final choice with their freewill choice.

WHAT IS HELL?

Hell is a state or condition or realm of the spirit, where those who do not want to be subject to God dwell. There are different degrees of hell, or torment, according to the degree of the spirit living in that realm. There are none in hell who could have been in heaven. If God gave them a thousand years to repent, they would not. Hell is not only the justice and judgment of God, but is His ABSOLUTE MERCY. Once a creature becomes a thing of darkness, it cannot exist in light. Light would be untold torment for that creature, so this is the reason God has created a realm of darkness for creatures of darkness.

Beginning with the rebellion of Satan and his spirits against God, man entered into rebellion. God had to find a final place for spirits which were falling from the HIGHEST HEAVEN to the LOWEST HEAVEN, and finally falling into their final resting place, which we call THE LAKE OF FIRE.

The lowest heaven is the one we are in. This is the spirit, soul, and body realm of man, where God is preparing Him-

self a dwelling place. This is the realm now occupied by the devil and his angels.

SPIRITS FEED

Evil spirits now have no other way to get their food, except from our realm. In other words, they must have energy to go about their business, and since they cannot get this energy directly from God, since they cannot face God, then they pull energy from our realm. In so doing, they bring SICKNESS, PAIN, SORROW, AND DEATH to our realm. All the suffering of humanity is due to the lack of energy in us to command life and health for our people. Satan has robbed us of our kingdom, and the power to rule this realm with peace and happiness. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE REGAINING AS SONS OF GOD. Thus, eventually we will cast Satan and all his host out of our realm, and take the kingdom for Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In order to keep to the theme we are dealing with, we will have to put off the full discussion of this for another occasion.

NOAH'S FIRST STORY

The Ark had to have a special time for the pitching and tarring. If it had taken him 120 years or just 20 years to build, he would be forced to put on the tar at a specific time, near the time when the Ark would float, or exposure to wind and sun would spoil it. The pitch and the tar, therefore, represent the SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD. This seal saved the Ark and all that were in it, therefore, it is very important. So we see that God is our salvation.

THE SECOND STORY

The second story of the Ark represents the Son, Jesus Christ, because it has the door, and Jesus is the door of entering into God.

John 10:9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

THE CLOSED DOOR

The most significant part of the door of the Ark is that it was closed of God before the rain started falling, when God shut Noah and his family and the animals in. This shows that after this seal of the living God is applied to the church, and the destruction begins on earth, some people will be in a place of safety and others will not. This place is described in the Psalms.

Psalm 91:1,4, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

According to God's promise, some will escape the destructive force of the tribulation. All that the tribulation will do to them is purify them, and make them ready to meet Jesus at His coming and at His personal appearance. Then we will see Him as He is, FOR WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM.

THE THIRD STORY

The third story represents the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost for us is a WINDOW looking up to heaven. Some people try to convince us that the Holy Ghost gives them all manner of earthly revelations, to help them in their business, and to give them power to get rich. Others speak of the Holy Ghost telling them when to bathe, and to clean their houses,

etc. BUT many of our people are dealing with RELIGIOUS SPIRITS, that try to give them a sense of super-holiness through a lot of carnal rituals, and they miss the point of growing up into Christ, and becoming like Christ. The Holy Ghost is our window which looks up into heaven.

MOSES' ARK

Moses' Ark, just a basket-like structure of leaves and sticks, with pitch and tar to make it watertight, had in its two



upper stories a MANCHILD. The boy Moses represents the two top stories, THE SON and THE HOLY SPIRIT. He was the manifestation of the unseen God to a people who did not know Him, and, as in the case of Phar-

aoh, hated and resisted Him.

Moses, therefore, in this type was a symbol of that man Jesus, who should come and bring salvation to all mankind. Thus, we see again the Ark representing salvation. While in the manifestation of God to a wicked world, Moses represented Christ. In his role as a human leader, he represents this last day SUPER-MANCHILD, which the church will come to be in the last three and a half years of the tribulation. In this role, he broke the power of Egypt. He could not be touched or hurt by human agents of Satan. He took the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, and the sons of God (the 144,000) will take God's people out of this Babylonish system, and finally overthrow the system by spiritual power.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The Ark of the Covenant was sealed, not by pitch and tar

which was designed to withstand water, but by GOLD, which is only purified by fire, not destroyed by it. When Noah came out of the Ark, God showed him the sign of the rainbow, which meant that no more would the earth be destroyed by water, but by fire. The earth here means humanity, since although the earth was destroyed in the time of Noah, "terra firma" still remained.

The Ark, of course, represents the LAST CHURCH, which will come forth on earth and is of the sixth church, the church of the Overshadowing. This last church, therefore, is called the church of the Manchild.

INSIDE THE ARK

On the inside of the Ark, there was the "testimony" which God gave Moses. This was, of course, the Ten Commandments. This represents the divine order of God, which He is planting in the hearts of His people. God's law is being written in the nature of man, so that we will no longer need anyone to tell us what to do, but we will have the nature of Him who works within us.

THE GOLDEN POT OF MANNA

There were two living miracles in the Ark. They were the pot of manna which never grew stale, as a sample of the food that God fed the children of Israel with for FORTY YEARS, and a dried branch or rod which budded overnight and brought forth fruit.

Exodus 16:33, "And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations."

This manna represents the Christ-life: energy food which we shall receive in the Spirit to bring forth the works of power which we will need on earth. Psalm 78:25 calls it angels'

food. *"Man did eat angel's food."*

Revelation 2:17b calls it *"hidden manna."*

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna."

This manna represents Spirit energy. Our realm is being robbed of all the energy to bring forth life that God has endowed us with, and there is not one man of us, who is satisfied with the power to deliver humanity which we have. There is such great disparity between what our Bible says, and what we achieve.

THE PROMISE

This Revelation 2:17 promise gives us hope. There is the promise of power; the promise of an energy-forming food enabling the Manchild to rule the nations with a shepherd's staff of iron.

WHO IS THIS MANCHILD?

To understand who and what the Manchild is, we must first search the scriptures, and see what references are made of him, his work, and his destiny. We will first take some of the types in the Bible of the Manchild. From these we will see something of the work which he is to do in the last days. He is called a Manchild, because God is making all His people into one, with one HEAD which is CHRIST. We can see from the outset here that the Manchild is a many-membered body. God sees this one-man company coming upon the world in the last days, and delivering the earth from heathen rule. This Manchild company will follow Jesus in his ministry as a flesh and blood human being, and then he will follow Jesus through death and resurrection.

Types of the Manchild and where found in Scripture.

1.Samson - Judges 13-16

2. Gideon's 300 - Judges 6-8
3. Ezekiel's Army of Dry Bones - Ezekiel 37
4. Elijah - 1st Kings 17; 2nd Kings 2
5. Elisha - 2nd Kings 2-13
6. Joel's Army - Joel 2
7. Manchild - Revelation 12:5
8. 144,000 - Revelation 7 and 14
9. Moses - Exodus
10. Joshua - Joshua
11. Zion - 2nd Samuel 5:7; Spiritual Zion, which refers to the elect of God - a people out of a people - Isaiah 4:5, Isaiah 51:16
12. Firstfruits - Revelation 14:4
13. The Overcomers - Revelation 3:12
14. Enoch - Hebrews 11:5
15. Melchisedec - Hebrews 7:1
16. Elect - Isaiah 42:1; 65:9, 22; Matthew 24:22; Colossians 3:12
17. Two Witnesses - Revelation 11:3
18. Stone Cut Out of the Mountain - Daniel 2:44-45
19. His Shoulders - Exodus 28:7; The shoulders of the priest where the stones are placed, Leviticus 7:32; the right shoulder of the bullock, and finally the shoulder of the body of Christ, Isaiah 9:6.
20. Saints of the Most High - Daniel 7:18, 28
21. Saviors - Obadiah 21
- Virgins - Matthew 25:1 and Revelation 14:4

THE PROPHETS' VISION

The prophets saw the vision of a one-man company of people coming forth in the latter days to set creation free. Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 26:17-21,

"Like, as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have NOT WROUGHT any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. Thy dead men shall live; together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: For thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

In these verses, we see God speaking of a woman being with child, as in Revelation 12, and the coming forth of this child should be to bring deliverance in the earth. The wicked inhabitants of the earth should fall, and then there would be a resurrection unto immortal life. It also speaks of the divine protection over God's people while the INDIGNATION is on. The next scripture is Isaiah 66:7-8,

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a manchild. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

Here the analogy is used again of bringing forth the Manchild as a deliverer.

Jesus, speaking to the apostles, likened them to a woman in travail bringing forth a manchild.

John 16:21, "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world."

The travail of the apostles should bring forth a church, which would continue to travail until the final church is born

in the earth. This is the event for which the heavens and earth wait.

Some Bible students feel that the message of the Manchild is a message of the first coming of Jesus the Christ, but this is clearly not so, as proven by scripture.

Revelation 1:1, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John."

This scripture shows that the Revelation was written of things to come, and not signifying the past. There are occurrences in the past which pointed to future events in the life of the church. Therefore, there must be a correlation of things which happened in the life of Jesus, the Christ, which will take place in the life of the sons of God, when the Christ is coming forth within humanity. It is the same Christ that was in Jesus that is coming forth WITHIN THE CHURCH. The manifestation must be the same.

WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

There has been much conjecture about the woman of Revelation 12, but there is no doubt that she is the church in a special age, and not Mary, the mother of Jesus. The revelation is of Jesus Christ and all the presentation of it was for the future and not the past.

Revelation 12:1, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

This verse must refer to a heaven other than the invisible realms of God's dwelling place. In this heaven, there was also a seven-headed dragon (verse 3). We see in verse 5 where she brought forth a Manchild, and he also was caught up to another heaven, to the throne. Thus he went from heaven to heaven.

The third verse identifies heaven with this statement.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

WE KNOW THAT SATAN HAS ALREADY BEEN CAST OUT OF HEAVEN. The heaven mentioned here is a heaven to which Satan has access. Heaven is the whole human realm where God is preparing to live. It must be clear that the word "dragon" here refers to Satan. The acquirement of SEVEN HEADS and ten horns shows a subtle UNION BETWEEN THE ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT, THE DEVIL, AND THE ONE WORLD CHURCH.

We will deal with this presently, but now let us concentrate on the woman. THIS WOMAN, the church, had been lifted from the realms of EARTH to the realms of HEAVEN. This does not mean that bodily she was removed. The whole of Revelation is couched in spiritual language, and you must be in the Spirit of God to understand it. The picture here is of a woman or church which had been lifted to a realm above dependence on the natural, and to complete dependence on the spiritual. Moses in his day was such a man, and walked in a different and high realm while he lived here. Joshua, Elisha, Elijah, Enoch and JESUS CHRIST, the son of God, have walked in this realm, too. Jesus, therefore, is bringing forth a whole church of people who will walk and live in this realm or place in the Spirit.

"CLOTHED WITH THE SUN"

This phrase means that the glory of God is upon the church. Her clothes are her righteousness and covering, but the sun, which is a type of God Himself, became her covering. She was not covered by water, or in other words, clouds, as Moses was in the wilderness, BUT by FIRE, the sun. This was the prayer and promise in John 17:5 and 22.

Verse 5, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

Verse 22, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

In spite of ourselves, we, the true people of God, will reach to that place where we show forth the GLORY OF THE LIVING GOD. God must be manifested in the earth, in the human realm, before men and angels.

"THE MOON UNDER HER FEET"

In this scripture, the moon represents the OLD ORDER CHURCH. This business of church never did please God fully. God was never absolutely pleased with any church. In our operating churches in the name of the Lord, we have been in the good will and the acceptable will, but never in the PERFECT WILL OF GOD. Paul lamented in Philippians 3:12b,

"But I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

In the old-order system, God permitted man to use the church as his stock in trade, and become rich in the world by obeying God. Now this age of man's handling of things for God is over. God is RAISING UP A BODY in the earth with A HEAD CALLED CHRIST. Christ is becoming visible through His people. There are men right now on earth who are seeing this thing, and are willingly giving up their hold on the church, and are commending the BODY TO CHRIST. Paul saw this, and when his influence over the churches which he had formed in Asia was broken, he wrote to the Corinthian church informing them that he had espoused them to Christ, and that they had no other husband.

2nd Corinthians 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Christ, here and in several other scriptures, is the hus-

band of the church. The husband cares for the wife, protects her, covers her and gives her his seed. WE MUST FACE THE FACTS. The seed of the minister has never been good enough to bring forth IMMORTAL LIFE in the earth. This is old order. Now the minister is presenting the bride to her TRUE HUSBAND, no longer trying vainly to bring forth a man church from himself. Every time we try, we bring forth another church system as bad as the one we came out of. The old order is past, and the new BODY MINISTRY IS HERE. Men again are trying to deceive the bride, and take her unto themselves, but GOD IS REMOVING THEM OFF THE SCENE. Let us make sure that we are moving in God's order at this time.

The old church is under the feet of the new. For this glory is greater than the former. The old system, however, is the foundation on which the new stands. "Under her feet" suggests beneath; below; less than. And so it is.

"AND UPON HER HEAD A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS"

Jesus Christ is described as "the bright and morning star" in Revelation 22:16c. This woman had twelve stars, which signifies that she is the complete woman of God's making. She, therefore, must bring forth IMMORTALITY in the earth, since this is the perfect will of God for humanity. This is the completion of what God meant woman to be, bringing forth the completion of what God meant man to be - the manchild. Her head is CHRIST, and upon her head, stars. The crown made her a QUEEN, the wife of the King of Kings. This brings us to the period of church history when Christ has already taken His bride, and is in the process of bringing forth CHRIST IN THE EARTH.

SHE TRAVAILS and is pained to be delivered. This is the tribulation during which the church will bring forth the Manchild. It is not a man, neither is it an organized church as some are now saying, BUT it is the issue of the MYSTIC

BODY OF CHRIST, the woman, OR THE CALLED OUT OF THE CALLED OUT.

They will, under one head, move as one man before the rest of the church comes forth. This will be a time of much pain and suffering. This pain and suffering will purify the church as never before. This woman and her child is not referring to natural Israel, because natural Israel is not the bride of Christ, neither could she be. But individual Jews, as any other nation, will be a part of this group.

The proof of the fact that the church will be in the tribulation is that there is no pain and travail in heaven, the invisible realm of God, where the saints who have passed on are. FURTHER, the word "dragon," as applied to Satan the devil, never showed him with seven heads and ten horns. In Genesis 3:15, we see that Satan had only one head.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise HIS heel."

This seed, of course, is Christ; Christ in Jesus and Christ in us. We see here that the dragon, Satan, in the beginning had only ONE HEAD. The seven heads and the TEN HORNS speak of the world powers and their rulers, who will give themselves to the beast. In turn, Satan will give them all the power of his seat and authority which he usurped from Adam. Just by way of comprehending the full picture, let me remind you that Satan offered the kingdom to Jesus Christ when he tempted Him in the wilderness. Luke 4. Even as Christ is having union with the church to bring forth a MANCHILD CHURCH IN THE EARTH, so also Satan is having union with the world to bring forth a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT, with a ONE WORLD CHURCH, to counteract God's united body of Christ.

This dragon, Satan's worst manifestation on earth, and the worst that will ever be, will be among his last acts before his banishment. "Tail" refers to the end of his power, which

"drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to earth." Many mighty ones of God will in this hour be debased and made low.

"And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." Revelation 12:4b.

A devil which had a record of killing the saints, and a church system which had a record of killing the saints, will unite, and must again try to kill the saints. The hour of the coming forth of the Manchild is the death knell of the killers.

"And she brought forth a manchild, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." Revelation 12:5.

In order to understand what the bringing forth of a Manchild means in this passage, we must first understand what kind of pregnancy this woman has. In the first place, the woman is not a natural woman, but the church. The womb of the church could not be physical. Therefore it has to be the souls of the saints. If the church then is pregnant, she must be pregnant in her soul, "pregnant with celestial fire." (This quotation is from 'The Elegy' by Thomas Gray). If she is pregnant in her soul with the Christ nature which is to come forth, then her child must be the Christ nature which is to come forth, or, as stated in 2nd Peter 1:4, THE DIVINE NATURE which comes forth in the human realm to make us EXACTLY LIKE JESUS CHRIST. This will be the human nature giving way to the divine nature, and the arrival of the long looked-for change from mortal to immortal, from corruptible to incorruption. 1st Corinthians 15:53.

CAUGHT UP

The word "caught up" means, in the carnal understanding, just a lifting up in the air, and many teachers teach that we will be taken away from this earth to another planet.

There is no scriptural basis for this. Paul was caught up, but he was still here in body. Truly, there were men who were caught up and lived no more among men, although they have been seen here on occasions. The Manchild, however, when he is caught up, will be immediately given a place of rulership on earth. The word "caught up," therefore, must be a lifting up from the human realm to a higher realm, where he will be living in immortality, and yet in humanity, even as Jesus Christ after His resurrection. Whether "caught up to meet Him in the air" means a physical catching away or a spiritual one, IT IS AN OCCURRENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THIS ATMOSPHERE. It definitely will not be taking men away to another planet. The scripture speaks of "the air." The Greek word is "aera," meaning atmosphere. 1st Thesalonians 4:17.

TWO WITNESSES

Revelation 11:3 tells us of two witnesses, whose testimony of Jesus Christ looked much like that of Moses in some places, and Elijah in other places.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

This verse outlines their work. "They shall prophesy." The next verse gives us a clue as to who they are. The history of the Christian church never lacked men who claimed they were these two witnesses. In fact, there are many, who at this time have convinced themselves and their followers that they are these two witnesses. Nevertheless, I will give you the truth concerning the two witnesses.

THE TWO WITNESSES ARE THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD COMING FORTH IN A GROUP OF HUMAN BEINGS.

I will now proceed to give you scriptural proof of this.

Revelation 11:4, "These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

Verse 5, "And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their MOUTH, and devoureth their enemies and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed."

Verse 6, "These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will."

THE TWO CANDLESTICKS AND THE TWO OLIVE TREES

The first question is, what are these two olive trees and these two candlesticks? The answer lies in the question. The question implies that we have already been told of THE TWO CANDLESTICKS AND THE TWO OLIVE TREES. The answer, therefore, is to be found in Zechariah 4:1-6.

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT saith the Lord of hosts."

Though shaded in the language in which it is written, the truth is nevertheless plain. The two witnesses here mentioned as the two olive trees standing before the God of the whole earth are the SPIRIT AND THE WORD. Nevertheless, the prophet did not understand and requested further explanation, as many of us might.

Verses 11-14, *"Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two GOLDEN PIPES empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, These are the two ANOINTED ONES, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."*

The anointed Word and the Spirit of God are the two witnesses that stand before the God of the universe.

The next question is, how could the Word and the Spirit be slain and their dead bodies cast into the streets, as shown in Revelation 11:8?

"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

JESUS CHRIST was the WORD which became flesh and dwelt among us, AND He was also the Spirit, or the manifestation of the Godhead on earth in visible form. John 14:9. WE are flesh becoming the WORD, in order that we might manifest the SPIRIT PERFECTLY.

Of course, you know that the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, is spiritual BABYLON. And Babylon is the host of rebellious ones who have rebelled against God's order, and His city JERUSALEM. We all know that the natural Jerusalem is not on God's approved list.

LIFE FROM THE DEAD

We see an amazing truth revealed here. All that the Bible teaches about the Manchild, the 144,000, the Samson man, Gideon's 300, etc., is linked with this 11th chapter of Revelation, actually revealing to us the manner in which this immortal life will come into our realm. We all know that when Jesus Christ comes here, we will be like Him. We also know that

the work of our redemption is complete, and that Jesus Christ is not coming here again to redeem us from anything. When He comes, we will be JUST EXACTLY LIKE HIM. It is therefore imperative that something happen between now and then. This chapter of Revelation tells us exactly what will happen.

Revelation 11:11-12, "And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

If you have ever wondered how the resurrection would begin, you need not wonder any more. We have here a perfect picture of the FIRSTFRUIT COMPANY of God's elect giving forth their lives as a sacrifice, and demonstrating once and for all the power of life over death for all men to see, and giving those who want to repent a good reason to do so. Moreover, this act will quicken the whole natural realm, and will begin the rule of God on earth. "*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.*" Revelation 11:15.

The next question to be answered is how do we know that these two witnesses are the 144,000? These two witnesses were one. They had one mouth, as shown in Revelation 11:5 and 12:5. Moreover, there is only one people who will take the kingdom, and though they are called by different names to describe the different areas of their work, they are the same. In Daniel 2:44-45, they are called the "stone cut out of the mountain." In Daniel 7:18, they are called "the saints of the most High." In Daniel 7:27, they are called "the people of the saints of the most High." All these different pictures of the Manchild are like lines drawn on a paper, each playing its part to produce a final picture.

144,000

This is not a number of persons, but a symbolic figure. To understand the meaning of this figure, we must understand that in the Greek language, as also in the Hebrew, the letters r, m, and d have numerical significance. The letter r =100, m = 40, d = 4, and "chiliade" = thousand; therefore, we have one hundred and forty-four thousand. The same number occurs in Revelation 14:1 written in the same way, r m d. The number is the NAME OF AN ELECT GROUP OF GOD'S ELECT CHURCH.

TWELVE is the number of completion. God began to make man in Genesis, where He stated His plan for the man He would make.

Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

God's blueprint for man, therefore, was AFTER HIS IMAGE; AFTER HIS LIKENESS. Man looked like God in his natural attributes of seeing, hearing, speaking, intellect, etc., but man was not LIKE God, in that he, man, had to grow into such a likeness with his FREEWILL choice. Thus God was not constructing a bunch of robots, but begetting sons.

Twelve squared is 144. Thus, the scripture says the city will be foursquare, meaning that when man comes into the nature of God, he will be equal with God, and equal with all other men who will be equal with God. This equality does not speak of position, for there are positions of higher authority and lower authority. Jesus was equal with God, yet He humbled Himself to the death of the cross and the contradiction of evil men, because the position in which He was demanded this action. The number, therefore, of completed man is 144.

ZERO, ZERO, ZERO

ZERO ('zoro' in Hebrew) means seed, or the word, or JE-

SUS CHRIST. The meanings of zero as given show the etymological development of the word from meaning just a seed to meaning a man who is the SEED OF GOD. For proof of this, we can see in secular history men calling the son of Astarte "Zoroashtar," meaning "the seed of Astarte," meaning "the God man." In short, they were calling him the Christ.

The ancient mode of expressing the fulness of anything was to repeat it three times. In Daniel 7:18, we see the phrase used "for ever, even for ever and ever." Phrases like these are used in most ancient writings to express the immutability of the expression in its fullest degree. Thus three zeros behind 144 would be the fulness of zero being added to the meaning of 144. Let us see what it would look like.

144 = God's completion of the perfect man

000 = The fulness of the Word or the Christ

Let us put them together and see what they mean. GOD HAS COMPLETED HUMANITY IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF JESUS CHRIST, or if you would prefer to say, in the fulness of Christ the Word.

If you still think that Revelation 7:1-8 refers to the Jews, and then read the twelve tribes named, and you will notice that they are not the twelve tribes of NATURAL ISRAEL, but SPIRITUAL ISRAEL. The name Dan was left out and Manasseh inserted. Dan means JUDGMENT. That will be taken out of our books. Manasseh means "cause to forget." We surely will have to forget the brainwashing of sorrow and sin, pain and woe, heartaches, disappointments and betrayals from even some of the brethren, in order to rejoice in the coming age.

The twelve names of the twelve tribes of Israel represent twelve natures in the human realm, which are undergoing change through the Word and the Spirit, and bringing man to the final product.

In Revelation 21:19-20, we see the final product, 144,000, represented by stones of light and beauty. These stones were

at some time ordinary rock, but they underwent great pressures and heat, and in time they became precious stones of great beauty and value.

In so short a work as this, it is impossible to show the full meaning of each thing mentioned. The 144,000 alone would take a whole book, but we do believe this will be the key to many revelations to those who are seeking. God gives us types and shadows of this FIRSTFRUIT company all through the Bible, but every type is giving us a specific lesson, and not every detail in the type is the lesson, but just that part of the type which is intended for us. We should never "strip" a type. By this, I mean we should never try to put meaning into every detail of a type. For example, the sheep is the type of the Christian and the type of Christ, but if we begin to analyze the very bleat of the sheep, then the tendency will be to get the thing out of type.

BRINGING FORTH

The overshadowing of the Ark of the Covenant, as shown in the previous chapter, is to bring forth the Christ within the BODY. The items within the Ark therefore, should depict the very nature of the Manchild. These were not all put in at once, but over a period of time. As the children of Israel walked through the wilderness, they received one piece and then another. There were three pieces.

1. The golden pot with manna
2. Aaron's rod that budded
3. The tables of the covenant

1. THE GOLDEN POT OF MANNA

Manna was given to the children of Israel first in the Wilderness of SIN. At its first appearance, Moses commanded Aaron to preserve some of it in a golden pot. It had to be a golden pot, although not mentioned in Exodus, because all

the utensils of the Holy of Holies were made of gold. Thus it is that Paul, in speaking of it in Hebrews 9:4, calls it the "*golden pot.*"

The manna in the Ark of the Covenant definitely means food; Spirit food with such energy beyond the ken of man's present comprehension. In our world, we lack energy. Our realm has been sucked dry of energy to sustain spiritual life. Thus Jesus Christ says, "I am the manna." Then He turned around, and enjoined us to eat Him; TO EAT OF HIS FLESH AND DRINK OF HIS BLOOD.

POWER SOURCE

Jesus brought within His veins the power and energy of God, and He, Jesus, was only the transport which contained the power. This power, which we lost in Adam, was regained in Christ by the same means by which we lost it. One member of the human race lost a battle, gave away a kingdom and enslaved humanity thereby. THEREFORE, it was fair and just for another member of the same human family to fight and overcome the same enemy and not only win a battle, but the whole war.

In Psalm 78:25, we read "*Man did eat angel's food.*" This signifies that the manna which God gave the Israelites was the same energy upon which He feeds his angels, so that they might have power to carry out His will. We need power to heal the sick, to stop wars and, in short, to take charge of our world.

It does not take a genius to see that there is an evil intelligence in the world, wrecking good intentions and good plans, and planning horrible wrecks. Just notice how, when there is a plane crash on one side of the world, there seems to be other crashes resembling it, even at far removed places, and when there is a disaster in one spot, how there seems to be a recurrence in other places. We need POWER. I do not know if

there is a preacher who is satisfied with the power we have to do that which we know to be the will of God, but I AM NOT SATISFIED. I know there is greater power ahead.

This manna represents this energy, and in so doing, it represents the very ESSENCE OF CHRIST, the anointed one within. The pot being made of gold represents the nature of God as the vessel in which the food is prepared, NOT OF MAN, BUT OF GOD AND GOD ALONE, DIVINE AND NOT HUMAN.

THE TIME

For years, many have been coming and saying they are that perfect nature of God, but the implication is very clear, in that God told Moses to preserve the manna the first day it fell, for a perpetual memorial to God's people. The manna was given before the ark was given, thus the first symbol of the MANCHILD, or God's final and perfect church, is the return to the church of the power of deliverance. This coming of the manna began a long time ago. There were men like Wigglesworth, Branham, and many others who have not been heard of, who can testify that this power has come to all of us in a measure. In my own ministry, although I have seen the dead raised and all manner of healing done, I am far from satisfied and still do wait on the Lord for the breakthrough which is imminent.

We see, therefore, that the time of this power has begun, and is coming to its culmination, but this manna WILL NOT FULLY COME TO US UNTIL WE ARE FULLY AGAIN IN A SPIRITUAL DESERT, even as the children of Israel were in a natural desert. I am not saying that we might not be in a natural desert, which is possible. BUT I DO SAY THAT GOD IS DIVIDING THE CHURCH FROM BABYLON, BOTH IN THE SPIRITUAL SENSE AND IN THE PHYSICAL. We are, at this time, too much distracted by the world and its system, by self and thoughts, programs and ideas. In order to separate us

from our DISTRACTIONS, God will have to REMOVE SOME OF US OUT OF THE SYSTEM, AND EXILE us entirely from BABYLON. Then the power of God will come to us in its fullness. The word "us" here does not mean that all Christians will have this power, but while the power is with men, it is available for us. This power is the first sign of the Manchild.

2. AARON'S ROD THAT BUDDED

The rod of Aaron budded and brought forth fruit in one night, and this rod was laid up in the ark for a witness. The circumstances of this budding arose out of a contention among the Israelites, which first showed its ugly head in Moses' sister Miriam and brother Aaron, who were jealous against him. Then it developed into open rebellion when Korah, Dathan, Abiram and on, all Levites, openly resisted Moses, and in so doing went against the orders of God Himself. The matter should have been resolved when the earth opened and took them all in, with their families, but God knew that rebellion is an iniquity which lingers in the hearts of men. Therefore, He gave further proof by making the rod of Aaron bud.

Numbers 17:5-8, "And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. And it came to pass that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds."

The budding of Aaron's rod was conclusive proof of the man whom God had chosen to be "chief."

THE ROD

Even as the budding shows SUPERNATURAL FRUIT-BEARING and life-giving quality (having life within itself), so also the rod shows authority, rulership, and government. This symbol of the Manchild is saying that HE, that many-membered company, will be exalted to the place of rulership over the whole earth. This emblem of the Manchild signifies definitely the human quality of the rulership. A green branch symbolized SPIRITUALLY ALIVE HUMANITY, and this is the only emblem in the Holy of Holies that is not pure gold, not covered or engraved. God is well pleased with His people only when they bear fruit. We thus see, that within the rulership nature of the Manchild, there is the LOVE NATURE of God. Moses' rod brought down the power of Egypt, destroyed armies, pushed back the waves, gave Israel water in the wilderness, and was the most feared object in the whole world, feared more than the cobalt bomb of our present day. YET through the rod, one could not see the fulness of the nature of God. It was government, it was rulership, it was law, justice, correction, but not LOVE. The rod of the Manchild will be different; IT WILL BE LOVE and LIFE for a sick and dying world. The scriptures which speak of this rod should at least be examined before closing.

Revelation 12:5, "And she brought forth a manchild who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God and to his throne."

Revelation 2:27, "And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."

Psalms 2:9, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potters vessel."

Daniel 7:18, "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

Daniel 7:27, "And the kingdom and dominion, and the great-

ness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High (manchild) whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and Him."

Note: The pronoun used for the "saints of the most High" is "Him," depicting a one-man, many-membered company as stated by Jesus in John 17:2, "*that they all may be one, even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.*"

Revelation 3:21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me IN my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne."

These scriptures do not refer to all saints, but to AN ELECT OF THE ELECT.

MOSES, CHRIST and YOU

Under the Old Covenant, Moses was the mediator, which is equal to Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new covenant. Even as Moses had a priest, Aaron, so also Christ has His elect.

It stands to reason, therefore, that in the final analysis of the revelation and manifestation of Jesus Christ in the earth, that a select group of this elect should spearhead the taking of the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdom of God and His Christ, by the attaining of the perfect stature to which God is bringing all His people.

3. THE TABLES OF THE COVENANT

Hebrews 9:4, "Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant."

The tables of the covenant were two slabs of stone on which God wrote the Ten Commandments. These tables were broken soon after, when Moses descended from the moun-

tain, and saw the Israelites engaged in idolatry along with the priest Aaron. Moses was so upset that he threw down the tables of stone and broke them. After the building of the Ark, God gave Moses two new tables, but made Moses write these himself, whereas the first were written by the finger of God. The ministry which God has appointed in the earth is His hand.

As a symbol of the Manchild, it is important to note that the necessary power will at last be given to a people, to engrave upon the hearts of men, an engraving which is engraved upon their own hearts.

CONCLUSION

The plan of God for this age will come to its conclusion, when the full work of the will of Almighty God is accomplished in humanity. I believe that this work has progressed so far, that time is fast dying and giving way to the dawn of eternity. The next age is upon us. This dispensation is now breathing its last. THE NEXT GREAT SIGN WE LOOK FOR is the one world government to be set up (the beast system), along with the one world church. When this happens, then God will pull His people into oneness, and endow us with the final trappings of power which will be needed in such an emergency.

Now we see the one world government formed in spirit. The governments of the world have all given themselves to Satan, and are coming together for the final war against the saints.

"Then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

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