



Thy Kingdom Come

By Gilbert Price

I am writing a few lines about a subject that I know is in the hearts and minds of all God's people, and the crying out is certainly heard by our heavenly Father, Thy Kingdom Come Oh Lord. Jesus said, "Know ye not that the Kingdom of God is within you." It is a hidden mystery, one that the world knows nothing about because it is a spiritual Kingdom and Christ our Lord is the King of the Kingdom and has been given a name above all names. "I pray that we may be given that inner illumination of the spirit that will help us realize how great is the hope of our Calling that He has called us to: the magnificence and splendor of the inheritance promised to those that believe in the God of the impossible. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when he was raised from the dead and gave him the place of supreme honor in heaven, a place that is infinitely superior to any conceivable Command, Authority, power or Control and it carries with it a name far beyond any name that could ever be used in this world or in the world to come. (Phillips) (Ephesians 1 - 22) God has placed everything under the power of Christ and has set him up as supreme head to the Church.

For the Church is his body and in

the whole wide universe with Himself." He dwells in you by his spirit to bring about Sons after His own image. Praise the name of our Lord, we need to lift up holy hands unto our Lord and Savior for bringing us to this hour with His high hand and he has put within our hearts a tremendous desire to see His will accomplished in you and me. He has promised to keep us by His power and His word is true and cannot fail for God has declared that nothing can take us out of His hand and that anything He has allowed to come into our lives will only bring Glory to His name. For He loved us beyond measure. His love is so abundant, so wide, so high, so deep and long. It is far beyond our comprehension. May we be filled through all our being with God Himself. In Philipians 4-4, we are admonished to delight ourselves in the Lord. Yes, find our joy in Him at all times. We must have a spirit of Gentleness and never forget the nearness of our Lord. For He desires us to abide in His presence, we are not to worry about anything at all and we must tell God every detail of our needs in earnest and thankful prayer and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over our hearts and minds as we rest in Christ Jesus our Lord and

our Lord dwelling within our hearts. If we desire approval of our Lord and Savior, we must fix our minds on those things that are true and honorable and just and pure and lovely and that will bring praise to our God as we praise His name and lift up holy hands unto Him. His peace will flood our heart and great waves of joy will be ours. Praise His wonderful and glorious name. This is the hour that all who God has put His seal upon, to be overcomers, must live the very same life as of the only begotten Son of God. We must believe that He will make us one with the Father and his dear Son. In John 17-22, Jesus prayed that we all may be one. "Just as you, Father, live in me and I live in you, I am asking that they may live in us, and that the world may believe that you did send me. I have given them the honor that you gave me, that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they grow complete into one." Praise his matchless name for ever. Jesus wanted those that the father had given him to be with him where he was, he wanted you and me to see that Glory which the Father had made His, because the Father loved the Son, and He also loves you and me because we have believed on His Holy Name. Jesus said, John 17-26 "I have made your self

so, that the love which you have had for me may be in their hearts, and that you may be there ALSO." What a comfort to our hearts to know that our Lord and Savior has prayed to the Father that we might share in all his Glory. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord and Savior. I was asking the Lord in the night what I needed to do to be like Him for I had a great longing to bear the image of my Lord and the words came so strong and plain, "Read my word for it is life and abide in my presence and you will become like me." It was the words of our Lord that I needed to hear at this time and I pray that all of us who are longing to be like Jesus our Lord will hear these words for that change will take place. Let us believe it with all our hearts. Let us not look upon this body of ours as some hindering factor, this is the temple that the Holy Spirit will take up his abode in, and we will experience dramatic change, for that spirit will quicken our mortal body, for this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. Death is swallowed up in victory. Praise his Holy name for ever.

Victory in Jesus, our Savior for ever. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work that he has given us to do. For we can rest assured that our labors will not be in vain in the Lord. Alleluia, Praise His name. Let us rejoice together as the day of Glory and triumph breaks upon the church. We must not settle for anything God has given to any people in any age or dispensation, for this is a new day when God is about to reveal His plan for we must pass from the realm of the natural or earthly into the realm of the Spirit or heavenly. We must pass from a knowledge of the understandable to a knowledge of the inconceivable. We must rise from the visible to behold the invisible. Praise his wonderful name. We must go on to explore the unsearchable and declare the unspeakable. For God hath set eternity in our hearts and we will not rest nor will we give Him rest, till He establishes us in His glorious Kingdom. Only by the spirit can we comprehend anything of our heritage in Christ. I want to encourage every one that the battle we are fighting is on the spiritual

level. The very weapons we use are not those of human warfare but powerful in God's warfare for the destruction of the enemies strongholds. Our battle is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defense that men erect against the true knowledge of God, for He must rule and reign King of Kings and Lord of Lords Supreme. Let us not try to understand what God is about to do with you and me, for it will transcend all human reason. Let us just simply believe without wavering, that Jesus can make us Holy as He is Holy and as He has promised His Glory will be seen upon you and me. Praise His wonderful name! I would like to conclude with these few words. Never hurt the Holy Spirit. He is, remember, the personal pledge of our eventual full redemption, but let the Spirit stimulate our souls in this hour. Let us express our joy in singing among ourselves psalm and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in our hearts for the ears of our Lord! Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and may the peace of God so fill our hearts that our cry will be, "Come, Lord Jesus." May the Lord bless and keep you true to Him this great hour.

A Call To Prayer And Fasting

March 21-28, 1999

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While we, as Brethren, gathered for our ministries meeting for a few days in December 1998, we all felt the urge of the Holy Spirit, and agreed unanimously, that we should call the whole church everywhere to a week of prayer and fasting March 21-28, 1999. In the meantime we urge all local churches to have weekly prayer meetings with everyone attending as much as possible, to wait on God and seek His face in united prayer. Our enemy, the Devil, knows that his time is short and his defeat is at hand, so he has been trying the Church severely, - spiritually, physically, and some materially.

As we gather for prayer, let us seek God on these matters that confront us. Let us join together and pray earnestly that God will pour out of His Holy

Spirit upon us all in a fresh and living way. Our meetings need that quickening of the Holy Spirit to stir up the gift of God that is within us and bring new life through the functioning-of our ministries as members of the Body of Christ. We need divine guidance as never before at the end of this present age and the beginning of the new age, The Kingdom of God. So let us all draw nigh to God and humble ourselves and cry unto God with genuine repentance for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Prayer and fasting is not something new; the Word of God is full of examples when people or nations were in trouble; a time of fasting was proclaimed, and God heard and answered in miraculous ways according to His promises. Let us read a few of them.

Psalms 27:8 (When thou saidst), Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Isaiah 55:6, 7 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Jeremiah 29: 11-13 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Isaiah 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Isaiah 59:1, 2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

II Chronicles 7: 14-16 If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Please read now the following:

2 Chron. 6: 12-42 - Solomon's Prayer.

2 Chron. 20: 1-22 - Jehoshaphat's Prayer

Ezra 8: 21-23 - Ezra proclaimed prayer and fasting

Jonah3:1-10-the people at Nineveh proclaimed prayer and fasting.

We read in the book of Joel of the terrible destruction that had taken place, caused by the enemy and what was done about it.

Joel 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. Please read now verses 12-20.

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for (it is) nigh at hand;

v. 12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

v. 13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kind-

ness, and repenteth him of the evil.

v. 14 Whoknoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

v. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;

v. 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of the closet.

v. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

v. 18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

v. 19 yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

v. 21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

v. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

v. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

v. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

v. 25 And I will restore you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

v. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. O HALLELUJAH! Now read verses 27-32.

I feel so inspired by the Word of the Lord, I want to shout, HALLELUJAH!

Dearly Beloved, let us not count any sacrifice too great, in order that we

might attain unto full sonship. A great cloud of witnesses are waiting and cheering us on.

Hebrews 12: 1,2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Timothy 2:11, 12 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him we shall also live with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him if we deny him he also will deny us.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 12:1,21 beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Now, let us consider some things regarding prayer and fasting, and in that order, #1 Prayer #2 Fasting.

What Is A Fast?

To abstain from all foods, total fast.
To abstain from certain kind of food.
To eat very little or partial fast. To abstain from pleasant foods.

Do not abstain from drinking water, generous amounts of water every day while fasting. Drinking plenty of water does not allow your stomach to collapse, and will help to prevent dehydration, and helps to flush out the poisons from your body. Doctors and dieticians recommend drinking at least 6-8 oz. glasses of water daily, besides juices, coffee, tea, etc. While on a fast do not drink ice water; that can cause cramps. During a fast drink water or other liquids at room temperature, warm or

hot; you may add a drop of lemon juice for taste. Exercise is important - not too strenuous. Get plenty of fresh air.

Some of the effects you may experience: Possible headache - which should disappear in one or two days. You may feel some temporary weakness. You may feel chilly - put on a sweater. You may experience slight cramps - which should subside. You may have some dizziness; get up slowly if you do - these things will subside in a few days. Each person's experience will vary somewhat.

Your tongue will become coated and your breath get bad. Brush your teeth and the top of your tongue more often. Shower or bathe more frequently. Hunger usually leaves after two or three days. Don't think of food any more than you have to. Let us not confuse hunger with just a craving. Stay away from fast food counters, bakeries, deli's. This will help us not to get a craving for food. Let us pray for our wives and mothers who still, no doubt, will have to prepare meals for the children. You can work normally while fasting; you don't have to go to bed. Keep active with a good positive attitude.

Anybody can fast, but to a sincere, committed Christian, prayer and fasting go together, and you can expect spiritual strength and awareness. A man or woman who has a spouse who is not a believer, should discuss this experience with them and respect the other's views; they may support you in it, or a partial fast may be in order. Anyone who is under a doctor's care should discuss this with their doctor. Most medication is taken with food, so this may require a partial fast only. If you are unable to fast because of the above mentioned conditions, you can still pray and intercede before God. Let's not make excuses. Reasons must be valid.

Please read: Rom. 8:26, 27 - The Holy Spirit helps us. Jude 20 - Build yourself up. I Cor. 14:14-Spiritprayeth.

Fasting is not - starvation or a hunger strike. Fasting is not - bombarding heaven and making demands. Fasting is not - securing some special position with God or pulling strings.

Fasting is for: Examining ourselves, Judging ourselves in the light of God's Word and will, but not for self-condemnation.

Prayer and fasting is for humbling ourselves before God, seeking God, drawing nigh to God, overcoming the

carnal nature, basking in His presence in divine fellowship and communion with God.

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

We so often put so much stress on food and eating - but I wonder if we help to dig our graves with our teeth. Be very careful not to get carried away with food fads and diets. Anything taken to extremes is dangerous. Asking God's blessing on our food is extremely important. The greatest essentials to life come in this order# 1 Air, #2 Water, #3 Sleep, #4 Food. Food is last on the list.

Let us all guard against becoming extreme or fanatical. We must have a right attitude and balance in all things. Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother gave us the right instructions in regards to fasting, in his Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 6: 16-18 "Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward, But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face. That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Please read now: Luke 18: 9-14.

I Corinthians 7:1 -5 - Apostle Paul's instruction for married couples during the time of prayer and fasting.

Here are a few more scriptures you can read for yourself in regards to prayer and fasting.

Exodus 34: 1-35 - Note v. 28 The account of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments 40 day fast.

Dan. 9:1-4, Dan. 10:3-14 Regarding Daniel, 2 Sam. 12: 1-23 - David's fast didn't help because of his sin. 1 Kings 19: 1-8 - Elisha's fast when in trouble. Acts 13: 1-4 - The brethren at Antioch prayed and fasted before setting men in their ministry. Acts 27 -

The account of Apostle Paul in a ship in a violent storm. See vs. 33-37 Acts 14: 19-23 - The brethren set elders in every church, prayed and fasted before leaving them. Matt. 4:1 -11 - Jesus, our Saviour and our example, fasted forty days and nights while being tempted by the Devil. Luke 2:36-38 - Anna, an elderly widow and prophetess prayed and fasted in the temple; she spoke of Jesus to them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Mark 9: 14-29 - Jesus heals the demoniac son, after his disciples could not cast out the evil spirit. Jesus told them why in v. 29 - This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. Mark 2: 15-20 - The disciples of Jesus were not required to fast, while He, the Bridegroom was with them, but He said that they would fast after he left them. This applies to us today.

BREAKING THE FAST

Breaking the fast properly is very, very important! A fast, of more than seven days is very difficult to break properly and so very important and cannot be overemphasized. If you wish to avoid any adverse circumstances after your long fast (more than seven days) please use good common sense. You may get along fine during your protracted fast, but have uncomfortable physical difficulties while breaking the fast, which practically in all cases can be traced to impatience to begin eating the usual portions and more.

The longer the fast the more careful and longer it takes before getting on our regular diet again. Our stomach has to be broken in gradually again. We all know that this is only good common sense. After the hunger returns (not craving) you should use only fresh acid fruit juices. Fresh tomato juice without seeds is good. Grape juice from fresh grapes without skin and seeds, apple juice and other fresh juices that have agreed with you before you began fasting. Sauerkraut juice is very good for the second or third meal (not too much) after the fast is broken; it will help to regulate and assist the elimination to get started.

If the fast was seven days or less, it can be broken with whole fresh fruit, without seeds or skin, for two or three meals, and light soups the second day. The third day green cooked vegetables, and very gradually into your diet from there, even a fast of two or three days

will prevent one from sitting down to a regular meal if you wish to feel comfortable. Breaking a fast should be considered as part of the fast, and it should take approximately the same length of time to break the fast as the fast itself.

Remember - Drinking plenty of water is always important, also exercise and fresh air.

Now that we are back to our normal diets - there is another very important fact to remember, and that is TEMPERANCE which is one of the fruits of the Spirit recorded in Gal. 5:22-25. I hope and pray that this time of prayer and fasting will also help us to bear much fruit because of our intimate union with Jesus Christ the Vine. (Please read John 15: 1-17).

There is another most important fast recorded in Isa. 58: 1-14. This fast is even more important than the abstaining from food fast. This fast is not an

off and on fast, but a continuous fast. I pray that the abstaining from food fast and prayer will cause us to enter more fully into this fast of Isa. 58, and bearing much fruit as described in John 15. I will never forget the results of prayer and fasting in 1947-1948 and prior to those dates, which brought about this present move of the Spirit of God in North Battleford, Sask. Canada. I was very honored to be present then, and to see the Holy Spirit move on to this present day. God is still moving us on from glory to glory and from victory to victory. This move of the Holy Spirit has spread all over the world and is continuing to grow. We are looking forward to the future with excitement, hope and cheer. Greater things are yet in store for them that love Him. Let us press on to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, the Captain of our salvation. Praise His Wonderful

name!

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HEAR THE TRUMPET

Hear the trumpet sounding all ye soldiers of the cross,

Sounding from the mountain of our God; It is time to waken out of slumber and of sleep,

For our redemption now is drawing nigh,

See the evil forces now arrayed against the church,

Put on your armour and be brave and strong.

Christ will give command,

His kingdom is at hand,

Let us begin to sing the victor's song.

(E.H.W.)

**The booklet, "The Move of the Spirit of God" may be obtained from: Global Missions Inc., Box 934, North Battleford, Sask., Canada, S9A 2Z3.*

Being accountable. **Accountability**

Accountable is described in the dictionary as: Liable to being called to account; answerable. I like the second half of the definition, being answerable. Being accountable means having to give an answer to someone. It is necessary to be accountable to someone, who is accountable for you.

A good home is the result of each family member being accountable in fulfilling their proper role. A good business is built on the foundation of accountable employees. A great army is the result of each soldier fulfilling their responsibility and being accountable to their commander. The Kingdom of God and the body of Christ are built upon accountability. Accountability is a spiritual principle that works in the natural as well as the spiritual.

Adam was accountable to God, to submit and obey His divine instructions. Genesis 2:16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." There was a penalty for disobeying God, as well as a blessing for obedience. Adam neglected his faithful accountability to God, but as

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the dictionary describes, Adam was answerable to God.

Gen. 3: 6-11 "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

We are full aware of the horrific affects that sin brought into the world due to this lack of obedience of the first Son of God. Yet many today want to embrace their independence and live a life unaccountable to anyone or anything.

The structure of the Kingdom of God as well as the structure of the Church is a picture of divine order and accountability. The body of Christ is not a collection of disjointed, independent, body parts all walking in an extreme individual way, but it is a beautiful example of a collection of believers, all divinely set or established, knowing (not guessing) what their specific calling is, doing their portion of ministry, and accountable to the order that God has established. The person who brags about his spiritual independence is much like a child bragging about being an orphan.

God is God of divine order. One needs to only look at the stars at night to appreciate the order of God. I once read where our universe had to have exact and precise conditions in order to support life on this speck of dust we call home. Light traveling from a divinely appointed sun some 93 million miles away, makes its brief journey to earth in about 11 minutes. The earth just happens to be tipped at the right axis, and is the precise distance from the sun, to give us our glorious seasons. Personally, I start putting on warmer clothing at 60 to 65 degrees F., and I am uncomfortable at 100 degrees F. I can't complain about the temperature con-

sidering the sun is millions of degrees. Because of God's precise order, by the time the hot rays of the sun reach me, I'm comfortable! God is not the God of chance; He is the Great God of order.

Let us examine on a brief scale what the scriptures say about order, or accountability. I will use a number, but

certainly not all the scriptures are related to each subject. It is not important for you as a reader to read my opinions and thoughts, but you can not ignore the word of God.

CHILDREN

Eph. 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor

your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

The Lord simply asks children to obey their godly parents. He does not require children to understand all the implications, or to judge whether or not it is in their best interest to obey. He simply requires obedience. Children are accountable, answerable, to their parents. There comes a point in a young persons life when they begin to question the wisdom of their parents, forgetting the parents were once children too. I once read where a Mother told her questioning daughter that "my dear I was once 16, but you have never been 40! "

PARENTS

God holds the parents accountable for many things in the home, including the spiritual and physical welfare of the children. Parents are to love, nurture, and discipline, the children as needed. A child comes into the world with a completely empty mind. which is soon filled by the experience, that the parent lovingly directs the child in. It is the awesome responsibility of the parents to raise the child teaching him the way of the Lord, and protecting the child from wrong influence.

children need a parent's time, lots of time' As a general guideline, when there are children in the home. mothers should void working outside the home. Mothers shouldn't be in a hurry to trust the raising of their children to "stranger care" or as some call it, "day care". With today's world it isn't always easy for the Mother to remain at home, but this should become the overriding priority.

Eph. 6:4 "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Deut. 6:5-9 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

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Rebuilding

By Robert Persaud

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Oh, the holy city, where the praises of God can flow forth and where the glory of God can be seen, hallelujah, in that Jerusalem. Praise His lovely Name! Look over to verse 17 of chapter 4, "They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, (every one) with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other (hand) held a weapon." You talk of being fully occupied; you can imagine an army here. I just can't figure it out in my human mind, having a weapon in one hand and perhaps a trowel in the other, you know, but God gave them the wisdom, and God will give us the wisdom and the strategy how to build. You know the master builder is Jesus Christ Himself, and the contractor is the Holy Spirit, and He gives the orders and we are in the kingdom of God workers together, isn't that so? So it is for us to be united in one.

Verse 18, "For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and (so) builded. And he that sounded the trumpet (was) by me." Every man! I could imagine, what a picture! What a sight! The trumpet blowers were there, those that sounded the trumpet, the trumpet of victory! There must be rejoicing in the camp! There must be the times of praises and glory to God, oh, for rejoicing. One of the ways that we can conquer discouragement is by rejoicing. Those trumpets had to be there, people of God. We must blow the trumpets in Zion. That's where our joy is.

Nehemiah 7:1 "Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed," - rejoicing, we ought to rejoice some more, because the scripture says, (although we are to pray without ceasing) we are to rejoice evermore, or rejoice always, so while we are praying and going through a burden we ought to rejoice also, - it goes hand in hand. Very often we go before God, "God give me, bless me, help me, and it's a burdensome kind of attitude, but with that burden we can also rejoice, - it's rejoicing that lifts the burden, and I tell you what, one of the best ways to deal with a discouraging situa-

tion, one of the best ways to deal with our enemies is continue to show progress. Examine what Nehemiah did; he just didn't worry about his enemies; he didn't argue, he didn't fret.

Sanballat, Tobiah, tried to establish a compromise. Chapter 6 verse 3, "And I sent messengers unto them, saying I (am) doing a great work, so that I cannot comedown: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" You see? There is another scripture, another verse here that speaks about them wanting to meet with Nehemiah, take him off of what God was doing, just to meet and talk, and that's the subtlety of the enemy who wants to get us away from doing God's will, but Nehemiah said he hadn't time for that. He was doing a great work. We are doing a great work, beloved. We are doing a tremendous work, the work of God in our lives, the work of God within the Church, the Body of Christ, and we cannot afford to come down. Coming down speaks about compromise, coming down from the standard of which God has set speaks about compromise. That standard that God spoke about is a standard of holiness, and we need to uphold that standard. It's by that standard that we are being identified, that standard of holiness. We are a holy people. I've been examining the many prophecies that came through from the North Carolina Camp, because I wasn't here at North Battleford, but I spoke with some of the brethren and they have said the same thing, that God seems to be pointing us in that direction where He said, "Separate yourselves, come out from among them, touch not the unclean thing." This is the banner which God wants us to be, a separated people, a people that is holy, a people lifting the royal, blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. Let us not shift from that, people; let us see where God is taking us, and where he wants us to go, and let us not come down from that standard. Oh, it would be disaster for us to just, as we would say to give up arms, to leave what God is doing, because there are so many calls out there. Let us be focused on what God is doing.

If we look at verse 73 in the same chapter 7 - "So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and

(some) of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel (were) in their cities." They were in their cities, from desolation, into the place where God wanted them to be, to complete rebuilding. God's program is complete. God's plan is complete. What God's plan is for the Church and for you is complete. Young people, God's plan for you is complete; just follow that plan. I often like to use those words the master plan is the Master's plan, and that's what we need to realize that the master plan is the Master's Plan. Let's allow Him to lead us. You see, one of the beauties about serving God, and I wish that I could spend more time on this, to encourage our walk with God. One of the beauties of serving God, is that He just doesn't leave you there; He gives you all the help; He gives you direction; He doesn't just tell you, "Here, do the work." No, His Holy Spirit is faithful; He leads you and He gives you all the equipment and He guides you, He strengthens you. God does everything for us possible; and He leaves the possibility for us to do, and sometimes it seems even the possible things that God wants us to do, we sometimes just lay them aside. Let's be practical.

This is the day, this is the hour that God is leading us and He wants us to do the possibilities. God doesn't want us to do the impossible things, - leave that to Him in the Spirit. He will take care of that. He said to cast our burdens upon Him, for He careth for us. Our duty is to do the casting; leave them to His duty; He'll do the caring. Sometimes we want to do the casting and caring too; - we are so burdened and we go on and allow ourselves to be cumbered with that load of care. Cast your burden upon the Lord this day, and He will take care. That's His promise, the promise of God is real, it's alive, and if God says that He will take care of you, He'll take care. Let's believe it, let's accept what God says, and He will take care of you. Don't doubt the promises of God. God wants to take us to that realm where He can have His glory fulfilled in us, step by step, that we can be the fulfillment of what He wants us to be. Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise the Name of the Lord!