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Friendship

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The Scriptures speak of Abraham as being the friend of God. James 2:23 "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."

The dictionary says that a friend is a person whom one knows well and is fond of. A friend is one who is an ally, a supporter and a sympathizer.

These are wonderful things when applied to our relationship with God. People so often think of God as a despot who is standing over them with a big stick. God desires to be a friend to all of us. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He knows us well. Even the hairs of our head are numbered. Matthew 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

He is fond of us, having created us and given us place in His creation and in His Kingdom. 1 John 4:10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

He is an ally who stands with us in all of our temptations and trials. I am sure that He stood with Jesus when the devil tempted Him when He was led out into the wilderness. When the temptation was over we are told, in Matthew 4:11 "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him." God supports us and gives us strength day by day. And I am sure that He sympathizes with us when we are tempted and tried.

Remember, God does not tempt us, but is touched by the feeling of our infirmity. Hebrews 4:14 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

We are tempted when we are drawn away of our own lust and enticed, as spoken by the apostle James. James 1:13-15. "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Jehoshaphat recognized Abraham's friendship with God and used it to advantage in destroying the enemies

of Israel. 2 Chron. 20:1-30. When they received word of the invading armies of Moab and Ammon Jehoshaphat began to seek the Lord and called a fast for all of Judah. Everyone joined together in seeking help from God including the women and children. He reminded God that He had given them their land because they were Abraham's seed who was the friend of God.

We can come to God with the same confidence because we have accepted Jesus Christ into our lives and He sits on the right hand of His Father and makes intercession for us. Hebrews 7:24 "But this man, (speaking of Christ) because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

After Jesus had washed His disciple's feet He gave them instruction in serving one another. He had washed His servant's feet so they should wash one another's feet. John 13:14 "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

In the next chapter He calls them friends. John 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her,

Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." Here the relationship is brought even closer still.

Jesus refers to his disciples as brethren. I pray that we may take advantage of His desire to be close to us. Ephesians 2:13 "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." James 4:8

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

I trust that we all may come to know Him well and make Him our friend, the One in whom we can trust in all circumstances.

Godly Leadership

By N. Swaan

What does leadership mean to you? What characteristics do you think of when you think of becoming a leader? What does the Bible teach about God's pattern for leadership? Every one of us will have some leadership role to play in life. Parents are leaders. Young people are leaders. There will always be someone watching us as Christians, there will always be someone to follow our example. I have felt challenged, by scripture, to search my heart and look at the way I am patterning my leadership roles. I believe that a door of understanding and change is opening to us. We are receiving an ever increasing revelation of the love, compassion, longsuffering of God. We are learning more about the changing power of our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ his Son towards us. I know that a burning desire is alighting in our hearts to follow him.

The scripture has many instructions, directly, and in type and shadow, about God's pattern for leadership. In the Old Testament, we view the leadership of Moses. We see his meekness, falling on his face before the people when they became discouraged and upset. We see him wait for and rely on God to deal with each crisis situation that Israel faced. We also see him interceding for Israel when God would have destroyed them for their disobedience. Moses and Aaron lost their right to enter the promise land because they did not obey the leadership pattern God had set. Number 20:6 "And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou

shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." God required his leadership to reflect and magnify him and not the human, so he took from Moses and Aaron their privilege to enter the promise land. God asked Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and give the people water. Moses and Aaron disobeyed God and Moses smote the rock twice. They called the people "rebels," while also in disobedience to God's instructions. This double standard or double mindedness is an abomination to God, especially in his leadership. Finally Moses and Aaron took the honour and credit from God saying "must WE fetch you water out of this rock." This changed God's image before the people from a gracious and longsuffering God to an impatient and disappointed God. (What image of God do we portray to others through "our" actions and words?)

God's leadership or order is a reflection of himself. It is a reflection to the people or a testimony of the nature of God and must always sanctify and magnify his deity and headship. The way God dealt with these two men, at first glance, may appear harsh. God was revealing foundational truths about himself and his redemptive plan through these leaders. God required complete obedience to these truths. The place also, that God had given to Moses and

Aaron in the history of God's people required that God deal with them as he did. (Luke 12:47-48, Hebrews 3:1-6)

The history of Israel in scripture shows that change took place in the leadership pattern that God had established for Israel. The Bible shows us that Israel's leadership was both administrative and spiritual up to the time of Samuel. This change split governmental leadership from spiritual leadership as described in I Samuel 8:1. "And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some

shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go before us, and fight our battles. And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king." We see here that not only did Israel forsake the rulership of God, but God also told them how self-serving their governmental leadership or monarchy would become.

Israel rejected Godly rulership and headship and took a Gentile pattern of leadership instead because of their disappointment with the vile things that Samuel's sons were doing as priests. Samuel's sons were corrupt and dishonest, but they were God's priests. He would have corrected them as he did Eli and his family. The Elders of Israel, rather than praying to God to set things in order, rejected God and his leadership pattern and took carnal or human leadership pattern instead. This was another way God tested Israel to see if they would honour and respect him as the Sovereign God. He wanted them to believe and accept that he would do the best for his chosen people. He desired them to humble themselves, trust him, and pray for deliverance. (This is a very important truth for the people of God. We have such limited human vision and understanding. We need to just

trust God and know that he loves us and is doing the best for us. Romans 8:26-28) The failure of Israel in this test began a corruption of leadership or headship that affected all aspects of the life of Israel from that day forward.

The scripture reveals God's displeasure with this Ungodly pattern of leadership as it found its way into the spiritual life of Israel. Leadership is often referred to as shepherding in the Bible:

Ezekiel 34:1 "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." God speaks again about his disappointment with human self-centred spiritual leadership over his people in Jeremiah 23:1 "We be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my

people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." To be a true shepherd over your flock, whether it is your family, a congregation, a group of workers, or some of your own peers, that you are trying to help, is a difficult job. Some of us, in our own abilities and strength, would do an excellent job according to worldly religious standards. Success of that type is complete failure to God. God, really, is looking to do the extraordinary through those of us who will humble themselves and call upon him, no matter what our natural abilities are. God is looking for change. God promised change in his world. He promised that he would make a way of escape for his people from this ungodly leadership pattern that would also bring a way of escape to all of mankind, Numbers 14: 20-21, Romans 11:7-28.

Jesus Christ came from God as a living embodiment of the love of God. He came to a people that had fallen away from God. This was all part of God's plan to extend his mercy and salvation to all of mankind by allowing Israel to be "blinded." Let us look at a summary in Isaiah 28:9-17 "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 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. But the word of the Lord was

unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." There are many wonderful things said here but we will only talk about those that affect our subject. God had been revealing himself and his ways little by little to Israel but they refused him and therefore went back into the corruption from which they came. God being merciful then relaid the foundation of his truth through Jesus Christ. He swept away the falsehoods about his headship and care for his people, and the false aspects of worship to him. Jesus Christ came to teach and to show what Godly rulership, what Godly headship really was. He came to reveal rulership and headship as "the things that be of God." He contrasted God's way with rulership and headship as man or as Israel currently understood it. Jesus Christ came to lay again a sure foundation on which the Church could be built. He came to, in himself, bring together administrative and spiritual government, or Kingship and Priesthood.

In John 1:14 we read: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ came to destroy false religion and restore true worship to God.

Jesus also came to blend again true spiritual and governmental leadership. He came to set the standard for true Godly leadership.

Let us look at Mark 8: 29-33 "And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." The disciples had just had confirmed to them that this Jesus that they were with was the Anointed, the Christ, the Messiah. Jesus then tells them not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah. He goes on to say that as the Messiah, God's son, he will have to suffer, be rejected of all the religious leaders of Israel. He will be killed by them and then rise again. Peter probably thought that Jesus had missed it. Everyone knew about the Messiah. All Israel was waiting for the Messiah. Everyone should know that Messiah was here. The Messiah would be welcomed with praise and rejoicing. Messiah was the powerful Prince of God, who would restore the earth to order. Messiah was going to set up the Kingdom of God. Peter could not fathom that this Jesus, who did wondrous miracles, who exercised power over nature, could be humiliated, tortured, and killed by those whom he taught against. God surely would not allow his Son to be treated that way; he was Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah. Peter thought it was necessary to correct this misunderstanding, so he did. Jesus then rebuked Satan for using Peter's natural mind as a tool to tempt him.

Jesus was teaching his disciples lessons in Godly leadership. He was laying the foundations for God's order in the Church. Peter and the other disciples would learn what Godly leadership meant. Jesus did not want people to be "told" that he was the Christ. He came as the embodiment of God and was only interested in being a reflec-

tion of God. The book of John says that Jesus came, not to do his own works or speak his own words, but rather those of his Father. Drawing a contrast between the "sacrificial love" and service of Godly leadership, and the "lordship" of human leadership, Jesus then describes what will befall him as the Christ, the Messiah, at the hands of those in rulership.

Jesus continued to teach his disciples the principles of self-sacrifice verses self-seeking in the next verses, Mark 8: 34:38. "And when he had called the people unto him with, his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul"? Jesus states that whosoever will be a Messiah example should deny himself, take up his cross and follow him. These are God's kingdom principles, God's own nature of leadership, that Jesus was teaching his disciples. When we stand on our rights, when we seek to stand upon our leadership authority, we are not following Christ's example of self-sacrifice in leadership. We are using our own pitiful, weak resources. We are denying God the opportunity to use us as vessels to demonstrate his divine power and authority. God was able to demonstrate through Christ, his divine will and power. This happened because Jesus Christ yielded himself to do only his Father's will. "Greater works than these" will be done through Christ's body of believers. This will come when we seek to yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit as Christ did. This way of the Christ life, way of self-sacrificial service to others in every aspect of our leadership, will bring us, through Jesus Christ, blessings, glory, honour, and eternal life.

Jesus Christ came to give his life as an atonement for our sin. He came to set us free from the working of sin in our lives. He also became a door to a new intimacy, a new relationship between mankind and God. Christ came to demonstrate what we should be. He then gave us the opportunity and power through his Holy Spirit to become like

him.

Jesus gave his disciples another very direct teaching about Godly leadership in Mark 10:41. "And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Jesus teaches his disciples that they must leave behind their carnal or human "lordship" leadership pattern and "serve" rather than "rule." He again talks about the way of self-sacrificial service to others.

This reestablishing of God's rulership or order took place through Jesus Christ and the disciples in the New Testament Church. The Church, following Israel's example, fell away and rejected the Godly pattern of leadership. It again came under gentile "lordship" for its leadership pattern. This Ungodly pattern of leadership has continued, and is everywhere we look in leadership today, in the world, in the Church, and in our homes. It has been modified and repackaged to look more user-friendly. The root of it is still the same as it was in Samuel's time, in the time of Christ, and today.

Human leadership makes the man the focus and is offended when man does not receive sufficient respect or honour or recognition. Some of our leadership hides beneath the guise of Democracy. Those who are elected generally show self-centredness, lordship, and lack of understanding. These are shown in all of man's rulership from the beginning. True Godly leadership is humble and sanctifies and lifts up God and not self. We have only to look all around us to see that this carnal form of human leadership is the standard for this world in every area of our life. Leadership that is self-seeking or self-serving and not self-sacrificing is an offence to God. The difference may appear subtle, but it is really very clear in his word. God is interested in how we serve him, how we honour and trust him to make change in our lives. God

requires that his love and devotion to mankind, his grace, be reflected in our leadership. Our interactions with others in leadership, fellowship, and service, is the demonstration of our devotion, trust, and commitment to him.

This problem or difference in leadership, does not lie in our submission to God's authority or other authority over us. Scripture is clear that we are to honour and submit to all authorities over us. The problem lies with "our personal expectations" of others with respect to "our" position and "our" authority. This is the fundamental difference between Gentile or carnal leadership and Godly leadership. God is not interested in the personal tally card we keep of how others serve us, no matter what position we have in life. God is very interested in the spirit that that we display as we interact with others. He notes the way we interact with those who are under our guidance and headship. God is also very concerned with the spirit, grace, and prayerful patience, we display toward those "over," "under," or among us who are not walking according to God's word. God who is creator and master of the universe allowed a blasphemous and rebellious mankind to torture and kill his only begotten Son. Jesus Christ, Son of God, laid aside his deity and submitted to this death to pay for our sin and rebellion. The only spirit of leadership that God can accept is that which reflects his own Spirit of sacrificial love and grace, and that of his Son, Jesus Christ. There is also another problem with the carnal or human leadership pattern. We are functioning without the same spirit of sacrificial love that exists between Jesus Christ and God the Father. Then we are not open to the understanding, wisdom, and judgment, that flows from the Lamb and from the Throne. The scripture says in Isaiah 11:1 "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." As we mentioned, in the book of John, we see that Jesus Christ submitted to and relied upon the Spirit of God to tell him what to speak and show him what to do. This abdication from all fleshly insight or ability gave God complete control in the life of Jesus Christ. It also gave Jesus all the power of God at his disposal. They were one. Connection with God's Holy Spirit gives us his insight and understanding in every situation we face. We can see beyond human sight and hear more than human ears. We have the spirit of one who can judge righteous judgment. The third problem we see with human or ungodly leadership is the lack of recognition of spiritual ministry, or spiritual gifts. I Peter 5:5 "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Romans 12:10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." We see in these preceding scriptures something that goes beyond the form of order as we understand it. We are "heirs together of the grace of life," no matter what office, headship, or position we hold. It is necessary that we learn to recognize and yield to the ministry of Christ in each other. This is important in the home, in the Church and every area of our lives. Then truly we will learn to be led by the Spirit.

We also need God's divine guidance when dealing with those who are struggling. Galatians 6:1 speaks to all Christians, especially those in leadership. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a

fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." This scripture itself is full of implication should we be bold enough to consider ourselves "spiritual." The scripture is also full of hope and good news for those who recognize their situation and are willing to call upon God for deliverance. God promised change and through Christ he brought change. Through the strength and power of the Holy Spirit we have the opportunity and ability to be changed.

II Corinthians 5:17 states: "therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." I believe God wants us to realize that he desires there to be a fundamental and complete change in who and what we are. He wants us to be new creatures that think and function differently than we did before. I Corinthians 1:30 "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." It is a finished work. He "is made unto us." It is up to us to desire change and "let" old things, the old self pass away. We are to be made through Jesus Christ into a new creature. We must understand first, what we are now like, then what Christ is like, and that it is possible and expected that we change. Colossians 1:25 "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." What a Hope! What glorious change and deliverance is available to those who will surrender to the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit. God desires that we would be shepherds after the image of his son. God will not give his glory to another. Jesus Christ teaches us in John 10:7 "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 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 thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." The only acceptable shepherd or leader to God is one who will lay down his life for the sheep.

Leadership is part of our life. The foundation, the basic cornerstone, the beginning of leadership is in the home. The understanding that a child forms of leadership and shepherding is that which he is nurtured under. The Bible gives clear direction for leadership in the home in Ephesians 5:22. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 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. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." A man must seek to fulfil his leadership role in the home by the same

spirit of sacrificial love that empowered Jesus Christ the son of God, head of the Church. Other leadership roles in life also must be empowered by that same humble, sacrificial love of Christ. It is then that his children, his wife, his employees, his flock can see the Son, can see the Father, shining forth from his example. True acceptable sacrifice to God is not from our lips or from our goods. It comes through a broken and a contrite heart. True reverence to God is not just the praise of our lips. The Holy Spirit is not only given to make us to feel good and bless us with spiritual blessings. True reverence to God is in doing his will as his word portrays it, being honest about who and what we are. It is submitting to the power of the Holy Spirit to change us into the image of Christ, making us one with the Father and the Son. (Matthew 7:21-23 "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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.") (Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.") (Romans 12:1-2 "I 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.") (John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I

have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.") Seeking to establish "our" control in "our" lives will cause us to lose them. Standing on, or seeking to establish, "our" honour, "our" respect, "our" authority, will cause us to lose that which we have through Christ. We must not always seek to appear right, for we will end up being right with the wrong spirit. That is wrong in God's eyes. "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Look upon this Christ. See that he gave up everything and by his self sacrifice was exalted above all. Philippians 2:1 "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let

nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We must seek to follow his footsteps and take up our cross daily in every area of our life. Then God will

honour our sacrifice and bless us with the power of his Son to bring us in his image. The door of hope is open before us. No matter how we have walked in our roles as leaders, no matter how we may feel we have failed, no matter how demanding or ungracious we have been, he who died for us while we were yet sinners, calls to us. Will we take up our cross daily and follow his example? Will we let go of all anger, bitterness, and desire for "lordship" or control? Will we let the sweet sacrificial love of Christ flow over our lives and flood into our hearts to renew and repair all of our relationships? "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Oh let us humble ourselves and call upon God for his headship, his love, his kingdom order to break forth in our lives, in the Church, and throughout all the earth.

What's Different?

By Markus Hansen

Recently, as we were driving to our mid-week meeting God put this question in my heart;

"What's the difference between our gathering and the modern church?"

After our meeting began, this question kept coming to my mind and since our mid-week meetings are well attended by young people it seemed like it would be a good subject for discussion. The answer to this question is so important, so vital, for it goes to the very heart of what God is doing in this end age. It is also something we must guard with all our strength. We should strive for it, make ourselves available for it, and do everything in our power to make room for it in our lives, in our homes and in the church.

To answer this question, one has to look back in history to what happened in 1947 and 1948. If you have the pamphlet, "This Present Move of God" and/or the booklet, "The Move of the Spirit of God" it would be good to read them. As you read these eyewitness descriptions of what occurred during 1947 and 1948, let your heart be stirred.

Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you about the significance of what happened. This was the most significant event that has happened on this earth since the fall of the early church in the fourth century. "Oh", you say, "that is an outlandish statement." I think not, glory to God, because what happened in 1948, in a little unknown town of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada touched Christendom around the whole earth. But more important, it allowed the truths of God to come forth with great power, authority and clarity. Oh, Hallelujah!

If there is one thing that I have learned in my walk with God it is, ***"if you really mean business with God, He will hear you."*** That is right. If we are hungry for more of God and we really mean it by laying aside the cares of life and seeking Him with all our heart, then we will hear from heaven. You can't be flippant with God and expect He will answer the desire of your heart. You can't walk in the ways of the world and then show up at Sunday service and expect God to pour out

His blessing upon you. No, a thousand times no.

In order for this great move of God to spring forth 1948, God had to set the stage. And so it was, there was a division in a denominational Bible School which set the scene for a number of men to leave the ecclesiastical system and open up a Bible College in North Battleford in the fall of 1947. From far and wide, a group of about 70 students, many of them just out of high school, and in their early twenties arrived in North Battleford to attend the fall session at the newly formed Bible College. God called them out from the religious systems of men because the time had come for the voice of God to be heard in the land. Oh glory to God. Because the Bible School was not attached to any denomination, or affiliated with any other church, the Holy Spirit was not constrained by the rigorous time tables of a formal bible school as demanded in the ecclesiastical system. There were no religious ceremonies to adhere to or ritualistic services to conform to, they came with one

thing in mind, to seek God. That is how it began.

As the teachers and students gathered, it was clear that God had prepared their hearts for what He wanted to accomplish. God put a hunger in their hearts for a greater moving of the Holy Spirit in their lives. I have heard it said by some that were present at the Bible College, that as the fall session progressed; they found it easier and easier to pray for extended periods. This led to fasting and praying for even longer periods which is very difficult for the carnal man. But when God plants the desire to fast and pray, He gives the ability. Oh, praise God.

I would like you to use your imagination to vision this setting in the Bible College in North Battleford in 1947. Remember that life was much simpler in those days. This is only 2 years after WWII; the country had gone through a very difficult time. Many had little or no money to attend Bible College. But somehow God provided. As the students arrived, the setting was not like the grand Colleges in the south with large brick buildings, grand entrances and tall columns nor the modern campuses of today. No, the buildings were simple World War 11 airforce barracks. No TV, no CD Players, few, if any, owned a car. **Very simple settings, very few material possessions, very little of man, VERY LITTLE TO INTERFERE WITH THE MOVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Following the Christmas break, the teachers and student body spent much time in prayer and fasting during which time it was difficult to hold regular classes. There was a tremendous hunger for God and yielding to the Holy Spirit. Many had been filled with the Holy Ghost and prophecy began to flow. Several times a prophecy came forth indicating that they were standing before an open door and they were admonished to enter in. Then one day, a prophecy indicated that the open door would be closed forever if they did not enter in. The principal of the school then stood and prayed asking God to reveal what that door represented so that they could enter in. Shortly after, another prophecy came under the unction of the Holy Spirit. Many will have heard of this prophecy before, but I wish to repeat it here **"This door is the doorway into your gifts, callings and ministries. Long has it been closed by**

doubts, fears and unbelief but now through fasting and prayer this door has been opened unto you."

How had this door been opened? Through prayer and fasting. I might add to this the fact that there was a preparation time before the teachers and students entered into serious prayer and fasting. It was preceded by God setting the scene, drawing the students and teachers together, and then, most importantly, allowing the Holy Spirit to move within the hearts and lives of all that were gathered. Much time was spent in **PRAISE AND WORSHIP!** There was unity in spirit and heart. Whatever the Holy Spirit wanted, too became their desire.

The teachers had started a bible college to prepare young Christians for the work of the ministry. The usual structure in a bible college was to have regular classes where the teachers taught on numerous subjects. However, many times the classes began with a time of praise and worship and the Holy Spirit fell on the whole classroom and the teachers were willing to step aside and **allow the Holy Spirit to have free reign.** Man stepped aside and God moved in, Hallelujah, glory to God.

At the first Feast of Pentecost in early April 1948, people came from across the whole land. They had heard that God was moving by His Spirit. And He did move by His Spirit in those meetings. Prophecy flowed like a river; people received their gifts by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, (a group of elders); people were healed. The brethren taught with great authority on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the coming together of the Body of Christ. Glory to God. God was moving by the Spirit, moving through all the earth. Hallelujah.

When we say and mean it with all our hearts, "have your way Lord", then God will come in and show us His way, His truth, His will. It is when we worship God **in the Spirit** that He can reveal Himself and His Plan. That explains why there came a time when God was willing to reveal His truth regarding the imparting of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, His truth regarding the restoration of the five fold ministry, His truth regarding the operation of the family, local church and universal church and His truth regarding the coming together of the Body of Christ and going on into

Sonship. It was when the people of God came out from the denominational religious systems and be a separate people unto Him that He was able to begin the process of restoring all that had been lost to the church down through ages past.

Dear Saints of God, it is no different today. God is calling us to go on in Him, but we have a responsibility before God to keep the channels open to the Moving of the Holy Spirit. We, yes you and me, each one of us has a part to play in this. The travelling brethren, local elders and deacons, each individual member of the Body of Christ must make room for the Holy Spirit to move; in our homes, in our local church and in our camp meetings. It is a must. We can not allow ourselves to become entangled in the modern church. God has no interest in pre-programmed religious meetings, monotonous regularity, rituals and democratically controlled church leadership. None whatsoever. He most assuredly is not interested in entertainment. The modern church is built around programs and entertainment. You may be able to sing like Andrea Bocelli, but if it is not inspired by the Holy Spirit it has absolutely no value! You may have a natural ability to teach and tickle the ears of men such that they hang on every word you speak, but without the unction of the Holy Spirit it is just a ringing noise in the ear of God. Just a bunch of noise. That is all it is.

Speaking of Jesus, John the Baptist said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30. Any person or act that draws attention away from Christ must be treated with suspicion. Anyone that is looking for predominance is not ministering by the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit never draws attention to himself; He always points to Christ.

I would like to quote from, "Messages to the Church", author, Bro. H. Holt, page 296;

"Viewing the great outpourings of history since Pentecost, one can gather from them the increase in revelation that the church entered into. Thousands never advanced into the new. At the turn of the twentieth century a tremendous outpouring happened. It swept the earth, and I mean the earth, with the same experiences that happened at the first Pentecost. Millions were filled and spoke in tongues, as the Spirit gave

utterance. The resistance came from those who believed in salvation and sanctification such as the Methodists and Lutherans and many other groups, but regardless, God swept over all hindrances and a new body of believers appeared. They were mocked and called terrible names but they grew in power and the demonstration of His Spirit, and now they are known in history as the Pentecostals. Out of this body came another vast following who heard what God said, "I will restore to the Church the nine gifts of the Spirit etc." This is what was missing in the first great outpouring of the twentieth century. For reasons known to God, He withheld what He did until the 1948 visitation. This is nothing new to God. He has been doing this from the time of Adam, and it is clearly defined in the scriptures. Many believers of the twentieth century outpouring lived in what happened in the 1948 outpourings, some receiving prophecy and other gifts."

The question is then, are we willing to go on in God? Do we really, with all our hearts, desire all that God has for us? Are we prepared to make the sacrifices necessary to enter into Sonship? Is it more important than anything else in our lives? If so, then we must make room for the Holy Spirit.

To help us in this, there is good advice found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22,

***Rejoice evermore.**

***Pray without ceasing.**

***In everything give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

***Quench not the Spirit.**

***Despise not prophesyings.**

***Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

***Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

Also in Ephesians 5, 18-21,

***And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit:**

***Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.**

***Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

***Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**

And in Jude 20 & 21,

***But ye, beloved building up yourselves on your most holy faith, pray-**

ing in the Holy Ghost.

One thing we can all do to make room for the Holy Spirit is to worship God. In our personal devotions, family devotions and church meetings, worship is vital. It is like blood to the body; stop blood from flowing and the body dies. Stop worship in our meetings and our meetings will die. Spiritual worship will always open the door for the moving of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of God is present, then God can speak through prophecy, the exhorter can exhort and the teacher teach. When the Holy Spirit is moving upon the people, Spiritual songs will be sung. If you are leading a meeting and nothing is happening, **begin to praise God.** Don't plan ahead a long list of songs to sing in the meeting. Look to God, seek His face before the meeting and let God indicate the songs and hymns to be sung. That is right. During the week while you are seeking His face and worshipping the Lord, God may put a song or two on your heart that won't go away. Start with those songs and the Holy Spirit will anoint them and cause a stirring in the hearts of the congregation. Very likely more songs will come, or the Holy Spirit may lead into singing in the Spirit. Let God direct the meeting.

The psalmist David said, *"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders."* Psalm 107, 31&32.

A new pattern of worship developed during the early days of the Move of the Spirit. To this day, the ecclesiastical church meeting typically follows the pattern where the pastor in charge prepares a sermon as well as arranges for a few hymns, which fit the theme of his sermon. Where is God in this? All the congregation has to do is sing along when there is singing and listen to the message prepared by the pastor. Nothing else, you can be a member of a modern church and never say a word during the meeting and who will notice? But that is not God's plan for the Sunday morning church gathering. The Holy Spirit showed us there is a better way.

God has a pattern of worship for the church, that, if adhered to, will satisfy the longings of the hearts of His people. The pattern is simply letting the Holy

Spirit direct the meeting. Yes, it's simple as that. Instead of man deciding the order of the meeting, we let the Holy Spirit direct the meeting. How do we do that? We come to the meeting place with our hearts open to the moving of the Holy Spirit. We spend time seeking God during the week so that we are in tune with God. We set aside our own ambitions, our own thoughts and yield our will to the will of Christ. We step aside and let God take over. Typically our meetings begin in worship and song. If the Holy Spirit leads us, a theme will develop and the songs, hymns, prayers, prophecies, exhortations and teaching will go down along the theme that God has set. That is the difference between our meetings and the modern church.

Dear Saints of God, do not let this precious pattern slip away through pre-arranged song services, programs and entertainment. That's the norm in the modern church, but God has no interest in that. He said, *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, said 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, said the Lord Almighty."* 11 Corinthians 6:17 & 18.

Saints of God, this is the Move of the Spirit, as long as we let the Spirit Move. We, again I say, we, each one, has his part to play in this. The Holy Spirit is gentle like a dove. He does not come into our presence and demand charge. If we want to run the show, He will move to the back of the room. But, oh, the glory of His Presence! Oh, the ecstasy of being bathed by showers from on high. Nothing can replace being in His presence. When I read the account of the pouring out of the Spirit of God on the student body in February 1948 and the following Feast and Camp meetings how my heart rejoices. Praise God, Oh, Hallelujah! What a wonderful sight it must have been. The Saints of God were literally overcome by the moving of the Spirit of God. Praise, worship, singing in the spirit, prophecy and teaching like the land had never heard since the times of Christ. Have we gone backwards? Have we been lulled into a program of going to church where we sing along with the congregation, hear a sermon and go home? Or, is that longing still there to go right on into Sonship?

With all my heart I wish to encour-

age each one to make room for the Holy Spirit. Open your heart to Christ and let Him come in and take possession of your whole being. Build yourself up in the Spirit by speaking daily in the heavenly language. When you gather with the Body of Christ, avail yourself to the moving of the Spirit of God by entering into praise and worship with all your heart and become a part of what God is

doing today.

I wish to end with a song that we have been singing a lot in our local meetings;

If you want to see the Glory of the Lord,

Why don't you praise him, lift up your hands and praise Him.

If you want to see the Glory of the

Lord,

Why don't you lift up your hands and Praise the Lord.

Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime,

Praise Him in the evening, praise Him all the day long,

Why don't you lift up your hands and praise the Lord.

The Threshing Floor

By E. Hardi Kubassek

(Continued from May/June issue)

House cleaning!

The scripture clearly indicates that the Church is the House of God, His building not made with human hands. The intention of God is to fill this house with the fulness of His glory! Anything that is even the slightest bit soiled or defiled will be consumed as His glory increases in intensity. Perhaps you have thrown a piece of paper or wood into a fire and for a short time it may only smoke or appear unaffected by the flame. Suddenly the object bursts into flame and is consumed. The impurities which we conceal may go unnoticed by others but as the glory of the Lord fills His house the chaff will burst into flame and the ashes will be swept into the trash. As the intensity of God's light in our midst increases the unnoticed impurities will become very noticeable, like when a light is shone under a bed or into a hidden corner and the previously invisible dust is seen.

"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will the end be of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1 Pet. 4:17. We need to take a serious look at our motives in regard to our relationship with the Church. Are we looking for power and authority to make a name or gain position for ourselves? Power struggles have been a human characteristic from the beginning of time but never is it more obnoxious than when supposedly spiritual individuals fight for it. Politics have long pervaded. Christian circles with all its mudslinging or pretension of humility to impress gullible congregations.

People who use devious means to gain control over others in the house of God will sooner or later find themselves exposed in the light of the Lord's presence.

God given authority

The order of God as shown us in the New Testament is receiving gifts and ministries by prophecy and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. People are set into offices in the Church by those who are appointed apostolic elders. Divine government is the order of God for the home, Church, and the world. There isn't any place for human ambition but unlimited room for advancement to those who are committed to the perfect will of God unfolding in their lives. I have heard individuals say that they would really do a great work for God if they were set into an office. The fact is that most people will never be set into an office but that no one is restricted from ministering. Those who have selfish and egotistical ambitions will soon be seen for what they are. Unless they repent they will move on to another congregation or organization and try once again to reach their goal.

Many of the divisions that are among Christians today are the direct result of a separation of those who desire to move on into more revelation and those who are satisfied to hold on to what they think they have. The move of God's Spirit cannot be contained or canned! God is moving on and if we refuse to follow Him we will be getting ever further from Him while holding on to little more than history. The lack of desire on the part of some will not deter God from bringing forth the

Church in its purest form. Jesus was faithful to every detail "for the joy that was set before Him". The reward that Jesus will receive is a bride, the gift of the Father to His very own Son. God will not give His Son anything but the very best, regardless of how long it takes to prepare.

To be a part of that bride is what we are called to be. What a high and holy calling! It is worth us giving up every last ounce of strength and each moment of our remaining life. The value of Sonship is beyond human comprehension, but it is attainable and clearly promised to "him that over comes". Rev. 2, 1-3, 22.

Pride before the fall!!

Pride is the opposite of humility, and humility is often misunderstood. True humility has nothing to do with religiosity, the pretentious mannerism with which one speaks and acts to impress others of their "spirituality." Jesus spotted these types of people many times during His ministry here on the earth and openly exposed their inner intentions. To the average person these self-righteous Pharisees were the height of piety and religious fervour. The pretentious religious leaders thrived on the reverence and honour that people bestowed on them. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness, even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Math. 23: 27 & 28.

God will not tolerate any self seek-

ing individual, and as the glory of His presence fills His house the motives of all will be exposed in the intensity of His light. Pride made Satan become the enemy of God and if we are looking for the praise of people and struggling for position to satisfy our ego we will be purged out. We may put on a very impressive show to impress others to our advantage but the little side shows of carnality will soon be seen for what they really are.

True humility is for us to recognize God's rightful place in our lives, as well as our place in His plan. When we do this we will see the tremendous value that each and every other member has in the body, and how we are complete only when in harmony with them. Finally, humility is recognizing the great value that God has placed on us as an individual in relating to Himself as Lord, and others whom He has called as equal members. Humility has no part in demeaning ones self or the ministry that the Holy Spirit has given at His will.

Let all who confess the name of Jesus leave off competing with other members of the body for prominence or jostling for position. Help us Lord to channel all our efforts into becoming one in You. May our whole desire be to properly represent you to this generation and demonstrate your personality as we interact with saints and sinners. I challenge all to cast aside our toys of carnal ambition and fasten our eyes upon the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus - Sonship! "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you." Phil 3:14&15.

Every man's work tried by fire!

We are called to work in a collective project where each one is given specific abilities as well as responsibilities. The whole project will eventually measure up to God's exacting standards. What we each have to be concerned about is that our portion is done exactly as the blue prints indicate. The completed house will stand every test of time and eternity, but the work of some will be reduced to ashes.

Yes, a whole life time or portion of

it which was motivated either by disobedience or ambitious effort will go up in a puff of smoke. "Each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is." 1 Cor. 3:13.

Threshing of the nations

There is no escaping the reach of the almighty Creator of the universe. Each living soul will one day appear before Him to give account of themselves as to what they did with the life time allotted to them. Jesus spoke about the end time harvest in Math. 13:24-30. The landowner planted good seed in his field but when the crop came up in the blade it was evident to his servants that there were tares (plants which looked like the grain but were not) among the good plants. Did you not plant good seed asked the servant? Yes I did said the Lord but an enemy has done this. The servant's immediate reaction was to quickly go into the field and pull out these imposters. Not so said the Lord, lest we also uproot the good grain. We will let them grow together but at harvest time we will first of all gather out all the tares which we will then tie into bundles and burn up.

"He who sows good seeds is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matt. 13:37-43.

God's Threshers

"Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel. I will help you, says the Lord and your Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel. Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth, you shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, and make the hills like chaff. You shall winnow them, the wind will carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; you shall re-

joice in the Lord, and glory in the Holy One of Israel." Isa. 41:14-16. By this prophecy it is plain to see that the Israel of God, (which in this dispensation is known as The Church) becomes the instrument which God prepares and uses to harvest the world.

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; As a potter's vessel shall be broken to pieces, as I also have received from my Father." Rev. 2:26&27. The authority given to Jesus by the Father in judging the nations is shared with "he who overcomes". The saints who willingly died to their own will in order to attain God's will are now promised to be co-workers together with Jesus in dealing with the rest of the world. By God's grace alone, being part of the solution rather than a part of the problem.

Please read Rev. 14:14-20. In this vision Jesus is seen with a sharp sickle in His hand. An angel appears to announce that it is time to harvest for the crop is ripe. The one who appears as the Son of Man thrusts in the sickle and the earth is reaped. Now an angel who has power over the fire cries out with a loud voice to instruct another angel to use his sickle to gather the clusters of fully ripe grapes. These grapes are thrown into the great winepress of the wrath of God from which flows an abundance of blood. The final judgments of God are to be taken literally. Many would choose to believe that a loving God would never carry out what the Bible teaches. Let us not be deceived, Paul said "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." Gal. 6:7

Harvest time!

"Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease." Math. 9:37-10:1. This commission and endowment came even before the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples. Without the authority of the Holy Spirit and His enablement we will make very little

progress in bringing in the harvest. To be God's harvesting tools we must first of all have the attributes which will make us useful to Him, being Christlike. Too long we have resisted the Blessed Holy Spirit by holding on to our religious tradition and behaviour.

The Church has a great responsibility of self preservation and continuity. We can focus only on keeping what we have and neglect to extend the borders to include as many as the Lord our God shall call. It is the responsibility of everyone who confesses the name of Jesus to be a witness of that salvation. As varied as our gifts and ministries are, each of us are His ambassadors. Our every motive, behaviour, and action, verbal or other will witness either of our sinful nature or the nature of Jesus. The mixed message that the world has gotten from some Christians has brought untold confusion and disillusion to people who seek the truth.

Get the real power!

It is time for us to get totally free from pretense and form. There is a mighty deluge which God is anxious to pour forth into His Church. The cry of the dedicated Son seekers is going up before the throne night and day. If you who are reading this article feel the stirring of the Spirit even now, I beg you, join in with us in fervent prayer and supplication.

Take time to fast and make seeking the Lord in your life your number one priority. The clouds of the upcoming outpouring are about to burst upon the waiting seekers who like those at Pentecost, put everything else aside and waited together in the upper room. Blessed are those whose desire to behold the glory of the Lord causing them to cling to the horns of the altar. The altar is where the flesh of sacrifices is consumed by fire. Will you pray the following prayer with me? Tie me to the horns of your altar Lord until you say that I am ready to go into the

most holy place with you.

Final comments

"The process of threshing separates the very nature and life of Christ within us from our own carnal human nature."

"Threshing separates the seeds of the kingdom from the chaff of our Adamic origin."

"The straw and the chaff are essential for they are the birthplace of Christ. He was literally born in a place of straw and chaff but when He reached perfection through obedience He was promoted to being Lord of all! The chaff of our humanity is the birth place of many sons who will be brought into full glory."

"The threshing floor is a hard place where the whole of us is subjected to the painful process of refinement. On this floor the work of God's grace is separated from the works of our sinful flesh and carnal nature." To God be all the glory!

With Christ In The School Of Prayer

And He spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint...And the Lord said, And shall not God avenge His elect, which cry to him day and night, and he is long-suffering over them? I say unto you, that He will avenge them speedily. Luke 18:1-8

Of all the mysteries of the prayer world, the need of persevering prayer is one of the greatest. That the Lord, who so wholly longs to bless, should have to be supplicated time after time, sometimes year after year, before the answer comes, we cannot easily understand. It is also one of the greatest practical difficulties in the exercise of believing prayer. When after, persevering supplication, our prayer remains unanswered, it is often easier for our slothful flesh, and all its appearance of pious submission, to think that we must now cease praying, because God must have his secret reason for withholding his answer to our request.

It is by faith that the difficulty is overcome. When once faith has taken its stand upon God's word, and the name of Jesus, and has yielded itself to the leading of the spirit to seek God's will and honor him alone in its prayer, it need not be discouraged by delay. It knows from scripture that the power of believing

prayer is simply irresistible; real faith can never be disappointed. It knows how, just as water, to exercise the irresistible power it can have, must be gathered up and accumulated, until the stream can come down in full force, there must often be a heaping up of prayer, until God sees that the measure is full, and the answer comes.

It knows how, just as the plowman has to take his ten thousand steps, and sow his ten thousand seeds, each one part of the preparation for the final harvest, so there is need be for oft repeated persevering prayer, all working out some desired blessing. It knows for certain that not a single believing prayer can fail of its effect in heaven, but has its influence, and is treasured up to work out answer in due time to him who persevereth to the end. It knows that it has to do not with human thoughts or possibilities, but with the word of the living God. And so, even as Abraham through so many years in hope believed against hope, and then through faith and patience inherited the promise, it accounts that the long suffering is salvation, waiting and hasting unto the coming of its Lord to fulfil His promise.

To enable us, when the answer to our prayer does not come at once, to com-

bine quiet patience and joyful confidence in our persevering prayer, we must especially try to understand the two words in which our Lord sets forth the character and conduct, not of the unjust judge, but of our God and Father, towards those whom He allows to cry night and day to Him:

'He is long-suffering over them; He will avenge them speedily.'

He will avenge them speedily, the Master says. The blessing is all prepared; He is not willing but most anxious to give them what they ask; everlasting love burns with the longing desire to reveal itself full to its beloved and to satisfy their needs. God will not delay one moment longer than is absolutely necessary; He will do all in his power to hasten and speed the answer.

But why if this is true and his power be infinite, does it take so long with the answer to prayer? And why must God's own elect so often, in the midst of suffering and conflict, cry day and night? He is long suffering over them, 'Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being long suffering over it, till it receive the early and the latter rain. The husbandman does indeed long for his harvest, but knows that it must have its

full time of sunshine and rain, and long patience. A child so often wants to pick the half-ripe fruit; the husbandman knows to wait till the proper time. Man in his spiritual nature, too, is under the law of gradual growth that reigns in all created life. It is only in the path of

development that he can reach his divine destiny. And it is the father, in whose hands are the times and the seasons, who alone knows the moment when the soul or the church is ripened to that fullness of faith in which it can really take and keep the blessing. As a

father who longs to have his only child home from school, and yet waits patiently till the time of training is completed, so it is with God and his children: He is the long-suffering one, and answers speedily.

— Andrew Murray

Report: Feast of Pentecost/2000

By Terry Miller

"We have just said 'good-bye' to a very wonderful family of believers. Now they are on the highway to get back to work, but I am sure they will say with us, 'It was good to have been there'." So wrote Br. Herrick Holt in the SHARON STAR over thirty years ago as he reported on the Feast of Pentecost/1969. Now Feast of Pentecost/2000 is itself history, but the sentiment is the same, "It WAS good to have been there."

Once again, hundreds of the anointed from very near and very far gathered at SHARON SCHOOLS on Easter weekend/2000 to wait on God, to fellowship with the redeemed, and to "hear" what the "Spirit is saying" to the "called out" ones at the beginning of this new millennium. O how I wish I had the ability, the words to the convey wonder of it all!

The heavenly Feast began Thursday evening on a high note with a very discernible consciousness of Divine Presence from the outset. Without wanting even one iota, this high level of anointing continued throughout the Feast, ending Sunday morning on that

same high note. It seemed no one meeting stood above the rest. No flesh was exalted. No man could stand, and none were prominent. As the "called out ones", that precious "remnant seed" was being wooed to still higher ground, there seemed to be an equality in ministry and administration as the Body exalted its' Head, the Lord Jesus, who alone is worthy. Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

The sons-of-God-in-the-making prophesied like a river, that River that gives Life. Songs, new and old, were sung by the anointing as we were lifted from where we are to where He is. Songs never heard before on this earth were "given" by the Spirit as several of the faithful gave voice to that peculiar moving within. O the wonder of it all. God's own Christ - He who lives forever more - was being gloried in His own House. One wanted to linger, to never leave ("go out") again.

His Divine Presence was manifest in the children's time and on the children's workers, on those dear believers who followed Him in the waters of baptism, in the fellowship and recrea-

tion, and on the young people. His anointing rested upon those who volunteered in so many ways on the grounds and in the dining hall and the clean-up crews. The musicians played skillfully unto the Lord. Those who ministered in song at the senior home report that same Divine Presence was with them there, too. SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE, this place/realm in God that we can all enter into. We were/are blessed, heavenly blessed.

"Meeting after meeting moved on heavenly wheels," Br. Holt reported regarding Feast/1969. "When the last song was sung and the people started for home, as cars loaded up all their belongings, I heard over and over again, 'I can hardly wait for the summer camp to begin.'" He concluded, "I feel we are on the edge of something. I feel closer to living in the secret place of the Most High than I ever have. There is a place where sin and sickness cannot harm. IT IS A PLACE OF LONG LIFE. It is the habitation of the Most High. IT IS YOUR REAL HOME."

The Power of Praise

By G. Price

It is very interesting to note how so many times we are exhorted by the Lord, through the ministry of the body, to praise the Lord and to sing his praise. Hebrews 13-15: "Our constant sacrifice to God should be the praise of the lips that give thanks to his name, for he is worthy of all our praise." Glory be to our God.

We read that after Israel had marched around the walls seven times, on the seventh day they were exhorted to shout

and immediately the walls fell down. You will also note the shout of praise proceeded the Victory, or the removing of the city wall.

May the Lord find us faithful in the ministry of praising when things go wrong and when there is no break in the dark clouds that surround us.

As Paul and Silas in the prison dungeon, it was after their singing and praising God at midnight, that every one's bands were loosed and they were

set free. Praise his wonderful name for ever.

The Psalmist David not only exhorted us to praise the Lord but he himself was a great example of praising and magnifying the Lord. David said, "Come let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with songs of praise and great rejoicing in the Lord."

I feel there is a great lack in our meetings to just let go and let God move upon us by his spirit and let those wells of living water gush forth from within. Let us sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things for us, for which we are glad. Glory to God.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise and be thankful unto him and praise his name." David said, "I will sing of the Mercies of the Lord forever, with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name." David always set an example of praise to his God and then he was able to encourage others. He said, "I will sing of the Mercies of the Lord forever. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgment."

Nehemiah was greatly saddened at the report his brethren brought back from Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 1:2-3-4) "I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped which were left of the captivity and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, they are in great affliction and reproach. The walls of Jerusalem also are broken down and the gates thereof are burned with fire. When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the Lord God of heavens."

(Nehemiah 2:1-2) "And it came to pass in the month Nisan in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him and I took up the wine and gave it unto the King." Please note the following words; "I had not been beforetime sad in his presence, wherefore the King said unto me. Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of the heart. Then I was very sore afraid."

Nehemiah was sore afraid because no one was allowed to enter the King's presence with a sad countenance, what a wonderful lesson for us. We have a greater King, the King of Kings who has done great things for us and has given unto us great and precious promises which shall yet be fulfilled in our day. Hallelujah!

Already we see the desert blossoming as a rose. Already we are conscious of the Kingdom that Jesus spoke about

and prayed would come nearing our human shores. Therefore we should never enter his presence with defeat, discouragement or with sadness of heart, but rather let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms, for the Lord is a great God. The God of our salvation.

Therefore let us praise him. We can see now that praising God is a tremendous weapon both for today and for the trying days that lie ahead.

In II Chronicles 20 a very wonderful picture is given of Jehoshaphat bringing utter defeat to his enemies, which were many, by a choir of singers.

What is more beautiful than the body of Christ singing his praises together in the spirit. No one can really tell what victories for the church and for the world are being won when the spirit leads the church to sing together the praises of our Lord.

We read in II Chronicles 21...Jehoshaphat appointed singers unto the Lord that they should praise the beauty of Holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever." When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the Children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seis, which were come against Judah, and they were smitten.

Maybe God is waiting for you to sing. You know the way is hard. You know you are suffering in your body. You know you have been tempted to almost the breaking point. You know there is no hope in the natural. You wonder if this prison you are in will last for ever: "Have you tried singing and praising God?"

When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set Ambushments, a trap, to take the enemy by surprise. God gave them great spoils, which is symbolic of health, happiness and glory in his Kingdom. This Victory was so complete and wonderful it took them three days to gather the spoils. All Jehoshaphat had to do was to appoint singers and leave his armies at home. Praise be to his wonderful name, for ever. God is teaching us to abandon the carnal way for the spirit way.

Paul and Silas' prison experience offers much instruction for us today and shows to us the necessity of praising God. So often trouble overtakes us

when we are in the perfect will of God. It seems to please the Lord to ever try us that we may come forth as pure gold. So let us not despair at trials for it may be in your life as it was in Joseph's. God meant it for good, to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive.

Paul and Silas could have murmured. There will be times when you feel you are justified in feeling sorry for yourself and perhaps become a prey to self pity. If you do, you will miss what God has planned for you.

At that midnight hour Paul and Silas knew the value of giving thanks. Note the succession of God's intervention and mighty acts when they, Paul and Silas, began to sing. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, immediately all the doors were open. Immediately, everyone's bonds were loosed. "Praise his Name!"

There may be an hour ahead of us that before the walls will fall flat, we will have to have within us that divine shout. There maybe an hour approaching, that before our enemies are all defeated there will be more and more unity of the body in singing and worshipping the Lord, in spite of all opposition.

We must not look at our undone state or our weakness, for God declares that he is our strength and our salvation whom shall we fear? Nothing can take us out of his hand.

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart. Wait, I say on the Lord."

We must continually say to all members of the body, "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." It will bring victory in our lives. It will cause Satan's kingdom to be destroyed with the brightness of our rising up in the spirit into Christ our Lord.

"For then we shall be more than conquerors in his name. As for the Victorious, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God and he will never leave it. I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven from my God. I will write upon him my new name. As for the Victorious, I will give him the honour of sitting beside me on my throne. Just as I myself have won the victory and have taken my seat beside my father on his throne." Praise

his wonderful name.

When he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders prostrated themselves before the lamb of God. Each of them had a harp, and they had golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sang, "Worthy art thou to take the book and break it's seals, for thou has been slain and by thy blood has purchased for God men from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation!" Thou hast made them a Kingdom of priests for our God, and they shall reign as kings upon the earth. Oh, praise his wonderful and glorious name

forever and ever.

We can now hope for a perfect inheritance beyond the reach of change and decay "reserved in heaven for you, and in the meantime you are guarded by the power of God operating through your faith, till you enter fully into the salvation which is all ready for the denouement of the last day. This means tremendous joy to you, I know, even though at present you are temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials and temptation. "This is no accident." It happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more precious than gold. This proving

of your faith is planned to result in praise and honour and glory in the day when Jesus Christ reveals himself.

So brace up your mind, and as men who know what they are doing, rest your hopes on the grace that will be yours when Jesus Christ reveals himself. Be ye holy in every department of your lives. For the one who has called you is holy. But you are God's "chosen generation", His "royal priesthood", His "Holy Nation", His "peculiar people". He has called you out of darkness, into his marvellous light. Therefore let Praise and Honour and Glory bring us the Victory.

Letter of Appreciation

Beloved in the Lord,
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Almighty God, who for His mercies and guidance, comforted us during the death of my dearly beloved wife, Deaconess Philomena C.J. Edwards.

My special gratitude goes to the Apostolic Ministries and all the travelling deacons of the Global Missions Incorporated, for their great sympathy to me.

My immense gratitude goes to Brother Brian Hannigan, Gilbert James and Crafton Lewis who were in Nigeria during this sorrowful period and gave me wonderful words of encouragement, and all the needed support. My deepest

thanks to the Global Missions in Canada, Trinidad in West Indies, United States of America, East Africa, Guyana in South America, Sharon Gospel Radio, and my numerous friends from the church at Canada and U.S.A. for their various messages of condolence which served as a pillow for me.

I am also very thankful to the leaders of various churches in Nigeria for gathering and their unflinching support to ensure that the funeral service gets to a successful and fulfilling conclusion. Also, on the list is the Global Missions Inc. in Nigeria. The Chairman, the Secretary and the entire Nsit-Ubium Local Government Area for their tireless service towards the burial.

Encouragement at a time like these

is not a thing of the flesh but of the Holy Spirit. So I am really very grateful that the Lord has used you to strengthen and make me strong. I am very glad that the tragedy that struck did not hinder the camp meeting which came almost at the same time.

I am indeed, very appreciative of your support and contributions in various ways. Thank you very much. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. It is highly commendable, while praying that the Lord Almighty should marvellously reward you and keep you in Jesus' name, Amen.

Your Brother in the Vineyard
of the Lord,
Bro. Cyprian J. Edwards
Nigeria

My Prayer By Ruth Tyler

I call upon the name of the Lord,
to tear down these walls, between you
and I.

To shatter, to destroy, let it fall to the
ground

Let the walls oh Lord, let the walls come
down.

How can I help my brother today?

How can I help, with this wall in the
way?

How can I comfort my sister in need
when built between is this wall, like a
weed.

These walls of bitterness of hatred and
strife

Of envy and malice, have no place in our
life.

Cleanse us oh Lord and heal us I pray
and tear down these walls between us
today.

The enemy seeks to destroy our home
he comes to devour the Church,
God's own.

He wants to destroy the entire nation
and take away any hope of Salvation.
Come, oh Lord and strengthen our home

strengthen the Church, and strayed
lambs that roam,
Heal us oh Lord, as we give you our all,
And tear down, oh Lord, tear down this
wall.

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DATES OF IMPORTANCE

North Carolina Camp Salisbury, NC July 30 - August 6, 2000
 St. Vincent, West Indies Camp July 29 - August 6, 2000
 Pinelow Summer Family Camp August 7 -13, 2000
 Young Peoples - Hidden Acres, ON Sept. 1 - 4, 2000
 Young Peoples - Park Vally, SK Sept. 1 - 4, 2000
 Family Camp - Winkler, MB Sept. 1 - 4, 2000
 Pinelow Fall Family Camp Nov. 9 - 12, 2000

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 and ends

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