

# FIRST LOVE VERSUS FIRST BORN

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**Just as I awoke one morning, the Lord said to me, “FIRST LOVE Versus FIRST BORN”. I got up and wrote those words down, as well as everything that I had been taught about each one of those things.**

## **First love:**

The love that we all received when we first received His Spirit; the love that was accompanied with the desire to know God (to know His nature, His power, His character, and to know what He loves and hates). We received the desire to please God; the desire to be with God in His presence; and the desire to have time alone with God. This love can only come forth when the Lord's Spirit is present in His people; for this is the love that can only be experienced in the Spirit.

## **First born:**

**“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me.”** These are the corrupted desires, works, and pleasures of the “old man” nature; the nature of the hypocrite who says that he believes but he does not believe the words of Jesus Christ and denies the working of His power. The desires of the first born are aroused by the law, as well as by letter of the word; the word that is joined with the understanding and wisdom that comes from the carnal mind. The carnal mind is the matrix from which all the false doctrines of the congregation of the dead are birthed; and all of these lies conceived when the lies of Satan are mixed with the desires of man's wisdom. In the religion of the first born, the carnally minded Christian finds it natural and easy to express his own opinions (heresy), to judge others, to strive with others, to find fault with others, to do his own works, and to walk in hypocrisy; because these are the natural desires of the first born, nature of the old man.

It is as it is written, **“Let every man who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity”**--the works of hypocrisy that come forth from the deceitful and corrupted desires of the first born nature/old man. These are the works that are aroused when the letter of the word is joined with the natural desires of the first born that tempt one to exalt oneself; to believe in oneself; to glorify oneself; to be confident in oneself; to love self; to trust in self; to protect and preserve self; to do that which self sees right; and to obey the natural senses and desires of the creature of “self” rather than the desires of the Creator. The desires and affections of the first born are the desires and affections that make one citizens/friends of this fallen world.”

**James 4:4-5 “You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do you think that the scripture says in vain, “The spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy?”**

**Ephesians 4:21-24** “If it be so that you have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus, that you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (holiness of the truth).”

The first born is proud, and as the Lord has revealed, pride always loves and is conscious of the idol of “self”, while first love is always conscious of the Lord.

**Psalm 1:1-2** “Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sin, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law does he meditate day and night.” **Psalm 10:4** “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”

After I wrote these things down that the Lord had previously taught me about the first born and first love, I waited for the Lord to reveal more about His purpose for having me do so. I waited, but the Lord added nothing that day to this word. Then, later that same night, I had this dream:

## **FIGHTING THE BEAST**

**DREAM:** I saw myself fighting against the seven headed beast spoken of in the book of Revelation. I knew that I was fighting this battle to defend my first love for the Lord from being overcome by the desires and affections of the first born. I also knew that each one of these heads represented one of the desires and/or affections that come forth from the nature of the beast. The nature of the first born is found in the deceitful lusts and pleasures of the old man; and the beast gets his power and strength when the lies of Satan and the wisdom of man are joined together with the letter of the word. There are no words that have any greater power to deceive than those words which seem right in the sight of men; especially when they arouse desire and passion within to do them. It is of this zeal that all of Israel was deceived by their own interpretations of the law that God had given unto them; words that agreed with their own natural senses and the deceitful lusts of the old man. For in the same manner that Israel was deceived by the blindness in their hearts, in their minds, and in their eyes, so are Christians today tempted to yield to the lusts of their old man nature.

**Galatians 3:1-4** “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only do I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”

**Romans 9:31-10:3** “But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; as it is written, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.’ Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved; for I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

**Romans 7:4-6 (NKJ)** “Therefore my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.”

I then saw that I was clothed in the armor of God as I was fighting this beast, and in my right hand was a sword which is the truth of God’s Word. At first I was surprised to see how short this sword was. It was much like the swords that the Roman legions used for close-in fighting. I recognized that my sword was much too small to slay this seven-headed beast that was before me. The beast before me was much larger than the Goliath that David faced, and its skin was so thick and rough that my sword could not cut or penetrate through it.

Each head appeared just like a dragon’s head; and each head was on the end of a neck that was at least 15 feet long. These long-necked seven heads appeared before me like seven giant snakes, with each one of its heads bobbing and weaving, going up and down, in and out, as they sought for an unguarded place in my armor to

attack me. Each one of these heads was positioned just outside of the reach of my sword, and when one of them would lunge at me he would quickly withdraw to a position that was just outside the range of my sword. Their lunges towards me were in the same fashion that a Cobra snake strikes at his target. Though their attacks were very intense and relentless, I found that I was always able to step to the side, or duck, or deflect the head with my shield to keep from being bitten. On some occasions I found that I could actually take swipes at that head if it was not so quick to withdraw. But my sword was not quite sharp enough to cut through the thick leathery skin that covered the necks and the heads of this beast. All that I seemed able to do was just hack at these heads, and I was never able to inflict any wounds that were severe enough to cause any real harm. The best that I seemed able to do was to just keep them at bay.

I found myself many times growing weary, and oddly enough, it was not from these relentless attacks, but rather it was from the continual watching, never knowing just which of these seven heads was going to be the next one to lunge or strike at me. Even in my weariness, I always seemed to find just enough strength to continue the battle.

Again, I found myself in the ready position, watching and ready to swing at the slightest movement towards me when all of sudden there appeared before me a set of hands, and both of these hands were gripped tightly around a very big sword. I observed that the blade of this new sword was much larger, shinier, longer, sharper, and stronger than the sword with which I had been fighting. These hands reached out as though to give me this new sword, and I reached out to receive it. As the sword was being put into my hands, I found that I was fearful to receive it because I thought I might be too weak and weary from the previous battles to properly handle such a big sword. I found I was afraid that I would not even be able to hold it up. Even so, I reached out with both hands to take it, and as soon as I wrapped my hands around its handle, I was surprised to find that there was no measurable weight to it. It truly was as light as a feather! What struck me was the great authority and power that seemed to accompany the sword. I never saw just whose hands these were.

I saw that the beast before me did not seem to be at all afraid of this new sword that I was now holding. It continued to stay the same distance from me as before, which was just out of the reach of my old sword. So I just swung this new sword towards the head of the beast that was farthest to my right. When the blade struck its neck it easily cut right through its tough, thick skin; and off came its head! I just stood there in awe of this new sword, wondering just how great the authority and the power was that came with it. For some reason I expected this now six headed beast to try and flee from me, but it could not because it was somehow attached to my flesh. When I realized that the beast could not escape me, I then lifted this new sword to finish off all the rest of the heads of this beast when suddenly my dream came to an end.

Oddly, when I awoke from this dream, my first thoughts were not about this powerful new sword, but rather were on the fact that for all these 27 years since the Lord called me to worship and serve Him, I have obviously managed only to “hack” at my enemies, and not slay them. I could not help but wonder about this; and so I asked, “Lord, in all of the battles that I have fought all these years, is the best that has happened is that my enemies have just been kept “at bay”? The Lord reminded me of **II Timothy 4:7-8** “**I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.**” I then realized the truth, that truly, until this very day, I am still fighting against my enemies to keep my faith from being overcome.

Then the Lord said, “Truly, you have entered many battles, and by your faith you have allowed Me to fight for you. While these battles have raged, I have not only kept your enemies from overcoming you, but I have also increased your faith and your trust in Me. By reason of these battles you have grown in your belief in Me, in the grace that I have for you, and in the knowledge of your God. You now know, without any doubt, that I have always been there for you and that there is nothing that is able to separate My love from you. As you have grown, so also have I allowed the darkness to increase its power and strength in its attempts to overcome you. Without these trials, there would be no purifying of your faith in Me. You know that it is written that I have not, and neither will I ever let you be tempted above or beyond the measure of the faith that has been given to you.”

**1 Peter 1:6-9 “Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through various temptations, so that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see Him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”**

**Romans 8:35-39** “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

I realized that though I have experienced many victories in my walk, Satan has always continued to tempt me in with seducing spirits and doctrines of demons that were new to me in his attempt to overcome my faith and trust in God. I thought of the countless battles that I have fought in my mind just to keep myself from yielding to the counsels of my fears, or doubts, or pride, or unbelief, or to any of the other thoughts that came forth from within me that are contrary to the truth or the faith that God has given me. I remembered all the adversities and trials that I have gone through. I wrestled against many wicked imaginations that attacked me with such thoughts as, “O, God has forsaken you”; or, “God does not care for you”; or, “God is not going to help you”; or, “Yes, God will do this for *others* but He will not do it for you”; or, “God does not love you anymore”; or, “God is not there for you.” Lies, all lies; lies!

When I made them My enemies, God made them His enemies; and when they became His enemies, He kept me from yielding any belief to these lies. As these many battles were brought back to my remembrance, my heart became very grateful and thankful for the great and mighty things the Lord has done for me. I saw how He had kept Satan from overcoming my faith; even in those times where I felt that I had come to the very last ounce of my faith, when all hope seemed to be lost.

**Nahum 1:11-13** “There is one come out of you that imagines evil against the Lord, a wicked counselor. Thus says the Lord, “Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.”

**Luke 22:31-32** “And then Jesus said, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you so that he may sift (separate) you as wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith does not fail. And when you are converted, strengthen your brethren.”

**I Timothy 4:1** “Now the Spirit speaks expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”

The Lord also reminded me of **Ephesians 6:10-18** “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to “stand” against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

As I was meditating on this scripture, the Spirit of the Lord quickened the word “withstand”. The eyes of my understanding were opened to comprehend that even when we are clothed with the whole armor of God, which is being clothed with Jesus Christ, it still only enables us to “withstand” the attacks of the enemy in these evil days. The armor of God was not given to us to destroy these enemies. Now I understood why, in my dream, I was powerless to inflict any serious or mortal wounds on any of these seven heads of the beast. Neither were any of these seven heads able to inflict any serious or deadly wounds on me either, because I was clothed in the armor of the Lord. I realized that the victory was not in the killing of the beast, but rather it was in the “withstanding” and the keeping of my faith until the end; the keeping myself in the same fight that Paul fought until the end of his earthly days.

**Psalms 41:11** “By this I know that You favor me because my enemy does not triumph over me.”

**Matthew 13:20-2** “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.”

**Matthew 24:11-14** “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because iniquity (self-righteous works; the desires of the first born) shall abound, the love of many will grow cold; but he who endures to the end shall be saved.

**I John 5:4-5** “For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world (the world identified in I John 2:15-17) and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

It was after I understood these things about “withstanding” that my attention turned back to this “new sword” that had been presented to me; a sword that has the authority and power to inflict mortal wounds on my enemy instead of just hacking at them. The Spirit of the Lord quickened to me **Revelation 19:15-16** “And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword so that with it He should smite the nations; and He shall rule them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God; and He has on His vesture and on his thigh a name written, “KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.”

I knew that the new sword that the Lord is about to give represents a new tongue; a new tongue that will be accompanied with great authority and power from God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. There will be words that will bring the wrath of God upon our adversaries, as well as all things that are not of God. Then the Lord said to me, “Mitt, you have never wrestled with flesh and blood, nor have you fought against those things which are seen; and as it has been, so shall it be in the battle that is before you--the battle which I am about to equip you to fight.” I did not yet understand this, but if this battle was going to go the way of the head of that beast which I severed with this “new sword,” then it would not to be much of a battle.

**Psalms 112:7-8** “He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.”

As I considered the things in this dream, the Lord brought back the things which He had previously taught me about the seven headed beast of **Revelation 13:1** “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

I was reminded how the Lord showed me that the beast within is the nature of the carnally minded “old man”; a beast that is subject to the desires of the carnal mind. It is by reason of these desires/lusts that we are all tempted to worship and serve the creature more than the Creator. The seven heads of the beast represent seven desires that come forth from the nature of the “old man”; seven desires that are birthed out of the natural wisdom and understanding of the first born “old man”. These desires/lusts are not as the desires/lusts of the flesh; for the works of the desires/lusts are manifest and seen to be evil. No, the seven desires of the beast are not even seen as evil in the sight of those who are still carnally minded; those who seek nourishment from the milk of the word, rather than eat the meat that comes from the Spirit of the Word.

**1 Corinthians 3:1** “And I brethren could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for until now you were not able to bear it, neither now are you yet able. For you are still carnal: for there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not still carnal and walk as men?”

**2 Corinthians 3:3-6** “Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust we have through Christ to God-ward; not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.”

Jesus said in **John 8:43** “Why do you not understand My speech? Is it because you are not able to listen to My Word? You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

Talk about being “offended”! It would be one thing if Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees, or even speaking of the Gentiles, but He was speaking to those who believed on Him as it is written in **John 8:31-32** “**Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed on Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** They were not yet able to come into the knowledge of the truth of God. If they did not yet know the truth, then what manner of words did they believe on? These Jews were standing right there before Jesus, listening to every word proceeding out of His mouth, but they were applying their *own understanding to His words* to interpret what He was saying. Jesus asked them why was it that they could not discern the truth of those things which He was speaking. They were still carnally minded; and it is impossible for the truth of God to come forth when you mix the words of God with carnal knowledge and natural understanding. The only thing that comes forth when you have this mixture are lies that seem like the truth. Because these lies are birthed out of the carnal mind, so also are the works and the desires that are aroused by these lies also carnal; the lusts of the “old man” which are of the devil.

**Ephesians 4:21-25** “**If so be that you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus, that you put off the former conversation (lies) of the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (the holiness of the truth).”**

**I John 2:15-17** “**Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof, but he that does the will of God abides for ever.”**

**James 4:4-5** “**You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do you think that the scripture says in vain, “The spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy?”**

When I first got saved, I used to think that it was just not possible for the devil to come into the sanctuary of a church; but as I sought to know the truth of God that is in Christ Jesus, my eyes were opened. I saw that the sanctuary in most of the churches was just a playground for the desires of the devil. Jesus warned us in **Luke 11:35** “**Take heed therefore that the light which is in you be not darkness.**” How is it possible for the darkness to actually have an appearance of the light? We know that it is written that Satan is able to appear as an angel of light, and his demons can appear as ministers of righteousness; but how so? The carnal mind is the dwelling place of darkness, and all the works and desires that come forth out of its thinking are nothing but the works of darkness. When you apply this darkness to the scriptures, then comes forth the religion of darkness that is established on the false interpretations that come forth out of the carnal mind. Out of this religion of darkness (that appears as the light), comes forth the desires/lusts that are actually aroused by the law, as well as by the letter of the word, that provokes the people of God to do those things which provoke God to anger. Can there be anything more deceitful than those works and words that come forth when the scriptures are mixed with man’s interpretations?

**Romans 7:4-5** “**Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ so that you should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”**

It is of this religion of darkness that comes forth the seven headed beast that walks after the desires of the devil. Each one of the these heads is manifested according to the seven abominations from **Proverbs 6:16-19** “**These six things does the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination to Him: A heart that devises wicked imaginations, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, feet that be swift in running to evil, a false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.”**

I have fought against these very desires/lusts for 27 years to defend my first love for the Lord against the first born desires of my “old man” nature. These are just not just some fleshy desires that the children of God should take lightly because these are the desires that are an abomination in the sight of God. In the sight of the carnally minded Christian, they are those desires that many esteem and honor. These are the \*abominations that defile the temple of God, and that leave the temple desolate (alone; fatherless) of any glory that is of God.

**\*Abomination: (Vines Expository Dictionary) Denotes an “object of disgust, an abomination.” This is said of the image that is to be set up by Antichrist (Matt.24:15), of that which will be highly esteemed among men in contrast to its real character in the sight of God. The constant association with idolatry suggests that which is highly esteemed among men constitutes an idol in the heart. In Revelation 21:7, entrance into the Holy City is forbidden to those who are unclean (self-righteousness), and to those who make an abomination and a lie.**

**Luke 16:15 And Jesus said unto them, “You are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.”(Abominations are those illusions of hypocrisy that appear righteous in the sight of men).**

**“Mystery Babylon The Great”: The Mother of Harlotry and Abominations in The Earth: (See writing: “A Man Is As He Thinks”).** Babylon the Great is the wisdom (power; energy) of this world. The wisdom of this world is the matrix from which all abominations are conceived; abominations that come forth as those works and words which are highly esteemed and desired by all those who walk according to the natural senses of the carnal mind. Babylon is the mother of all false doctrines, traditions, and the commandments of men. She is the mother of all those vessels of dishonor, and by her the temple of God is defiled. She fills the hearts of those who are inhabited by her with all manner of desires and lusts for idolatry; the idolatry where the creature of “self” is exalted and is worshipped and served more than God. All who come forth of her, praise God with their mouths and honor Him with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him because of their love for “self”. From her come all the desires for self-righteousness that entice all of the workers of iniquity to do deceitful works in the name of Jesus Christ. The wisdom of this world is the energy/power of which the darkness consists, and from her not only comes harlotry and abominations, but all rebellion, sin and iniquity, as well as the death that dwells in the thinking of those who are carnally minded.

**Romans 8:6 “For the carnal mind is death and the spiritual mind is life and peace. For to be carnally minded is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God (vs.2 the law of life), and indeed it cannot be.”**

**Isaiah 29:13 “Wherefore the Lord says, “Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth and with their lips they do honor Me, but they have removed their heart far from Me and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men. Therefore behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people; even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe to them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, “Who sees us?” And, “Who knows us?”**

**I Corinthians 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross (the daily cross) is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”**

It is of these seven abominations that the sons of perdition are enticed, seduced, and overcome by their own desires and pleasures for “self”. These are the abominations of which the workers of iniquity refuse to repent because they delight in worshipping and serving the creature. These are the abominations that, left uncorrected, make men to be bastards before God, and not sons; bastards who become cursed children. These are the abominations that the men-pleasers idolize because it makes them accepted, honored, and esteemed in the sight of other men. These are the abominations that deceive the lukewarm so that they are blind to see that they are wretched, poor in spirit, naked, miserable, and blinded by them. These are the abominations that are natural desires and pleasures of the creature of the first born. These are the abominations that make desolate and that separate from all fellowship and communion with God, with His Son Jesus Christ, and with the Spirit of the Lord that was given unto them. They are left isolated and alienated from the God who loves them. The beast within changes God into an image of its own likeness rather than to submit to God and be changed into His image.

**James 1:13-16 “Let no man say when he is tempted, “I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.”**

**Romans 1:21-25 “Because when they knew became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God to be an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between them- selves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.”**

These are abominations from which the carnally minded refuse to depart, choosing to continue in the milk of the word rather than to seek the meat of God's truth. They do not know that there are many false prophets and false teachers who love to minister the word unto them that keeps the beast alive. These have no delight in meat of spiritual truths that comes forth from the wisdom, understanding, and knowledge of the truth which comes from above. They continue to think that those who are friends of this world are those who partake in such sins of the flesh as drinking alcohol, cursing, stealing, smoking, and committing adultery. But these are the sins of the flesh that are *seen*; the sins of which the hypocrites love to judge and condemn the world; not knowing that the judging of such sins brings condemnation upon their own heads.

The sins of the flesh are not like the sins that are found in heart of the "old man" nature; for the carnally minded "old man" delights in these seven abominations; the thoughts of the mind that are enmity against God and that are not subject to the will of God. These hidden sins of darkness have no delight in doing the will of God nor in believing the counsel of God's words. They delight in justifying "self" with words and deeds that proceed forth out of their own imaginations. Their imaginations not only exalt and oppose themselves against the instructions of the Lord, but also deceive one into believing that there is more righteousness in their own imaginations than there is in the words of the Lord. It is here that the sins of the heart are manifest in those who do not trust God, in those that rebel against God, in those who do not love the truth, and in those who refuse to let Christ reign in their hearts and minds.

**Matthew 15:19** "Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts...."

**Jude 5** "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though you once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not..... 8. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities."

**Luke 19:12-14** "Jesus said, "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered to them ten pounds; and then he said unto them, "Occupy until I come". But his citizens hated him and sent a message after him saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us."

**Colossians 3:15** "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which you are called in one body; and be you thankful."

King Solomon, after the Lord had enlightened the eyes of his heart with the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that comes from God, was enabled to see and discern the intents of the heart and the thoughts of the mind just as God does. It was then that Solomon prayed in **Ecclesiastes 3:18** "I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men that God might manifest to them, and that they might see, that they themselves are beasts." God told Samuel that man, because of the blindness of his eyes, is able to judge things only by how they appear in sight of their blindness while God, Who sees, is able to judge the intents and the passions of the heart. It was the Lord's sight that opened Solomon's eyes to see the truth about the state of man's heart. Then Solomon desired the Lord to do the same with all men. Only spiritual eyes are able to see the beast within; the beast within that is led by the senses of the carnal mind and the desires of the old man nature.

**Psalms 73:22** "I was so foolish and ignorant; I was as a beast before you."

The beast within loves this world and has great pleasure in satisfying the desires of the "old man". The beast delights in doing those things which seem right in its own eyes; in doing its own will; and in making and expressing its own opinions. The beast within loves to seize every opportunity to glorify and exalt itself. The beast within loves to justify itself in the sight of other men. The beast within is the son of perdition, the man of sin; the hidden sins that the hypocrites who think that they are righteous are blind to see. The beast within seeks to justify itself through the works of the law, desiring to make its own doubts of God's love and its unbelief of God's word to be more righteous than the faith and belief that is accounted for righteousness. The religion of the beast within is "Babylon, the defiled temple that is full of idolatry; the temple where the idol of "Self" is honored, esteemed, praised, and exalted. Babylon sits on the seven mountains which are the seven abominations which rule over the hearts and minds of all those who are deceived. The beast within subjects itself to the idolatries of Babylon through the desires that are conceived out of the wisdom of this world; the wisdom that is the spirit of Antichrist. Babylon receives its power and authority from Satan; the power and authority to deceive the whole world with illusions that outwardly appear righteous and with abominations that are esteemed in the sight of men. It is by reason of this power and authority that lies are made to appear as the truth; where the darkness appears as the light, and where the works of iniquity appear as works of righteousness. The beast within does not agree with the image that the beast projects itself to be.



**Luke 16:15** And Jesus said unto them, “You are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” (Abominations are those illusions of hypocrisy that appear righteous in the sight of men).

These are the things the Lord showed me about the seven heads, or the seven abominations that have corrupted **the nature of the first born**. First of all, the word “head” means first. If that which is in your head, meaning the hearing in your ears, the seeing in your eyes, the words that you speak, as well as the wisdom, the knowledge, and the understanding in your thoughts are the natural things which are always going to be the things that are first in your life. The natural things will always be those things which you are first mindful and desirous of; the things that will be the most important and the most treasured things in your heart.

It is written in **I Corinthians 15:46-49** “Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterwards that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy (the deceitful lustful nature of the old man): the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”

**Luke 14:16-24** Then Jesus said to him, “A certain man made a great supper, and he bid many to come. And he sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bid, “Come; for all things are now ready.” And they all, with one consent, began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused”. And another said, “I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come”.... And the lord said unto the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled. For I say unto you that none of those men which were bid shall taste of my supper.”

**Matthew 8:21-22** “And another of his disciples said unto him, “Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father”. But Jesus said unto him, “Follow Me; and let the dead bury their dead.”

The first nature of the old man is blind, wretched, miserable, naked and poor in spirit. It does not know this truth because it has been blinded by its own righteousness, keeping the old man under the curse of darkness through its own ignorance. The man of sin is not the man who knows his sin, but he is the man who is ignorant of his sin; for by his love for hypocrisy his sin remains within him. The strength of his sin is found in the letter of the words of the laws which he observes and in which he trusts. The letter of the word, being his own interpretation of the scriptures, only increases his hypocrisy (play-acting).

The nature of the first born has no desire to see or to believe the light of My truth because it reveals the hidden things of darkness and the counsels that are in his heart, as well as the vanity of his works and his righteousness. The strength of sin is found in the letter of the word because it makes the works and the efforts of men seem like the righteousness of God. It is as though man is able to justify his own faith through the works of his own hands. This is their iniquity, their secret sins that appear as that strong delusion that is sent to them because they love to believe the lies of “self”. This is the lie that says that man is able to please God apart from the nature and characteristics of His Son Jesus Christ.

**John 9:39** “Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world so that those who do not see may see, and that those who say that they do see will be made blind”. And some of the Pharisees, when they heard this said, “Master, are we blind also?” And Jesus answered and said, “Because you say that you see, your sin shall remain with you.”

**I Corinthians 4:5** “Judge nothing before the time until the Lord comes and brings to light the hidden things of darkness and the counsels of the heart; then shall every man have praise of God.”

The gift that our heavenly Father has given to save us from our captivity to the nature of this old man is his Son Jesus Christ. One of the purposes that the Lord gave this precious gift unto us is found in **Colossians 1:19-22** “For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell. And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled, in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in His sight.” Reconcile means “to be made first”; and this is the work that only Christ is able to perform; for He is that Spirit that has God first in all things. But the beast is contrary to the Spirit and fights against the Spirit so that it won’t lose its place in the thoughts of the carnal mind.

I remembered that the Lord had also shown me what the 10 horns and the 10 crowns represented that were upon the seven-headed beast. The 10 horns represent the power of Satan, and the crowns represent the authority that he gives. His power is seen in all those who are deceived by the words of the mouth of the hypocrites as they boast of their own works and efforts. He transforms his words and changes his outward appearance into an image that is pleasing in the sight of other hypocrites. I was also reminded that the 10 crowns represented the 10 commandments in the Law of Moses. It is the letter of this law that men use to transform their words and change their appearances, deceiving themselves as well as all those walk by sight and not by faith. For it is as it is written, that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by the faith "of" Jesus Christ. All who justify themselves by the works of the law are under the curse of blindness; the blindness that keeps their sins hidden in the darkness. This is the curse that leads all the deceived into death/destruction.

**Galatians 3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse..."**

**Lamentations 3:64-65 (Amp.) "Render to them a recompense, O Lord, according to the work of their hands. You will give them hardness and blindness of heart; Your curse will be upon them."**

All false doctrines and lies are established when the scriptures are joined together with the natural senses of the first born, those deceitful pleasures and lusts for "self". "Self" is always first in the thinking of those who are carnally minded. The religion of the first born is based on all things of "self": self-righteousness, self-glory, self-recognition, self-control, self-determination, self-thinking, self-reliance, self-will, self-dependence, self-justification and self-love. Though the first born may read the scriptures daily, he only does so to feed the beast within; the beast that is blind and never able to see beyond the letter of the word; the letter of the word that is never able to focus on anything other than "self".

As I was still meditating on these things, the Lord told me of that time in my walk where I was afraid that I would not be able to recognize the antichrist when he appeared. I knew that he would appear righteous in the flesh, in those words and works that are seen, but he would be filled with the fullness of the old man nature in his heart, in those things which are not seen. I was fearful that I would not recognize him because of his smooth deceitful words and his outward appearances of righteousness. Then one day, the Lord said, **"Come and I will show you the beast, and the spirit of antichrist who rules over the beast with its desires and affections."**

Then the Lord led me to this passage of scripture that I had read many times before but had not once considered that it would enable me to identify the nature and the characteristics of the antichrist, as well as all those who follow after him. It is in **II Timothy 3:1-7** **"This know also, that in the last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, proud, covetous, boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, un-, thankful, unholy, incontinent, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with various lusts, and they are ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."** These are the deceitful lusts and desires of the first born "old man."

**1 John 2:18-21 "Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth."**

The Lord said, "Mitt, I am not speaking of the heathen here, though the heathen are subject to the same spirits. I am speaking of the many whom I have called who have refused to take up their crosses and crucify the first born nature of the old man. These have denied Jesus and refused to put on the new man. Many have departed from their faith choosing rather to justify themselves through false doctrines and teachings that satisfy their own selfish desires. These have been bewitched into believing the lies that say I am pleased when men make their best efforts to do the best they can, or the lies that say that I am pleased when you have good intentions to do that which is right. I am not pleased with any of the works or the righteousness of the "old man." Jesus is the Son in whom I am well-pleased! Who can hear My Word? Jesus is the nature and the characteristics of the new man.

Jesus is the new man who arises when the old man is crucified. Those who are deceived into justifying themselves are they who also deny the gift of My Son Jesus Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 2:4 “And My speech and My preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power so that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”.**

I choose those who worship and serve Me as Lord; who worship and serve Me as King; and who worship and serve Me as God. I choose those who worship and serve Me in Spirit and in truth. Just as with Cain, I do not choose those who worship and serve Me in the manner that pleases “self”. I choose those who humble themselves before Me and ask Me to make them My workmanship. I do not choose the proud, those who are an idol of the works of their own hands. For I am the Lord God. I am your Creator and Maker; and I am pleased with the works of My own hands.

“I do not choose those who choose to worship and serve the desires and affections of the creature rather than the desires and affections of the Creator. Though many have departed from the faith, they still continue to walk in a religion of hypocrisy, after the desires of the “old man”. They have an outward form of godliness and they delight in showing their righteousness before men. These do not know the truth but walk in those lies that appear as the truth; the lies that come forth from men’s interpretations of the scriptures. Outwardly they appear righteous; inwardly their hearts and their minds are still captive to the nature of the “old man”: They love their pride and their own righteousness. There is no work of the law, nor is there any of man’s best intentions, or any of the best efforts of man that has any power to change the thinking of the carnal mind or the desires of the natural heart.”

**Psalm 39:5 “...Truly, every man at his best state is altogether vanity.”**

**2 Peter 2:18-20 “For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wanton- ness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.”**

**Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You do err by not knowing (the truth of) the scriptures nor the power of God.”**

### **The Seven Abominations:**

These are the seven desires/pillars that “Mystery Babylon” is built upon. These are the seven desires of the “old man” that agree with the desires and the lies of the Devil. These are the lies that are ministered by the grievous wolves and vipers, those ministers of righteousness who desire to be lords over the flock.”

**John 8:44 Jesus said unto them (the religious hypocrites), “You are of your father the devil, and the desires/lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not abide in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie he speaks of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it.”**

**Galatians 5:24 “Those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh (the old man) of its affections and desires/lust...26 Let us not be desirous for vain glory.”**

**Mystery Babylon:** The false religions that are birthed with the natural understanding and wisdom of the old man used to interpret the Holy Scriptures. These interpretations bring forth doctrines that are nothing more than well crafted opinions that are formed to satisfy the self-righteous desires of the deceitful and hypocritical “old man.” The creature is glorified, exalted, praised, esteemed, and worshipped above the Creator.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4 “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own desires/lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”**

**Ephesians 4:21-25** “If so be that you have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus, so that you put off concerning the former conversation the “old man”, who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind so that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and the holiness of the truth. Wherefore putting away lying, let every man speak truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”

**Proverbs 21:16** “The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.”

**Luke 16:15** “And Jesus said to them, “You are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.”

**Revelation 18:4-7** “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **COME OUT OF HER (MYSTERY BABYLON), MY PEOPLE, SO THAT YOU BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS**, and that you receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven and God has remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled to her double. How much she has glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she says in her heart, “I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.”

The seven headed beast that I battled against in my dream was:

## THE FIRST HEAD

**A Heart That Devises Wicked Imaginations—the First Head of the Beast that comes from Within.**

Jesus said that in the time of the end it would be as it was in the days of Noah. Of the days of Noah it is written in **Genesis 6:5** “**And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repents Me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”**”

For many years I was troubled by this passage of scripture. I could never see how my own imaginations could be so wicked that they would upset God so greatly that it would not only grieve His heart, but also bring Him to a point where He would say, “I will destroy man whom I have created...”. Seeing that there was no way that I could see or understand this, I finally sought the Lord and asked Him to show me what these imaginations are that provoke so much anger in Him. I could not help but wonder just what these imaginations were. Were they my dreams, or my creativity, or my plans? At that time, I really had no clue.

After I started praying and asking the Lord to show me His truth, He led me to **Jeremiah 16:12** “**And you have done worse than your fathers; for behold, everyone of you walk after the imagination of his evil heart so that you do not hearken unto Me.**” Okay Lord, I am beginning to see! These evil imaginations are not my dreams, or my plans, but they are thoughts that I choose to walk after rather than hearkening unto You. But still I did not really comprehend what these thoughts were.

The Spirit of the Lord quickened **Romans 8:7** “**For the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God; nor indeed, can it be (subject).**” It was with this verse that I realized that as long as I was carnally minded, it was not going to be possible for me to hearken unto the words or instructions of the Lord. I felt like I was subjecting myself to the law of God, yet I could feel the Spirit stirring in me, as though He was saying, “You do not understand Mitt; how the imaginations of the carnal mind rebel against the law of God.” I later learned that the law that I thought I was subjecting myself unto was my own interpretation of the scriptures that came forth out of my own imaginations. They were vain *opinions* of the scriptures that sure seemed like the truth to me, but they were only words that were powerless to bring forth the abundant life that Jesus had promised us. I found that I was just like the Pharisees that Jesus spoke to in **John 5:39-40** “**You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me so that you may have life.**” How can a man hearken to a Word that he does not even understand?

Still, I continued to pray about this matter because I felt restless in my Spirit; a restlessness whereby I still did not comprehend the true wickedness of my imaginations. As I continued to seek out the truth concerning my

imaginations, the Spirit led me to **Luke 14:16-24** where Jesus spoke this parable, **“A certain man made a great supper, and he bid many to come. He then sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, “Come; for all things are now ready.” And they “all”, with one consent, began to make excuse. The first said unto him, “I have bought a piece of ground and I must go and see it: I pray you that you excuse.” And another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray you that you have me excused.” And another said, “I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.**

**“So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you that none of these men who were bidden shall taste of my supper.”**

Wow! This was it! It is the reasonings and the excuses that are birthed out of our imaginations! Reasonings and excuses that all who are carnally minded use to justify their disobedience to God’s instructions. These excuses and reasonings are chosen to be more righteous instructions than the counsel that comes forth out of the mouth of the Almighty God! Who among us, at one time or another, (or more times than not), has not wrestled against imaginations in his own thoughts that contended with the instruction of the Lord’s Words?

Jesus also said in **Luke 9:59-62** **“And He said unto another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.” Jesus said unto him, “Let the dead bury their dead: but you go and preach the kingdom of God”. And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go bid them farewell who are at home at my house”. And Jesus said unto him, “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”** My eyes were now wide open to see and understand how and why God gets so angry with man when he exalts the counsels of his own imaginations as being more important than the instructions of God.

The Spirit reminded me of **1 Samuel 15:22-23** **And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as He does in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king.”** I now saw clearly how we have all sacrificed things unto the Lord like our time, our money, and even the works of our hands; but these are not the things that the Lord requires. Yes, surely all of these things are sacrifices done in the name of the Lord, but any man of any religion can do these things according to the strength of his own will and purposes without ever having been obedient to the voice of God.

While I was considering these things, the Lord spoke, “Mitt, I am going to give you a choice; either you can give Me these wicked imaginations and ask Me to destroy them, or you can be destroyed with them. You, as well as all who come after Me, are going to be tried to see whose words you are going to believe. Will you battle against any and all imaginations that enter your mind that oppose the instruction of My Voice? If you are willing, and you call on Me, I will come and fight for you. I will cast out all of these wicked imaginations that only have one purpose--to keep you from hearkening unto My Voice. I am for you. Will you be for Me?”

The Spirit confirmed that this was the Lord that had spoken to me when He quickened unto me **II Corinthians 10:3-5** **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds and casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”** Then He said, “Now hear and understand; there is not one of your imaginations that agrees with or believes any of My Words; no, not one; for your imaginations are the matrix from which all of your fears, doubts, and unbelief come forth. Remember--no, not one!”

**John 12:47-48** **Jesus said “And if any man hears My words, and does not believe them, I do not judge him: for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects Me, and receives not My words, has one that judges him: the Word that I spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”**

**Nahum 1:11** **“There is one come out of you that imagines evil against the Lord, a wicked counselor.” Thus says the Lord, “Though they are quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.”**

I am so thankful that our heavenly Father has sent his Son Jesus unto us; for only through Christ can the heart of the Father be revealed. In the days of Noah, there was no one to intercede for those who walked after their own imaginations. Today, unlike those days, there is hope for those who discover that they have been walking after the excuses and reasonings of their own imaginations. **Isaiah 65:2 says, "My arms are stretched out all day long to a people who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; a people who continually provoke Me to anger...."** To those who have not entered the battle against their own imaginations, repent of the wisdom that is in you, and return to your heavenly Father. Ask Him to give you His wisdom; for His wisdom always puts God first, and not the cares and riches of this life.

## THE SECOND HEAD

**The Second Head of the Beast that comes from Within is: A Proud Look.**

The very first verse of scripture that the Lord ever used to correct me was **James 4:6** "Wherefore He says, "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." I did not exactly understand what pride was at that time, but I knew enough from this verse that I had better learn what it was because I sure did not want to walk in that which my heavenly Father was going to resist.

The Lord coupled that verse with **Proverbs 16:5** "**Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand joins in hand, he shall not be unpunished.**" After I sought to know just what pride was, I still felt like I did not understand what it was well enough to keep myself from being deceived by it; for it is written in **Obadiah 3** "**For the pride of your heart has deceived you....**" So I asked the Lord if He would tell me what He says pride is; and He answered me, "**Pride is the love and consciousness of "Self." Man was not created with any pride in him, else I would not have been able to walk with Adam. Pride is to Satan what My Holy Spirit is unto Me; and the man who walks in pride has no desire to walk in fellowship and agreement with Me.**"

The Spirit quickened **Psalm 10:4** "**The wicked through the pride of his own appearance will not seek after God; God is not in all of his thoughts.**" I then understood that those who walk in pride, are only conscious of self in all things, while those who walk humbly before their God are always conscious of God.

**Psalm 1:1-2** "**Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord (the truth; Ps.119:142); and in His law does he meditate (conscious of) day and night.**"

I felt like I had a pretty good understanding by now as to what pride was, but when I saw the term "proud look", I had some questions as to just what this meant. The Lord led me to **Luke 18:9-14** where Jesus spoke a parable to those who were confident that they were righteous because of the way that they saw themselves in their own eyes. The self-righteous Pharisee was the one who prayed before God saying, "**God, I am thankful that I am not like other men; extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in a week and I give tithes of all that I possess.**" Then the Lord quickened unto me that men are most proud of the things that they make of themselves; and when with their own hands, they make themselves to be like an image of what they believe is righteous, they are then very proud of that self-image that they made themselves to be; for the pride of their heart has deceived them.

Then the Lord showed me that once a man has been deceived by his pride, he will then judge everyone around according to the image that he perceives himself to be; even though the image that he has of himself is only an illusion. Those who walk in pride will judge, look down upon, despise, frown, and point the finger at all who do not measure up to the righteousness of the idol after which he has created himself to be. It is by reason of this perverse judgment that they will then find fault with all those who do not agree with the idol of their image.

Nowhere is the perverseness of this pride more visible than in those who have been deceived by Satan to believe that righteousness comes through the works of the law. These are they who will walk by sight, and not by faith, always justifying themselves by their good intentions and their own works. These are eagerly displayed in the sight of other men. Those who walk in pride are the lukewarm who do not know that they are blind, wretched, miserable, naked, and poor in spirit. They love to stay in the darkness, lest the light of God's truth destroy and consume the image of their idol: Self.

## THE THIRD HEAD

### The Third Head of the Beast that comes from Within: A Lying Tongue:

There are two realms, the spiritual realm and the fleshy realm; and there is no agreement between the two. In the fleshy realm, the darkness rules, keeping all men blind to the truth about God, the truth about all things spiritual, and the truth about the state of man. Natural man is born in/of the darkness, under the illusion that the way that he sees and interprets all things is right and true. This confirms **Proverbs 21:2** “**Every way of man is right in his own eyes....**” There is not one man who does not believe that he is right in all of the decisions that he makes for himself. Yet, in the spiritual realm, where all things are seen in the light of truth, God says in **Romans 3:10** “**As it is written, there are none righteous; no, not one.**” Therefore, there is obviously no agreement between that which the natural man believes to be right and true and that which God sees to be right and true.

It is written in **Romans 3:4** “**Let God true and every man a liar...**” Let? Let God be true? Let means who is going to allow God to be true and himself a liar? Who is going to let God be right and himself be unrighteous? Daniel said, “**O Lord, righteousness belongs unto you but unto us confusion of face.**” Who is going to humble his heart before God and submit himself unto the Lord’s instruction that says, “**Seek first the kingdom of God and “His”righteous- ness?**” It is also written in **Proverbs 12:17** “**He that speaks the truth shows forth right- righteousness but a false witness deceit**”. Who is he that speaks the truth but he that sees things in the spiritual realm, while he who deceives is he who speaks that which appears as the truth in the natural realm.

The truth is of God, and the truth exists only in the spiritual realm. It is only this truth that is eternal. When the truth of God presents itself in the natural realm, it cannot be discerned by the flesh. The flesh discerns that the truth is that which is based on things seen and heard with the natural senses. There were those who swore that they heard Jesus say, “**Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again**”. Of course, He did say those words, but they discerned with their natural senses that the truth was that Jesus was speaking of the temple in Jerusalem. In **John 2:21**, we see that Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. **Mark 14:57-58** says, “**And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, “We heard Him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands”**”.

In simple terms, the lies of man are found in all of his interpretations and opinions about the things of God. I remember when I read Job the first time, when I was still a baby Christian on the milk; applying my own understanding to the scriptures. Here was Job rejecting all of the counsel that was coming from his three friends, and here I was wishing that I just had someone that would speak to me about God when I was troubled about the events of my life. I was really blind to see anything wrong in the counsel that these men were speaking to Job. I thought their counsel lacked compassion considering the events that Job had just experienced. I about fell out of my chair when I read **Job 42:7** “**And it was so that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord then said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends: for you have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has.”** This was all that it took for me, seeing that when we speak lies about God, and the things of God, it kindles His wrath. Whoa. Lord, I give you all of my vain and foolish opinions about You! Would You reveal the truth about Your heart to me?”

Jesus, being our example, also reaffirmed this for me when He said in **John 5:31** “**If I speak of Myself, My witness is not true.**”The first few times that I read this verse, I thought that Jesus was saying that if He boasted, or glorified, or exalted only Himself in the works that He was doing, then His witness would not be true (and truly, there is truth in this); but when I asked the Lord what He meant by “speaking of His ownself”, I was surprised at the answer He gave. “Any man who speaks of his own natural wisdom, of his own understanding, and of his own knowledge speaks from those natural elements that come from within. Thus, he speaks of himself. When men speak of the things of God, using these natural elements within, nothing comes forth except the lies of men’s opinions and interpretations of the things of God. If God says that He is love, then the man who uses that which he knows naturally, interprets God to be like his own definition of love. Or if God says that He is meek, then the man who uses that which he naturally knows, interprets God to be like his definition of meekness. It is as it is written, that no man knows the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son reveals the Father.” All else are lies!

**I Timothy 1:5-7** “**Now the end of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.**”

**II Corinthians 2:17** “**For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.**”

**Jude 10** “But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.”

The Lord led me to two passages of scripture to confirm these things: **1 Corinthians 2:9-15** “But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things; yea, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of God no man knows, only the Spirit of God knows. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God so that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God; which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but that which the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God because they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual rightly judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no man”. **1 Corinthians 8:2** “If any man thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing as he ought to know.”

I was now convinced that my own opinions and interpretations about God were nothing but lies, and I resolved to seek Lord and ask Him to teach me the truth about all things that are of God, lest I be tempted to speak lies about God that only would provoke His wrath against me. I do not want that.

## **THE FOURTH HEAD**

### **The Fourth Head of the Beast: Hands that Shed Innocent Blood:**

It did not take this head of the beast long to attack in the story of Cain and Abel. It is a story of how two brothers each worshipped and served the Lord. Abel had no problem in submitting unto the desires of the Lord and he offered his sacrifices in the manner that the Lord had instructed. Cain, on the other hand, had no such desire to sacrifice unto the Lord except in the manner that pleased his own desires. He despised the instructions given to both of them from the mouth of the Lord God. Because Cain did not honor God with his sacrifice, neither did God honor his sacrifice with acceptance or with any blessings. When Cain got angry about this, the Lord God came and spoke directly to him saying, in **Genesis 4:6-7** “**So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, then sin lies at the door, and its desire is for you; but you should rule over it."**

Cain, even after God spoke these words personally to him, refused to repent of his error and instead rose up and slew his righteous brother Abel. He shed the innocent blood of he who had done nothing but obey what God had commanded them. Why? Jealousy? Rebellion? Envy? Pride? Hurt feelings? I do not know which one, but obviously anyone of these could have become strong enough to overcome him and provoke him to hatred of his brother. Maybe Cain even imagined that if he slew his righteous brother, God would be forced to accept his sacrifice seeing that there would be no other sacrifice for him to accept.

In this story is found rooted the difference between the false church of the proud, and the true church of God; for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. As it was then, so is it still today. Those who walk after the flesh are those who worship and serve God in the manner that is pleasing unto themselves, and they make light of the commandments of God. These will always seek to overthrow and/or kill the humble whose only desire is to worship and serve God in the manner that God desires to be worshipped and served--in spirit and in truth. It is for these same reasons that Israel killed and persecuted the prophets that were sent to them by God; carrying with them the same basic message that God spoke to Cain; “Repent of your own works and sacrifices and turn back to the Lord, and He will bless you.”

It is as it says in **Galatians 4:29-30** “**But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.**” That which is born of the flesh walks in the way that is right in his own eyes, leans to his own understanding, does according to his own will, and judges and finds fault with all those who do not agree. These are so blinded by their own righteousness that they are confident that they are doing God a favor when they speak evil, slander, accuse, judge, persecute, or even kill those who find favor with God.



The tongue is a sword; and by it, the blood of many multitudes have been shed by the hands of those who have not offered themselves up as a living sacrifice. By the sword, the tongue of the hypocrite, they are slandered, accused, judged, evil spoken of, falsely witnessed against, blasphemed, and condemned by reason of the blindness in the eyes of the disobedient. The wicked will seek to kill the righteous by destroying the reputation of the righteous by the sword of their tongue, not understanding that which is written in **Revelation 13:9-10** “**If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**”

**Romans 2:1** “**Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whosoever you are that judges: for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do the same things.**”

**Revelation 13:10** “**...he that kills with the sword (tongue) must be killed with the sword.**”

**Matthew:34-37** “**O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.**”

**Jude 10** “**But these speak evil of those things which they do not know; and what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.**”

Since the Lord called me 27 years ago, nowhere have I seen more of the innocent blood shed than in the slaying of babies--baby Christians, that is. So many are pounced upon so soon after the Lord calls them, pounded with false doctrines and religious traditions that turn their hearts away from the heavenly Father who had just saved them. You have these newborns full of new life and desire to know God, and the hypocrites quickly sweep in to take their new life from them. They use the letter of the word (the scriptures that are interpreted with man's understanding), as their sword; and they move swiftly to sever the relationship between Father and child. They make themselves to be head and lord over these innocent babes so that they are able to deceive by teaching and establishing the opinions of their own interpretations to be the truth of God. These use the letter of the scriptures to confirm their lies, just as the Pharisees and Sadducees also used to deceive the children of Israel. This is the stumblingblock used by the heretics and hypocrites to cause many innocent to fall; to fall from life back into death. It is written, that once these babes are deceived, they become deceivers, using the sword of their own tongues to tempt and to bring others into agreement with their false interpretations; for of these are found the members of the congregation of the dead.”

**2 Corinthians 2:17 (Amp.)** “**For we are not like “so many”, [like hucksters making a trade of] peddling God's Word [short- changing and adulterating the divine message]; but like [men] of sincerity and the purest motive, as [commissioned and sent] by God, we speak [His message] in Christ (the Messiah), in the [very] sight and presence of God.**”

**I Corinthians 11:18** “**For first of all, when you come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies (a self-will opinion that is substituted for the truth) among you that they who are approved may be made manifest among you.**”

**James 3:2** “**For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.**”

**Matthew 18:5-7 (ASV)** **And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receives Me: but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on Me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and (that) he should be sunk in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! For it must need be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh!”**

## **THE FIFTH HEAD**

**The Fifth Head of the Beast that comes from Within: Feet that are Swift in Running to Evil:**

It is written that there is none good, no, not one. If there is none good but God, then there are a lot of evil men in this fallen world. But what is evil? I suppose if you asked ten men what their definition of evil was, you would probably get ten different answers. It was when I asked the Lord what His eyes saw as evil that I got an eye-opener that I will never forget. He led me first to **Hebrews 3:12** **“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.”** The feet that are swift in running to evil are the feet that are quick in departing from the Lord, either by fear, or doubt, or unbelief. These are desires of the natural man when he comes face to face with the truth about what is in his own heart; those giants of sin and iniquity that dwell in the promised land of our hearts and our minds. Just let some weakness or sin arise in the land and see how many are quick to run to self-justification; as though they can hide their weaknesses or sins behind some well-crafted lying words that God sees right through.

Just as the Lord promised Abraham a land flowing with milk and honey, so also has He promised His church today a new mind that would be overflowing with the fruits of abundant life. Just as Israel saw giants in their promised land, so also are there evil giants dwelling in our hearts and minds that must be destroyed before the fruits of God’s life are able to come forth in our lives. Even though it is written that when sin abounds, that is, when it becomes a giant, many will go boldly before the throne of grace to find help in time of need. But through unbelief of God’s grace and mercy, or through the fears of being judged by men, they will run to justify themselves with good works or to hide from their own sinful flesh, not knowing or understanding the depth and width of God’s love. There is no length or depth that is able to limit His love for us. Even Samuel, after He revealed Israel’s sin unto them, gave them the instruction in **1 Samuel 12:20** **“Fear not: though you have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.”** There is mercy and forgiveness with the Lord, and nothing tries our heart more than when we see those things in our hearts and minds that are not of God.

When the Lord was first teaching me of these things, to confirm to me that the evil that was in my heart was my fears, unbelief, and doubts, He led me to that story in **Numbers 13:25-33** where 12 men were selected to spy out the land that God had promised to Israel. It is written, **“And they (the spies) returned from searching the land after 40 days. And they came to Moses, to Aaron, and before all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all of the congregation, and they showed them the fruit of the land. And they said to them, “We came unto the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people are strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great. Moreover we saw the children of Anak there; and the Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. Then Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”**

**But the men that went up with him said, “We are not able to go up against this people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report about the land that they had searched before the children of Israel saying, “The land, through which we have gone to search out, it is a land that eats up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight...14:6-12 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that had searched out the land, then tore their clothes and they spoke to all the company of the children of Israel, saying, “The land which we passed through to search out, it is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which flows with milk and honey. Only rebel not against the Lord, neither fear you the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not.**

**“But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?"**

The only thing that stood between Israel and the promised land was not the giants in the land but their **fears** of those giants. If they had believed the words the Lord had spoken to them, that He would fight all their enemies for them, they would have, without a doubt, moved immediately forward against those giants that were inhabiting their land. In the end, out of the estimated two and a half million Jews who were led out of Egypt, only

the two, Joshua and Caleb, who believed their God, and were not afraid of the giants that inhabited in the land, were allowed to enter into the promised land. The rest perished for their fears, doubts, and unbelief.

**Jude 5:1** “I will therefore put you in remembrance, though you once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.”

The Lord has promised abundant life, but there are enemies in the land that must first be overcome; for the Lord has sworn unto us in **Revelation 21:7-8** “He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters (worshippers of the creature of self), and all liars (see the third head of the beast), shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Just as the Lord promised to fight for the children of Israel had they chosen to fight against the giants in their land, so also has the Lord our God promised to do the same for us concerning the giants in our hearts and in our minds. But who will ask Him to fight for them? Who will run and hide from their own weaknesses, sins, and fears?

**Isaiah 58:1-2** “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.”

**Psalms 34:4** “I sought the Lord and He heard me, and He delivered me from all of my fears.”

**Romans 8:13-14** “For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

When the ten witnessed of the giants that they had seen in the land, did they run before the throne of their God asking for His grace? Or did they run before the rest of the children of Israel to spread like a wildfire their fears, their doubts, and their unbelief into the hearts and the minds of the rest of the children of Israel, until they became so enraged with fear that they stoned Joshua and Caleb for believing and trusting the words of their God.

So also was it in the days of Saul when all the mighty men of Israel cowered in fear of Goliath because of the unbelief and doubts that were in their hearts towards their God. Who will have feet swift in running to evil but he who does not believe the love that God keeps professing that He has towards His people. He has a love so great that He will faithfully cast out all of the enemies that dwell in the land that He has promised His people. But who will prove His love and call upon Him? In the days of Saul, there was only one little 13 year old that could be found that had such a belief and faith in his God, and he was the one who mocked Goliath and took his head; the head of the fifth beast.

**1 John 4:18** “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.”

**1 Timothy 4:18** “The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work.”

In turn, those who do not flee from the Lord but are instant in prayer in turning to the Lord, will find the faithfulness of His love. These will discover the faithfulness of Jesus, that He is well able to grant unto us all that He has promised--His kingdom. Just like Israel, the only thing standing between us and the kingdom of God is fear; for Jesus said in **Luke 12:32** “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Just like the promised land, the kingdom land is also filled with its share of giants: the lust and desires of the seven-headed beast nature of the old man. And when troubles, sins, confusion, problems, weaknesses, cares, and trials arise, many will be deceived by their own fears, doubts, and unbelief and they will turn away from the Lord, away from His loving arms.

**Colossians 3:9-10** “Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.”

## THE SIXTH HEAD

### The Sixth Head of the Beast that Comes from Within: A False Witness That Speaks Lies:

**Hypocrite=play actor; a pretender. Deceiver= imposter.** It is funny that if the Lord had not revealed this to me, I would have thought that a false witness who speaks lies would have been like those who said, "We heard Jesus say, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days." simply because they were called false witnesses in that passage of scripture. But the Lord quickly, and I mean quickly and very sternly, led me to *the hypocrite as being the false witness that speaks lies*; so much so that I really got the feeling that this is the most dangerous of all the heads of the beast that seek to overcome the saints of God. The bottom line is: hypocrisy is the illusion where men believe that they are something other than what they truly are; and they desire others to believe the same illusion that they have of them- selves.

Jesus said in **Matthew 6:1-5** "**Take heed that you do not your alms before men to be seen of them: otherwise you have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when you do your alms (righteous works), do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may have the glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does so that your alms may be in secret: and your Father who sees in secret Himself shall reward you openly. And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets so that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.**" The hypocrites do all of their righteous works and they speak good words only to be seen by men; and the only reward they will ever get from all of these righteous deeds and good words is the glory that comes from other men.

It is going to be sad on that day when they stand before Jesus, crying out to him, "**Lord, Lord, have we not done many righteous works in Your name? Have we not cast out demons in Your name? Have we not preach- ed the gospel and prophesied in Your name?**" But they did all of these things to satisfy their own desires for vain glory; to receive praise and honor from men. Paul made it very clear in **II Corinthians 5:7** "**We walk by faith and not by sight.**" I remembered that the Lord spoke to me in a previous word where He was speaking about how deceiving are the illusions of outward righteousness, and He said, "You live in a world that says, "If it looks like a duck; and if it talks like a duck, and if it walks like a duck, then it surely must be a duck."

Then the Lord said, "Any man who trusts in his own natural senses to discern who is a Christian will surely be deceived by the hypocrites who walk by sight; for Jesus said in **Matthew 23:27-28** "**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unto whited tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly but within are filled with dead bones and of all uncleanness. Even so you outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**" A hypocrite is full of dead bones, all unclean- ness, iniquity, and hypocrisy, yet he still appears righteous in the sight of men. What an illusion! When men are deceived by the illusion, they become as the illusion.

Jesus spoke a parable to those who thought they were righteous. Jesus did not speak this parable to condemn the hypocrite but so that the hypocrite might be able to judge himself and see his own error; and then repent of the idol that he had made himself to be. One man in that parable was a hypocrite who told the Lord that he was glad that he was not like other men and that he fasted and tithed, while the other man simply said, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner."

A sinner, the man for whom Jesus shed His Blood, is the man whom the hypocrite despises and judges. One of the greatest desires/lusts of the hypocrite is to judge others, to compare and measure their own appearance against the outward appearance of others, even though they are just as guilty of sin as those they judge of sin. Jesus tried to warn us of this when he said in **Matthew 7:1** "**Judge not lest you be judged; for with what judgment you judge you shall be judged with; and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you again. And why do you behold the speck that is in thy brother's eye, but do not consider the beam that is in your own eye? Or how will thou say to your brother, "Let me pull the speck out of your eye; and, behold, a beam is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye and then you shall clearly see to cast out the speck out of your brother's eye."**

How great is the blindness that dwells in me? As great as the desire/lust is that dwells in us to judge, to accuse, and find fault with one another, seeing that the only judgment that God is going to use to judge you is the judgment you use to judge others. If you do not judge, then you will not be judged at all. The height of hypocrisy is found when sinful man,(and all have sinned), judges another for his sin; thus condemning himself.

**Romans 2:1-3** “Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whosoever you are that judges: for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do the same things (sin). But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them who commit such things. And do you think this, O man that judges them which do such things that you do, that you shall escape the judgment of God?”

**2 Corinthians 10:12** “For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”

And if it were not enough to keep a watch out for these desires/lusts arising to tempt us to judge, then we also must watch out for this same beast coming out of the mouths of others as they judge, find fault with, and accuse others, hoping that we will consent and join in with their condemnation. Then there are those false pastors and prophets who have no fear to judge and accuse before their congregations, all the while sowing the seeds of fear in those who hear. This is the fear that they will also be judged and accused in the same unmerciful manner if their sins are made known to the hypocrites. Hypocrites love to accuse and intimidate others with their judgments, as they seek to satisfy their own desires to take control and rule over the lives of others. It is almost as though they think that their righteousness for living should be the rule of living for all who are around them.

**James 1:13-16** “Let no man say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted of God’; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Do not err, My beloved brethren.”

How great is the blindness of the hypocrite? He is so blind that he cannot even see that when he judges others, he sins.

## **THE SEVENTH HEAD**

**The Seventh Head of the Beast: He That Sows Discord Among the Brethren:**

**Discord= strife, contention** It is written in **Proverbs 13:10** “Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.” The Lord has revealed that “**Pride is the love and the consciousness of self**”, then it does not take much to discern the desires/lusts that are aroused when the head of this beast arises to tempt one to put the idol of “self” before the things of God. He who does so will also sow discord among his brethren when he exalts the ways of “self” to be even more righteous than the ways of God. Those who sow to the flesh, are those who walk after the desires and pleasures of the flesh, and the flesh is always contrary, or in contention with, the ways of God. **Galatians 5:17** says, “**For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would.**”

Those who walk after the flesh desire/lust to make their ways, their opinions, their righteousness, their will, and their own beliefs to be greater than, more esteemed than, and more righteous than all of the things of God. They even conform the image of God into an image like unto themselves. Those who teach the brethren to walk after these things sow discord between God and His children.

It is written in **1 Kings 18:17-18** “**And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah that Ahab said unto him, ‘Are you he that troubles Israel?’ And he answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord; and you have followed Baalim.’**” Those who walk after the flesh are surely troubled by those who walk after the Spirit; and those who walk after the Spirit are surely troubled by the flesh. In the case of Ahab, Elijah could have been accused of sowing discord among the children of Israel, but in truth it was Ahab that was sowing discord between the children of Israel and their God because he was not teaching them to observe the ways and the commandments of God. What prophet, sent by God, at any time, has had any message other than for the people of God to turn back to God? Can there be any discord between God and His people when they are seeking after the desires of His heart rather than the desires of their own hearts?

**1 Corinthians 1:10** says, “**Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**” You will not find disagreement among those who believe this

word; but to those who disobey this word because they do not believe it, you will find much discord between them and their God.

The seven headed beast is made up of the seven desires/lusts that come from the wisdom of this world. From the matrix of the wisdom of this world comes forth first born nature of the "old man". And from this nature comes forth the desire to worship and serve *the creature* rather than the Creator. When the wisdom of this world is joined with the scriptures, it brings forth the works of iniquity and the righteousness of man; that strong delusion whereby the hypocrite is deceived into believing that he is righteous in the sight of God. There is no delusion that has any greater power to deceive than when the scriptures are joined with man's interpretation; and the only works that are able to come forth are those works that are performed by men, and not by God.

**As it is written in Galatians 5:17-21, the lusts of the flesh are manifest**, that is, they are visible for all to see. It is not so with the secret sins of iniquity, for these are the works that are hidden behind the appearances of righteousness. These are those works that are performed according to the letter of the word; those works that are aroused by the law; works that bring glory and praise unto men. It is of these seven desires/lusts that the image of the idol is formed and made for the **pleasing of SELF rather than God**. Only by the wisdom of this world comes forth the desire to worship and serve the idol of "**Self**". All who worship and serve this idol will stand in the temple of God (the vessel of their own body), and declare their own goodness, their own righteousness, as well as their own greatness: "I have preached the gospel and I have prophesied in the name of Jesus Christ." "I have given my tithes and prayed before the saints." "In Jesus name I have cast out demons and sicknesses." "I am not like sinful man." "I have done many wonderful works in the name of Jesus Christ." "I have counseled and ministered to the saints." These are they who sit in the temple of God to receive glory, and honor, and praise from all those whom they sought to please and to be esteemed.

**Psalm 90:8** "You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence."

**Matthew 7:21-23** "Not every one that says to me, "Lord, Lord", shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but only he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity."

**II Timothy 2:19-22** "Nevertheless, the foundation of God stands sure having this seal, "The Lord knows them that are His." And let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man will therefore purge himself from these (his iniquities), he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and ready for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee youthful (babes on the milk of the word) lusts..."

**II Thessalonians 2:3-12** "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. Remember you not that when I was yet with you I told you these things? And now you know what withholds so that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity does already work: only he who now lets will let until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming, even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all his power, and signs, and lying wonders, and with all the deceivableness of unrighteousness (self-righteousness) in them that perish; because they did not receive the love of the truth so that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion so that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (self-righteousness)."

**Proverbs 20:6** "Most men will proclaim everyone his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?"

The desires of the first born are always battling to overcome the first love for God. It is with these desires that the children of God are tempted repeatedly. All who are deceived by these desires are brought into that religion where the darkness appears as the light. The darkness keeps them blind to their hidden sins, as well as blind to the truth about all things that are of God. Having been overcome by her words (the letter of the word), the truth of God's Word then become powerless to change, or to increase faith, or to correct, or to edify, or to sanctify. Thus all who have been overcome by her will be found as filthy as that whore when the Lord appears to receive His

faithful bride. This is the bride that is found without blemish or spot before the Lord because she has been sanctified by God's truth and His wisdom in the hidden part.

**Psalm 51:6-9 "Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities."**

It is not so with the blind, those vessels of dishonor who delight in doing that which is right in their own eyes. They have not taken up their crosses to crucify unto themselves the wisdom of the first born; the wisdom that seeks to steal away the affection of the first love of My people. Those who are deceived by her desires, and that refuse to repent because they have lost their first love, shall then be deceived by the strong delusion sent to them from God. It is the delusion whereby their iniquities are made to be their religion; the religion of the hypocrites where sins remain and iniquities are remembered by the Lord. All the words and works of this religion, the desires of the seven headed beast, are abominations in the sight of God; and it is from the matrix of this wisdom that the man of sin, the son of perdition is conceived and brought forth."

**Revelation 2:4-5 "Nevertheless I have something against you, because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent."**

**Matthew 24:11 "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many; and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold."**

The religion of the first born has been around since the fall of man, and it first showed his head in the story of Cain and Abel. Then Solomon sought to know the nature of God's heart, and received from the Lord the wisdom, the understanding, and the knowledge that comes only from above. He came into the light of the truth about the heart of God; but it was the light of truth that also revealed to him the truth about the heart of man. Having seen this truth, Solomon prayed in **Ecclesiastes 3:18 "I said in my heart, concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts."**

The strength of the religion of the beast, or the nature of the first born, is found in the letter of the law because all the words and works that come forth from her just seem right in the sight of men. But the focus of the law, as well as in all false religions, is on the man; that is, on the strengths of man; the abilities of man; the zeal of man; the wisdom of man; the works of man; the confidence of man; the understanding of man; the faith of man; the righteousness of man; and the goodness of man. All who worship and serve the beast deny the works of God, the zeal of God, the wisdom of God, the love of God, the strength of God, the mercies and grace of God, and the faith that stands in the power of God."

**Jude 10 "But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves."**

The fruits, or the doctrine of the religion of the beast, is seen in that they are not afraid to judge or find fault with others. They delight in doing those things which seem right in their own eyes. They delight in exalting and glorifying the idol of "self". They delight in persecuting and speaking evil of all those who seek to know the heart of God. They delight in the works of their own hands, that is, the image of their outward appearance that they have made for themselves. They delight in doing their own will. They delight in forming their own opinions about the things of God as well as applying their own interpretations to the scriptures; and they delight in arguments and strife. These are the natural desires of the first born, the works and the words in which the corruptible "old man" delights. The desires of the first born are always contrary to the desires of the Spirit of the Lord, which loves the Lord God above all things.

I understood from this dream, that every time one of these seven heads would strike at me, it represented all the times that I have been tempted to surrender to one of these desires that come forth from the corruptible old man. It is written, when a man is tempted he is tempted of his own (old man) desires. Blessed is the man who endures temptation....for he who endures to the end shall be saved."

Still, what is the new sword that is coming, that is, this new mouth, with new authority and power that I do not believe that the world has ever seen the likes of. I believe that this sword is going to be given to all those who

have waited on the Lord. These have been purified by the hope that is in them that they are going to be changed into His likeness at His appearing. Then shall be brought to pass that which Jesus said, "The works that I do, you will do greater."

I have never included the words that the Lord has given to another, but when the Lord told me that He is giving unto each of us pieces of the puzzle, I felt compelled to add this word that the Lord has given to Mark Sanger; (with Mark's blessing). The carnal mind disagrees with words that are not like its own, but those who are spiritually minded know that God's words are the lines that are added to other lines to form precepts; and precepts are then added to precepts to bring forth the truth.

## **My War Horses, I Release You! 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

A word the Lord gave to Mark Sanger: "We have flown with the Eagles, the Eagles are established. **Now** we will run with the Horses, Apostolic acceleration. Even as the Eagles have seen, heard, and spoken My Words faithfully, and sacrificially, **now** I release My War Horses who will crush/trample the enemy down into the dust under their hooves (it's a Jehu & Jezebel thing). As My Eagles have soared above, declaring My Word in the heavens, now My Horses will run throughout the earth, through the enemies' camp to destroy all deceit, every lie, and every weapon formed against My Earth, and everything/everyone in it!

"My War Horses--you are released. You will run swiftly, do not hesitate. Many of you have waited to feel strong and to see My power, but **No—I AM** strong. You are weak I Am the Power in your obedience. I give you the power I gave to Daniel, Meshack, Shadrack and Abed-nigo. They gave Me an uncompromised life and I gave them My Faithfulness to bring them through the Fire and the Lions. I will do the same for all those who refuse to compromise in this hour. If you will not fear all those that are incensed against you right **now**; if you will decree all that I have spoken and confirmed through My Holy Eagles, then My Word will fall upon you like Rain--the former and latter **rain** in this season. **Yes, even the double portion you have already heard; declared and had confirmed many times** by the mouths of My faithful Eagles. It will fall upon you **now, causing great acceleration; Victory, Liberty, and Freedom!**

**"In this year of the Lord, the year of Jubilee, release and restoration, you will possess the gates of your enemy; this revelation of restoration is upon you now! Take it! Take it! FIGHT FOR IT, fight with it. It is a sword to strike the enemy down!**

"Michael fights with you. He has come down. My Authority is in Him, He can see faith. He runs to the side of those that have the faith of God!

"My War Horses (My Melchisedec Apostles), you are released. I have tried you; I have trained you. I AM your rider. I and I alone hold the reigns of the white War Horses. Even as I have been the wind beneath the Eagles' wings preparing the Bride Church, **now** I will ride upon the War Horses of the Third Day.

"As the Eagles have soared with Me above the Earth (Air assault), **now** these My chosen War Horses will run through the troops of the enemy and leap over his walls in a ground **assault**. Now is the judgment of this world. Now is the ruler of this world cast out. The Kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our God and. My Eagles, My faithful Eagles! Oh, how I have loved you—your willingness to suffer and speak for My name's sake. *Your youth will be renewed, My Eagles! Restoration comes now, I AM restoring the years to My Eagles. Rejoice!*

"As the seasons change and as My War Horses gain momentum, you will watch and see every Word established in Earth as they are spoken from Heaven's prophets. It will be woe unto the wicked, but unto the righteous it will be well in this Eden season of Jubilee. Now you will repossess the land!

"You are released from all bondage, all sickness, all fear, all poverty. The camels are coming as well!

"Now saints, **when** (not **if**) you are healed, when your storehouses are full; when you possess the land and everything I have promised you, when you have complete freedom from **all** of your enemies, round about you, **please, I warn you, do not forget that it was the Lord thy God Who brought you into and gave you this promised land. It is He Who has done this and not we ourselves, for we were all dead in our trespasses and sins when God called us into this glorious fellowship with His Own Beloved Son!**



"It is time for Zion to be built up in this year of favor. **Let His House be built, the foundation has been strongly laid; let the sacrifice be made unto the Lord!** We are the sacrifice He desires. Let whosoever will build in this house go up, the Heavens are open. He comes riding upon a White Horse. His name is written upon His side, KING of KINGS and Lord of Lords. His reward is with Him!

"A beautiful season of rest and rain is coming upon My Eagles **now**. You have had a little strength but you have kept declaring My Word, "thank you." Now I will keep you in the hour that is coming to try **all** men. Hold fast; let **no** man steal your crown!" Mark Phillip Sanger

In reading this word, I saw that the sword given here agrees with the new sword that I saw in my vision; a sword to take down the enemy. I sent Mark an e-mail telling him that the Lord had just given me a dream where I also saw Him giving a new sword to us. Mark was excited and sent me back this e-mail that described some events that happened in their last meeting. (Mitt)

"Two weeks ago we were winding down in our small fellowship. I looked at a friend of mine and his eyes were super wide open. He was looking out the window. I asked, "What do you see?"

"He said, "I just saw Michael the Archangel looking in the window at us! Today I asked the Lord if I could see His Michael tonight; and *He is here!*"

"It was powerful because I was struggling hard that night, I couldn't seem to get through the veil into God's presence, but our God is faithful, hallelujah!

"When we were done with fellowship, I felt we needed to pray for one another as a group. As we were coming together, my wife said that she was seeing a shield over the chest of the young man who had just seen Michael. She also saw the face of Jesus on the shield. As we continued to come together as a group hug/prayer, **my wife said that she was seeing a huge sword of light in the center of the circle, in the middle of us!**

"And then you e-mail us about a new Sword! This is the Sword of the Lord in this **now** season, Wow! Michael has come down to fight with us Mitt, the same Angel that kicked the devil out of Heaven! The day of the Lord is upon us; it is time, it is time, it is TIME! Now is the judgment of this world, now the ruler of this world is cast out. Now we will **see the decree, brother!**" Love, Mark

When I read this word, all that kept coming to my mind was **Ephesians 5:13 "Whatsoever makes manifest is the light"**. A sword of light; a sword that makes manifest. But how will this sword bring down the enemy? How will this sword of light slice through the neck of the beast?

Within just a couple of days, I was preparing to go to a meeting of dear brothers and sisters in Houston, Texas. On the night before, I went to my men's group meeting. I was at the meeting when my brother Jack (brother in both the flesh and in the spirit) walked in and spoke this word that the Lord had just given to him while he was driving to the meeting: "**The Lord gave me a vision of a sword; and said, "Tell Mitt not to be afraid of the power that he is going to see in Houston."**

After I received this word, I asked, "Lord, I have been persecuted, falsely accused, and condemned by others; and that no longer makes me afraid. I have seen Your judgments against my flesh and the power of Your deliverance; and that no longer makes me afraid. I have seen Your power quench all the evil spirits that were in a room full of mediums, witches, druids, and psychics; and that does not make me afraid. I have seen healings, hearts changed, and the thoughts of my mind transformed; and that certainly does not make me afraid. I have seen the limitless power of Your forgiveness and Your love; and that makes me rejoice. So, Lord, what power could I possibly see in Houston that would make me afraid?" Of course, I am thinking that the Lord is going to reveal to me just what this new sword is, as well as what this new power and authority is that is to accompany this sword.

## Meeting in Houston, Texas

January 18-21, 2007

### The 18th

We all began to show up at all times of the day, It was more or less a day of just getting to know one another, prayer, and sharing the Lord. There were no visitations from the Lord.

## The 19th :

As we prayed that first day, holding hands in a circle, the Lord gave me this vision: I saw everyone in the group holding their arms straight out in front of them, and we were each holding a sword in our hands; a short sword just like the one that I had seen in a dream. Each one of us was pointing his sword towards the middle of the circle when, in the flash of a moment, our swords disappeared and there suddenly appeared in the center of our circle one very large, very powerful, and very beautiful sword. This sword just radiated with a glorious light and I could feel great power and authority radiating out from it. The sword just stood there suspended in the air, like it was just waiting for us to grab a hold of it. I realized that this sword come forth from all of our little swords. The Lord quickened to me that the only way possible for us to take possession of this sword was for us to come forth in unity; the unity of giving all that we have of ourselves unto the Lord so that He might give unto us all that He has; all His power, His glory, His wisdom, His strength, His blessings, His authority, and His kingdom.

The Lord then reminded me of Pentecost, how there were 120 of them together in one accord, all having the same mind. They were likeminded in faith, believing the words that Jesus had spoken to them in **Luke 24:49-53** **“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they then worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.”**

They were likeminded in their praise and worship, and their faith was perfect towards the Lord in that they did not know what the Lord was going to do, or how He was going to do it, or when, but they continued in the instruction of His words, believing that He was going to come and perform that which He had promised them. When the Spirit of the Lord entered that room, they were each filled with His power; and they who had all things in common, then went forth and did great things because the Lord was with them.

The Lord also reminded me of a word that He had given some years ago in our fellowship in Charleston in which He said, “All of the powers of Satan will be broken when the brethren come together in unity.” I remember how hopeless I felt when the Lord spoke these words years ago because not only did I see nothing but great divisions and strife amongst my brethren, but I also saw a complete lack of care for pleasing our heavenly Father. At that time I was surrounded by much arrogance and unwillingness; so much such so that I really felt like the attitude of those around me at that time was like one who spoke on this wise, “I do not give a damn whether it pleases God or not, I am going to hold on to my doctrines and whatever else I believe to be right, even when it causes nothing but division, and strife, and contention among the brethren.” Then the Lord told me not to be troubled, that He is well able to raise up His church, and bring unity in those who yielded to the working of his Spirit; and He reminded me of that which is written, “All things that are impossible for men to perform are possible for God to do.”

**Psalm 133:1** **“Behold how good and how pleasant it is when the brethren dwell together in unity.”**

**2 Corinthians 5:7** **“We walk by faith and not by sight.”** The Lord showed me how the ignorant, that congregation of the dead, believe only those things which they see naturally, and they do not know what their God is doing. They keep their eyes focused on the things which are seen--things like earthquakes, tsunamis, global warming, famines, diseases, wars, the economy, and the people involved in politics, as though these events are going to dictate what is going to come to pass. The Lord then reminded me of **Luke 12:54-58** **“Then Jesus said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, ‘Here comes hot weather; and there is. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?’”**

Yes, the hypocrites look on the things that are *seen*; and they judge all things according to how they see with their own eyes, including themselves. The Lord said, “These are the rubberneckers of the faith; for they focus on the wreck of this world. Then they declare that the world is coming to an end. For two thousand years the hypocrites have been distracted from the destiny of their calling by looking on the things which are *seen* rather than to seek out those things which *are not seen*; the heart of God that can only be revealed through His Holy Spirit. Judgment is coming, and judgment must begin with the house of God. Surely the hypocrites believe that they are righteous in the words they speak and in the works they perform. But in their understanding and knowledge of the things of God which are not seen, they have missed the mark. The root word for sin means, “To miss the mark.”

The Lord gave me **Matthew 28:20** “.....and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” The naturally minded hypocrite sees and hears these words, and interprets them to mean that Jesus must be declaring that there must come an end of this literal world that we are living in. This is the same mind that interpreted the words that Jesus spoke in **John 2:19** “**Destroy this body and in three days I will raise it up**”, to mean the physical temple. They thought the temple seen with the eyes in Jerusalem was the temple that Jesus was speaking of; thus confirming **Matthew 13:34-35** “**All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."**”

I remembered what the Lord had taught me, that just as Jesus was not speaking of the literal temple in Jerusalem, so also He was not speaking of the literal world when He said, “**I will be with you until the end of the world**”, but rather He was speaking of the world that is identified in **I John 2:15** “**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever.**” The world represents the natural desires and affections of the first born; the old man nature that has been corrupted by the wisdom of this world; the same wisdom that crucified the only begotten Son of God. It is *this world* that is coming to an end.

**1 Corinthians 1:21 (Amp.)** “**For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive and recognize and know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him)....2:8** None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.”

He also brought to my remembrance **Daniel 9:24** “**Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy**”; for it was with this word that the Lord told me that I was living in *the last days of sin and iniquity*, for “all” darkness is about to come to an end.

He also reminded me of the first verse of the first chapter in the book of Revelation, that says, “**The revelation of Jesus Christ.....**” I love what the Lord showed me that is going to happen at the appearing of Jesus Christ! It is written in **1 John 3:5-8** “**And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abides in Him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**”

Also, **III John 11** “**Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.**” We are there! We are on the verge of seeing all sin, all evil, all iniquity, all death, and all darkness come to an end.

I sat, meditating on these words, trying to put together in my thoughts what the Lord was trying to show us, and how all of these words tied together to reveal the plan of God: *The end of sin; a new sword; unity; all of the powers of Satan being broken.* According to the scriptures in **I John 3:6** & **III John 11**, the only way that sin, as well as evil, or iniquity, or darkness is going to be destroyed is when God reveals Himself. I thought of what Jesus said in **Matthew 11:27** “**.....no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither does any man know the Father, except the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.**”

Jesus spoke to Philip in **John 14:9** “**Have I been so long time with you, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He that has seen Me has seen the Father; and how do you say then, "Show us the Father?"**” As soon as I read this, the Lord reminded me of **Revelation 1:1** “**The revelation of Jesus Christ**” which, as I understood it at the moment, *is God appearing to this world.*

This confirmed those things which the Lord had been revealing about how all things that are not of Him are going to be destroyed when He appears. But when/where/ how is He going to appear so that it fulfills Daniel's 70 weeks? And what part does the "brethren coming together in unity" play in this plan? We all know **1 John 3:2** "**Brethren, now are we the children of God, and it does not yet appear what we are going to be like, but we know that when He appears we shall see Him as He is, and we shall be like unto Him.**"

God appears through Jesus, and now Jesus is going to appear in those elect who by faith have been waiting for the "Revelation of Jesus Christ" in the manifestation of the sons of God. Is it this manifestation of God/Jesus Christ in Sons of God that is going to break all of the powers of Satan; that is, to bring an end to all sin and iniquity? Is this what Jesus meant when He said, "Greater works shall you do?" A new sword, a new tongue with new authority! Jesus not only had power and authority over all diseases and spirits, but also over death, as well as over the winds and the seas. Is this that time when the brethren are going to come together in unity, and all of the powers of sin and darkness are then going to come to an end?

**John 14:12** "Truly, truly, I say unto you, **He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**"

**Job 34:32 (NKJV)** "Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity, I will do no more?"

**3 John 11** "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that does evil hath not seen God."

**1 John 3:5-8** "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abides in Him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen Him, neither known Him...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

**Amos 9:8** "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth...."

Back in Houston, we were standing in a circle praying when the Lord instructed me to tell everyone that He desired all of us, one at a time, to declare with our mouths who we were. We were each to profess with our mouths, "I am one for whom Jesus Christ died." After about the third person said this, we all felt a very strong presence of the Lord in the room; so much so that it took every ounce of my strength to keep from falling on the floor. The presence of the Lord was with us; and I saw that the Lord had somehow used our profession to work some manner of "unity" of His Spirit among us.

### **The 20th:**

Anticipation was certainly in my heart at the beginning of this day, and I am sure that some of the others were feeling it also, especially those who realized that God was revealing His plan for these last days of sin.

The day started slowly. We shared with each other most of the day while we waited for three of the brethren from Phoenix to arrive. The Lord had quickened **1 Corinthians 11:33** "**Wherefore, My brethren, when you come together to eat (the word of God), tarry one for another.**" If I had any anxiety in me, it never came forth because I truly believed the Lord was in control of everything that was happening there. Still, I was wondering just what this power was that the Lord spoke of that I should not be afraid to see. As lunch came and went and we still had not seen our three brethren, the Lord brought to me the story about Lazarus. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent for Him when he was sick, but by the time Jesus got there Lazarus had been dead for four days. When Jesus showed up, Martha said to Him, "If You had been here, he would not have died."

The Lord showed me what He was thinking when Martha said these words to Him, which was, "So what is the big deal? If he had been sick, I would have healed him. If he is dead, I will raise him up from the dead; for I am the Physician and I am the Resurrection and the Life. Be anxious for nothing; for nothing is impossible with Me." I knew that our three brethren not being there was not going to hold the Lord up at all. We just needed to wait.

We had been told that these brethren had planned to go and visit one of Dan's best childhood friends who has been a quadriplegic for the past 24 years. His mother, who took care of him, had just recently had a stroke. I had the thought that the Lord might heal the both of them, and that might be the power that I was told I was going to see in Houston. But I have seen healings, and I was never afraid of the power that I witnessed, so that could not be it. As the three of them entered the room, they all had smiles on their faces like the Lord had done something, but it was like they were also thinking that the Lord had done something for us. After seeing their eager smiles, I could not wait to hear what they had to share.

Dan told how they had gone over to his friend's house, and the mother of his friend presented him with an offering. Dan knew that they could not afford to give this offering, but the Lord quickened to him to receive it. Shortly after that, Dan felt the presence of the Lord upon him and he blessed this woman, saying, "You shall soon walk on the streets paved with gold." Then he turned and blessed his friend saying, "The Lord is shortly going to completely heal you." Then, Betty and Bruce eagerly began to share that when Dan was blessing these two people, every hair on his head was standing straight out because the presence of the Lord was so strong on him. All that I could think of at that moment was how the glory of the Lord appeared on Moses after he had seen the Lord. I knew for sure that both of these blessings will shortly come to pass, seeing that the words that Dan spoke came forth from the presence of the Lord in him.

After we enjoyed laughing for a few minutes upon hearing the description of how Dan looked with his hair stuck out, we began to pray. The Lord gave me another vision of a sword; but this one was different from all the other swords that I had seen. The blade was made of the finest steel, but instead of it being solid steel, it was made from letters that were expertly welded together from the word: **BLESSINGS**. Starting at the hand guard, the B came first, and then joined to the top of the B was the L, and then the E was joined to the top of the L, and the S to the top of E, and so on until the last S formed the tip of the sword. The Spirit reminded me of **Revelation 19:15-16** "And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**"

At the same moment, He reminded me of **James 3:8-11** "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith we bless God, even the Father; and therewith we curse men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Does a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" What could this possibly mean? How could we receive a tongue that blesses and not curses, and then go forth and smite the nations, treading out the wrath of God? I still had many questions, but I was in awe of how Dan walked in and described the blessings that had just come out of his mouth. And the Lord had just given me this vision of the sword whose blade was made from the word BLESSINGS spelled out; a new sword, a new tongue that speaks only blessings without any cursings. I did not understand at all, but I knew that there was an understanding to come about this new sword, and its authority and power that was far greater than anything that has previously been brought forth by the Lord.

We had finished praying and were all just sitting about in the room sharing with one another. I was humbly praying within, asking the Lord to bring all of these pieces together concerning all of these words and visions that He had been giving to us. I wanted to understand His purpose and **believe** His plan that He was/is unveiling right before our eyes. We all seemed to understand that the blessings that Dan spoke to his friend and his friend's mother was the Lord allowing us to just get a peak of what is about to come to pass. When that new sword comes forth, our tongues will not only speak blessings unto men, but they will also be accompanied with the authority and power of God that will instantly perform the blessings that had just come out of our mouths. I still wondered why this new tongue would be represented by a sword? Then at that moment it happened--that which the Lord had spoken through my brother Jack just prior to my leaving to come here, "*Mitt, Do not be afraid of the power that you are going to see in Houston.*"

I was just sitting in a chair meditating on these things when suddenly my eyes were opened to see things in ways that I could never have imagined. I thought that I had been taken in the Spirit to another place, to a place of complete darkness; a darkness that was unlike any darkness that I have ever seen or imagined. I was in a place that exceeded the faith and the hope that the Lord has given me, and I found myself very much afraid and hopeless. Though I was very afraid, I was not terrified. I was in a place that was filled with blackness and dark shades of gray. It was a place completely void of light, and for some strange reason I understood that this place was void of color because there was no light; the light that refracts the colors of the rainbow. I found myself in a spiritual realm of darkness that could take the terror and fear out of all the other places of darkness that I have seen in movies or in my imaginations. I saw that the ground was darkness, and that it moved. I saw that the air itself was darkness, and it suffocated. I saw creatures slowly moving around, and at first I thought that they were demons or some other manner of wicked spirits because they had absolutely no shape or form that resembled a human figure. They also were darkness.

As I began to consider all that I was seeing, the Lord spoke, "This is the realm of reality; the realm where all things are seen *in the way that God sees all things*. This is the realm of reality where nothing is seen according to appearances but where the hearts and the thoughts of men are clearly seen for what they are." I realized that these dark, shapeless forms were the souls of men; and the Spirit of the Lord confirmed this from **1 Samuel 16:7** "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature because I

**have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”**

I thought of **Jeremiah 17:9** “**The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?**” Now, the Lord has corrected me of many things. I have seen much evil in my heart that I had been blind to see until the Lord brought these things to light, but I have never seen my heart in any such manner as that which was now before me. I was in a realm of reality where there were no appearances or pretenses that could possibly hide what was within. It was a place where there were no lies to hide behind; a place where no vain thing could be exalted; a place where there are no works or reasonings that one can use to justify himself. It was a place where there are no words that can deceive; and a place where there are no excuses that are able to make right that which is wrong. It was a place where the darkness was an inescapable prison.

**Jeremiah 4:22-23** “**For My people are fool- ish; they have not known Me. They are sense- less children, and they have none under- standing. They are wise to do evil, and to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth (the earthy man), and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.”**

The Lord continued, “Though all that you see before you is darkness, rejoice in that you are able to see the darkness. In the natural or earthy realm, the darkness appears as an illusion of light; *illusions of life whereby the cares and the riches of this fallen world seem important*. It is a place where vain lies appear as truth; and a place where iniquity has the form of the righteousness of God”. The Spirit of the Lord then reminded me of some of the things that He had previously taught me, things like: we live in a world popula- ted with seven billion people, and each person is confident that how he or she sees things is the right way that things should be seen. Yet, the Lord Himself says, “**There are none who are righteous; no, not one.**” I then realized that I was truly in that realm where no darkness of unrighteousness, which is the self-righteousness of man, could hide from the eyes of God. For the first time I truly understood how Jesus could say, “**That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God**”; for I was seeing the darkness that appears as the light to be more gross and filthy than a menstruous cloth.

I now realized that the world that I have always seen through my own eyes, is the realm of the first born; the first born where the good intentions and best efforts of man that are seen are accepted and esteemed to be righteousness. But they are lies; nothing but illusions of lies that keep men in bondage to the darkness. These efforts and intentions are only works of darkness that deceive men by their appearances, but in truth, they are exactly what Solomon said about all the works that men do. They are vain and worthless. In the natural/earthy realm, men are only able to see others in the manner that they appear; that is, according to their height, their weight, their gender, their race, their clothing, the expressions on their faces, the works they do, and by the words that they speak. None of these things are seen in the realm of darkness; for all is darkness.

**Ephesians 5:8** “**For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”**

**John 12:35-36** “**Then Jesus said unto them, “Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light.”**

I was in a place where everything around me, the ground itself, the air, the heavens above, and the souls of men seemed to consist of nothing but the darkness. But it was then that I observed that the souls that I could see appeared in two different forms. The first were the souls that were completely compassed with the darkness, and the second were those souls where the darkness only appeared to go about half way up their bodies. From half way up to the top was dark gray. These half darkness and half dark gray reminded me of a banana that had been peeled back about midway down; for so also did the darkness on these seemed to have been peeled back to reveal this dark gray form.

I noticed that all of these souls appeared to be joined to the ground There was no separation between the darkness of the earthy man and the darkness of the earth. I say this because I observed that when one of these souls moved, so also did the darkness beneath move also in unison with it. It was like the same way that a surfer and the wave that he is riding moves along together in unison through the ocean. The darkness seemed to always be in a perpetual state of creeping up and surrounding all of these souls. I saw that this darkness had multitudes and multitudes of thin black arms or tentacles; and each arm/tentacle had a single sharp talon coming

out of the end of it. These talons were buried deep into the souls of men except in the times that they were withdrawn as the darkness attempted to get a better grip than what it had. These thin black tentacles or arms seemed to cling to souls like sticky pasta sticks to a paper plate. The way the darkness compassed the souls of men reminded me of how an octopus compasses its prey with all of its tentacles to disable it. It appeared as though the entire purpose of this darkness was to keep a very firm grip on all souls.

I saw that I was in the realm where the powers, the principalities, and the rulers of the darkness, as well as all manner of unclean and wicked spirits, ruled over the souls of men. Blindness and ignorance was the power that the darkness used to keep its talons firmly buried in the men's souls. I also perceived that the effects that this darkness had on these souls was seen in the natural desires and carnal thoughts of the first born; the nature of the old man. It was here that I felt completely overcome with hopelessness and fear. I was in a place that far exceeded the limits of the hope and faith that the Lord has given to me at this time. My hopelessness was for these darkened souls. My heart was also filled with incredible compassion for all men, knowing that I had just seen the darkness that has captured all of the souls of men; and all are blind to understand and see this.

When I returned from this visitation, I had a far greater respect and reverence for that which Jesus said in **John 9:5** **"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."** The Lord also reminded me of what Jesus said in **Luke 11:34-36** **"The light of the body is the eye: therefore when your eye is single, your whole body is also full of light; but when your eye is evil, your body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness. If your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, then the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle does give you light."**

The Lord said, "That which your eyes have been opened to see is *the realm of reality*. It is the reality that man cannot believe to be true because the children of the darkness are only able to believe that *the darkness is their reality*, but the darkness is only an illusion of lies that are naturally seen. Consider the parable of the tax collector, how the Pharisee was so confident that he was a righteous man because of how he appeared in his own eyes. Consider the workers of iniquity, how they also are confident in the day of their judgment that they are going to be able to justify themselves when they stand before the judgment seat and declare their "thought-to-be" righteous works. Consider the church at Laodicea, as well as all those who are lukewarm today. They are so confident that they see and understand all things, yet the darkness has blinded them and they are not able to see that they are wretched, blind, miserable, naked, and poor in spirit in the sight of God. See how the darkness has blinded them to the massive need that they have for God?

**Proverbs 21:2** "Every way of man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord ponders the heart."

**Luke 18:9-14** "And Jesus spoke this parable unto those who trusted in themselves that they were righteous; and they despised others. Two men went up into the temple to pray; one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed with himself saying, "God, I thank you that I am not as other men are extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week and I give tithes of all that I possess". And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but beat upon his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner". I tell you that this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted."

**Matthew 23: 25-28** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside is full of extortion and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish so that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead bones and all uncleanness. Even so you outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

**Matthew 7:21-23** Jesus said, "Not everyone who says unto me, "Lord, Lord", shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in your name we have cast out devils? And in your name we have done many wonderful works?" And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity."

**Revelation 3:14** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I wish that you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth because you say, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"; and you do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

"I am the true light", says the Lord. "I am the light that reveals that the deeds of men are evil. The darkness masquerades as the light that exalts, and glories, and praises the things that are naturally seen in man. The light of God reveals *the truth* about the intents of the hearts and thoughts of the minds. The images that you saw that were covered in darkness are those who are blind, wretched, miserable, naked, and poor in Spirit, but they do not know it. Those images that you saw that were covered half in darkness and half in dark gray are those who are blind, wretched, miserable, naked, and poor, and they do know it. These are they whose hearts have remained passionately hot for Me, seeking after My heart. These are they who continuously call out upon Me. These love My correction; for they know in their weaknesses, they are going to see My power. These are they who respect the Blood that I shed for them, and they seek not to justify themselves. These are they who have seen the vanity of their own works and their own righteousness. These are they who love My mercies and My grace and they present themselves daily before Me with surrendered hearts. These rejoice in their hearts knowing that they are the ones for whom I died."

**Isaiah 57:12 "I will declare your righteousness and your works; for they will not profit you."**

"I came as the light of God unto My own people; as a light to a people who were confident that they were righteous. I came unto them and was despised and rejected. I was mocked; I was persecuted; I was falsely accused; I was spit upon; and I was killed. I was an alien in a world where the darkness appears as the light; a world where My creation has been contaminated by the darkness and where the natural senses of the first born agree with the desires of the devil to judge Me, to condemn Me, and to destroy Me.

"The darkness hates the light. The darkness hates the light. The children of darkness hate the light. For the talons that you saw buried deep into the souls is the darkness trying to keep its hold on men through hatred and fear of the light. The children of the darkness hate to face the light of My truth because it reveals the hidden things of darkness as well as the intents of their own thoughts. The children of darkness hate the truth because it brings the idols of their own opinions to nothing. The children of the darkness hate correction. The children of the darkness hate instruction. The children of darkness delight in living in the illusion whereby they appear right in their own eyes. The children of darkness hate confession. The children of darkness love the lying illusions that deceive them into believing that they are something that they are not. The children of the darkness hate the light because the light reveals the reality concerning the illusions of their own vanity. All such hatred for My light comes from the strong hold that these talons have on the souls of men. The natural realm is the realm of darkness; the realm where the desires of the "old man", the illusions of lies, are more to be desired than the reality of light, which is the realm of truth that leads to everlasting life."

**1 Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God."**

**John 3:19 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."**

**2 Timothy 2: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts they shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (illusions of vanity)."**

**Jeremiah 5:30,31 "An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?"**

**Isaiah 30:9-11 "That this is a rebellious people, lying children; children who will not hear the law of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see", and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things." Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."**



The Lord said, "My son, you have asked Me to search your heart, to reveal to you the hidden things of darkness that dwell in you. You have received My light which reveals My truth. I have promised to that all things that are hidden shall be made manifest by the light; and I am the light that manifests the truth. It is the darkness of this world that devises, labors, and fights to keep all men under the curse of blindness. My Word testifies that My eyes see that the heart of man is desperately wicked and deceitful above all things; yet the darkness blinds them to keep men from this truth. My eyes see that the thoughts of man are all vanity; but the darkness blinds men from this truth. My eyes see that there is none good, and neither are there any who are righteous; but the darkness blinds My people from seeing this truth.

"My eyes see that all of the imaginations of men are only evil continually; but the darkness keeps men blind to this truth. My eyes see that My people think they know the nature of the truth, but the darkness blinds them to the truth of their ignorance. My eyes see those things which men esteem are as nothing but abominations in My sight; but the darkness blinds men to keep them from this truth. My eyes see that My people are blind, wretched, miserable, naked, and poor, but the darkness blinds men to this truth. The darkness blinds.....the darkness blinds.....the darkness blinds.....the darkness blinds....."

**Lamentations 3:64 "Repay them, O Lord, according to the work of their hands. Give them a veiled heart; your curse be upon them!"**

**2 Corinthians 3:14-18 "But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."**

**Ephesians 4:17-18 "This I say therefore and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth no longer walk as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."**

**2 Peter 1:4-9 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, give all diligence to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."**

The darkness that you saw attached to the souls of My people is the darkness that blinds; the blindness that keeps the truth about the heart of God and the heart of man veiled. The first man is earthy, of the earth; and the earth continually moves in unison with My people, always tempting them to hold on to the earthy desires and senses of the "old man". The darkness always moves with My people, laboring and fighting to keep them under the curse of blindness. But you have believed and trusted the testimony of My words. You have judged yourself by asking and allowing Me to judge the darkness within that appears as the light in your eyes. You have allowed Me to correct you, to sanctify you with My truth, and to cleanse you from the unrighteousness that appears as the light. You have allowed Me to change you with My Spirit. In all these things you have seen that My love has never departed from you, or wavered. You see the truth, that My Blood covers all that from which the blindness tempts you to cover your eyes. You know that My mercies and My grace are your constant companions. You have hated the illusions of outward appearances and the hypocrisies of vain lies that blind. I have now opened your eyes so that you can see the true reality of this world of darkness. Now you clearly that the darkness possesses all the citizens of this world; for blindness is the identity that is required for citizenship in this world. Now you see with your own eyes the reality of the truth; the same truth that My words have testified of since the fall in the beginning.

**1 Corinthians 11:31-32 "For if we would judge ourselves we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord so that we should not be condemned with the world."**

**1 Corinthians 4:4-5 "For I know nothing of myself; yet I am not justified hereby: but He that judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes and bring to light both the**

**hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God."**

**Mark 4:21-23** "Jesus said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

"Your eyes now see the true reality, though you have known this, that there is none good; no, not one; and neither are there any who are righteous; no, not one. It was then that I realized that I was seeing everything about man that the scriptures testify to be truth--that natural man truly is a creature of the darkness. I was clearly seeing natural man where not one of his thoughts are as the thoughts of God. This confirms **Isaiah 55:8-9** "**For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**"

This is also confirmed in **Genesis 6:5** "**And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,**" as well as that which is written in **Psalms 94:11** "**The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.**"

It was then that I realized that all of thoughts of the carnal mind come forth out of this darkness, and they come forth through these talons as poison comes forth from a snake through its fangs. It is this poison of the darkness that keeps the souls of men in bondage to the miserable death that occupies the thinking of all who are carnally minded. They have thoughts of stress, depression, anxiety, bitterness, fears, hatred, worry, unbelief, boredom, unforgiveness, as well as many other such like thoughts. I also saw other talons that were buried deep into the minds to keep the thoughts of men thinking only on "self"; thinking that "self" was something great, something to be exalted, and something that was always right.

I also saw the truth of **Jeremiah 17:9** "**The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; but who can know it?**" I saw all of the reasonings and excuses that come forth from men as nothing but fabricated lies that men use to justify themselves in all that they speak and do. They all come forth from the darkness. I saw the pride of man and how it has absolutely no more desire to fellowship or commune with God than the darkness desires to have fellowship and communion with the light.

I began to see the truth of **Revelation 3:15-17** "**I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I wish that you were either cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth because you say, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"; and you do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.**" Somehow I knew that the darkness here that blinds men to these truths was also the same darkness that blinds the hearts and minds of all those ensnared by all false traditions and doctrines, all false denominations, as well as all false religions. All believe that they are right in their beliefs, but none are able to know the truth about the condition of the hearts and minds as seen by the Lord God. Neither are they able to know the truth about how much God loves them in the state that they are in. I then saw the hypocrites, those ministers of darkness who pretend to be ministers of light, workers of righteousness, and witnesses of God. There was no light in them; only a putrid darkness that was as disgusting as a filthy menstruous cloth. Up until this moment, I had nothing but great compassion on all of these souls that I had seen compassed with this darkness, but it was not so with these. I have no idea why this was so. I knew that these were they who have changed the image of God into an image like the illusions that they had believed to be right; to be an image after those things which are seen and not those things which are unseen.

Then the Lord said, "These are witnesses of their own illusions; illusions that outwardly appear righteous in the sight of men, but inwardly they are only filled with the slime of darkness. These are they who will not have any delight in My appearing because they will see that I am not like the illusions of darkness that they desired Me to be. These are not like those who will love My appearing because at My appearing I shall destroy all darkness; the darkness that they thought was light. Only those who love the truth will love My appearing. I am the true light."

My heart was overcome with grief after seeing that this darkness is the reality of the truth. It was overwhelming for me to see with my own eyes just how much complete control and power the darkness has over the souls of men. But then the Lord reminded me that He was the light over which the darkness has no power, and that it is His will that all men be saved. The Lord then reminded me of a question that He had recently asked me, "Mitt, will you battle for the souls of men?" Without hesitation my heart instantly cried out, "Yes, Lord, I will; but I really do not know how to battle for the souls of men!"

I also remembered what the Lord had me declare before the group: "You can take every interpretation that has ever been written about the book of Revelation and throw it out of the window because it has not yet been revealed the impact that the Sons of God are going to have during those days. And those days are about to be *these days!*"

Again, I sat there, trying to hold back my emotions about what I had just seen with my own eyes. I was also trying desperately to connect all of the dots. Those dots were all the things that the Lord had revealed over the last few weeks. One thing that was crystal clear to me: was that the final battle of all ages is right before our eyes, a battle for the souls of men! The Lord reminded me, "Mitt, you have never wrestled with flesh and blood, and neither at any time has your warfare been with any of those things which are seen. As it has been, so also shall it be in this battle. I am about to open your eyes to see all things in the darkness. Nothing shall be hidden from your eyes as I enable you to see all things with the sight of My eyes. In the reality of darkness I am going to send you to battle for the souls of men. My heart shall be your shield, My Words shall be your sword, and My eyes shall be your seeing."

Then the Lord moved me to stand before the others there in Houston, and try to explain to them those things which the Lord had just shown me. I was still choked with grief and compassion for all those in the darkness when I stood before the others. It was difficult to try to express what I had never before seen. Still, I explained and testified of these things in the best way that I could for that moment. The Lord quickened to me that He wanted me to anoint each one there, just as Samuel anointed David to be king over Israel. Though David was anointed to be king at that moment, almost 20 years would pass before he received authority and power to actually be king. I perceived that, just as it was with David, so shall this anointing be with all those who would desire to be made partakers in the battle for the souls of men. From the time of this anointing until it came to pass was an appointed time. Each person in the room was then anointed with oil, one at a time; and each person was first asked, "Who are you?" and each person answered, "I am one for whom Jesus Christ died." Then each person was asked if he/she was willing to ask the Lord to open his eyes so that he may see all things in the same manner that our heavenly Father sees all things; with nothing hidden from the sight of his eyes.

I had never before been involved in any such anointing as this. I was no longer afraid of the darkness; for in the realm of reality, where all things are seen as God sees them, there is no place for the darkness to hide. The strength of the darkness is the darkness itself. I also knew that those who were there would truly surrender their hearts unto God for "His purpose", and then ask the Lord to open their eyes to see as God sees. The Lord Himself is surely going to bring this to pass in we who believe on Him. I knew in my heart that anyone who would allow the Lord to open their eyes to see these things, will gladly charge into this realm of darkness to battle for the souls of men who are not even aware of their captivity to this darkness. Even so, I asked the Lord that night, "Please do not ever let me see this darkness again without the power of Your presence with me. Lord, is that which you have revealed this night some of the things on which the Sons of God are going to have an impact in the days ahead?"

This day had started slowly, but surely had a dramatic end for me. The realm of darkness that I had seen this day was nothing like what I had expected to see when the Lord had said before I had left Charleston, "Mitt, do not be afraid of the power that you are going to see in Houston."

## The 21<sup>st</sup>

As soon as I awoke on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Lord spoke, "The heart of God is going to be revealed in the glory of the face of Jesus Christ, which is going to be manifest in the Sons of God." As soon as I heard these words, the Spirit of the Lord reminded me of that e-mail I had just recently received from Mark Sanger which said: "She (Mark's wife) said that *she saw the face of Jesus on the shield.*"

Another word that Mark had shared also came to mind, "Michael has come down to fight with us Mitt--the same Angel that kicked the devil out of Heaven! The day of the Lord is upon us; it is time, it is time, it is TIME!! Now is the judgment of this world, now the ruler of this world is cast **out!** Now we will **see the decree, brother!**" There was no doubt in my mind that what the Lord had revealed in that meeting in San Diego strongly related to the things that He was revealing in Houston.

That same morning, when Bruce, Dan, and Betty arrived, they shared with us how Bruce had been weeping almost uncontrollably for the past couple of hours. When I asked him what had happened to bring this upon him, he answered that he had also seen the darkness upon the souls of men in a fashion very similar to that which I had seen. What a witness and confirmation to that which the Lord had just shown me the night before! I knew then that Bruce was ready to enter the battle for the souls of men. This confirmed that the Lord is truly looking for

those who desire to see all things as He sees them, to open our eyes to see the reality of this world of darkness, and to see how the darkness has this world so compassed with her sin and death. The Houston meeting then quietly came to a close.

I had many questions, and I could not wait for the Lord to put together the pieces of this puzzle that He was putting before us; a riddle of what His plans were for us in these last days.. What does this sword formed from the word "BLESSINGS" represent? Is the Lord getting ready to equip us with a new mouth; a mouth that will judge Satan and his demons? Satan and his demons are fallen angels, and it is written in **1 Corinthians 6:3 "Do you not know that we shall judge angels?"** How far are we from the end when all wicked spirits, powers, principalities, and the rulers of darkness are cast out of this fallen world? Does Michael the archangel's appearance before some represent that it is time for Satan and his angels to be cast out of this world just as Michael cast them out of heaven? Is the Lord preparing to equip His chosen with His power and His authority so that we may also enter into the darkness to battle for the souls of men? We are not going to wrestle or fight against flesh and blood!

Is it by the hand of this SWORD/ BLESSINGS that the world will be delivered from the curse of darkness and the kingdom of God shall then reign on earth? Why had the Lord allowed me to see the reality of this world that we live in; a reality where this whole world is encompassed with darkness?

From the time that I left Houston to this very moment, I keep reminding myself that the realm of darkness that the Lord showed me, is not in some distant universe, nor is it on the other side of the world. It is the realm of reality that exists everywhere in this fallen world; throughout the United States; throughout South Carolina; throughout Charleston; and throughout the house that I live in. I now understood how so many Christians are deceived by the religion of the hypocrites, those play-acting wolves who outwardly appear righteous by their words and their works. The desires and affections of the "old man" nature agree with the darkness because it is able to see and desire only those things which "are seen". It goes without saying that the reality of darkness that the Lord allowed me to see is so contrary to how natural man sees the world around him and the world within him. There is no longer any doubt in my mind that this world, around us and in us, is ruled over by the rulers of darkness; the kingdom of sin.

I had just started to write down the events that occurred in Houston when the Spirit of the Lord started arousing my curiosity as to what the sword of BLESSINGS could be. I knew from the scriptures as well as from those things which the Lord has previously revealed, that Christ's coming is going to be in the fullness of His glory, manifest in His saints. While I was writing these events down, I asked my wife, Cathy, if she would ask the Lord to show her in the scriptures what this sword of "BLESSINGS" was; blessings that I perceive are going to be like nothing this world has ever seen.

I began to ponder what the Lord had said, "You can take every interpretation that has ever been written about the book of Revelation and throw it out of the window because God has not yet revealed the impact and the effect that the Sons of God are going to have during those times." It was hard for me to comprehend why I had not really considered this before because the Lord has previously revealed so much about the manifestation of the Sons of God/manchild/ Priesthood of Believers/144,000/Melchisedieic priesthood.

It was then that the Spirit quickened to me **Isaiah 60:1-9 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to you: your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see, and flow together, and your heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto you, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto you. The multitude of camels shall cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto you: they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you."**

Woowww!!! I have read these words many times before, and not once did I ever consider that these things were going to happen at the same time as the events spoken of in the book of Revelation. I was stunned, for before

my eyes was the very impact and effect that the Sons of God are going to have on this fallen world. All that I knew was that this was quite contrary to the events that I had previously understood.

But what a minute! If the Gentiles are going to see the glory of God rising upon the Sons of God, and they are going to them while praising God, then who is it that is going to take the mark of the beast? I had always been told that it was going to be mainly the Gentiles, as well as the faithless and unbelieving Christians that were going to take the mark.

I then remembered **1 Peter 4:17**, **“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”** From those things which the Lord has taught me, that those who disobey the gospel are those who are called, but they never put off the nature of the “old man”. Then He reminded me of **II Thessalonians 1:7-12** **“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Wherefore we also pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Next, He brought before me **Jeremiah 9:4-6**

**“Take ye heed every one of his neighbor, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders; and they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me,”** says the Lord.

The Lord added to this verse **Ephesians 5:6-8** **“Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Therefore be ye not partakers with them. For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”** Those who have continued in the Word have learned the truth of the gospel, and they have been set free from all the lies of the devil; the lies that are believed on by all false religions that are powerless to set a man free from the hypocritical desires and pleasures of the old man nature.

It was then that the Lord opened my eyes to see clearly, that though the Lord has not appointed any of us to wrath, neither has He appointed any of us to be deceived. Those who are deceived are those who “allowed” themselves to be deceived, having put their trust in men, and not in the Lord who called them. The children of disobedience are those who have not obeyed the gospel of truth in putting off the old man nature to put on the new man. These are they who have denied the Lord Christ Jesus because He is the nature of the new man. No man that is deceived knows that he is deceived because he is confident that all the doctrines and laws that he believes and trust in are right and true, (even though none of them have the ability to reveal the secrets of Father’s heart unto him). The ignorant, those children of darkness, are deceived by what they know naturally; that is, it is their own opinions and interpretations of the scriptures as well as the nature of God that they trust to be right, confirming that which is written in **Jeremiah 4:22** **“For “my people” are foolish because they have not known Me. They are senseless children who have no understanding. They are wise to do evil and to do good they have no knowledge.”**

It is as it is written, that God can only be interpreted and revealed through the gift of His Spirit. **I Corinthians 15:34** tells us, **“Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some do not have the “the knowledge of God”, and I speak this to your shame.”**

I then knew that this is truly that judgment that begins with the house of God. That judgment where the Lord is going to first separate the faithful and true from the faithless and deceived servant. I thought of the vision that the Lord gave me that He entitled, “The Hour of Separation.” The Lord revealed that He is now dividing the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats, the vessels of honor from the vessels of dishonor, the wise from the foolish, and those whose faith has stood in the power of God rather than the faith that stands in their own wisdom and works. It is time to separate the righteous from the wicked; and the wicked are not the Gentiles, but rather they are those whom the Lord has called but they have refused Him. This judgment has nothing to do with the Gentiles, but is strictly the house of God.

Then the Lord quickened unto me **Revelation 18:4-24** “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, **“Come out of her, My people, that you be not partakers of her sins and that you receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled fill to her double. How much she has glorified herself and lived deliciously; so much torment and sorrow give her. For she says in her heart, “I sit a queen (thinking that she is the bride of the King of kings), and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judges her.**

**“And the kings of the earth (the Gentiles) who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, “Alas, alas, that great city Babylon (the religion of the deceived), that mighty city! For in one hour is your judgment come”. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more: their merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all scented wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and ointments, and odors, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits (fleshly) that your soul lusted after are departed from you, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and you shall find them no more at all.**

**“The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.’ And every shipmaster and all the company in ships and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, “What city is like unto this great city!”**

**“And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.’ Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets; for God has avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in you; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.’ And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”**

Who has killed the prophets, the saints, as well as having the Son of God crucified but those who allowed themselves to be deceived? These are the hypocrites who worship and serve the self-righteous affections and desires of the old man nature; the religion of the seven-headed beast. I could not help but see the irony in that the deceived church believes that they are going to be raptured out of the earth during this time. The truth is that they are the ones who are going to be the object of all of God’s judgment. When the Gentiles witness the destruction of the deceived church, they are going to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ rising upon the wise and faithful. It is then that every knee is going to bow and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**“Judgment must begin at the house of God.”** This word just kept coming and coming into my mind. For so long I have been looking for judgment to come against the heathen of this world. Although I have read this verse many times, I never really considered that judgment must first come to the church, even though this scripture makes it plain that it surely is going to be so.

After the Lord showed me these things, I again returned to my curiosity as to exactly what was this new sword of BLESSINGS. It was then that my daughter Ansley e-mailed me a copy of a vision that the Lord had given her about two months before our meeting in Houston.

## Vision given to Ansley:

I saw the Lord standing on top of a mountain and He had a shofar. He blew the shofar and the sound was awesome. If you have ever heard a shofar blown it is a unique sound. He told me that the shofar represented the cry of His heart. I realized that the sound of a shofar does sound like a longing cry. He told me to watch.

Behind Him I saw His army of angels gathering. They came to fulfill the cry of the shofar (His heart). They were gathered as a general gathers his troops. They were in sections according to their functions. I saw the first group of angels had weapons and the second group had musical instruments. The next group had balls of light (on a few occasions the Lord has handed me a ball of light to minister healing). There were many different groups of these ministering angels with different gifts (or parts of the Lord).

As I watched the angels I saw the wisdom of God encircle each group. She was like a liquid light of many colors flowing in and through each of these groups. She is so beautiful, and she made all of these groups sparkle with the life of God. I really don't have the words to describe what I saw, but it was as if these angels sparkled with her beautiful colors.

The Lord then spoke, "What they have I give to you, to My body." Then I heard the Lord say "Now" to the angels. When He said this, the angels with all their gifts, functions and the beautiful wisdom of The Father descended on His body. As they descended on the body and imparted to the people what they had, I saw the body of Christ come together; from all different kinds of people. It was a beautiful living functioning body. All the different parts of His body functioned as one with Christ as the Head. The Head cannot do anything without the body and the body cannot do anything without the Head.

As I watched this take place, I saw behind the body this huge dark figure. The body was not facing this thing at first. **When all of Christ's body came together, I saw a sword in the hands of the body of Christ. It was a very large sword that had to be held with two hands, like a broad sword (I think that's what they are called).** I saw that the body of Christ was just as big as this dark form that was behind it. The body of Christ turned to face this dark form and then in one swipe of this sword, it took the head off this dark figure. It took the strength of the whole body to swing this sword; for a sword that is swung with both hands needs the whole body to swing it. The feet, the legs, the hips, the arms, the hands, and every part was involved in swinging such a large sword. It was awesome.

This was the cry of His heart, the shofar being blown to unify His body and destroy this dark figure. It was such a longing cry that made me want to weep for the longing of it. I wish I could impart to you the longing that Christ has for His body to become one, to become His; for this longing is hard to describe, especially the longing of Christ. But He did it. He spoke one word to the angels after the shofar was blown and it happened. I then realized that this has never been done and that no one has seen the body of Christ in its fullness and no one knows what this looks like. All I know is what I saw. His body was one. It functioned as one. It had life and its life was the life of the Father; and the life of the Father is found in the beautiful wisdom of God.

I then saw Jesus and his body, and together they kicked ass on this darkness. There was no fight at all from this dark figure; and in just one swing of this sword, it came down, just like Goliath came down from one stone from David's sling.

The cry of Father's heart longs for the brethren to come together in unity. But who cares that Father longs for His church to come together in unity? Only those who have sought to know the nature of Father's heart are those who care; for they are the ones that yearn for Father to be pleased because they love Him and do not want Him to be grieved. These continually cry out to Father, calling upon Him to perform that which is impossible for the church to do of itself—to bring unity. I know there is one who is really concerned and cares much about the

church coming together in unity, and that is Satan; for as the Lord has said, "All of the powers of Satan are going to be broken when the church comes together in unity." How will the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God unless Satan and the kingdom of sin are overthrown? If then God has chosen the unity of His saints to be the destruction of the kingdoms of this world, then what else would Satan attack except that purpose? With what else would Satan attack the church except the desires of the first born; the desires of "Self" which have no unity with others? For Satan knows that it is impossible for him to stop God from doing anything that God sends His Word to perform, but he can certainly attack those who are praying, asking the Lord to send His Word to unify His church. **Let not our hearts be discouraged, but let us be all the more diligent and sober in our prayers as we continually ask the Lord to unify His church.**

I was writing these words that the Lord had spoken in Houston when my wife Cathy said that she felt like the Lord had just led her to the verse that identified what the sword of His BLESSINGS was. I just about fell out of my chair when she identified which book, chapter, and verse to which the Lord had led her. The reason I say this is because of two things that had happened in Houston. The first was when the Lord gave me the vision where I saw each one of us holding a sword, and suddenly our swords were taken from us, and they formed one big sword. Then the Lord said that this represented brethren coming together in unity. The Spirit quickened **Psalm 133:1 "Behold how good and pleasant it is when the brethren dwell together in unity."**

Later on that same night, the Lord gave Linda a vision where she saw the oil running down Aaron's beard; which then led to **Psalm 133:1-3 "Behold how good and pleasant it is when the brethren dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion".....**and then there it was, right there at the end of verse three--the word that the Lord led my wife to that reveals what blessings the new sword represents **"for there the Lord commanded the blessing, life forever more!"** Wow! But, wait Lord, how? What does that mean? Life forevermore! For whom? Is this the blessing that comes forth after the brethren come together in unity, the blessing that destroys all of the powers of Satan? Is the blessing of everlasting life that destroys the last enemy, death?

**Hebrews 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."**

Then the Lord brought this to my remembrance, **1 Corinthians 15: 45-52 NKJ "And so it is written, "The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a life giving Spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ("old man" nature); and afterward that which is spiritual (1 John 3:2). The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."**

**Not just a living Spirit, but a life-giving Spirit;** a Spirit that gives life to others; and not only to others, but that restores life to all of God's creation Since the fall, darkness has ruled over all the creatures of earth with diseases, dread, fear, and mortality (which is not the same as death). Truly, **this is the Lord from heaven;** truly, this could only happen after we "see Jesus and are changed into his likeness!" Talk about the impact that the sons of God are going to have upon the earth!

**Romans 8:19-22 "For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope; because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now."**



Then the Lord said, "It is now time for you to receive your inheritance. It is time for you who have loved Me more than your own lives to receive My promises. Those who have overcome the beast are those who have come out of her, who took up their crosses to crucify unto themselves the wisdom of this world; that great whore, Mystery Babylon; It is the religion of the hypocrites that is full of abominations, all manner of idolatry, and that which is stained with the blood of the innocent. These are they who have also come out of great tribulation, having overcome Satan and all of his lies through the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and laying down all love and affection for the "first born", holding fast to keep their love for Me in their hearts. Now is the time for you to receive all that for which you have believed on Me..

**Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

**Revelation 12:10-11** "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

**Revelation 7:13-14** "And one of the elders answered saying unto me, "Who are these that are arrayed in white robes and from where did they come?" And I said unto him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in his temple (their/his body): and He that sits on the throne shall dwell among them."

"Now shall these who have overcome receive the promise of their inheritance. Now shall all those who have been poor in Spirit receive the promise of My Spirit; I am that Spirit. Now shall those who have hungered and thirsted for My righteousness be filled, and all things shall be made new. Now shall all those who have patiently waited for Me receive their new name; and now shall I profess their name before My Father. Now shall the meek inherit the earth. Now shall those who have endured to the end receive salvation. Now shall the wise and faithful be given power over all nations. Now shall the pure in heart see God. Now shall they who have continued in that strait and narrow path eat from the tree of life. I am the tree of life. I am the promise. I am "the life". I am the Son in whom the Father is well pleased. Now is the time for you to receive your crown and go forth to judge the powers and rulers of this world. Now is the time for the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our God forever and ever."

**Acts 26:6-8** "And now I (Paul) stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?"

**Galatians 3:29** "And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise..."  
**5:24** Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh of its affections and desires."

**2 Peter 3:3-4** Know this first, that there shall come scoffers in the last days, walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?"

**1 John 3:2** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure."

**11 Thessalonians 1:10** "When He shall come to be glorified in his saints...."

**1 John 2:25** "And this is the promise that He hath promised us, eternal life".

I was meditating on these things when the Spirit led me back to **Isaiah 60:1-3** "Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising." Then the Lord said, "The

blessing that is about to come upon you is right before your eyes, in these very words.” Then the Lord opened my understanding to see that each one of these three verses described three very separate events:

First of all, **Isaiah 60:1** is the fulfilling of

- 1) **2 Thessalonians 1:7-12** “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that do not know God and that do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power; when He shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Wherefore we also pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power, that the name (the fullness of his nature, His character, and His authority) of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 2) **Romans 8:18-19** “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us; for the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.”
- 3) **1 John 3:2** “Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that has this hope in Him purifies himself, even as He is pure.”
- 4) **Micah 4:1** “But in the last days it shall come to pass...5 for all people will walk everyone in the name (nature), and we will walk in the name of our God forever and ever.”

Several years ago, when the Lord was first showing me that He was coming “in” His saints, the Lord spoke to me while I was praying and said, “Mitt, I am not coming in you as the Jesus who walked this earth; and neither am I coming in you as the Jesus who was crucified and resurrected, but had not been glorified. No, I am coming in you as I am now, as the Jesus who received glory, and strength, and honor, and power, and blessings, and wisdom, and My Father’s kingdom after I appeared before His throne, and took the book from Him. When I opened the book, I was glorified with His power, glory, strength, wisdom, honor, riches, and blessings.”

I do not know about you, but it is hard enough for me just to imagine receiving the same glory, the same love, and the same power that Jesus had on earth whereby He raised the dead, healed the sick, had authority over the winds and seas, and walked on water. For me to try and imagine anything beyond that, would just be an exercise of vain thoughts because it is written that we do not yet know what we are going to be like. Then the Lord said, “After My glory arises upon you, then shall you do greater works than those I did; for there shall be a greater glory upon you.” Whoa; I am glad this is the Lord’s doing and not mine!

He also opened my eyes to see that the time of our glorification is also the time of the judgment of the rest of the church. These are the unprepared virgins, the hypocrites, the goats, the workers of iniquity, the slothful, those whose hearts were far from Him, the tares, the vessels of dishonor, and those wicked servants who chose to disobey Him by not believing His Words. No matter how you cut it, these are the ones who lost their first love, then refused to come out of the false religion of Mystery Babylon; the religion where the desires/lusts of the first born are loved. These are they who lied and willingly chose to worship and serve the idols of “Self” rather than to love the truth of their Creator. I perceived that even the world is going to witness the destruction of Babylon, this seven headed beast, as well as all those who refused to come out of her.

Then, second of all, **Isaiah 60:2** describes how those who are filled with the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ are going to see. What will come after His glory comes upon us. We shall all have eyes to see as God sees. We shall see the same reality of darkness that the Lord gave me a glimpse of while I was in Houston; the reality of this fallen world and the powers and the rulers of the Darkness that have ruled over it.

Then the Lord said, "The light of your body is the eye; and your eyes shall be opened to see all things. There shall no lie be hidden from your sight and neither shall anything be hidden from your sight. Nothing shall escape the seeing of your eyes. Your shield shall be My heart; and the nature of My heart is LIFE; the everlasting LIFE that death has no power to harm or to injure. Your sword shall be My Words coming out of My mouth; and My Words shall bring forth blessings that will destroy all of the curses of darkness; the blindness of man and death upon the earth. The sword of My Word will speak healing and life forever more to all of My creation; words that will be accompanied with My authority and power so that every word spoken shall come to pass. Then shall the Sons of God go forth in the unity of My love, My power, and My purpose, to destroy all of the powers and principalities of darkness. These are the powers that have blinded the eyes of all the inhabitants of this world to all things that are of God.

"You shall go forth judging angels as well as all powers, principalities, and rulers that have governed the kingdom of this world. Even so, you shall not have to utter one word from your mouth as all things shall be judged by My Presence in you. The glory of this world shall be judged by My Glory in you. Death shall be judged by LIFE in you. Sin and iniquity shall be judged by My Righteousness shining out of you. The darkness shall be judged by My Light in you. For now is the judgment of this world; now shall the government of the Darkness be judged and cast out. This is the end of Daniel's 70 weeks, the end of sin and the beginning of the reign of righteousness; for the kingdom of darkness shall perish as the Sons of God establish the kingdom of heaven on earth. It is for this very event that the entire creation has been moaning, and groaning, and waiting for: the manifestation of the sons of God who shall bring My healing to a world that has been afflicted with the sicknesses and diseases of mortality."

**I Corinthians "Do you not know that we shall judge angels?"**

**Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."**

**II Peter 3:13 "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness."**

"The third of all", the Lord said, "When I came into this world, neither the inhabitants of this world or My own people were able to recognize Me because of the blindness that ruled over their eyes, their hearts, and their minds. I was despised and rejected. I was persecuted. I was mocked and scorned. I was not believed on nor trusted. I was spit on and ridiculed. I was beat on and scourged. I was forsaken and crucified. Why? Because the Darkness ruled over this world. covering the eyes, the hearts, and the minds of all with blindness. It shall not be so with the Sons of God.

"For once the government of this world, those rulers of Darkness shall be cast out; then all of the inhabitants of this world, (except those wicked hypocrites who profaned My name), shall be blessed with "*seeing*" eyes. With the darkness destroyed, the curse of blindness shall be no more. Then shall all of the inhabitants of this world as well as her kings and rulers, "**see Jesus Christ**" in those who have loved Me, in all of the fullness of My name and My glory rising up in you. Then shall be brought to pass that which is written, **Philippians 2:9-11** "**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. Then shall the kingdoms of this world be the kingdoms of our God forever and ever.**"

"I, the Lord your God, have now revealed these things unto you through My prophet; and I the Lord your God shall perform all of these things. Period."

**Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but He reveals His secrets unto His servants the prophets."**

As I finished writing this word, I could not help but reflect on the fact that *“judgment begins with the house of God.”* All things in us that are not of God are going to be judged, to empty a people so that they might be prepared to receive the fullness of Jesus Christ, the heart of God. Many will not endure these judgments because they have no faith or belief in the incredible love that the Lord has for them. So also many will not endure because of the love they have for the beast, the first born nature of the old man.

Many call the earthquakes, the tsunamis, the diseases, the famines, the wars, the judgments of God, but the Lord told me that these are only the signs of the times. They are not discriminatory against any group of people. But the judgment that is coming is definitely going to come first to His House; and when it comes, it is definitely going to separate those who have held on to the nature of the first born from those who have held firmly to their first love for the Lord.

As I was about to sign off on this word, the Lord quickened to me what He has repeatedly said through many different prophets and prophetic words, *“All that which is not of the Lord shall not stand in the days to come.”* Then I heard what Jesus said in **Matthew 12:25** **“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”** There is no unity in the carnally-minded church, only such things as division, jealousies, fault-finding, arguments, unforgiveness, envy, contention, hurt feelings, and strife. For all of the doctrines of the first born focus on the lies of “self”; and “selfish” desires only divide a house. This house is not going to stand.

We all know **Psalm 127:1** **“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.”** The only house that is going to stand in the days to come is the church that has been crying out and praying, asking the Lord to build His House, and to bring unity among the brethren. We have not because we have not asked the Lord to do that which is impossible for us to do. I urge you with all of my being, to ask the Lord to build His House and to bring us all into the unity of His Spirit.

The Lord has saved the best for last for those who have sought for His heart. Blessings, grace, wisdom, and the love of God be multiplied unto you in Jesus.

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