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FAITH FOR FINANCES

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that

though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. II Corinthians 8:9

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INTRODUCTION

As we approach the end of this age, there is an urgent need for the body of Christ to learn to walk at increasing levels of faith, especially in the financial realm. "**For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7).** If we walk by sight, we will come under a spirit of fear and fail to appropriate God's incredible provisions.

This book is designed to teach you how to walk in faith for finances at a higher level. It took us thirty years to learn these truths, but we pray that you can learn them in a few weeks as you read and apply what God taught us.

The key truth is extremely simple but difficult to live. It is this: ***Developing intimacy with God and completely obeying His voice is the pathway to all true prosperity.*** Intimacy with God requires us to come into His presence and carefully behold Him. As we focus on Him, He transforms us over time to become like Him. Walking in intimacy with our Creator makes us rich on the inside. That inner wealth will manifest in tangible blessings that will touch many in our path. God wants your heart and ours to be fully His.

My wife Glenda and I have lived a missionary lifestyle since 1976. For the first twenty years of missionary service, we raised financial support by traditional fund raising methods. God provided for us through many partners who faithfully gave to support our ministry to the poor in North America.

In 1997, the Lord led us to resign from our ministry position, which included a full salary and many benefits. The Holy Spirit specifically said to me after an extended season of prayer and fasting, "Resign your position and go to a place that I will show you." This began a journey of learning to walk by faith at a higher level for finances.

After we resigned, the Lord initially provided a ministry opportunity at a local church as an associate pastor. The Holy Spirit told me to write all of our financial partners and thank them for their years of support and tell them that we no longer needed their support. Consequently, all outside financial support ended. Two months later, the Holy Spirit told me to resign my position at the local church, and led me into an extended season of prayer. He said not to write our partners or ask any person for finances or tell anyone of our needs. With God's help, we obeyed the Holy Spirit.

Glenda and I have six children, who were ages 4 – 15 at the time that I became completely unemployed from a natural viewpoint. At first I

was worried and felt tremendous responsibility to provide for my family. Glenda was a full time mom and housewife. The Lord told us that she was not to work outside the home and that we were to trust Him to provide for all of our needs.

Desperation is a powerful motivator to pray with urgency. I was desperate. I had told the Lord that I would only do what I saw Him doing or heard Him say to do. But I was underdeveloped in hearing and seeing in the Spirit. For thirteen months, the Lord led me to pray in tongues four to six hours a day and gave me the grace to do it. This kind of praying opened up doorways of revelation and God began to reveal Himself, His word and a pathway through the financial wilderness.

In many ways, the Holy Spirit kept saying, “Wait on Me”. True waiting on God is not a passive activity. Waiting on God requires pressing in through prayer and earnestly seeking to see what He will say. By scriptures, words of knowledge, dreams, visions and prophetic experiences the Lord showed us many things about His nature, His ways and directed us how to make it through that first season. Many fleshly attitudes of fear, unbelief and love for money manifested during those trials. As those issues came to the surface, we repented and the Lord began to cleanse us.

After that thirteen month season, the Lord released a prophetic anointing to me so that I could write books. Each of the books that I have written has begun with a prophetic experience and a flow of revelation came as I studied the word of God. I have wanted to write this book for many years, but the Lord kept teaching us higher levels of faith for provisions. Recently, I heard the Lord say to finish this book and I am excited to share with you what the Lord taught us.

Glenda and I have been blessed to live completely by faith in God’s promises for provisions since 1997. We pray and seek God earnestly, listen to His voice and do exactly what He says to do. As we do this, He makes a way of provision for us. We don’t have any regular guaranteed income and we don’t have any kind of normal job. I don’t speak often at churches where we might receive offerings.

We don’t have any paid benefits, but we live in divine health. We have not needed a physician in many years. Our children have been supernaturally protected and healed. We live in a beautiful home that we own and have three excellent vehicles. We presently have three children attending University and one in Bible College. God is providing for every need. It is simply miraculous!

During the fourteen months, God has enabled us to travel, at our own expense, to China, South Africa, Mozambique, England, Hawaii, Japan and Canada by the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is enabling us to help fund the building of an orphanage in South Africa where we ministered. We are giving more money to missions than ever before. It is more blessed to give and we are enjoying this grace.

Walking by faith for finances has been an incredible journey that continues today. Along the way, the Lord has revealed truths from His word that we pray will help take His body to a higher level of faith in the financial realm. It is our sincere prayer that these pages will help you grow in faith for finances.

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CHAPTER 1 – THE WORK OF FAITH

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." John 6:29

After resigning from 21 years of active ministry, we prayed diligently to the Lord for revelation regarding the work that we were to do. He spoke to us through John 6:29 and told us that our work was to believe in Him. This required the work of praying many hours a day and careful study of the word of God. It also required the work of obeying what the Holy Spirit told us to do.

Simply by following the Holy Spirit, He moved us into the lifestyle we recognize now as part of the apostolic wineskin Peter declared. **"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).** By giving ourselves continually to prayer and meditating on His words these past nine years, God has revealed His heart and mind to us. We have drawn close to Him and have been transformed to become more like Him. He has trained us how to receive faith building words from Him and how to walk by faith in the financial realm. It takes work to develop higher levels of faith in God. If you are diligent to do the work of faith, God will help you grow from one level of faith to another.

Faith Comes by Hearing

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).
Faith comes by hearing God's voice confirmed by the word of God. Notice that Paul repeats the emphasis on **"hearing"** because God's Spirit speaks to us in many ways to produce faith, but they all must be confirmed by the word of God. Faith comes by the Spirit and the word.

The Holy Spirit speaks through dreams, visions, prophetic words, interpretation of tongues, a still small voice, angels, audible voice, intuition, trances, open visions, visitations and countless other ways[1]. Those kinds of revelations usually come more frequently to those who are devoted to prayer. All revelations from the Spirit will be confirmed by the written word of God.

Faith is manifested by works since **"faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).** To walk by faith, we had to work at believing in God. I did the work the Lord told me to do by praying hours each day and

[1] For detailed teaching on hearing God's voice, please read my book, **ABIDING IN THE ANOINTING**

studying the word of God. When God spoke to Glenda or me and gave us guidance in what to do, we obeyed the Lord and did as He directed. Many times, the leading He gave did not make sense financially. We determined to trust Him with all our hearts and not lean on our own understanding. In this way, we gave the Holy Spirit complete liberty to lead us in anyway He wanted and we agreed to obey His voice without hesitation or compromise.

Faith Works Through Love

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Galatians 5:6 NIV

But only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love. Galatians 5:6 Amplified

God's love is the energizer of developing and maturing faith. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We need God's love and power to help us love Him this way. As we chose to love Him and behold His love, He fills our heart with His love and compassion for others. The heart of compassion taps into God's boundless love by faith and is able to flow manifestations of power to minister on earth.

As you love God and have love for others, generous giving will spring forth in your life. God is a generous Father who wants to touch others tangibly with His love. When you give from a heart of compassion, you are giving by the Spirit of God. When you give by the Spirit, the Lord is setting you up to harvest a blessing. There is tremendous joy in faith giving working through love.

Faith giving may start with your own family. Because I love my spouse and children, I want to give them everything they desire including a nice home, food, clothing, good transportation, opportunities to travel and many gifts. All of these things cost money. I like to give my children money to bless them because I love them and I know that they want to be able to do something special or simply buy something new at the mall. Sometimes, they give all their money away at offering time. God gives them more and often it is through us.

Many parents are stressed by finances and struggle to meet the demands of teenagers in the 21st century. We have had all the stresses of teenagers' needs including food, clothing, housing, braces, music lessons, special trips and university fees. With three in

universities and one in Bible school at the same time right now, we understand the potential stress.

However, we have also learned that faith works through love so we love our children and allow the Holy Spirit to move through our love and produce faith that brings in additional supply. The love we have for our children forces us to pray and seek God for His voice and His word so that faith will come to us. He never disappoints us. He always flows His word to us in due season because He loves us (John 5:20).

Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our Faith

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

After much prayer, the Holy Spirit said to me, **"You can have as much money as you have faith for".** This promise is confirmed by the word in Matthew 21:22 that says, **"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."** At first I was surprised at the prophetic voice of God speaking to my heart. As I meditated on this, I heard the above verse reminding me that Jesus was the author and finisher of my faith. ***I can only have true faith for finances at the level Jesus authors and finishes in my heart.***

In order for the Lord to accomplish His last day harvest purposes, He wants to author extraordinary faith for finances in many hearts. God wants to open flood gate channels of finances to flow from His inexhaustible reservoir through believers to harvest the nations.

Faith always begins as a living word seed that Jesus plants by the Holy Spirit. The Sower goes out in the world to sow His word. Faith comes by hearing that active living word, which is "Rhema" in the Greek. Unfortunately, not all hearts are ready to receive the word implanted so that it will bear fruit.

Jesus taught us that there are four soil conditions of the human heart that the seed of His word might encounter (see the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8). There is hard ground which does not allow the seed to penetrate and the devil snatches away the seed. There is shallow ground which receives the word gladly but cannot endure testing and trials so no fruit is produced as the young plant withers. Then there is entangled soil that chokes the planted word of faith through worry, cares of this world, desires to be rich and so forth.

Only one soil condition in the heart produces lasting fruit. Jesus called it good soil. In order to receive faith for finances, we must learn to cultivate good soil in our hearts so that Jesus can author and finish our faith[2].

Cultivating the Heart

But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word. Isaiah 66:2

God looks for those whose hearts are ready to receive His word with reverence and stewardship in the fear of the Lord. It is vital to see yourself as poor and bankrupt without God in order to receive all that He has for you. God gives grace to the humble so we should continuously humble ourselves before the Lord and position our hearts to receive grace and help in time of need. A contrite spirit is teachable and broken before God. The contrite heart recognizes its incapacity to do anything of eternal value apart from the Lord.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 20,21

The Lord showed me that I could build myself up in faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. As a work of faith in this verse, I prayed in tongues many hours a day and prayed that I would get interpretations to those tongues. The interpretation was the voice of the Spirit that released revelation to me. I put my faith in that revelation confirmed by the word of God and sought to do what the Lord said to do. The Lord opened up many doorways of revelation and worked to produce faith in me so that He could release the object of faith into the natural realm as faith matured.

Jude revealed that a primary way to cultivate the heart was to pray in the Holy Spirit. There are various manners of prayer that are acceptable to God and will help build up one's faith. Praying in tongues is biblically the most powerful form of prayer that leads to revelatory experiences. Since faith comes by hearing, praying in tongues opens up the hearing faster than any other form of prayer. It also plows up the heart in preparation to receive the word.

I Corinthians 14 teaches many things about praying in tongues. This precious gift of the Holy Spirit has been assaulted by the enemy in

[2] For detailed teaching on developing the heart, please read my book, **THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART.**

many ways. Paul prayed in tongues more than anyone in Corinth and He had more revelation than anyone in the New Testament days. God gave Paul the grace to pray in tongues in order to open up streams of revelation. We have the fruit of Paul's life of prayer in the scriptures.

Paul taught us that **"he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself" (I Corinthians 14:4).** This confirms Jude's revelation that we can build ourselves up by praying in the Holy Spirit. We are built up as the Lord does a hidden work in our hearts and releases Rhema words to our spirit that flow to our understanding. As we hear by that flow, faith comes and is built up.

But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? I Corinthians 14:6

Paul didn't stand before the people praying in tongues because that would not build them up. Paul did his praying in tongues before he ministered. Paul prayed through until he received an interpretation by revelation, knowledge, prophecies or a teaching. If you've never experienced this great blessing, I challenge you to put it to the test. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the grace to pray in tongues for an extended season and ask Him to give you the interpretation. It may take several hours, days or weeks, but God will release a fresh revelation to you in due time. If you sow to the Spirit in this way, you will reap a blessing from God.

God gave me the grace to pray in tongues many hours a day and then began to release revelations, words of knowledge, prophesies and teachings to me. I don't stand in front of the church praying in tongues for hours. But I may pray in tongues hours before I give a message to get into the revelatory realm and receive from the Holy Spirit what is on the heart and mind of the Father. Praise and worship are also part of a prayer life that draws you near to God and Him to you.

Nearly all of the revelations in this book related to finances came to me by praying in tongues and receiving interpretation. I have read nearly every verse in the Bible related to finances, but I only focus on those verses that the Holy Spirit quickens to my understanding. Many times, after a season of praying in tongues, the Lord will give me a phrase from a Bible verse. Sometimes He gives me the address and I look up the verse. In this way, I know that God wants to speak to me through that specific word. Then I will prayerfully meditate and study

that verse or passage. The Holy Spirit will start teaching me from that portion of scripture.

In order to prepare your heart to receive words that produce faith in your heart, you must partner with the Holy Spirit in prayer and do the work of plowing through, primarily in tongues. Every good farmer plows up the soil in preparation to plant seeds that will bear good fruit. The farmer may have to remove rocks, stumps and junk from his field to prepare the soil to bear maximum fruit. We must do the work of faith and plow up the ground of our heart.

Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant." Jeremiah 1:9,10

As we pray in the Holy Spirit, the Lord shows us areas to root out, pull down, destroy and throw down from our own hearts. After years of development, the Spirit showed me to root out Freemasonry that came through my father. Once I prayed all that out, the Lord enabled me to build and plant new levels of holiness, faith and anointing to set others free from the curses of this deceptive fraternity.[3]

During your extended prayer times, the Holy Spirit will speak to you about your heart condition. You will begin to feel His conviction about areas of worry, fear, unbelief, lust, greed, judgments, unforgiveness, carnality, lukewarmness and so forth. When God reveals those rocks and weeds in your heart, confess them and pull them out through repentance and the cleansing blood of Jesus (I John 1:9).

If you want to receive God's word for high level faith for finances, He is going to get all the greed and lust out of your heart before that faith is finished. God is after our hearts more than anything. He will not release extreme blessings of wealth if it would cause our hearts to stumble. When He finishes our faith in the higher levels of the financial realm, we will be able to handle billions of dollars without it causing our hearts to stumble.

Prolonged prayer releases a holy fire that begins searching our hearts for chaff. The Lord loves the fragrance of our flesh being burnt on the brazen altar, crucified with Christ. He wants us to come into the fullness of His will more than we do.

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[3] See my book, **EXPOSING FREEMASONRY** for more information

Once the ground of your heart is prepared, the Holy Spirit will release word seeds to you. He will plant a systematic garden of truth in your heart line upon line and precept upon precept (Isaiah 28:10). Faith in the truth of God's revealed word then becomes a shield to protect you from the fiery darts of the enemy.

When God releases words to your heart, receive them with joy and keep watering them by meditation and prayer until they are completely established in your heart. We often memorize the verses God gives us so that we can keep it hidden in our heats. We usually write them in a journal or on our computer so that we can remember what God has been teaching us.

Free from the Desire to be Rich and the Love of Money

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
I Timothy 6:9,10

Having served the poor for over two decades and being content with our wages as missionaries, I never realized I had a desire to be rich and a love for money until God led us to a place where we had no income and no reserve funds. Then what was hidden in my heart came to the surface in many ways including fear, worry, distress, frustration and unbelief. Those issues point to a love for money problem. God worked on me for a couple of years to get me free, but I still needed help to be all the way free.

Years ago during dinner at Denny's with my wife and our pastor, the conversation centered on being free from the love of money and the desire to be rich. I was planning to attend a prayer meeting at the church after dinner, but Glenda was going home. Glenda and I have an incredible relationship. She is my very best friend and always will be. We walk in a profound level of agreement. At the dinner table, I confessed that I still had a desire to be rich that was a root problem holding up our financial breakthrough. Sweet Glenda, after taking our pastor's instructions literally, slapped me in the chest hard and said, "You better get that thing out of your heart and don't come home until you do"!

Wow! I was shocked and my chest actually hurt a little. What a secure wife! We laugh about it today, but I got the message loud and

clear. I went to the prayer meeting and with all my heart repented before the Lord, confessed everything I could think of related to greed and asked God to cleanse me from the desire to be rich and the love of money. I had an urgent breakthrough that night and went home to my loving wife.

There is no shortcut to higher levels of faith for finances. God may supernaturally take some things out of our hearts quickly, but He wants us to get in complete agreement with Him, repent and work with Him to change our hearts. Sometimes the Lord will release beatings to conform us to Christ because He loves us as sons (Hebrews 12:7,8).

Faith is Tested by Fire

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:6,7

Before Jesus completely finishes your faith in a certain area, it will usually be tested by fire in order to prove that it is genuine. Shallow hearts do not endure these trials and loose the fruit bearing capacity for that particular living seed. A person may have solid salvation faith, but shallow financial faith.

We must grow to love and cherish God's living words. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). The voice of God awakens our hearts to living faith that accesses His infinite resources. There is nothing more important than hearing, believing and acting upon God's word in order to experience the abundant life Jesus promised us (John 10:10).

Glenda and I have been tested by fire many times. In the fire, the Son of God will walk with you and loose your bonds. If you hold fast to your faith, you will come out of the fire, faith will be finished and you will receive the promise. It may take many years, but God will keep His promise. Abraham, Moses, Joseph and David all had to wait many years for the fulfillment of promises. Abraham grew strong in faith by holding onto God's promise through many trials. During the time of trial it is important to worship God and thank Him for the fulfillment of His promises.

In every season, whatever the Holy Spirit tells us to do we must do in order to continue the journey of faith. God will test our faith through obedience. At times it will be extremely difficult to go through.

In one season, it appeared in the natural that we were facing certain financial ruin. I prayed constantly to the Lord for direction. The Spirit of God spoke to me that He was faithful to make a way of escape for us when we were tempted (I Corinthians 10:13).

When God allows your faith to be tested and you come under trial, He is faithful and will always provide a way through it so that you can have victory and good success. God knows how hard it is for us to go through financial trials. As you go through trials, start worshipping

God for His faithfulness and pray for the revelation for the way of escape so that you can endure and overcome it.

The Holy Spirit will sometimes lead you right up against the Red Sea with Pharaoh right behind you so that He can show you what He can do. When God shows you what to do like He did with Moses and the children of Israel, do not hesitate to obey. Move quickly! Don't analyze His voice for three weeks when He is giving you a now word. When God says go, get going!

As we prayed urgently for the way of escape from financial ruin, the Lord began to answer our prayers in a most unusual way. I was eating lunch at church between services and the Holy Spirit arrested my spirit just as I was about to put another bite into my mouth. He said to start a fast. I put the fork full of delicious food down immediately and stopped eating. I passed that first test easily since I was having a second helping. Later, I asked the Lord how long and how to fast. He said 45 days and later said "soup". I knew that I was to do a liquid only fast and I could have some soup.

The Lord led me to do many things through this entire fast including allowing me to eat a few meals when out of town relatives came at Thanksgiving time. At the end, He said to do the last seven days water only. After three days of water only, the enemy hit me with an assault on my back and I could not sleep much the last four days. I even heard a demon tell me that I could stop fasting because we had obtained the breakthrough. I realized it was not God and fought through to the end. It was a difficult and painful experience. I was broken and humbled at the foot of the cross.

Within three weeks, our financial situation completely changed. Without telling anyone of our needs, large amounts of money started coming in from various places like a flood. A weekly door of ministry opened to me and the offerings were incredible. It was supernatural. All praise be to God. We were able to pay all of our bills and bought two cars with cash that year. God helped us pass the test, but it was extremely difficult.

We have gone through many different kinds of testing at various levels in the development of our faith. The pathway is discovered by an intimate walk with the Holy Spirit. There were many times when I wanted to pray about money or revelation about money and the Lord was not interested in helping me pray about that.

Learning to flow with the Holy Spirit daily is important. If you start striving to make the breakthrough happen, you can come under a

religious spirit. Every day is an adventure of seeking to do only that which is in the heart and mind of the Father. We need to pray in the Spirit for a season and wait on God for revelation on what to pray.

When God speaks a scripture to us, we meditate on that word and pray it over and over until we feel we have prayed it through. In the Appendix, I list many scriptural promises that God gave us by revelation that we have prayed through. In our experience, if we pray a scripture regularly for about seven weeks, we feel a release that it is well planted and established in our hearts.

CHAPTER 2 - THE CROSS OF JESUS

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. II Corinthians 8:9

God's grace is both His unmerited favor and His enabling power. God's grace flows from His infinite perfect love to humble hearts that will receive by faith. Jesus' work on the cross included a provision whereby He bore poverty so that we could become rich. A key to developing faith for finances is knowing God's grace in Christ Jesus and our covenant right to take hold of that grace through faith.

The entire Protestant reformation centered on the theme of God's grace received through faith. The New Covenant blessings in Christ's atoning sacrifice are all received by grace through faith. Christians today agree that by grace we can be saved through faith in the virtue of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Many Christians agree that by grace we can be healed through faith in the virtue of Jesus' stripes. But few Christians realize that by grace we can become rich through faith in the virtue of Jesus' poverty, which He bore on the cross.

By His infinite loving-kindness, Jesus gave Himself up for us so that we might be saved, healed and blessed. There are many other blessings of His atoning work, but we are going to focus on the blessings of provisions through the virtue that He demonstrated when He bore poverty as part of His suffering on the cross.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

The atoning sacrifice of Jesus included chastisement or punishment so that we could experience peace. The Hebrew word for peace is "shalom" which is a most blessed word to the believer. Shalom means safety, wellness, happiness, welfare, health, prosperity, fullness, perfect, restored, recompensed and peace. God's perfect covenant sacrifice in Christ includes a provision for our complete well being and prosperity.

I used to wrongly think that living in poverty was a virtue in order that I could be like Jesus. I chose to live under a vow of poverty for twenty years while serving the poor. Some people are genuinely led to live at a low economic level, but it is not a virtue to be poor any more than it

would be a virtue to whip yourself on your back to get yourself healed. It was a virtue for Jesus to go to the cross, receive the stripes and die naked, penniless and homeless. Jesus bore poverty so that we would not have to lack any good thing.

Poverty is a destructive weapon of the devil that assaults people with hopelessness, despair, depression, heaviness and premature death. Poverty shackles us to fall short of our God given dreams. God wants us to become rich inside and out through faith in the virtue of Jesus' poverty.

The Bible says that true prosperity is a grace that we can only receive through faith, not by works. We remember that the outworking of faith is to do the good works that the Holy Spirit reveals. We are required to do the work, but the glory all goes to Jesus who gives us the grace to be able to work and experience prosperity.

Some preachers teach that Jesus was rich during His earthly life and the Bible confirms that to a degree. However, Jesus chose to become poor. He laid aside all the riches He had in heaven and allowed Himself to be born in a humble stable. Whatever earthly riches came to Jesus during His time on Earth, He used for ministry or chose to give to the poor.

When the woman with the alabaster box filled with exorbitantly wealthy perfume ministered to Jesus, Judas was incensed at the apparent wastefulness. He wondered why those funds weren't given to the poor. We can assume that it was a regular practice of Jesus to have Judas disperse money to the poor. Judas was stealing some of that money, but he was distributing the rest of it to the poor and paying for the needs of the team.

Jesus had nowhere to lay His head. He was an itinerate Preacher without a home. He slept wherever He could. Whatever earthly wealth came to Jesus, by the time he hung on the cross, it was all given away or taken away. Jesus chose to become completely poor in order to provide an atoning virtue by His grace so that we wouldn't have to be trapped in poverty. Isn't He wonderful!

Christ Redeemed Us to be Blessed

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13,14

This is the second verse that God gave me related to the theological foundation for all prosperity and wealth transfer. By virtue of Christ's death on the cross, He redeemed us from every curse of the law. Poverty is a curse brought on by sin. Jesus died to redeem us from the curse of poverty.

God wants the blessings of Abraham to come upon us and for us to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through faith. Abraham was a friend of God who walked by faith. God made Abraham supernaturally rich and gave him supernatural offspring in Isaac. God wants you to be blessed like Abraham through faith in God by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Galatians 3:5

It is not by the works of the law, but by the hearing of faith that God supplies the revelation of the Holy Spirit and works miracles in the financial realm. We must pray and earnestly seek the Lord for revelation and then act on what we hear. The Holy Spirit flows His might when we obey His counsel (see Isaiah 11:2).

God gave me revelation in a dream to borrow $12,000 and place it in my checking account. I had the hearing of faith. Glenda and I were able to do this within a week. A few days after that, a man called that wanted to help us refinance our house and I knew that he was the man I saw in the dream. Since we live by faith, we don't have normal income we can prove. Our credit score was good and the only other requirement needed was to prove we had a cash reserve of over $12,000 in our checking account which we did because we obeyed the revelation.

God then worked the financial miracle. The refinance went extremely fast, lowered our payments by $700 a month and enabled us to cash out more than enough to pay back the $12,000 we borrowed and pay for other living expenses as well. We were also able to give a lot of money away as the Spirit directed us.

God Wants You to Prosper

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. III John 2

John accurately expressed the heart of our heavenly Father in this verse. Our Father's heart desires that we prosper in all things and be in good health. God's heart is that your soul prospers with the fruit of the Spirit, the gifts of the spirit and that you move into divine blessings as the son of a great King. Prosperity is your birthright which you can access by faith in following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." Psalm 35:27

When I see my children succeed in school, sports, relationships and get good jobs, I am a happy daddy! God takes pleasure in the prosperity of His children more than we do. He loves to see us blessed and successful in His will. The hand of God can make you prosperous in one day as He did for Joseph (see Genesis 39-41).

God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. Psalm 68:6

God takes those who are bound in poverty and delivers them into something much better, His abundant prosperity. The way we activate and experience His prosperity is to draw near to Him, believe Him and obey His voice as He leads us.

CHAPTER 3 – TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him a tithe of all. Genesis 14:18-20

Abraham honored the Lord for His great victory and provisions in the battle to recover Lot and his family from unrighteous kings. Abraham gave Melchizedek a tithe of all the spoils of war as a thank offering for God's deliverance and blessing. Abraham wisely recognized that God was the source of His prosperity.

We are wise to do likewise and recognize that Jesus bore poverty so that we could become prosperous. We know it is the heart of God to bless His children and we want to position ourselves through humility, faith and obedience to experience His blessing. After all, we want to make Him happy!

Money has been a difficult issue for much of the church to handle in wisdom. Some preachers have abused their position and have not properly taught the whole word of God in relation to giving and how it relates to financial prosperity. Some have manipulated people in greed and have fleeced the sheep. Some pastors are afraid to talk about money because the abuse has made people angry. All kinds of theologies and views come forth about tithing and offerings that may have truth in them but don't capture the heart, mind and full revelation of the Father.

I am not claiming to know all that is correct, but I do know what the Holy Spirit has revealed to me and I can only hang onto that in faith and seek to walk pleasing to the Lord.

First of all, let me say that I believe God wants Christians to tithe and give offerings to support the work of God in the local church, missions and especially to help the poor. But greater than that, God wants us to have His heart of generosity so that we give beyond ten percent and flow in His love with everything we can give.

While all blessings and wealth are paid for in the atonement of Christ, those blessings are conditional upon faith, authored by Jesus, and the good works led by the Holy Spirit. Those good works will include generous giving.

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9,10

Giving unto God should be done as an act of worship to honor Him for all that He has done. When we worship God as our provider, we position ourselves to receive the benefits of being under His benevolent rulership. Honor God by giving unto Him and He promises to keep filling your barns with plenty and overflow your vats with new wine. This clearly speaks of financial prosperity in an agricultural society. Prophetically it speaks to us that our hearts will be full of the living word of God and we will experience the intoxicating joy of the Lord by the wine of the Holy Spirit.

Tithes

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it". Malachi 3:10

God promised the ancient Hebrews living under the Law that if they brought all the tithes into the storehouse, He would open the windows of heaven and supernaturally bless them with great prosperity. Every believer should earnestly desire to walk in the blessings and favor of God where the windows of heaven are open above their lives. Many preach that in order to access the open heaven blessings of God, we must tithe ten percent of all our income and then give offerings to sow seed in order to reap a harvest. Malachi 3:10 is often quoted out of context to prove that if we tithe, God will open the windows of heaven and we will be blessed.

There are some problems with teaching a ten percent tithe to open the heavens based on this passage. First of all, Malachi is clearly part of the Old Covenant Law of God. Secondly, it teaches to bring ***all the tithes*** (plural) into the storehouse. There were many tithes in the law of God, not just one ten percent tithe. Thirdly, this was more of a corporate promise to the nation than to individuals.

When we start to operate under any aspect of the Law, we are obligated to submit to the entire Law and that brings us under the curse of the Law rather than a blessing of grace through faith (Galatians 3:10). We have to be very careful to let the Holy Spirit show us how to live in the financial realm.

As stated before, I believe in the general principle of giving tithes and offerings to honor the Lord from our wealth. I know that as you follow the Holy Spirit in obeying His voice including giving, God will begin to open the windows of heaven over you and bless you. If your whole church would obey God financially the heavens would open more. If the whole region would honor God with finances, the heavens would pour out blessings. If the entire nation would worship God and honor Him, that nation would be exorbitantly wealthy by God's outpouring.

Some Christians struggle to give ten percent of their income but finally arrive there and park as if there were no higher place to go in the economy of God. We are called to give by faith not by formula. Faith comes by hearing God's voice tell us what to do. This requires prayer and a walk of intimacy with the Holy Spirit. It is possible to write a check for 10% of your income without praying at all. An unsaved person can give 10% to charities or to the local church he attends. Is God required to open the heavens for him?

If we are not giving by faith, we may be giving under the Law. That won't qualify us to receive the abundance of grace provided by the virtue of Jesus' poverty. If you hear the Holy Spirit tell you to give 10%, then by all means, give 10% in faith.

Common teaching says that 10% of your income belongs to God and 90% of it belongs to you. Then it is taught that after you give God His 10%, the rest of the money you have is yours and some of it should be seed to be sown and you can reap a harvest based on how much seed you sow. There is truth in this teaching and you should sow finances as the Spirit leads you. But I believe that there is a higher reality in the New Testament.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
I Corinthians 6:19,20

Jesus bought us with a great price. All of who we are and everything we have belongs to Him. The exchange is great. As you realize and act on this truth by surrendering everything to Him, He releases revelation that everything He has belongs to you. What you give up is minor in comparison with what you gain.

The Bible clearly states above that **"you are not your own"**. That means that according to the New Testament teaching, 100% of all of our finances belong to God, not just 10%. We are stewards of the

gifts, talents and finances that He gives unto us and there will be an accounting. We are not called to submit to the Old Testament Law but to submit to the law of life in Christ by the Holy Spirit's leading. When we believe and do what the Holy Spirit says, the heavens begin to open and the blessings pour out.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). Paul told us that we were no longer under the law of sin and death, but we were now under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. We are not to be lawless or ungoverned, but now we have the capacity in our hearts to walk with God by the presence and governing influence of the Holy Spirit. If we submit to the Holy Spirit in all things, we will walk with God and surely be blessed.

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. Galatians 3:24,25

I believe that the tithe is a vital part of being tutored to bring us to Christ. New Christians should tithe 10% of their income and give offerings until they are able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit lead them in their giving. While we equate the tithe to 10%, God will often speak to us to give more than 10% as our basic tithe. God speaks to us to give a consistent dollar amount every week and that has become our tithe giving even though it is significantly more than 10% of our income. As we mature in our sonship, the Lord will lead us to give what we hear in relationship with the Holy Spirit. This requires a deep level of trust in God because He will often speak to you to give far more than a tithe or what your analytical mind thinks is reasonable.

As we walk in relationship with the Holy Spirit and operate by faith in what we hear, we will begin to tap into the miraculous supply of His open heaven flow and we will experience supernatural provisions from heaven. In this way, I believe we can qualify for the open heaven blessings Malachi 3:10 promises.

Being governed in relationship with the Holy Spirit will ultimately enable you to become more prosperous than you ever imagined. When the Holy Spirit prompts you to give, you are sowing by the Spirit and you will always reap a blessing in due season. If you sow finances simply by principle without the anointing or leading of the Holy Spirit God may not be required to bless you.

Not long ago, I was attending a Christian conference with some friends. Glenda and I had not had much income in several weeks and we had just paid expensive tuition for one of our daughters. We all went out to lunch at a nice restaurant. When the waitress came in, she asked if we would have separate checks or one. Before my head could control my mouth, I said, "Put it all on one check and I'll buy." I was rather shocked at what I said. It came out of my heart before my head could stop it. That is a good thing by the way!

The bill was $140.00 and I paid for it by debit card. Our pastor was present at the luncheon and was led by the Lord to take a special offering on Sunday to help pay for that meal. As we were receiving the offering, Glenda said to me, "That offering has to go to Veronica. She needs money for her utilities". I said ok. I looked in the offering basket which I was holding and noticed there was a lot of money coming in. But God gave us grace and I felt He had spoken to Glenda, which He had. We gave the entire offering to Veronica and it was about $500. No one in the congregation knew that we gave the offering away since I told the pastor privately later. A few hours later we were handed a check for $1,000. A few days later a mysterious refund check came in for $2,063. Then a gift of $300 and $200 came in.

This is how the law of the Spirit works. I had no recent income to tithe or give offerings from. Glenda and I regularly give completely by faith in what the Holy Spirit says. The Lord wanted to meet Veronica's needs as she was praying for help to meet her utilities. I was not aware of Veronica's needs, but Glenda was. The Holy Spirit spoke out of my heart like a prophetic word that I would buy lunch. The Lord knew He could channel finances through us. It was an act of faith. A few days later we received an offering back and immediately gave it to meet Veronica's need as directed by the Spirit. A few hours later, we received a $1,000 check. A few days later we had an additional $2,563.

That is a simple example of kingdom finances. I did not buy lunch in order to get an offering to give away in order to get thousands of dollars. I simply have cultivated my heart to allow the Holy Spirit to open my hand at any time to give and He likes to give. When you give by the Spirit, He will take care of your needs!

Giving to Others

The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. Proverbs 11:25

He who gives to the poor will not lack, but he who hides his eyes will have many curses. Proverbs 28:27

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17

The Lord wants us to be extremely generous and especially give unto the poor. Glenda and I ministered to the poor in urban America for over twenty years. We've seen poverty in America. I've also been to nations that have extreme third-world poverty. Many of those people are trapped in poverty because their government did not honor the Lord or follow His ways.

It takes God to make a stingy soul generous. God wants to release and activate His heart in you so that you will become like Him. It takes time but He can do it. God has given us a generous heart and we give to virtually everyone who asks us in person.

God will actually lead me to places just so that I can give money to a poor person in need. There are so many stories I could tell. It has become an adventure. I purposely carry cash to be able to give away on these occasions. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit will tell me specifically not to give to someone, but most of the time He wants me to give.

I was driving back from Los Angeles International airport not long ago and stopped at a gas station to clean the bugs off my windshield. As soon as I got out of my car, an older homeless man approached me and asked for spare change. I immediately smiled and handed him a $5 bill. He thanked me and rejoiced and blessed me. The man looked me in the eye and said, **"Psalm 41 is for you brother!"**

Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; you will sustain him on his sickbed. Psalm 41:1-3

God gave me an incredible blessing that day. I received the promises of Psalm 41 and believed them as if God Himself spoke them to me, which He did through a unique vessel. I talked with the homeless man and found out he was a Viet Nam vet and had wasted much of his life on alcohol. He was not an angel but truly spoke the word of God to me. We introduced ourselves, shook hands, blessed one another and carried on about our business. I don't feel any better or higher

than that precious man. He has lived a hard life. God enriched my life that day by encountering this man.

No one can make you give to the poor with a cheerful heart, but God can transform your heart so that you love the poor and long to help them. Don't be afraid to help them, just do it. Recently my daughter and I walked out the supermarket and a young boy asked me for spare change. I was ready to give, but I asked him, "What do you need the money for?" His mother, who was standing nearby said that they needed money to get a taxi since the bus had stopped running. It was a cold night and this family, including a nine month old baby, had been waiting for over an hour trying to raise $20 to hire a taxi. I immediately packed them in my vehicle and drove them home and shared the love of God with them. They were blessed and spoke blessings over us as we said goodbye. I felt the love of God deeply for them.

When you give generously, the Lord allows you to be generous to your family and even yourself. One evening I wanted to go to a sushi buffet near my house for dinner since the family was away. I got gas and as I was pulling out onto the main street into the flow of heavy traffic, I saw a homeless man with a pathetic little sign sitting off to the side hoping for some money.

There was no way I could safely help him at that moment because of the traffic pattern and I drove towards the restaurant, but my heart stayed on that corner. So I did what any man who wants to enjoy a big buffet dinner guilt free would do, I headed back around and got back to the area where the man was sitting and talked to him and gave him what the Lord laid on my heart to give him. He talked to me in such a clear, intelligent and articulate voice that I was amazed. He may have been an angel. The man sincerely blessed me and I blessed him. I knew that he could get some food and then I went out to dinner and rejoiced in the good sushi.

Years ago, we used to invite people in the inner city to our home who asked for food. We would still do that by the Spirit's leading, but now we usually give them money and bless them. When I bless them, I seek to release the anointing to them for health, salvation and prosperity. Some eagerly receive and others are hardened by the trials of life. If you want to prosper financially, learn to love the poor and give to them. When you lend unto God by giving unto the poor, He goes out of His way to help you in your times of need.

Sow by the Spirit

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:7,8

The principle of sowing and reaping is absolute in the word of God. When I have given money only in order to reap money, my heart was usually motivated by the flesh. Some preachers can manipulate others to give money by promising them an extraordinary return based on seedtime and harvest principles. Some give out of a heart of greed rather than faith. We have all probably had mixture in this area to some degree. God wants to purify our hearts so that we recognize that all His blessings are based on the virtue of Jesus' finished work, not on our sowing.

At the same time, it is vital that we learn to sow finances by the Spirit. I have come to recognize that there is an anointing to give that is not always present at offering times. The best time to give is when the anointing is present to give. "**Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth" (Ecclesiastes 11:1,2).** We need to be moved by the Spirit to give by the water of His anointing and we need to give to seven and also to eight. If you think giving all the time, you will have opportunity to give nearly every day and at least twice on Sunday!

Giving under the anointing is like a surfer catching a wave at the right time. If you give by the wave of the anointing, you'll be giving by the Spirit and God will bless you to reap in due season. When a big Holy Spirit wave comes and the Lord leads you to give big, you can do it in faith knowing that you are sowing by the Spirit, casting your bread upon His waters.

My son and I attended a week-long conference hosted by a famous evangelist. The first night, during the offering, I heard the Holy Spirit say, "Give all that you can". I did not have much money in my wallet at the time, but also did not feel the anointing at that service to give. Each night, the offering message called for finances but I waited on the Lord as to how to give and how much to prepare to give.

On the last night of the conference, I was prepared to give and the anointing to give came powerfully. The Holy Spirit told me to give my son $100 and to give another friend $100 to give into the offering. Then the Lord had me give into the regular offering as well.

After the service, my son Jonathan told me that he committed to God that he would give $100 in the offering, but knew he would have to mail it in later because he did not have the money with him. The Spirit answered Jonathan's prayer through me. I simply obeyed under the anointing. The other young man was going through a hard time financially, and the Spirit prompted me to give him $100 as seed money to catch the wave and sow by the Spirit. God also called my wife and me to give this young man a used vehicle. Soon after that we were blessed to hear God and get in faith to buy a brand new vehicle. We sowed a vehicle by the Spirit and reaped a new vehicle by God's grace.

Recently we attended an incredibly blessed and famous older church. The praise and worship was great and the preaching was good, but the offering was deader than a doornail. Glenda and I are fairly generous givers as a rule, but we give by the anointing present and the voice of God. There was no wave to surf at that offering and we gave a small amount out of respect for the ministry.

The offerings at our church usually last at least 30-45 minutes. We surf some mighty big waves at offering time! People fall under the power of God giving offerings at the altar of our church. It is amazing! Supernatural joy breaks out some weeks and deliverance prayer on others. Angels are felt and seen by some at offering time. We will pray for the business leaders at some offerings, for the children and housewives at others. We are seeing God do miracles in finances because of His anointing and teaching His people how to flow with the Holy Spirit in giving.

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

God's word is filled with promises that encourage us to give recognizing that the measure we sow will determine the measure that we reap. This is true, but there is a higher truth. We can reap where others have sown and we can be beneficiaries of the justice of God making restitution for what happened in many prior generations. I discuss that in greater depth in the last chapter.

In order to access higher levels of truth, you must learn to apply foundational levels of truth. Give and it shall be given is foundational. Sow and you shall reap. Tithe and give offerings and God will bless you. Grow in the Lord and He will expand you to experience exceedingly abundantly beyond all that you could ask or think.

Give to a Pure Altar

Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?
Matthew 23:19

The altar is greater than the gift. If the altar is pure, it has the capacity to set the gift apart unto God. But what if the altar is impure? What if the ministry or church that you give to has impurity in it? Does God bless that giving? Only the Holy Spirit knows if an altar is pure or not. If we give under the Law, we give ten percent thinking we will receive God's blessing for doing so. If that ten percent is put on an impure altar, God is not obligated to bless it. If you are giving by formula or law, then you are obligated to keep the whole law and no one can do that.

Many ministries do extended offerings and teach that we need to sow into their good soil in order to reap a harvest. My wife and I are strong givers and we usually give at offering time no matter where we are. We try to avoid any manipulation and ask the Holy Spirit what to give.

One time, I didn't hear God but decided to give $20 at an offering before the guest speaker ministered. After he ministered, I wanted my $20 back because he was full of mixture to say the least. A friend of mine admitted that she had given $100 and wanted it back too. We didn't get our money back, but we learned a valuable lesson that day. We should give what the Holy Spirit tells us to give and not give unless He speaks.

We are called to give by faith. Faith comes by hearing. If you hear the Holy Spirit say to give ten percent which is confirmed in the word, then you can give in faith. If you hear to give all that you have, do it. I have emptied out my wallet on several occasions by the voice of the Lord. Sometimes there was a lot of money in it.

At one service, the anointing to give was extremely powerful and I felt like everyone should give in order to get blessed. The Lord prompted me to open my wallet in front of the whole church and make an invitation. I invited anyone who wanted to give but did not have the money to give to come up, freely take money out of my wallet and give. My wallet was full of twenty dollar bills and it got completely emptied. I confess that there were a few times when I emptied my wallet at home before going to church because I was afraid He would

tell me to give everything or do that again. That demonstrated a lack of trust in God's goodness and I am still growing in that area.

While I was ministering in South Africa, the Lord led me to tell the above story and had me open my wallet to anyone who had a need to give. Many people ran to the altar to get money to give. I instructed them to shout "Grace Grace!" when they put their money in the offering so as to declare the grace of Jesus who bore poverty so that they could become rich. I quickly ran out of money, but people kept coming. Our team of eight all emptied wallets and purses to enable some very poor people to sow seed and catch the wave of that anointing. Something broke in the Spirit as we opened our hearts and hands to empower people to give. It was one of the most powerful experiences I've ever had at offering time.

During a worship service in Soweto, an elderly African woman worked her way to the altar and finally fell on the steps to the altar and placed a small coin on the carpet by the podium as the minister was speaking. I was in the front row and heard the Lord say to give her a 100 Rand note (about $18 USD). The auditorium was full of people and I was in the front row with all these pastors and so I asked the Lord how to do that so that no one would see. This church was full of poor people. When I indiscreetly gave out money in China earlier that year I was mobbed and beaten by other beggars who wanted money.

At that very moment, the old woman turned and walked right towards me shaking the hands of various pastors. When she shook my hand, I placed the note in her hand privately and told her the Lord told me to give it to her. She stopped immediately, stood straight up, looked me in the eye and began to prophesy such incredible blessings over me. It was awesome! It is more blessed to give than to receive and because I obeyed His voice to give, I received a prophetic word that God will watch over to keep.

God is Able to Make All Grace Abound to You

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
II Corinthians 9:8

For many years, I signed most of my letters and thank you notes with my name and the reference, II Corinthians 9:8. This is one of the greatest verses in the Bible on the goodness and generosity of God to provide all that we need to accomplish His will.

God is able and willing to make all of His unmerited favor and enabling power available to us so that we may be superabundantly supplied with everything we need at all times for all the things He wants us to accomplish. This supernatural supply flows by the Holy Spirit to the humble Christian who places faith in the voice of God. God is not limited by our circumstances.

An extremely poor pastor in Togo, West Africa began praying for Christians from America to come to his village and preach to his little church. He was led to tell all the other pastors and Christians that God was going to send Americans to his church. Everyone laughed at him and told him there was no way.

A team from our church made a divine connection with an African evangelist who eventually led us to preach at this little church in this small village. Pastor Roger (row-jay) was so blessed by our presence. They received an offering worth about 82 cents and some scarves to give to our team. In the excitement of the day, Pastor Roger forgot to give Pastor Sally, the team leader, the offering.

The Lord told Pastor Sally to give the man $100 USD after he gave her an offering. Since he did not give her an offering she did not give him the $100. It was a hard obedience because she wanted to bless the man so much. The next day, the team was out all day and came back to the hotel late. Pastor Roger had arrived shortly after they left and waited at the hotel for ten hours to present the offering of 82 cents. It cost him more than that to get a taxi (a ride on the back of a motor scooter) to get to the city of Lome' where the team was staying.

Pastor Sally and the team rejoiced at Pastor Roger's love and obedience. After Sally received the offering the Lord released her to give Pastor Roger the $100. He was overwhelmed. The Lord also had our church buy this pastor and two others motorcycles. God is able to make all grace abound to Pastor Roger even though he lives in a small impoverished village in a small poor African country. Pastor Roger had faith, obeyed the Holy Spirit's voice and God blessed him.

God gives grace to the humble so we should reject all pride and seek to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God at all times! When we humble our hearts before God, we position ourselves to hear His voice. When we hear and obey His voice, the supernatural supply line of the Holy Spirit begins to flow. God will send angels to bring people from 10,000 miles away to answer a prayer of faith. It may take some time, but God will do it in His time.

CHAPTER 4 – GO BUY GOLD

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich. Revelation 13:18a

As I was studying Solomon's life and the anointing to walk in wealth, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, **"Go buy gold!"** He led me to meditate on the passage quoted above where the Lord exhorts us to buy gold from Him refined in the fire, that we may be rich. God wants us to become truly rich!

The Laodicean church was rich in externals and was deceived to think they were wealthy and in need of nothing. The Lord rebukes them as lukewarm and says that they are **"wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17).** True riches flow from the inside out. A person can have extraordinary natural wealth and be lost on the Day of Judgment. Individuals can have external signs of prosperity, but be grossly underdeveloped in the inner man.

Jesus bore poverty so that we could become rich by grace through faith. The work of faith that leads to riches includes buying gold from God. What is this gold and how do we buy it? ***The gold God wants you to buy is the increasing impartation of the divine nature that comes through faith and obedience to the living word the Holy Spirit speaks to you.*** As we buy His gold, our inner man is steadily conformed to the life of Jesus until we are filled to all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:14-21).

We buy the gold by earnestly seeking God through praying and meditating on His word until His voice speaks to us. As we hear the word united in faith and become doers of that word, trials of fire come to prove that our faith is genuine.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:6,7

Peter understood that faith was tested and came out of the fire more precious than the gold that perishes. Once our faith is proved in this manner, we overcome and our inner man is transformed to conform to the character and nature of Jesus Christ related to the seed of faith that He planted. When the trial is finished and Jesus Christ reveals or

manifests the answer to prayer, we rejoice, praise, honor and give Him all the glory. Through this process we become rich on the inside.

Build an Altar of Prayer

Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 Amplified

Jesus taught us to persevere in our prayers of asking, seeking and knocking so that we might receive, find and experience doors opening to us. In the spiritual realm, as you persevere in prayer, you are building a spiritual altar before God. It takes time to build an altar and it will cost many hours of prayer, diligent effort and perhaps fasting. This is part of waiting upon the Lord.

As you press in and pray to the Lord for revelation on a certain matter, you are watching and praying, asking, seeking knocking, building an altar and buying gold all at the same time. They are all aspects of the same principle. There is a divine fullness required in completing the prayer before there is a release of revelation. We do not usually know what that is except that we can grow by intuition to feel it in our inmost being and sense the point of fullness.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls <u>full</u> of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Revelation 5:8 (underlining mine)

John saw golden bowls full of incense representing the prayers of the saints. In this context, the prayers of ages are gathered before the Lord and bring about a fullness of prayer required so that God can act in history. We did not make the spiritual rules and we do not always understand them, but if you do not fill up the divine requirement by persevering in your asking, seeking and knocking, you will probably not experience the release of the revelation.

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galatians 6:8-10

As we sow to the Spirit in prayer, we shall reap if we do not lose heart and give up. As I was meditating on this, the Lord showed me that it is like digging a well in the natural. We ran a Christian conference center in the high desert mountains north of Los Angeles. During that

time, we dug three wells. One of those wells went several hundred feet without striking any water at all while the other wells hit water at 65 feet.

If we quit digging the deep well we would loose all the money invested. The well digging company said we were probably tapping into a deeper aquifer and it could be a better source of water during drought seasons. We kept digging and kept paying the price. As I recall, we finally hit water at about 650 feet. This well became a helpful source of water for our expanding needs. Let us imagine that this new well tapped into a huge aquifer that solved all of our summer season water problems so that we could irrigate over 100 acres of conference grounds.

If we had lost heart and stopped digging at 600 feet, we would have paid a high price and got nothing for our efforts. The conference grounds would not have been irrigated during the dry hot summer season and everything would have looked barren.

When we lose heart in praying through, we fail to tap into the water of the Spirit of God. That water brings a stream of revelation and often gives us a continual place in the Spirit that we can go back to again and again and draw revelation. We do not know how deep in the Spirit we have to dig in prayer before we tap into God's stream. To be successful, we simply have to keep digging and persevere until we hit His water.

The Lord gave me a strong prophetic anointing in this way that I can tap into almost anytime I stand in front of someone to pray for them. It was costly for me to dig that well. I was extremely zealous for the prophetic and prayed about two hours every day to hear God's voice. He told me to do a forty day fast. It was extremely hard. I wanted to quit, but God helped me fight through. On the 39th and 40th day of that fast, I was at a prophetic conference in Kansas City by the Spirit's leading and received tremendous impartation from the Lord. God used people to lay hands on me and impart grace to me, but the prayer and fasting positioned me to receive. Once that well in my heart started flowing prophetic water, it has never dried up though the enemy has tried to plug it up a few times. Sow to the Spirit and never give up!

As you are sowing to the Spirit and being diligent to persevere, the enemy attacks with trials and tempts us to loose heart and to let go of standing in faith. The enemy continues to question God's integrity by saying, "Did God really say?" We must uproot doubt and water our faith in the word God gave us. Never give up believing and praying

the promises of God. Once you fill up the bowl with prayer and once you dig that well all the way the answer will come. You will get more than you asked for.

Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. Revelation 8:3-5

When the bowl of prayer is filled and offered before God from the angel, there is a powerful divine response. God releases prophetic revelation and shakes the natural realm by His response. Noises, thunderings, lightnings and earthquakes are released by God in answer to prayer.

Our church was earnestly waiting on the Lord in prayer asking Him what He wanted us to intercede for as a church. My eyes were open as I was praying in the Spirit when suddenly a visible flash of lightning in the spirit was released to my spirit. It was like the flash of a camera but the light was more focused like a laser flash. My belly began to fill with rumblings and shakings. I nearly fell on the floor under the power of the anointing. After shaking and trembling for several minutes, the revelatory release started flowing to my understanding.

In one flash of a second I saw the exalted throne of Jesus Christ come sliding into our sanctuary on top of the platform. Jesus had his scepter extended and released the understanding to me. We were to intercede and ask Him to establish His throne room presence in our midst so that He could extend His scepter to those in need. Those who came into the meetings with a need could come before the Lord and have their request granted as Esther did. It was a powerful lightning revelation and we had a spirit of prayer on us as we interceded for the manifestation of His presence. We are still building that altar of prayer to bring in more and more of His throne room presence. We've seen many miracles of healing, deliverance and financial breakthroughs since that time.

Balaam Built an Altar

Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams." And

Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar. Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate height. And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram." <u>Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth</u>, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." Numbers 23:1-5 (underlining mine).

Balaam was a powerful ancient man who had an incredible prophetic gift from God. Unfortunately, Balaam's heart desired the honor of man and he loved money more than walking in holiness before God. Nevertheless, God used Balaam to make four accurate prophetic blessings over Israel.

One day out of the blue, the Lord spoke to me about Balaam. I clearly heard, **"Balaam built an altar".** I studied the life of Balaam and started writing a book, which I hope to finish after this one. As I prayed about it and did the research, I noticed that Balaam found a way to get into the presence of the Lord. Part of what Balaam did had mixture in it, but God still **"put a word in Balaam's mouth"** in response to his efforts.

If you study Numbers 22-24 carefully, you will notice that Balaam built seven altars on a mountain top each time he sought God for a prophetic word. He offered a bull and a ram on each altar. This sacrifice required a lot of effort and cost a lot of money. Perhaps we would consider it wasteful, but each time Balaam received a clear word from the Lord even though his heart was in mixture. God does not want our hearts to be in mixture, but Balaam's life does illustrate the principle of building an altar and paying a price to get revelation from God.

The number seven speaks to us of the divine requirement. We recall that Elijah bowed down and prayed seven times for the rain to come. Balaam built seven altars. We can build an altar of prayer in the Spirit in the name of Jesus. When we build something in the Spirit and when it is complete, God will come in some fashion and respond. His response will be pure gold and will make us rich as we embrace and apply that word.

Partakers of the Divine Nature

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. II Peter 1:2-4

Believing and appropriating God's promises enable us to become partakers of the divine nature. All the promises in the Bible are yes and amen in Christ Jesus. For a promise to be fulfilled in your life, your faith must stand firm in the integrity of God's word as Abraham did.

And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Romans 4:19-22

God promised Abraham and Sarah a son. Sarah was barren and ninety years old. She was past the age of child bearing. Abraham's body was no longer producing seed and conceiving a baby was impossible in the natural realm.

Abraham did not consider the deadness of his own body nor Sarah's barrenness. Abraham did not focus on his weakness, inability or circumstances. He did not become critical of Sarah's inability to birth children either. Abraham was not self-focused! Instead he chose to focus on the greatness of God and the perfection of His promise. Abraham grew strong in faith. The growth period lasted nearly twenty-five years. There were many trials by fire in those years and Abraham glorified God in the midst of the fire. Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness before God.

God has made many promises to us regarding our financial provision. Sometimes our physical circumstances indicate that we are as good as dead in our finances. But God has promised our blessings and we must not waver in unbelief but worship God and trust Him to make a pathway for us. We must not focus on our finances though they seem to be a dried up stream. We must not focus on ourselves for this will lead to either pride or despair. We must focus on the Lord and His living word.

Find the Way of Escape

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. I Corinthians 10:13

Temptations include fiery trials. The Greek word for "temptation" includes the connotation "to test, to assay, to prove". Many difficult challenges come into the lives of those who press in to God to walk by faith in the financial realm as well as other areas. God is faithful to provide a way of escape out of financial ruin. We have prayed this verse many times and God has always shown us a way out and through the testing. I mentioned an illustration of God's faithfulness in an earlier chapter. He led me to fast and pray forty-five days.

During financial trials, we are often tempted to worry, fear or take matters into our own hands. We may be tempted to take a job the Holy Spirit did not want us to take or we may try to manipulate people or events in order to bring in more money. God wants us to find the pathway of the Spirit in order to learn how to walk with Him and overcome every test. The Lord will send angels to help us and lead us out of destruction even as He did to Lot and his family. We must obey the voice of the Lord and take the help of His angels to escape.

And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." Hebrews 1:7

But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? Hebrews 1:13-2:4

God often provides a way of escape or salvation from destruction by His angels. If Lot had neglected to heed the angels, he and his family would have been destroyed. Lot's wife disobeyed the angels'

instructions and failed to obtain the deliverance. God sent an angel to release the apostles out of prison so they could continue their ministry (see Acts 5:19).

God sends angels to us often in the form of prophetic words, inner knowing, dreams or visions. We must give earnest heed to those revelations and pray for accurate interpretation and application to find the way of escape. We must also develop our spiritual senses to perceive angels and receive direction from them.

Glenda and I had a pressing financial need years ago and I was overwhelmed with agitation and warfare. I decided to climb a hill to pray with the intent that I would not come down until God spoke to me. As I was climbing this hill I felt led to pick up the largest rock that I could carry and haul it to an unusual outcropping of rocks. It was a heavy burden to carry this rock up a sandy slope, but I managed to plant it on top of the hillside and knelt down to pray. After pouring my heart out before God and praying for sometime, I heard the Holy Spirit say, "Eight thousand dollars". I prayed for $8,000 to come in with faith that came from hearing. I left my burdens before the Lord and went home with faith that God was going to supply.

That day we received a credit card offering in the mail with 0% financing for one year. I felt the Spirit release us to inquire and they said they could advance us $8,000. We took the cash advance, based on the word of the Lord, and it paid all of our bills for two months. During those two months, I fasted and prayed diligently simply to seek the Lord's face. God revealed Himself to me in special ways and provided superabundant finances without asking or telling anybody so that we could pay back the $8,000. I believe God's angels delivered us out of that trial. **"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).**

Remember that our righteousness comes by faith in Jesus, the Living Word (Romans 4:13). Abraham was reckoned as righteous because he believed the promise of God. When you believe God's promise to you, you are reckoned righteous and God will deliver you out of every affliction. The promise believed produces the pure gold.

There are many promises in God's word for the prosperity of the righteous. **"In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but in the revenue of the wicked is trouble" (Proverbs 15:6). "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous" (Proverbs 13:22b).**

The Lord wills to deliver the righteous out of every kind financial bondage or limitation. You may be in a prison of financial debt and unable to afford to go to the places and do the ministry the Lord is calling you to do. As you seek Him and receive a word from Him, believe the word, persistently pray the word and apply the word as the Spirit leads. Be sure to pray and obey through to the fulfillment of the word. God honors that as the righteousness of faith. God wants you to bring your heavy burdens and requests to the mountain of the Lord and leave them at His altar. He will give you words of knowledge and wisdom to take back with you so that you have a way of escape and direction. Just be prepared to spend some significant time on the mountain when you go!

Angels that Gather the Harvest

The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness. Matthew 13:41

God's gathering angels are instrumental in all aspects of the harvest at the end of the age. There may be many stumbling blocks that can stand in the way of obtaining your financial harvest. Some of those may be in your own heart. Others are demonic forces that have established resistance against you and have held back your blessings for a season.

The ancient Midianites used to steal the harvest of God's people just as it was time to gather in the blessings of their farming. God raised up Gideon to put down this great company of robbers. The devil is a thief and his Midianite spirits still oppress Christians and try to steal their harvest. We need God's angels to provide a way of escape and help us overcome the enemy and obtain our harvest.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37

We have traditionally understood this verse to mean that we had to pray for God to send out human laborers into His harvest because the human laborers are few. However, God has said that He would send out His angels to break down the barriers so that many would come into the kingdom in a massive world-wide harvest (see Revelation 14:14-16). When God sends forth angelic laborers, they remove offences towards the gospel, take blinders off the eyes of unbelievers and bring in the conviction of sin necessary to bring the lost into repentance.

During historic revivals, the human laborers didn't increase initially, but the masses came to the meetings drawn by the manifested presence of God and the anointing which was on the angels who were gathering them. These new believers come out of darkness into His light and bring their wealth out of Satan's dominion and into God's. This is one way wealth transfers from the wicked to the righteous.

God's angels are intimately involved in our daily lives and we need to learn to sense their presence and hear their guidance. I have an anointing to write books, which I believe comes by the presence of a special angel God has assigned to me. Guardian angels watch over us to protect us and to lead us out of or away from temptations. Angels are sent by God to show us the way of escape out of financial trouble. Angels can be loosed by God to gather in our financial harvest as we pray to the Lord of harvest to send them out.

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
John 1:51

Jesus told His disciples that they would regularly see the angels of God ascending and descending upon Him to help Him in ministry. Scripture tells us of several specific instances when angels helped Jesus especially after He prayed intensely (see Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43). Jesus interacted with angels and was guided by them at times. Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to rescue Him from the cross, but He chose to lay down His life for our sins. We can pray to the Father to send angels to help us find ways of escape and ways of prosperity.

God does not call us to bear poverty or die on a cross for sins. We have to take up the cross of self-death to follow Jesus, but we do not have to bear sin, sickness or poverty because He bore them on Calvary so that we could be righteous, healthy and blessed. What a great God we serve!

Come and Buy

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Isaiah 55:1,2

God calls us to come to Him and drink from the living water of His Spirit. We are to buy the wine and milk without money. Wine includes the joy and blessings of God. Milk speaks to us of the sincere nourishing word of God. The bread of life is what satisfies our inmost being and produces spiritual gold. We must eat the bread, drink the water, wine and milk God gives us so that our soul will delight in abundance.

The only price God requires is a hungry heart that seeks Him. This requires a lifestyle of prayer and devotion to the word of God. The Laodiceans were exhorted to be zealous therefore unto repentance so that Christ would come and dine with them in sweet fellowship. The Laodicean spirit is over much of the Church today bringing luke-warmness, spiritual laziness and deception. God wants us to be on fire for Him.

We buy wine, milk and gold by pressing into His presence through worship and prayer, receiving revelation and walking it out through the resistance of the enemy. As you persistently obey the voice of God, the Holy Spirit deals with your heart and produces His life in you. He takes out sin and puts in His life by a process He calls "Buying Gold".

Finished faith in God's word is a substance of divine gold that comes by hearing His voice and endures testing by fire. Christ, the anointing, is formed in you, through the revelation and impartation of the living word of God by the Spirit. This living seed grows to become a fruit bearing tree of life over time.

The heart dealings of God are more valuable than natural gold (Psalms 19:9-11). Hearing the voice of God is better than **"thousands of coins of gold and sliver (Psalms 119:72)**. We are to love the voice of God and His commandments far more than anything material. We are not to love money or the things of this world. The Holy Spirit's voice is the voice of wisdom. The anointing of wisdom is God's gold. When you get His wisdom and understanding, the finances will come in supernatural abundance as you walk with God.

My wife Glenda has bought a lot of gold in her life. She seeks to meditate on the word of God day and night and is the most pure servant of God that I know. While I was praying and waiting on the Lord, I heard Him say, **"The entrance of Your words gives light" (Psalm 119:130a)**. I then had a picture of my wife transfigured and full of light as the disciples saw Jesus on the mountain. I realized that Jesus filled Himself with the light of God's word and my wife was

becoming more like Him every day. When I heard her walk into the room, I opened my eyes hoping to see her radiant with light. She was her beautiful self in the natural, but I know her by the Spirit.

God wants us to buy gold and become full of the light of His word. Jesus loved His Father with all His heart, soul, mind and strength. He meditated on God's word day and night and was filled with the light of revelation so much that He became the Living Word. We cannot become the Messiah, but the Living Word can grow in us to conform us to His image.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

When we take the yoke of Jesus and learn from Him, He will lead us to the true riches. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge needed for us to bear lasting fruit and become extraordinarily wealthy are hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:3).

Jesus is the door and if we open the door to Him when He knocks, He opens the door to us so that we can fellowship and dine with Him. He feeds us His revelation, knowledge and wisdom that makes us rich. But we must take His yoke daily and walk with Him.

An ancient yoke was a wooden device that fit over the shoulders of a beast of burden so that it could pull a plow or a wagon. Shoulders represent the government of God. Jesus was under the government of the Holy Spirit. His delight was in the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:3). As a faithful priest, Jesus only desired to do what was in the heart and mind of God (I Samuel 2:35).

We take on the yoke of Jesus when we die to self and seek to please the Father by doing what is on His heart and mind each day. As we come apart from the love of this world and its lusts, we find rest for our souls in the pasture of the Good Shepherd. From the place of rest, God releases to us the anointing of His living prophetic word.

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of

joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:11-13

By taking the yoke of Jesus daily, we are brought into the rest of God. We cease from our own works and begin to operate in the works of the Father. In partnership with Jesus, the Holy Spirit releases His living two-edged sword. One edge releases conviction to cut out sin so that we are washed with the water of the word. The second edge imparts the living seed into our cleansed heart so that we can bear lasting fruit for God.

The living prophetic word of God is an anointing that comes on those yoked with Jesus to discern the thoughts and intentions of the hearts of others as well. You may be involved with a business person and the living word will show you what is happening in his heart. He may tell you not to do business with a certain person as He has me. God has saved His people much heartache when they've listened to Him and not to the fast talk of greedy souls.

When you walk yoked with Jesus, you learn to trust the Lord with all your heart and you do not even consider relying upon your own understanding. Because you are always seeking an intimate relationship with Him, He directs your steps and gives you supernatural guidance. As you believe His living word and walk in it, spiritual gold is produced in you and blessings overtake you like a flood.

Birthing Prayer

The pains of a woman in childbirth are coming on for him [to be born]; but he is an unwise son, for now when it is time [to be born], he comes not to the place where [unborn] children break forth [he needs new birth but makes no effort to acquire it]. Hosea 13:13 Amplified

The wisdom of God teaches us that there are seasons to birth in prayer that which God has promised. Hosea rebuked the prophetic people of God (Ephraim) for not being willing to get into position to birth His promises. We need to embrace wisdom and learn to move in the season of God without delay.

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Recently, the Lord led us to take our family of eight on a Christmas vacation to see our family

back in Rhode Island. Eight plane tickets, two rental cars and three hotel rooms were acquired to accommodate us for eight days. It was a delightful season to enjoy family, food, fun and festivities. We fellowshipped with family and ate more than we should. It was a great relaxing time. During the two weeks all of our children were home, I did little work and just spent time with them. It was a season to enjoy God's blessings. As the new year moved in, our four older children went back to college, and we started in on a new season. The Lord spoke to me that it was a time to birth some promises that He had given us.

Also the Lord told me to finish the book, **THE POWER OF PROPHETIC DECREES** and this book which I am writing at this moment. By God's timing and grace, I am birthing two books, a new kingdom business and helping birth revival breakthrough at our church. Glenda and I are spending as much time as we can each weekday morning, praying and pressing in for birthing prayer. I am staying up later watching and praying

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare.
I Timothy 1:18

Birthing God's prophetic promises requires a good warfare of prayer as Paul told Timothy. There is a time to allow those promises to rest on the back shelf and there is a time to fervently pray them in to manifestation in the natural realm.

The Lord led our church to schedule 14 days of 24 hours a day intercession. We signed up for various times around the clock and kept a journal of what the Lord spoke to us. The Lord promised that He would bring some breakthrough if we prayed 24/7 for two weeks. We believed the word and applied it by getting the whole church involved in praying in the sanctuary at different times. This kind of intercession wages a good warfare to take the kingdom of God by violent action.

During one of Glenda and my prayer times, I had an unusual vision. I clearly saw a native American angel dressed in full regalia doing a beautiful dance in an elliptical circle around the altar area in front of our stage. I picked up a small drum and began to do exactly what I saw the angel doing. When I did, an agreement of heaven came to earth and I understood that God was showing me a true Holy Spirit rain dance. Then he had me sing the following verse.

I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down <u>in their season</u>; there shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 34:26 underlining mine

I sang portions of this verse many times for thirty minutes or so as I marched around the circle, hitting the drum with an Indian rhythm and singing the song of the Lord. I experienced God's manifested presence in a powerful way and knew that I was in the flow of the Spirit. Glenda helped me by reading the passage over and over and we agreed together for the outpouring of rain, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Since that time we have seen outpourings of God in our services, but we are still waiting for the powerful season of His great harvest. God sends the latter rain to enable us to reap the harvest.

God's prophetic promises are showers that are intended to come down in the proper season. Elijah illustrated the prayer of faith in birthing the prophesied rain showers God promised to send (see James 5:16-18.) Elijah called down fire, killed the false prophets and then prayed in the prophesied rain. He birthed the rain through prevailing intercession.

Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea."

So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'" Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. I Kings 18:41-46

Elijah positioned himself to birth and demonstrated birthing prayer as he fervently interceded for God's prophetic word to come to pass. Jesus said that Elijah would return and restore all things (Matthew 17:11). The spirit of Elijah includes the mantle of prayer in which John the Baptist walked. God is going to pour out the spirit and power of Elijah's mantle so that we can pray in prophetic words and restore aspects of God's work on earth that has been lost.

Natural and Spiritual Birthing

There is a parallel in the natural and the spiritual in birthing. Through intimacy human seed is conceived and a woman becomes pregnant. People enjoy the intimacy but some do not want the responsibility of bearing and birthing the child. It is costly to bring a child into the world and take care of her unto full maturity. Consequently, man has made evil laws to allow physicians to murder unborn unwanted babies.

In the spiritual, many people have experienced intimacy through worship, the prophetic and renewal movements of the Spirit. Unfortunately, some of us were immature, ignorant or selfish and did not want to bear the responsibility and cost of bringing prophetic seeds of promise into birthing and full maturity. The Church has aborted many living things placed in her womb. The Lord rebuked Israel through the prophet Hosea for doing the very same thing. We can be selfish and foolish in the things of God.

When God speaks a prophetic word into our spirit confirmed by His word, He is conceiving a living word seed of faith into our spirit which has a spiritual womb. We must nurture that word through prayer and waiting on the Lord and fulfill the divine requirement of prayer to see it birthed. If we become lazy and neglect the word spoken to us, if we do nothing and just expect God to do it without our partnership, we may abort his living word and then accuse the prophetic vessel who gave it as being a false prophet.

Birthing seeds of destiny is one of the most wonderful things we can ever do just as a loving couple gives birth to a cherished child. I watched my wife give birth six times and we bore the responsibility and have raised those precious children unto the Lord. It has been costly but such a great blessing.

There are obvious signs when a woman is about to give birth. It would be foolish in the ninth month not to have the bag packed, the nursery ready, sitters on call and so forth. We were ready and often had to wait a few weeks past the due date. Once those consistent contractions came, we knew it was time to get to the hospital and get into position to birth.

It may be less obvious in the spirit when we are going to birth, but we must pay attention to our spirit man and feel the movement of intercession in our belly. There is a depth of prayer and travail that must rise up in order to birth in season. Elijah did it as an Old Testament prophet. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can do it too

once we place our selves in position in prayer. We may have to push several times to see the birth as Elijah did. The Lord may require two weeks of 24/7 prayer as He did at our church. Whatever He leads, the price is worth paying so that you can birth what He placed in your spirit. This is a vital aspect of buying gold and also in seeing incredible financial breakthroughs.

CHAPTER 5 – PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. I John 4:18,19

My wife and I have been involved in various forms of pastoral ministry for over twenty-six years. Most of the people that we have loved and ministered to have struggled with fear in the financial realm. God's perfect love will drive out that fear. God demonstrated His perfect love on Calvary, but few Christians have experienced the depths of that revelation. Few seem to be made perfect in His love. When we grow in the revelation of what His cross provided, we can grow in faith for sanctification, healing and prosperity.

One of the verses that we pray often related to provisions is from Romans 8:32: **"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"** All things certainly includes abundant finances. God's perfect love was demonstrated at the cross through His beloved Son Jesus. The atoning work of Jesus provides for many benefits including the grace to make us rich through faith as we have discovered.

When we used to raise our financial support, we had to work at developing and maintaining support through direct mail and presentations. It was a lot of work that I did not always enjoy. Today, we have to constantly pray in our finances and pray to steward our finances and it has become an amazing adventure. Someone once said, "How you attain is how you maintain". You can attain finances through faith prayers and obedience to the Holy Spirit. Obedience includes doing the work He shows you to do as unto Him with all your heart. You maintain finances the same way; pray and obey. You draw much closer to the Holy Spirit and get to see God do amazing things when you walk by faith in this realm.

For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. John 5:20

God loves us as much as He loves Jesus. We are sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus with full sonship rights. Because God loves us, He will reveal all the things that we need in order to walk in His will and experience His abundant life.

In our last chapter, we talked at great length about building an altar before the Lord and paying the price to get revelation. God is flowing

revelation in streams of the Spirit at all times similar to the way satellites are sending television signals to earth. If you get a satellite dish and subscribe to a service provider, you can pick up those signals and transmit them into your home onto a television. Some of those channels are good and some of them are evil. You can choose which to receive into your home.

Our spirit man is like a satellite dish that can pick up either good or bad broadcasts. We make choices and pay a price to have access to signals from God or the enemy. Choosing to meditate on the love of God dials our heart frequency into a positive stream of revelation coming from the Father. This is another way in which faith works through love (Galatians 5:7). Simply pray John 5:20 continuously over a need and meditate on God's love for you. Stay focused on His love for you and believe that He will reveal what you need as His word declares. As you stay focused on His love and receive from Him, He will eventually flow revelation to your spirit that will help you.

In order to increase signal strength, add some fasting and extra time alone with God. We have to shut off other signals including natural television and worldly distractions. All worldly entertainment may not be blatantly evil, but all entertainment that flows from the spirit of this world may dull your spiritual hearing and cloud your vision. God loves you but He will not make you choose to set your heart on His channel.

The Lord is Your Good Shepherd

I was prayer walking one day meditating and praying Psalms 23:1: **"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want".** After praying and declaring this verse many times, I heard the Holy Spirit clearly say, "You don't really believe that". Busted! I was praying that verse with a heart of worry. I was trying to produce faith in my heart by positive confession. When I broke down and confessed to God that I was afraid and that I needed His deliverance, He began to take that fear out of my heart. He is a Good Shepherd and I can declare that verse in faith today.

We must all learn to embrace general faith in the goodness of God. Our heavenly Father is abounding in goodness and kindness. The perfection of His personal care over each of His children is incredible. His generosity is without measure and He has infinite wealth. We are co-heirs with Christ so that all the resources of heaven are available to us! Pray and ask God to increase your revelation of His goodness so that your faith can steadily increase for His abundant provisions.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. Psalm 34:8-10

We need to regularly taste and see that the Lord is good. Meditating on God's goodness helps us gain confidence in Him and helps us trust Him in difficult times. God promises that those who seek Him and fear Him will have no want. Walking with God insures that we will not lack any good thing that we need to achieve the destiny that He has for us.

Satan assaults us with fear attempting to deceive us that God is not good and that He won't provide this time. Fear tends to be deeply impacted in our hearts because of bad teaching and negative experiences. Most of us have been taught incorrectly about finances in our culture, in our homes and even in our churches. We have been taught that there is no free lunch, to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, and other half truths that produce fear rather than faith. The revelation of God's love and goodness drives away all that fear.

Don't Worry About It

Several years ago, God spoke to me in what seemed like an audible voice while I was sleeping. He said, **"Don't worry about it!"** The voice shook my body and I bolted up in bed waking Glenda. I told Glenda that the Lord spoke to me, "Don't worry about it!" We wondered what that meant for about a minute and then I experienced a two-hour visitation of the fear of the Lord. God spoke to me many things during those two hours. I shook internally for three days and had the anointing to impart the fear of the Lord to whomever I prayed for. It's hard to describe, but I literally experienced the terrifying fear of God (see Hebrews 12:21). It changed my life.

God sent me one of the clearest messages I've ever received. We were really struggling with finances at the time and God shook me with His voice. He commanded me not to worry about His provisions. Jesus taught us **"Do not worry"** three times in Matthew 6:24-35 when teaching on provisions.

We are called to **"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).** God is infinitely good and full of love and tender mercy for His children. He is Jehovah Jire and plans to provide for all of His children. Worry is rooted in unbelief and fear. It is actually a

form of putting faith in the lies of the enemy. Worry can short circuit the flow of God's miraculous provisions.

When we seek first the manifestation of God's kingdom and the fruit of righteousness that comes by faith which is evidenced by obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit. Then everything we need flows to us in time. The revelation of perfect love not only casts out fear but imparts faith to us.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6). The revelation of God's love enables us to trust the Lord with all our heart. When we lean on our own understanding in the financial realm, we easily can get into fear, worry, unbelief and just plain freaking out.

Extreme financial pressures will squeeze fleshly fear to the surface and it will explode out of the mouth. Many couples get into fights over money because they do not trust the Lord and seek an intimate walk with Him in all their ways. God has a perfect plan and He wants us to trust Him.

When God called me to resign my position and go to a place He would show me, I started to worry and freak out. After a few weeks the Lord spoke to me in the most beautiful soft voice, "Don't you trust Me?" My heart was melted and I yielded to the Lord. While finishing this book, we experienced the most extreme financial trial of our entire lives. Even though I know the truths in this book and have lived them out many times, the warfare with this trial was intense. As I was starting to get into worry again, I heard that same gentle voice, "Don't you trust Me?" Immediately, I melted in side and laid aside all worry and fear. God loves me and has a perfect plan. He will direct our steps as we trust in Him. You can trust Him. He will help you. God loves you and I so much! He is our perfect heavenly Father.

The Fear of the Lord

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life. Proverbs 22:4

During intense prayer, I asked the Lord how to position my heart in order to receive the revelation that would lead to His abundant blessings. The Holy Spirit spoke clearly to me that my heart needed to cultivate the fear of the Lord. Solomon revealed that by humility and the fear of the Lord, we would find the pathway that led to riches.

The fear of the Lord is a heart condition that earnestly seeks to please God at all times. Jesus delighted in the fear of the Lord. Jesus became one with the Father's heart and mind. Every day, Jesus diligently prayed to know the will of His Father and then joyfully obeyed exactly what the Father told Him to do. Jesus was fully convinced that His Father's will was perfect for His life on earth and trusted in the Father's love.

This is the simple life of the disciple of Jesus. We must set our hearts to the fear of the Lord each day in order to position ourselves to obey His voice. We must be secure in His love, trust Him and obey. This is the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom. The fear of the Lord in the heart creates good soil to receive words of wisdom. A word of wisdom is an aspect of the voice of the Holy Spirit that reveals to us what to do now in order to be blessed in the future. The Holy Spirit knows how to obtain wealth and if we heed the voice of wisdom, we will be made rich in due season.

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. II Corinthians 7:1

The fear of God motivates us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. God wants to plant living seeds of His word in areas of your heart that presently have hardness, weeds, thorns and thistles growing in them. Selfishness, immaturity, cares of this world, lustful desires, envy and greed are areas that must be plowed up and out of our hearts so that God can plant His nature in us. As we walk with Him and allow Him to do this work, we are embracing humility and the fear of the Lord that will enable Him to bless us with riches and honor and life.

Breaking out of Poverty

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

God's love delivers us from fear and imparts the courage to fight in the Spirit to possess in the natural realm that which Jesus already paid for. Breaking out of the spirit of poverty requires sustained spiritual violence in prayer and action. Extended fasting and prayer is often needed to get a new level of breakthrough.

The Holy Spirit will enable you to militantly pray the word, wielding it as the sword of the Spirit against the lies of the enemy. Ask Him to

lead you into this type of warfare prayer. I am often led to declare by faith, **"My God shall supply all of *my* needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).**

When God wants to break you further out of poverty into His prosperity, He may stretch you to give finances to smash through the fear barrier. It can become a really hilarious experience as you yield to God and completely trust Him.

Recently, we had a guest speaker at our church who ministered powerfully at three meetings. On the first night we wrote a good size check and gave to her ministry. On the second night, I wrote a much smaller check thinking that we already had given a considerable amount. When I looked at the check, I thought, "That's pathetic". Our youngest daughter asked for money and we gave her $1.00 to give. She looked at that bill and basically thought the same thing. Finally, under the Spirit's conviction, I gave my daughter the check I wrote to give, and the Spirit had me write a check for ten times the original amount.

During the offering, supernatural joy broke out including extended praise, worship and dancing. The anointing of God was present to break through poverty and we were sure glad we gave generously. We sowed by the Spirit and we will reap by the Spirit. The woman ministering was living on social security and we were able to give her a total offering of over $3,000.00. For a small church like ours, that's a miracle!

Smith

Glenda and I had our three oldest children in college at the same time. Our children are awesome in God and are completely led by the Holy Spirit. Our oldest daughter, Christine, is majoring in Asian studies and is learning Mandarin Chinese with a call to minister in that language some day. Christine attended the University of Hawaii for two years based on dreams and visions the Lord gave her. Then she spent a summer at the University of Hainan in China for intensive language study. During her junior year, Christine attended the School of Oriental and African Studies, which is a part of the University of London.

Due to various factors, scholarship monies were not available for Christine in England, so we were praying for approximately $35,000 to cover all the expenses of one year. With two other children needing college funds, my faith was stretched and I started getting into fear and worry about how to pay the bills. I certainly was not

perfected in God's love. I was worried. As we were praying in tongues as a family about this need, I clearly heard the Holy Spirit say, **"Smith".** What could it possibly mean?

We thought of Smith Wigglesworth, the great man of faith from England, but that didn't seem to fit. We thought of a family we know named Smith but there was no connection there. In those cases, we have to continue to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for more revelation and interpretation. I was at another prayer meeting a few days later when the interpretation came to me. I heard the Holy Spirit say, **"What's the name of his other leg?"** Within a few moments, I knew exactly what the Holy Spirit was saying. God knew just how to speak to me to break me out of fear and poverty.

There is a joke told in the movie **Mary Poppins**. The setting of the movie is London, England where Christine was going to school. Mr. Banks is the father of two children who get a new nanny, the infamous Mary Poppins. Mr. Banks is a stuffy banker who is uptight about money and other issues. When the kids are at a crazy tea party with Mary Poppins, the joke is told as follows:

A man told me that he once knew of a man with a wooden leg named "Smith". And I asked him, "What's the name of his other leg?"

The kids all laughed as they ascended to the ceiling in this tea party. Later they tell the story to papa Banks, but he doesn't get it. There comes a confrontation at the bank when the little children are supposed to put a tuppence into the bank for savings. The children don't want to. A big scene occurs and Mr. Banks looses his job at the bank over the disturbance.

Mr. Banks goes a bit wacky and tells the board off including telling them the joke about the man with the wooden leg named Smith. Mr. Banks leaves the stuffy bank board room. The old man, chairman of the board, played by Dick Van Dyke, starts repeating the joke and keeps saying, "What's the name of his other leg?" As he understands the joke, laughter comes so great that he falls over dead. Everyone on the board is relieved that the old man is dead and they rehire Mr. Banks and give him a promotion.

As we were praying about the costs of Christine's education in London, the Holy Spirit humorously rebuked me by saying "Smith". When I got the revelation and interpretation, I laughed for a long time. When I did, the old man in me that had fear and stuffy apprehension died. Many people have had a grand laugh over this. God wants us to join with Him on His throne and laugh at His enemies

and ours. Fear over finances is an enemy we need to learn to laugh at. Only by yielding to the Holy Spirit can we get into this place of freedom and deliverance from fear.

A few weeks after we got Christine off to London, where the Lord supernaturally connected her to housing in a Christian home, she had a dream that she saw evangelist Todd Bentley in McDonalds but didn't sit with him. She felt she was to go to a Fresh Fire conference, where Todd was speaking, only a few hours north of London and asked for our input. I was being called upon to fund this trip. Since many people from Europe attend this prophetic seer conference, all of the cheap hotels were filled and the only hotel left with rooms was an expensive four star resort hotel. The Lord urged me to book the hotel for Christine and we found out that it was right near a McDonalds restaurant.
At that hotel, Christine met three older ladies from Leeds, England who are freshly baptized in the Holy Spirit and on fire for all that God has for them. As Christine sat with them up front, she was called out by a prophet and received great words and favor from God. These ladies live in the town where Smith Wigglesworth was a plumber. There is a literal well on a hill in that town, which the worship leader at our church dreamed. As we have been praying about this, we are sensing the Lord would have some of us go to England, visit Leeds and help to redig the well of Smith Wigglesworth, the extraordinary faith healer who started his ministry in his later years. Isn't God amazing!

Christine talked to Todd Bentley at a luncheon and he told her that McDonalds was his favorite restaurant. This amazing young international evangelist prophet prayed for Christine three times that day and she received powerful impartation and some divine connections. Her life has been impacted dramatically and God is giving Christine powerful visions since that time.

If I had allowed fear to rule in my heart, I would have said to Christine that we couldn't afford to give her the money to go to this conference. Then she would have missed all that God was speaking to her by His Spirit and anointings and connections that He planned for her destiny would have been missed. That would have been a great tragedy!

Mission de Oro

While Christine was traveling to this conference in England, I was taking our son Jonathan to a Bible internship program near Boise, Idaho. During that time the Lord required me to spend a lot of money getting my son established and we had a wonderful time. I was

fighting a “spirit of cheap” during that trip as I have always tried to save money and get good deals. When I tried to buy Jonathan cheap things, the Holy Spirit surged inside my belly a witness to do more. It was a warfare against fear once again. Rather than buy Jon cheap stuff, I was led, somewhat against my own mind, to buy nicer furniture and so forth.

As I left Idaho and was driving home to southern California I began to worship to a CD. My every intention was to go directly home. As I worshipped and was singing my heart out to God, I heard the Holy Spirit tell me to go visit my daughter Mary at the University of California in Berkeley. I went out of my way and drove due west to the bay area and spent five incredible hours with Mary. God’s anointing was on me so great that Mary commented that it was like an angel visited her. God had me take Mary to an expensive restaurant and bless her in every way.

As I drove late that night towards home, I was exhausted and needed to find a motel room. I called Glenda and asked her to find me a Motel 6 and commented, “I don’t need to stay at an expensive hotel”. The Holy Spirit was still working on me. He was urging me to believe Him for better and that it was ok to step up to nicer accommodations. I was wrestling with spending money on myself in this way. I had to start praying to war against that spirit of cheap and was struggling to break poverty off my soul once again. It seemed so tangible and I was so tired.
I physically couldn’t keep driving much longer. When I got to the exit Glenda told me about, I turned right instead of left and saw a Ramada Inn and decided to stay there. When I pulled in, I noticed that it was in the design of an old Catholic Mission and was called Mission de Oro.

After I checked in, I asked the attendant what “de Oro” meant and he replied, “Gold”. I started laughing hysterically and shook his hand enthusiastically. The man thought I was really strange. I’ve been on a mission to find the gold of God for many years now. The Holy Spirit led me to this hotel and it really amazed me.

I got to my room, which was huge compared to a Motel 6 room. I read about the hotel and learned that a Mexican man built it to resemble a mission from his home town in Mexico. He also apparently went bankrupt before the project was completed and eventually it was taken over by Ramada Inn. This man had planned to build a series of mission style hotels from Alaska to Argentina. He felt the King’s Highway was to be centered on the I-5 and believed it to be a highway of gold. I perceived that a spirit of poverty crushed this man’s dream

just as it seeks to keep us from achieving the genuine dreams God gives us.

California is still known for its gold rush days and God is showing us how to get His gold in the spirit and in the natural. It is an exciting adventure. When I tried to sleep in this grand hotel room, I was assaulted by a demonic force. I got out of bed and knelt down and began to pray loudly in tongues for about thirty minutes asking the Holy Spirit for revelation as to what this was and how to overcome it.

I was shocked when I heard the Lord tell me the name of this demonic force. He said it was a religious devil disguised as "good stewardship". I immediately understood in my spirit what He meant and I warred against it, bound it up and cast it out of my room and my life placing it under my feet. By God's grace, I believe I got a victory over that and received a new anointing.

Many times, I was taught about good stewardship in a religious fashion that invoked fear, a spirit of cheap and learned to do without simply because there was no money. Rather than believe God for more money, we learned to be "good stewards" and do without many things and do many things cheap or not at all. Obviously there is a stewardship of the Spirit which is good, but this was a religious devil trying to keep me bound in false guilt, condemnation and a form of religious piety that had nothing to do with the Holy Spirit's leading, nor the blessings which Jesus paid for in full.

The next day, as I was ministering in our church, the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see a fire coming upon Veronica whom I've mentioned before. She has suffered much poverty and has been battling to come out of it. I called out what I saw and immediately the Spirit ministered His fire to her and she fell back in her chair and was powerfully touched. Later, Veronica walked slowly forward to give her offering, still under God's power and I put my hands on her to ask her to give a testimony. When I put my hands on Veronica, she fell to the floor and began crying out and birthing in travail. We later prayed for her some more and she testified that when my hands touched her shoulders, that all the weight of poverty broke off her. Glory to God!

Ask for the Holy Spirit's Good Gifts

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!
Luke 11:13

My earthly father was an extremely generous man who knew how to give good gifts to his children. Dad did not walk with God during my childhood, but gave his heart to the Lord before he died in 1982.

At Christmas time, my parents would buy all five of their children presents and lay them out, unwrapped, in the living room in five different places. Mom tells the story that dad would look at all the presents laid out on Christmas Eve and say, "It's not enough. I'm going to go out and buy more!" Dad would then race out late on Christmas Eve to buy more gifts for his children. We always had more than enough gifts growing up. God wants to give us even more than we ask for.

My earthy dad was far from perfect, but he still reflected, in part, the nature of God's goodness and generosity. Our heavenly Father is far more generous than our earthly fathers and He is more than willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. When we ask for the Holy Spirit, we are asking for the seven-fold Spirit of God including His Lordship, wisdom, revelation, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). We are asking for His anointing to lead us into His prosperity. His anointing will teach us about all things (I John 2:27).

We can also ask for the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit which enable us to bear fruit for God's glory. We can ask for words of wisdom to enable us to gain financial ground. As we abide in Him and His word is living in us, we can ask whatever we desire and God will give it to us. The Holy Spirit's generosity is the same as the Father's.

God's perfect love gives us everything we need for life and godliness. Jesus' perfect sacrifice already paid the price for our salvation, healing and prosperity. We only need to get the revelation of His perfect love in our hearts and allow Him to lead us to appropriate all that He has done for us, often through spiritual warfare prayers and declarations. Faith works by and through love. Perfect love increases our faith in God's goodness and becomes the victory that overcomes this world.

Fear causes us to move under a poverty spirit in the area of money. Fear motivates us to become tight fisted, cheap, anxious, critical, frustrated and stingy. The spirit of poverty seeks to flow fear into us so that we will be afraid of the giants in the Promised Land of our inheritance. If we shrink back in unbelief as the children of Israel did, we will not take hold of all that God planned for us to achieve.

Open Your Hand

The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15,16

As I was meditating on this verse, I asked the Lord how to activate Him to open His generous hand to provide for all of our needs and to bring us into supernatural prosperity. The Holy Spirit said, "Open your hand"! He showed me that it is like forgiveness. In order to receive and experience God's forgiveness, which is already paid for in full, we must release forgiveness. The flow of forgiveness is like a river. If we dam it up, we become a swamp of bitterness.

Finances is similar. When we hoard money in fear, stinginess or greed, we become a swamp of the love of money and all kinds of unclean creatures can swim in that place. As we release finances and give generously especially to the poor and widows, it opens up the heart which opens the hand and it activates the flow of God's provisions as well.

The perfect love of God and His provisions motivates our faith so we can open our hand to give away provisions generously as the Lord prompts our hearts. When the Holy Spirit prompts you to give, it is always going to become a double blessing. The gift given will bless the recipient and God will turn around and bless you. God's word is true. As you give by the Spirit, it shall be given back to you in abundance (Luke 6:38).

God has given Glenda and me many vehicles during our missionary career through devoted Christians. When we were able to buy ourselves a new vehicle, instead of trading in the older one, we decided to give it to a young man in our church. The Holy Spirit had us wait two weeks before we could give away the used vehicle. We were ready to give, but the Holy Spirit said to wait. Finally, we were released to give away this vehicle and the young man was overwhelmed with the love of God.

We later discovered that during the prior two weeks, the Lord was dealing with this young man in a powerful way. He had come to a place of brokenness before the Lord and had resolved some important issues in His life. The timing of the car being given confirmed God's blessing on his new life commitments. It was perfect love being demonstrated in perfect time.

CHAPTER 6 – WALK IN THE SPIRIT

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
Galatians 5:16

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:24, 25

The Bible teaches us to walk in the spirit so that we will not walk in the lusts of the flesh. In the money realm, there are many sinful lusts to overcome. The love of money and the desire to be rich are great roots to many evils. God will crucify those lusts and passions over time as you walk with Him. This is essential if you are going to access the wealth God wants you to have to fund His kingdom purposes.

As you walk with the Holy Spirit in His grace, He will teach you many things. After much prayer in the Spirit, the Lord revealed to me that He is reversing the curse on creation for those who walk in the Spirit. This is important so that you can access kingdom wealth.

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:17-19

Before the fall of man, the ground brought forth abundant fruit without thorns and thistles. Adam did not have to sweat and struggle to bring forth the fruit because he walked completely in the anointing. When the anointing lifted after sin entered, Adam suffered greatly to bring forth the abundance of the earth. God said, **"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread" (Genesis 3:17).** The curse on the land and the loss of anointing caused Adam to toil in His flesh simply to survive. Sweat is a prophetic picture of operating in the flesh and causes us to stink. As sin increases on the earth, it often becomes more difficult for Christians to be prosperous.

Many Christians suffer under oppressive work conditions and God wants to bring them out of a worldly Egyptian system where the taskmasters demand more bricks (production) with less straw

(benefits). God will deliver us as we yield to the Holy Spirit and walk in His ways at higher levels of faith.

Don't Sweat It

They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies; they shall not clothe themselves with anything that causes sweat. Ezekiel 44:18,19

The priesthood of Zadok was to minister unto the Lord without sweating. They were not to wear any wool or anything that would cause them to sweat. Sweat speaks of the perspiration of human effort apart from the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Sweat symbolizes striving to make things happen rather than walking yoked with Jesus in perfect partnership. The Zadokian priests, who prophetically portray the last-day priesthood of anointed believers, were not to wear wool. Wool speaks of sheep. Ministers are not to fleece their sheep financially.

Adam had to make a living by sweating because the ground was cursed. Since Christ redeemed us from every curse, then there is a place in the Spirit where we can "make a living" clothed in the anointing where we do not sweat or have to operate in the flesh. Finding that place can be a powerful challenge. As you walk in the Spirit, He will lead you to it over time.

Sons of God can Reverse the Curse

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will 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 labors with birth pangs together until now. Romans 8:19-22

The creation itself desires to be released from the curse sin placed on it. God has been teaching us that He will heal our land if we will repent and follow His ways (II Chronicles 7:14). Sons of God who walk in the Spirit will be led to pray prayers of identificational repentance that can change the spiritual environment in a region. The spiritual atmosphere change has an effect upon the people and the land itself.

On the island of Fiji, after much repentance and turning to God, the Lord supernaturally healed natural streams and blessed the regional economy. In places where villages refused to repent, curses stayed on the land and people live in poverty. This was documented in a video on Fiji by George Otis Jr. There is much more to be discovered and done on healing the land, but it all comes by walking in the Spirit.

Pastor Mariano Riscajache ministers in Almalonga, Guatamala. His town was filled with alcoholic men and greatly impoverished. The Holy Spirit led Pastor Mariano, his wife and other pastors to break through in prayer over that city and one of the greatest city revivals of all time took place there.

Within a few years, 96% of the population was converted to Christ and nearly all the men came off alcohol. Vegetables started growing supernaturally large on the land and multiple crops came in. Otis' transformation video documents this revival as well[4].

Pastor Mariano and his wife came to our church in Barstow, California. We prepared a royal banquet for these kings in the Spirit. We invited pastors from all over the region to come and were powerfully blessed by this godly couple. Pastor Mariano has gained a measure of authority over nature in the spirit realm. When prompted by the Holy Spirit, he can bless places to prosper.

Almalonga is a sign and a wonder. Scientists travel there to study how they do their miraculous agriculture so as to do it in other places. The people tell them it is the presence of God in the atmosphere. Because of that presence, crops grow supernaturally fast and the farmers enjoy their work which has become easier and more prosperous by the Lord.

Pastor Mariano prophesied that Barstow would become another Almalonga and he prayed over our city. Since that time, God has been prospering the people and we are moving forward in prayer to see God's blessing on the land to bring the whole city, which is the same population (23,000) as Almalonga to Jesus.

Trust the Holy Spirit to Lead You

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26,27

[4] See Transformations Video by George Otis Jr.; www.sentinelgroup.org/

The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to teach us how to live, bear lasting fruit and glorify God. He is the perfect teacher that brings back the things that Jesus teaches us including reminding us of scriptures, dreams, visions, impressions and prophetic words. The Holy Spirit is the sent one of God in whom we must believe and trust to lead us to the fullness of God's blessings.

Many Christians think they trust the Holy Spirit, but when it comes to finances, how many actually do? Can you abandon yourself completely to the voice of the Holy Spirit and experience God's provision for your family in the 21st century economy? In theory, Glenda and I knew that we could, but we had to walk it out one day at a time for many years. We are still on that adventurous faith walk.

Glenda and I have been living this way for over eight years. We start to sweat when we strive with God and try to make Him answer our prayers. I have cried and whined to God many times and He doesn't answer those kinds of prayers. Those aren't prayers of faith. They are prayers of frustration and fear. I've prayed dump truck loads of them too! He wants me to partner with the Holy Spirit and walk with Him. He wants me to put on the garments of praise and thanksgiving. He calls us to walk in the garments of love, holiness and righteousness. He wants me to learn to walk as a king and make anointed decrees as Pastor Mariano does.

God tells us not to wear the garments of worry, unbelief or striving because these all cause us to sweat. When we sweat in the flesh we being to stink. When we worry about money, we are getting into the flesh and our actions get very sweaty and stinky. God doesn't want us stinking up the joint. He wants us to walk in His glory. Walking in the Spirit is the only way.

The Wealth of Tyre Transferred

And it shall be, at the end of seventy years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the LORD; it will not be treasured nor laid up, for her gain will be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing. Isaiah 23:17, 18

The kingdom of Tyre is often a type of the kingdom of Satan. The king of Tyre is a portrait of Satan and is severely judged by God for his pride, self-exaltation and love for money (see Ezekiel 26-28). Isaiah

was given the prophecy that the wealth of Satan's kingdom would be given over to those who **"dwell before the Lord".**

God will be able to entrust great wealth to those who walk in the Spirit and continuously abide in His presence. Satan will have no place to rule their hearts. As you seek to dwell continuously before the Lord, His glorious presence will burn all carnality out of your life. Your heart motivations and your mind will be conformed to Christ. Anna is a prophetic example of one who dwelt before the Lord.

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. Luke 2:36-38

Anna is a prophetic picture of the last-day Church that dwells before the presence of the Lord. Ones like Anna will be able to handle massive amounts of wealth transferred from the Kingdom of Tyre. Anna was an anointed prophetess who spoke of Jesus to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. When she saw the baby Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, Anna recognized Him as the Christ and gave thanks to the Lord

Can you imagine the anointing on this woman who never left the presence of God for sixty years? She fasted, prayed, worshipped and served God devotedly with all her heart. She was married only seven years and then widowed. Anna, whose name means grace, gave herself completely to God who became her true husband.

Anna was the daughter of Phanuel, which means "vision of God" and is the Greek rendering of Peniel meaning "the face of God" from the root word meaning "to behold; to turn to God". Anna turned her eyes to her heavenly Father and beheld His face. By beholding Him, she became full of His grace and truth.

Anna was from the tribe of Asher. The New Testament rarely tells us what tribe a person is from. When it does, it is always a prophetic picture or fulfillment of prophecy. Asher means, "fortunate, happy, blessed". Asher was the eighth born son of Jacob, which points to new beginnings. The gate of Asher was the 11th gate on the western wall of Ezekiel's vision of the New Jerusalem (Ezekiel 48:30-35). West speaks to us of the setting sun and the end of the age.

The gate of Asher represents entering into the blessings of God through faith in the virtue of Christ's atoning work. This includes salvation, healing, total wellness and great prosperity. **"Bread from Asher shall be rich, and he shall yield royal dainties" (Genesis 49:20).** The blessing of Asher includes the release of the bread of revelation from heaven that comes to believers who fast and pray and behold their God as Anna did. God released powerful revelation to Anna and wants to give this revelation to women and men who will diligently seek Him.

The bread of life released to those under the anointing of Asher shall be rich food that leads to supernatural prosperity. Royal dainties speaks of food for kings. The revelation God releases under this anointing will feed those being trained as God's kings in the marketplace and in the Church.

And of Asher he said: "Asher is most blessed of sons; let him be favored by his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; as your days, so shall your strength be. "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, 'Destroy!' Then Israel shall dwell in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, in a land of grain and new wine; His Heavens shall also drop dew. Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places." Deuteronomy 33:24-29

Moses prophesied that Asher would be the most blessed of sons, with his foot dipped in oil wearing sandals of bronze with long life and great strength. The King of Kings will ride on the clouds to help Asher. This is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ coming to save Israel and His Church in the last days. Asher pictures the Church that walks in authority and power to judge the nations. Asher's blessings include an incredible transfer of wealth from the wicked to the righteous in order to fund extraordinary last day revival crusades and equipping throughout the earth. Isaiah prophesied about this wealth transfer.

Anna was from Asher and dwelt before the Lord. The wealth of the wicked of the end days will be set apart for the Lord and will be given to those Annas who can be trusted to steward the money according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Many Annas will be faithful

intercessors who were married to business tycoons who die because they do not repent or fear God. All of their wealth is transferred to the faithful wife who then uses the money for the kingdom of God. This is already happening in America and a great amount of wealth is in the hands of women already.

The tribe of Asher lived on the seacoast, which speaks to us of a vision for the nations. Prophetically, Anna represents the last-day Church that is blessed with the bread of life and takes the word of God to the nations. Having lived on a shoe string budget for many years in missions, I long for the days of Asher where we can fully fund mission's trips, materials, equipment and supplies to reap a last-day harvest. This great wealth transfer will come as we become corporate Annas fasting, praying, serving God day and night in the temple and beholding the grace of Jesus.

The Place of Work

He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. Proverbs 10:4

Walking in the Spirit requires diligence. Faith without works is dead and useless. The Holy Spirit will lead us to the good works the Father has prepared beforehand so that we might walk in them. This may include work in business, education, government, medicine, science, service or the Church. God will call many to be entrepreneurs and inventors bringing new products and businesses to the marketplace. All the works of God involve the supernatural realm of the Spirit.

Glenda relies on the Spirit to help her be the best wife and mom she can be. Her primary calling these past 25 years has been to invest in our six children. It is a high calling to be a mother and raise children who are full of the Holy Spirit. Glenda rises early to seek the Lord and intercedes for the children. She fasts every Tuesday for the children and depends on the Holy Spirit for revelation to know what the kids are going through at school. Her hard work under the anointing is paying off as our children are all walking on fire for Jesus.

God has called me to write books as part of the good works He has for me. It takes three months to two years to write one book. Since God makes the diligent hand rich, I need to exercise my faith in God's call by working extremely hard in prayer, meditation, Bible research, writing and editing the books. The enemy often tries to get me into confusion and laziness. Sometimes the warfare is tremendous and I have struggled to press through it. Getting the revelation from God to write often requires praying through tremendous resistance. I can

tire easily and get distracted. God challenges me to be diligent and press through. I need His help all the time.

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise. Proverbs 6:6

The ant is an extremely diligent creature. They generally are on the move from sunup to sundown. During a time when I felt I was floundering and struggling, the Lord spoke to me many times to "Go to the ant, you sluggard!" I seemed to be under a spirit of fatigue and the word seemed to make me feel worse rather than better. I was trying to press in to God but could not find clear direction.

One day I actually observed a single ant crawling on the bathroom floor. I watched this tiny creature who looked rather lost going in one direction, backing up, then going in another direction and wandering all over the floor with his antennae feeling in the atmosphere. Suddenly a rush of revelation hit me and I understood what the Lord was saying to me about the ant.

Most of us are familiar with the phenomenon of an infestation of ants in the house who are attracted by a partially eaten piece of candy left on the dresser in a child's room. An incredible column of ants are discovered marching to and from that confectionary delight. Ants love sweets and will team up in the thousands to get tiny pieces of those dainties back to the nest.

When I considered the ant, I was considering the huge army of ants in rank and file going to the food and back to the nest. The Lord showed me that I was not like that army but rather I was like that one searcher ant I had seen on the bathroom floor. There are certain ants who wander around sensing, looking and feeling for the food. They are usually alone and appear to have a lack of direction as they fumble around looking for the food. Once they locate the food, they report back to the nest and before long, thousands of ants are going towards the food discovered by the searcher ant.

God told me that I was like that searcher ant in the things of the Spirit. I spend a lot of time alone in prayer and try to sense and feel what the Spirit is saying. It takes a long time to find the food from God but once I do and complete the hard work of writing, it can be released to feed thousands of others who are diligent to know the ways of God. The enemy has assaulted me to try and make me think that my searching is a waste of time. The spirit of futility has overwhelmed me on some occasions and I've gotten really discouraged trying to follow God's leading.

Once God revealed to me the understanding and exhortation revealed in the ant, He greatly encouraged me to be diligent in my fumbling around in the Spirit. I do this through consistent times in prayer and searching for clues from God through scriptures, dreams, visions, prophetic words, encounters, impressions and so forth.

God may call you to be more of a searcher ant or one of the rank and file in the army. There are many kinds of ants, but they are all diligent in preparation and hard work during the day. Whatever God calls you to do, you must do it with all your heart to glorify His name by the power of the anointing He gives you to do His work. As you do this, God will bless the works of your hands with His prosperity.

CHAPTER 7 – ON THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD

So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." Genesis 22:14 NIV

God's essential nature is to provide for His people. His name is Jehovah-jireh meaning, "The Lord Will Provide". Abraham experienced the revelation of God's name on Mount Moriah. Abraham saw the provision of God in the Spirit and in the natural. In the Spirit, Abraham saw the Lamb of God given for the whole world (John 8:56). In the natural, Abraham saw the ram as the substitute for Isaac the son.

The proverb, **"On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided"** is a now prophetic word with instruction. There is a place to obtain provision from God. Abraham named that place after the nature of God. We have to get to that place in the Spirit to get the provision. Moriah means "what Jehovah has made one see". Prophetically, the place of provision in the Spirit is Mount Zion[5].

Zion represents God's throne room presence. We can find that place in the spiritual realm when we are intensely hungry and thirsty for the manifested presence of God. We ascend unto Zion through worshipping in spirit and in truth. Zion is a place of revelation where the Lord enables us to see. When we experience spiritual sight, our faith can take hold of it and bring the provision into the natural realm through prayer.

In order to take hold of God's provisions for you, it is essential to ascend in the spirit realm to a revelatory place where you can prophetically see the provision. Many of us are dull of sight and hearing. We must grow strong in the spirit through worship, prayer, meditation and acting on God's voice. God is opening spiritual eyes and giving us spiritual wings to ascend into His presence. In that place, we can behold and partake of the wisdom and treasures of God hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:2,3).

Who May Ascend

The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.
For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who

[5] For extensive revelation on Zion, please read my book, **ASCENDING UNTO ZION**

may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Psalm 24

As I was praying in the spirit one day, the Lord spoke to me and said that Psalm 24 contained keys to wealth transfer. It is clear from this Psalm that the entire earth and every one in it rightfully belongs to the Lord. God gave mankind stewardship of the earth and does not make people do His will. God will hold all individuals accountable on Judgment Day because the earth belongs to Him and so do the people. Some portions of the earth are temporarily controlled by the enemy working through sinful men and women. The enemy must be empowered by sinful people to have power on the earth.

When Satan gains access to a region through sinful activities, the second heaven realm atmosphere becomes more saturated with evil demonic forces. In that region, it will be more challenging to ascend unto the hill of the Lord because the resistance will be greater. It is necessary to ascend in worship and prayer in order to bind the strong man over the region before you can adequately plunder his goods. As sons of God through faith in Jesus, we are given the legal right to advance the kingdom of God and set captives free by the leading of the Holy Spirit. This often requires great warfare that takes place in the spiritual realm.

In order to ascend in this worship, praise and warfare through the ranks of demonic resistance, we must have clean hands, a pure heart, pure worship and pure speech. If we allow sinful mixture in our lives, then the enemy will be able to halt us as we ascend higher and we will not be able to fully ascend into God’s presence for the anointing to possess the promised land of our inheritance.

These divine requirements are also necessary to access the infinite storehouse of God. Salvation is a free gift, but accessing the blessings of God in fullness require partnering with the Holy Spirit, listening to His voice and obeying Him. As you behold and obey Him, He will

make you pure. The pure in heart will be able to see God (Matthew 5:8). This opens up the revelatory realm and enables us to see what is not from God as well.

While I was earnestly praying to see Jesus in a vision I heard the Lord say, "When you see Me in the word, you have seen Me". This brought me a great deal of encouragement and comfort. I don't have a strong seer anointing, but God has given me a great deal of revelation in His word. There are many ways that we can see God and hear His voice, but all of them must be confirmed by His word.

Extensive prayer will enable you to ascend the mountain of the Lord. On the mountain of the Lord, God will release provisions by releasing revelation, wisdom and understanding to you from His word. This will make you rich since His word is more valuable than silver and gold. The increased anointing of revelation by the entrance of the light of the word causes more favor to come on your life and ultimately more resources.

Those who ascend to Zion will receive blessings from the Lord and be transformed more into His righteous nature. The Jacob generation is earnestly seeking to live in their birthright and full inheritance as sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. They seek His face by having an intimate relationship with Him.

As the body of Christ corporately grows up into Him, the doors of their hearts will open to receive the manifested presence of the King of Glory who is the Lord of hosts. The Lord of hosts represents Jesus Christ as the Lion of Judah, the King of Kings who comes back as the mighty warrior and leader of all the armies of God[6].

Obey the Angel of the Lord

Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. Exodus 23:20-23

The Lord of hosts is described in this passage as the Angel of the Lord. When Jesus manifests His presence as the Angel of the Lord, He is not coming as the Lamb of God to forgive sins. The Angel of the

[6] For extensive revelation on the Lord of hosts, please read my book, **JEHOVAH TSABA, THE LORD OF HOSTS**

Lord comes to lead in battle to take possession of ground the enemy controls. We must follow and obey the voice of the Angel of the Lord in order to posses the inheritance God wants us to fully occupy.

God promised to give Abraham and his descendants all of the Promised Land. But the army of God had to fight for every bit of God's covenant promise. Joshua was given specific instructions by God to take Jericho and other parts of the land. The entire army obeyed God by marching around the city and was supernaturally empowered to take the city. However, Achan disobeyed the instructions regarding the spoils and there was no forgiveness offered to him. He was stoned along with his family, livestock and all his possessions were burned by fire.

God has made many covenant promises to the Church, but we must fight to obtain them. The enemy has stolen many things from the Church and has camped on some of our promises. It is time to take the promised land of our inheritance and to take back what the enemy has stolen from us. We must be patient to wait on God, grow intimate with Him and explicitly follow His leading before we go into battle to take our inheritance and win back what rightfully belongs to God and His people.

Covenant Blessings

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD,

and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Obeying the voice of the Lord leads to every kind of blessing when taking the promised land of your inheritance. The Lord spoke to us about praying in God's blessing based on our obedience to His voice. The new covenant blessings are better than the old covenant blessings. All the promises in the Bible are yes and amen in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit told us to pray Deuteronomy 28:1-14 every day for a season over our ministry. A few months later, a mighty man of God came to our church from India. Dr. Paul Dhinikarian is a powerful evangelist and an educator who sits on the national board of education in India. He is the only recognized Christian on that board and is extremely influential.

Dr. Paul ministered the word and started moving into a powerful prophetic anointing. We had never met him before and didn't tell him anything about our family. When he prayed over us, he said, "The Lord says that you have obeyed His voice and He is going to give you all of the promises in Deuteronomy chapter twenty eight and verses one through fourteen!" We all started to laugh much to his amazement. God is good!

The Holy Spirit trains us to obey the voice of God and leads us to do some rather unique prophetic acts sometimes that empower activity on our behalf. The Holy Spirit once led us to do a partial reenactment of Gideon's warfare on the land. We had torches, pitchers and shofars. I was given a valuable pitcher that had a picture of a former Queen of England on it. The Holy Spirit had me break that pitcher in the prophetic act as a warfare against the queen of heaven and all the devices the enemy plotted against us.

I have never been good at blowing the shofar even though I've practiced and tried many times. In this prayer initiative, we broke the

pitchers and then I had to blow the shofar. Amazingly, there was a strong anointing that helped me blow that ram's horn. It was extremely powerful. God gives His anointing and calls us to do prophetic prayer and actions. Those prayers and actions empower angelic activity that benefits us and helps us to advance and take ground the enemy once held. It is mysterious, but it is important to obey whatever the Holy Spirit tells you to do.

The Power to Get Wealth

And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

God gives the power to get wealth in order that He may keep His covenant. God has made a new covenant with Christians by the blood of Jesus Christ. That new covenant includes a grace demonstrated in the virtue of Jesus' poverty so that we could become rich. The purpose of getting rich is to glorify God, advance His kingdom and provide for His children.

The power to get wealth for Joshua and Israel was an anointing for war to kill and displace seven nations stronger and mightier than they. Today, the power to get wealth is an anointing for spiritual warfare to bind the strongman, set captives free and displace spiritual enemies stronger and mightier than we are[7].

We are to ask the Lord for the lost souls in the nations as our inheritance. God will give us His heart of compassion for souls and the anointing to set them free from Satan's kingdom of darkness and transfer them into the kingdom of light. Compassion for souls is not enough. We must fight for them in intercession and strategic evangelism led by the Holy Spirit. When multitudes are saved, all their wealth is transferred to God's kingdom and can begin to fund God's kingdom business. Satan hates to loose control of souls and doesn't like to loose their money either.

John the Baptist stood violently against the mixture of religion and worldliness in the house of God that characterized his day. John prepared the way for Jesus to come. The spirit and power of Elijah rested upon him. God is releasing that same anointing today to prepare for Jesus' second coming. Violent prayer enables us to take territory back from the enemy including calling God's children to

[7] For more on this topic please read my books, **SPIRITUAL WARFARE TRAINING** and **EXPOSING THE DRAGON**

come out from religion and compromise with the world. God is calling Christians to be spiritual Nazarites who do not drink the wine of Babylon or eat food from the evil king's table. They will be Daniels who will not be devoured by the wicked roaring lion, but will overcome.

All the anointing we need to fulfill our destiny and take the land of our inheritance is available on the mountain of the Lord in His presence. We must ascend, purify ourselves along the way and behold Him to become like Him. We will grow in compassion and boldness, humility and steadfastness, mercy and justice, grace and truth.

CHAPTER 8 – COURTING LADY WISDOM

Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you. Proverbs 4:5-9

The wisest and wealthiest man who ever lived exhorts us to get wisdom and understanding. Solomon personified wisdom as a royal woman who had the power to preserve, promote, and crown with glory those who embrace her. Solomon portrayed the Holy Spirit as Lady Wisdom and calls her "she" in many parts of Proverbs. In order to excel in faith for finances, we must develop a loving and obedient relationship to the Holy Spirit.

An international prophet came to our church to minister as I was writing this book. During the worship one night, the prophet fell under the power of God and was given a vision. In the vision, he saw an ancient royal woman dressed like the Statue of Liberty. He knew this was the personification of Lady Wisdom from Proverbs. The woman approached him in the vision and said, "Will you court me?" The prophet later shared the vision with the congregation and we received it as a corporate word and responded with a resounding yes. The invitation to court Lady Wisdom implies that she can be won by those who diligently pursue her.

If we court and become intimate with Lady Wisdom, we will experience many benefits. If we listen to her rebukes, she will pour out her Spirit on us and make her words known to us (Proverbs 1:20-23). Those who listen to her and obey her will dwell safely, and will be secure without fear of evil (Proverbs 1:33).

If you earnestly seek Lady Wisdom as for hidden treasure, you will understand the fear of the Lord, find the knowledge of God, be shielded by God and understand righteousness, equity and every good path. Following Lady Wisdom will keep you from evil and the immoral woman, the spirit of this world (Proverbs 2:1-22).

Happy and blessed is the person who finds wisdom! Her proceeds are better than the profits of silver and fine gold. She is more precious than rubies. All the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and

honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. Lady Wisdom will be life to your soul and cause you to walk safely without stumbling. You will lie down and sleep in peace without anxiety, fear or worry (Proverbs 3:13-26).

If we court Lady Wisdom and love and embrace her, she will bring us into all the blessings of God including great wealth as she did Solomon. **"Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and see King Solomon with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, the day of the gladness of his heart" (Song of Solomon 3:11**). The mother who crowned Solomon was Lady Wisdom. The anointing that came upon Solomon's mind enabled Him to become the wisest and wealthiest man who ever lived. This wisdom was given to glorify God and enable Solomon to rule God's people with righteousness and justice.

Lady Wisdom spoke to Solomon and said, **"Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding. I have strength. By me kings, princes and judges rule. I love those who love me and those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with Me, enduring riches and righteousness. I cause those who love Me to inherit wealth that I may fill their treasuries" (Proverbs 8:14-21).**

Lady Wisdom is the creative agent of God who brings things from the spiritual realm and the mind of God into the natural realm in all practical matters (see Proverbs 8:22-31). As we pray and seek the Lord for His plans and promises for our lives, the Holy Spirit releases heavenly revelation of what God wants to bring from heaven into earth. As we pray in the Holy Spirit and allow Lady Wisdom to lead us in praying, she oversees the manifestation of the blessing out of heaven to earth so that we benefit.

Lady wisdom also told Solomon, **"Blessed are those who keep My ways, who listen to Me. Whoever finds Me finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord" (Proverbs 8:32-36).** Courting wisdom is vital for she is better than silver, gold or rubies. We must earnestly develop a close personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The Creativity of Lady Wisdom

I wisdom dwell with prudence and find out knowledge and discretion. Proverbs 8:12

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. Proverbs 8:12 KJV

Wisdom begins with pure heart motivation to fear the Lord in all things. The fear and reverence of the Lord opens the door for Lady Wisdom to come into your heart. Fearing the Lord means to live completely consecrated and pleasing to God. We embrace wisdom by living in humility with a teachable heart. In all that we do, wisdom teaches us to serve the Lord and do His work for His glory.

Wisdom dwells with prudence which is the practical application of wisdom. Wisdom might be the revelatory word of God where as prudence is in the doing of the word. Prudence gives us soundness of mind that helps us think things through to make wise choices and right decisions in life's challenges.

Wisdom is the ultimate helper in problem solving. She enables us to find out knowledge of witty inventions. As a primary agent in Creation and as a Master Craftsman, Lady Wisdom releases revelation of inventions and beneficial solutions on earth. Walking with Lady Wisdom enables every person to become more creative. Those called to invent things who embrace Lady Wisdom will be given ideas that will help mankind and make large fortunes. These finances are to be stewarded under the Holy Spirit's counsel so that they are used to advance God's kingdom on earth.

A witty invention is a wise plan or creative idea from God acted upon with cautious reserve (discretion) so as to insure its maximum fruit bearing capacity and to prevent it from being lost or stolen. When you follow the path of Lady Wisdom, she will make you wealthy. Prudence means careful management, wisdom in handling practical matters and exercising good judgment. Prudence enables you to be careful in regard to one's own interests.

A close friend of mine has several inventions from the Lord which she is developing. These inventions were given by Lady Wisdom and are in many different fields. One invention is a foot exercise device that lowers blood sugar in diabetics and increases blood circulation to promote healing of various organs in the body. This natural healing device was supernaturally given to a woman who sought a way to help her husband overcome health issues and get him off medication. The exercise worked on her husband and has helped many others as well[8].

There are hundreds, thousands and perhaps even millions of inventions the Lord would like to release to those who would court Lady Wisdom. The heart of God is to lead His people into all wisdom, knowledge, discretion and prudence so that they can be

[8] See www.footbentley.com/ for more information.

faithful to Him, experience His blessings, bear fruit for His glory and have an everlasting inheritance in heaven full of great rewards.

Ask God for Wisdom

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8

James encouraged us to ask for wisdom in perfect faith expecting God to release it. God wants to give you wisdom in every situation and trial that you have. Paul prayed that God would give us the **"spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).** The Lord promises to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask (Luke 11:13).

We have learned to build an altar to God in prayer. We must ask, seek and knock until the Lord gives us the revelation of wisdom with its application. When He does, we can walk with Lady Wisdom and experience Her blessings.

I heard the Lord say, *"I want to baptize all of My people in the Spirit of Wisdom but they must forsake the wisdom of this world, self-focus, stubborness, rebellion, pride and be willing to yield to Me and walk in agreement with Me".* The path of wisdom often does not make sense to your own understanding. People miss wisdom due to foolishness, unbelief, impatience, rebelliousness, stubbornness and pride. We can repent and tear those things out of our heart and cultivate the fear of the Lord in our hearts so that God can baptize us in the Spirit of Wisdom.

Seven Characteristics of Lady Wisdom

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars. Proverbs 9:1

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James 3:17

Lady Wisdom has seven primary characteristics or pillars that support her house. As we understand these seven qualities and get into

agreement with them, we will come into unity with wisdom and receive her powerful benefits.

1. **Pure -** Good, helpful, perfect and wonderful – Lady wisdom's heart motivation is to lead us into a perfect relationship with Herself, the Father and Jesus so that we might be fully conformed to the nature of God and bear fruit by doing the good works that God has prepared before hand. She wants us to have eternal blessings as well as temporal ones. When you ask for wisdom, set your heart to be pure in asking so that God might be glorified and that you might honor Him by being faithful.

2. **Peaceable -** Lady Wisdom is peace, she is the good shepherd who leads us on earth. She will lead us to the place of rest. We must learn to be still and in peace so that we can hear the still small voice of Lady Wisdom. We often miss her voice because our lives are filled with noisy distractions. To pursue her, we must get into peace and wait there for her approach.

3. **Willing to yield** – Lady Wisdom will yield to our will. We must learn to yield to her will by being humble, teachable, flexible and obedient. Become like little children and enter the kingdom. Little children love to learn and grow. They do not presume to know everything and they are extremely dependant upon their parents. Jesus said that to enter His kingdom, we must become like small children in this way (Mark 10:15).

4. **Gentle –** The wisdom that flows from heaven fits perfectly into each situation. You never have to get a bigger hammer to make things work with wisdom. Lady Wisdom is humble and gentle in heart and will not force Herself on anyone. She leads gently with her still small voice. She is not bossy or cohersive in relationship. Courting her, we must be very sensitive.

5. **Full of mercy and good fruits –** Lady Wisdom is merciful, loving, and kind. She is never critical, judgmental or mean spirited. The nine fruits of the spirit are hers to give and produce in the heart wholly given to her. It is her wisdom that we become full of mercy and the fruit of the Spirit. To embrace her, we must embrace her love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22,23).

6. **Without partiality –** Lady Wisdom is no respecter of persons. Anyone can win her if they seek her with all their heart. She is just. Lady Wisdom loves all people. She is never prejudiced or

proud. She has no preferences of culture or color. To walk with her, we must conform to her image, the image of God who does not show favorites based on externals. God loves all creation but He only flows His wisdom to those who court Lady Wisdom.

7. **Without hypocrisy –** Lady Wisdom always does what she says. God is faithful to His word. Our inner and outer life must match up. If we say one thing and act like another in secret, we have become hypocrits. The Holy Spirit wants us to be genuine and holy. She wants us to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

As we embrace and grow in the seven characteristics of wisdom, we make a place for Lady Wisdom to come into our lives. She will fill our thoughts with her wisdom like a river from heaven. There is perfect wisdom available for us for every situation. God will give it to us in due season if we court Lady Wisdom and obey her voice.

Courting Lady Wisdom

Courtship is the process of selecting and attracting a mate for companionship, intimacy, relationship and marriage. The word courting is an older word implying that there is a proper protocall to follow in courting Lady Wisdom. As we court Lady Wisdom, we are developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit whose purpose is to help us prepare to be the pure bride of Jesus Christ.

The romance language of man is limited in helping us understand the kind of pure relationship God wants us to have with Himself. While God is manifested in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Church is being prepared to become the bride of Jesus Christ. This spiritual marriage is a great honor that we must be diligent to pursue as we seek to make ourselves ready.

As I mediated on courting Lady Wisdom, I thought about courting my wife Glenda. There are things that men do to become attractive to a woman as I did with Glenda. These things are similar to how we might make ourselves attractive to Lady Wisdom.

The first thing I remember doing was thinking about Glenda often. My thoughts turned towards her during the day. As I fell in love with her, I enjoyed her beauty and gave her compliments and gifts of appreciation and affection. I showed good manners to Glenda and always open the door for her even now after 27 years of marriage.

Lady Wisdom wants us to open the door for Her and show Her reverance and honor. She is a royal woman that wants to be our constant companion. We must adore Her and praise Her often.

Before a big date, I would clean myself up, put on good clothing and some sweet smelling cologne. When Glenda talked, I would listen to her intently and never ignor what she was saying so that I could talk. I gave her a diamond ring as an engagement present and many other gifts throughout the years as I continue to court my bride. We must do the same to Lady Wisdom.

As you romance Lady Wisdom, ask for and treasure her counsel. Share your heart with her and find out her likes and dislikes. I discovered that she is attracted to deep hunger. She likes intimacy and deep conversation in prayer. She likes it when I pray with Her help in tongues. When I cherish her words and treasure them, remember what she has taught me, she is encouraged. I make diligent efforts to please her, embrace her, honor her.

It is important that I keep her secrets and agree with her. Some things that Lady Wisdom tells me in intimate times are not to be written about or taught from the pulpit. They are special revelations just for me to treasure.

I have also learned what really turns Lady Wisdom off. She hates impurity. She is a jealous lover and despises it when we court the adulterous woman, the spirit of this world. Lady Wisdom doesn't like anxiety, harshness, rudeness or hypocrisy. It grieves her when there is unforgiveness or mean spirited actions on my part.

She dislikes partiality and she hates selfish ambition, love for this world, lust, pride and all sin especially crude rude and lewd behavior. Immoral activities, greed and laziness drive her away. She knows when she's not welcome. If you don't open the door of your heart to her, she will look for someone who will.

It really ticks her off if you don't listen to her even though you say you do. Disrespect is something she does not tolerate. If you are stiff necked, stubborn, rebellious, hard headed, foolish and wasteful don't expect her to come to your house. She hates stinky flesh and anyone who dishonors her or the Father or Jesus.

She is turned off by unbelief and disobedience. She really hurts when you do ministry without her acting in foolish independence. Although she grieves easily, she will also forgive readily. But don't wear out her patience. She will not strive with you forever.

Other things she hates include all forms of witchcraft including manipulation, flattery, intimidation, control and domination. She repels from those who act in sinful fear and believe the lies of the enemy. She can't stand lying so you might as well be honest and tell her the truth. She knows everything anyway and can help you clean up.

CHAPTER 9 – PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." Psalm 122:6,7

The voice of wisdom teaches us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. During times of heart wrenching crying out to God for wisdom in how to pray effectively for finances, I heard His still small voice saying, **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."** God promises to give prosperity and peace to those who love Jerusalem.

The Hebrew word for peace is "shalom" which means safety, wellness, happiness, welfare, health, prosperity, fullness, perfect, restored, recompensed and peace. God wants us to pray for the perfect well being of Israel and that she be restored to God, safe, prosperous and filled with His joy.

If we pray for the shalom of Israel, God will release blessings of shalom to us. He promises that we will have peace within our walls and prosperity within our homes. What an incredible promise!

Years ago, an international prophet spoke to me and said, "The Lord says that if you will take care of Me and Mine, I will take care of you and yours". For many years I did not understand this word. As I was meditating on praying for the peace of Jerusalem, God brought this word back to me. Then I began to have understanding. God wanted me to minister unto Him, yield to His Spirit and intercede for the Jews. As my wife and I began to do this, we were connected to a messianic Jewish family who we could minister to as well. We pray for them regularly and support their ministry financially.

We have a longing to go to Israel and serve God and His people in whatever way He directs. We have started praying and asking God to give us property there. Recently I met a man establishing a Christian international training center in the Jerusalem area and he invited me to be a part of the faculty as it comes together.

I will Bless those that Bless You

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you;

and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3

God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham. God swore an oath by Himself and we are entitled to step into the blessings of Abraham by faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:13,14). God makes it very clear that He will bless those that bless the seed of Abraham and He will curse those that curse Abraham's people.

Throughout the last four thousand years of world history, God has blessed those who have blessed Abraham and his descendants and God has cursed those that have cursed Israel and the Jews. It is the wisdom of God to bless the Jews and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

The Lord has encouraged us to tithe our prayer time and give 10% to praying for the peace of Jerusalem. We are developing in this grace and trusting God to help us learn how to pray more effectively. I've been reading books about praying for Israel to help me have greater understanding and grow in conviction to pray with God's heart towards Israel[9].

The Father's Love

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son" (Hosea 11:1). The Father has made holy covenant and sworn by Himself to accomplish things in the nation of Israel. God's heart yearns for all Israel to be saved as His first born son. God's tender mercies are always over His son Israel.

For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:6-8

God's heart is full of love for His chosen people. God loves the Gentiles as much as He loves the Jews, but He has made special covenants with the nation of Israel and her descendants. God is going to fulfill all of His covenant promises with the nation of Israel. In

[9] For excellent reading on this topic see, **WHY CARE ABOUT ISRAEL** by Sandra Teplinsky.

order to accomplish His plans, the Lord is raising up many Christian intercessors, both messianic and gentile believers.

As you seek God about finances, allow Him to fill your heart with love for Israel and begin to intercede with the help of the Holy Spirit. He will begin to fill your love with His compassion for Israel and you will long to see all Israel saved even as the apostle Paul did.

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. Romans 9:1-5
Paul expressed the heart of the Father with his agony over lost Israel. Though a remnant of Jews believed in Jesus, the nation as a whole rejected Him. Their eyes were veiled at that time and they were blinded from the truth.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved" (Romans 10:1). We can begin to pray for Jews to be saved and for the nation of Israel to come fully to their King of Kings, Jesus (Yeshua).

"Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness" (Romans 11:12)! Believing gentiles were blessed to be
grafted into the olive tree of salvation because of the failure of the Jews to stay connected to their Messiah. Spiritual and financial riches came to the Church because of the Jews failure and the word of God says there will be even greater spiritual and financial riches in blessing to the Church when they come back to God.

God will reward our prayers for Israel. As our prayers empower angelic activity to remove veils and bring Jewish souls into salvation through faith in Jesus, the blessings of God on our life will increase greatly. Glenda and I were led to pray consistently and sow into one messianic ministry. Within a short time we began to reap surprise and unusual blessings and favor from God.

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from

Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Romans 11:26,27

God is going to do a miraculous saving work for the nation of Israel. As we get into agreement with God and start interceding for this, we become part of His watchmen. God has special rewards for those who watch and pray for the concerns on His heart.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6,7

God is setting watchmen on the walls to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. God loves everyone the same but releases favor to His friends who do as He asks. God is looking for watchmen to intercede for Jerusalem, Israel and Jews throughout the world. He is looking for those who will intercede with passion and importunity for His beloved first born son. As we capture His heart and pray for His people, He will bless us immensely.

CHAPTER 10 – THE JUSTICE OF GOD

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:1-8 underlining mine

Jesus taught a parable to encourage us to persevere in prayer and not loose heart. We have discussed the importance of praying through to obtain the answer. In this parable, the key ingredient of faith is being relentless to pray, "Get justice for me from my adversary".

Jesus ends the parable by asking a question. When the Son of Man comes, will He really find this kind of persistent faith that prays, "Get justice for me from my adversary"? The Lord is challenging us to have faith in His justice because if an unjust judge will give in to persistent demands, how much more will the God of justice respond to His elect who cry out day and night to Him.

During a time of prayer, I was asking the Holy Spirit to teach me how to pray effectively to bring in finances. He said that I should pray for divine justice and showed me the passage above. I began to pray and study regarding the justice of God. The justice of God will become one of the most important doctrines in the last days. God loves justice and longs to release the blessings of His justice to His people. He also must punish the wicked to satisfy His holy justice.

Injustice comes from our adversary through fallen people and can be extremely discouraging, destructive and oppressive. Jesus taught the parable of the unjust judge to encourage us to preserver in prayer and not loose heart. Discouragement, depression, self-pity and bitterness block us from effectively praying for divine justice. We must believe the truth of God's word that He is a just Judge who executes justice on behalf of those who are oppressed. God makes things right in His time. We need to pray day and night for His justice to be released and not give up until we see the answer.

The widow in the parable was seeking justice from her adversary. The judge had the authority and the power to make the adversary pay the widow what was owed in full. Due to the widow's perseverance, the unjust judge decided to avenge her so she would not wear him out. How much more will God avenge His elect decisively in time with divine justice?

Jesus challenges us with the question of whether He will really find this kind of persevering faith on the earth when He comes back. Who will He find praying in faith for divine justice to be rendered? Since Elijah will come first and restore all things[10], those who pray in the spirit and power of Elijah will have faith prayers for the justice of God. After you understand this revelation, I trust you will ask for the anointing of Elijah and will be one of those praying for justice.

What God Reveals and Gives belongs to us and our Children Forever

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29

Throughout history, God has revealed truths and released moves of His Spirit that belong to us and our children forever. Every revival in history was intended to be a foundation upon which the next generation could build. Unfortunately, every revival to date has been stolen from God's people by the schemes of the enemy. All of those revivals and mantles will be restored when God's justice comes. To illustrate this principle, I will talk about the revival God gave to the Hawaiian islands.

Perhaps the greatest nation taking revival since Pentecost was given to the Hawaiian people starting in 1835 and lasting until the 1850's. God used a revivalist preacher from New England named Titus Coan to spark the flames of revival that would convert 96% of the population of the Hawaiian nation to Jesus in under twenty years. The King of Hawaii declared that they were a Christian nation. The nations slogan became, "The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in the Righteousness of Jesus Christ."

[10] Matthew 17:11, Mark 9:12

The little church in Hilo, Hawaii grew from 24 members to over 10,000 members in fifteen years during the revival. It was the largest Protestant church in the world. Hilo is known today as the city God built. Over 9,000 people moved to Hilo in those days to be a part of the great revival and joined the Haile Church. Nearly every single day for two years, Titus Coan held regular camp meetings where 2,000 to 6,000 people would attend every time they rang the church bell.

The revival was characterized by dramatic conversions, repentance, tears, loud crying, travailing prayer, holiness, hunger for the word of God, generosity and a heart for missions. God's Spirit breathed on the islands and poured His heart out upon the people. There were powerful manifestations of God's presence and dramatic lifestyle changes of wicked people into righteous men and women of God. The children were dramatically touched and often were found in the sugar cane fields bowed down in weeping intercession for the lost in other nations.

The nation of Hawaii was completely transformed by God's grace and mercy. God gave them a great gift that is irrevocable. It belongs to the Hawaiian people and their children forever. I recently ministered this word at length in Oahu and some Christian leaders are starting to pray for divine justice to restore what the enemy stole from them. I believe they will get the restoration in due season.

The revival was stolen by Satan, the adversary, by sowing in religion and greed into second and third generation Christian leaders including some of the children of the missionaries. Businessmen also became greedy and looked upon the Islands as a great opportunity to make large sums of money by taking advantage of a culture that did not understand the concepts of land ownership and western business dealings.

By the 1890's, not only was the revival destroyed, but American businessmen backed up by the United States Marines took over the nation of Hawaii in what is called the Bayonet Constitution. The devoted Christian leader, Queen Liliukolani, was forced to sign over the control of the Islands to the United States or face a war which she knew her people could not win. Many horrible injustices occurred on these Islands and many of the people became like slaves to the new land owners. Deep sorrow and bitterness set into the people which remains to this day. Many lost their faith in God. Native Americans experienced similar injustice and God is going to deal with America.

God is a God who loves justice and makes all things right in His time. God is going to set things right in Hawaii as His people cry out to Him for divine justice. What was sown in the Islands through the revival will reap a greater revival that will go to the nations. Somehow, reconciliation and restoration of some of the land will come to the people. It may always remain a state of the United States, but God is going to dispense His justice before He returns.

God Increases His Government through Justice by His Power

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6,7 (see also Isaiah 42:1-4)

God increases his government on the earth by exercising judgment and establishing justice. God is zealous to make things right since He loves justice. God intends to advance His kingdom until He returns. We are called to be agents of advancing the kingdom.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Satan is a thief who tries to steal, kill and destroy everything God does and gives. When Satan steals something from God's people, they have a legal right before God to have it restored. God's people must have heavenly knowledge revealed by the Holy Spirit in prayer so that they can pray in the justice of God.

God is perfect in Justice (see Isaiah 30:18; Psalm 67:4; 72:10-20;103:6). Divine Justice includes judgment, restoration and restitution. Divine justice releases blessings on behalf of the righteous and judgment upon unrighteousness (I Kings 8:32). Justice restores what has been stolen and compensates the victim(s) when the thief has been captured and judged.

People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; he may have to give up all the substance of his house. Proverbs 6:30-31

God requires the thief to pay back seven times when he is found. We must find the thief through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The adversary may have to give up all the substance of his house in order to satisfy divine justice. Satan is holding many souls captive in his house throughout the world. Only a small percentage of Hawaiians are believers today. Many descendants of native Hawaiians are trapped in alcoholism, drug addiction, poverty and despair.

But this is a people robbed and plundered; all of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; they are for prey, and no one delivers; for plunder, and no one says, "Restore!" Isaiah 42:22

Many people groups have been robbed and plundered by Satan. Hundreds of millions of souls are trapped in holes of poverty and depression. They are in prison houses of sin, shame and despair. The enemy preys upon them, plunders them and influences their lives. God is looking for those who will cry out for Him to restore and become deliverers as the Spirit leads. When you pray for justice, you should pray for God to restore people who need salvation. We should also pray for the restoration of all things including mantles of healing, revival moves of the spirit, teaching gifts, finances, land and so forth.

So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. Joel 2:25-26

God promises to restore to His people what the enemy has taken away. This is true for all the ages of mankind on earth. God will right every wrong and establish justice on the earth when He comes.

Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect one in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law. Isaiah 42:1-4

Jesus is going to establish justice in the earth. He is going to work in agreement with His body to bring forth justice to the nations. We can partner with Jesus and pray prayers that enable Him to advance His

kingdom, catch the thief and release souls and resources trapped in Satan's house.

The Ancient of Days

I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. Daniel 7:21, 22

The Ancient of Days will declare justice on behalf of the saints so that we may possess the kingdom. The time will come for us to walk in the fullness of authority and power as the sons of God. This may take place over many decades before the Lord Jesus Christ visibly returns to earth.

God is going to release a move of His Spirit that flows His justice like a mighty river. "**But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).** God is more committed to justice than we can understand. It is necessary for us to intercede and partner with the Holy Spirit to pray in His justice. When His justice comes, God causes restoration and restitution for many generations. The Lord demonstrates this in His word through the generation of Hebrews that came out of Egypt.

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Genesis 15:12-15

God told His friend Abraham, in a prophetic experience, that Israel would suffer four hundred years of injustice in Egypt. When God judges Egypt during the time of Moses, He renders His justice. The wicked are punished and the righteous, through faith in the blood of the lamb, are restored to freedom and compensated for four hundred years of injustice.

And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on

your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians. Exodus 3:21-22

God put His favor on His people and told them how to gain a wealth transfer based on His justice. The Hebrews were oppressed and cheated out of wages for four hundred years. As God delivered them out of oppression, the oppressor was required to pay back even if it costs him all that was in his house.

And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
Exodus 12:36

The Hebrews legally plundered the Egyptians in the justice of God. They took all their money, silver, gold, clothing and precious articles of value. Only one generation benefited from hundreds of years of injustice. When the Holy Spirit leads you to pray for justice as He is this generation, He intends to release a river of justice soon. We can become the beneficiaries of hundreds and perhaps thousands of years of injustice shown towards Christians. The Lord keeps perfect records of every injustice through time and in His judgments, He will make things right.

There will be a generation that will benefit from judgments as God pours out His favor on a people and enables them to plunder this world. The wealth will be transferred in order to build the house of God and fund massive last-day harvest ministry. Souls will come out of the house of Satan and will flow into the house of God. Streams of unsaved Gentiles will come to the glory of the Lord.

The Divine Economy of Sowing and Reaping

And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'one sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors. John 4:36-38

The human principle of economics includes the simple principle that a person is to receive wages for the work he or she had done. Inheritances can also be passed from one generation to the next benefiting persons who never worked for the blessing.

In God's economy, we reap what we sow, but we can also reap from what others have sown. God keeps perfect accounts on everything that has been done. We can inherit spiritual inheritances and mantles that enable us to become beneficiaries of what someone else paid the price for.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 11:39-12:2

Many hundreds of thousands of believers that have gone before us did not receive all that God promised them because God intended their promise to be picked up by latter generations and they are made complete when we help fulfill their promise. They can not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore, they have a right to be in the great cloud of witnesses watching over God's word to them until He performs it in a future generation.

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:7, 8

The word of God tells us to remember those who rule over us and have spoken the word of God to us. We are to follow their example of faith and consider what God did for them in response to their deeds. This includes studying the lives of great saints who have gone home to glory and imitating their faith and conduct. Because Jesus is the same today as He was yesterday, what our forefathers in faith apprehended we can also apprehend.

Smith Wigglesworth obtained a good testimony before God and became an apostle of faith. God used him mightily at an older age. If we study his life and imitate his faith and conduct by the Holy Spirit, we can walk in levels of faith and may even be given a part of that mantle.

Then the LORD came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon

the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did so again. Numbers 11:25

God took of the anointing that was on Moses and placed it upon seventy elders. Under that anointing they all prophesied. This is a prophetic picture of how God will take mantles and multiply and distribute them as He wills in the last days. God has a legal right to do this on earth because of His justice. Satan stole many mantles and all moves of the Spirit on earth. As the Spirit of Elijah is released to those who are prepared by God to pray in the outpouring of the Spirit, they will pray for the justice of God and the restoration of all things that have been lost.

Since the thief must pay back seven times, the mantle or anointings will be multiplied as they come forth. It is similar to the seed and harvest principle**. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain" (John 12:24).** Jesus talked about His death and revealed the divine economy of sowing and reaping. Jesus life was sowed into the earth and reaped the most bountiful harvest of all time, salvation of many souls. Jesus death enabled much fruit to come forth.

In God's economy, He has allowed great saints, mantles and moves of the Holy Spirit to be killed by Satan as seed for the last-day harvest time. God has kept score for thousands of years as Satan has rapped, plundered and killed the church. Finally, the Ancient of Days will rise up and render a verdict of justice on behalf of His saints so that we may possess His kingdom. At that time, we get to plunder Satan's kingdom of silver, gold, clothing (mantles) and souls.

Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" Zechariah 4:7

The capstone in this prophetic picture represents the final completion of God's building project. The capstone shall be like the Cornerstone Jesus Christ. The capstone shall do greater works than the Cornerstone because she will be filled with the power of the Spirit without measure. The last Church before He comes will be full of the grace of God and will be able to move mountains in the name of Jesus.

In the Hawaiian Islands, the Lord planted a great seed of revival. As mentioned above, this revival was stolen from the Hawaiian people by Satan. He has to give it back when the people of God rise up and pray for God's justice and restoration. Most of the Hawaiian people I've

talked with still harbor bitterness for loosing their nation. The enemy has locked many Christians in bitterness also. We cannot get justice from God until our hearts are full of mercy.

God gave Titus Coan a revival mantel to take a nation for God's glory. Coan went to Hilo on the big Island in 1835. On November 6, 1839, Coan preached a message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord". The next day, a powerful tsunami hit Hilo bay. The fear of the Lord fell on the people and repentance started to sweep the islands. By 1850, 96% of the population of all the islands had given their heart to Jesus.

Titus Coan pastored the largest church in the world. Hilo only had a few thousand residents when the revival broke out and 10,000 people would come on Sundays to worship God and receive instruction in the word. Coan recorded 1,705 conversions on one day.

Coan had passionate love for the people and desired all to be saved. There was a fire in His bones and people thronged him everywhere he went just like in the days of Jesus. Coan stated in his autobiography, "When I came to these islands, and long before I could use the Hawaiian language, I often felt as if I should burst with strong desire to speak the word to the natives around me. And when my mouth was opened to speak of the love of God in Christ, I felt that the very chords of my heart were wrapped around my hearers, and that some inward power was helping me to draw them in, as the fisherman feels when drawing in his net filled with fishes."

"I would rise before the restless, noisy crowd and begin. It wasn't long before I felt that I had got hold of them. There seemed to be a chord of electricity binding them to me. The Spirit would hush them by the truth till they would sob and cry "What shall we do?" and the noise of the weeping would be so great that I could not go on."

Coan ministered for 35 years without a break. 10,000 people moved to Hilo to attend church. By 1870, after 47 years of service, Coan had received 13,000 members to his church in Hilo, the largest in the world.

The thief stole the revival through corrupting some church leaders and businessmen. The thief stole the land, dignity, prosperity, health and families. God is a God of justice who plans to restore the revival and the land to the people for the sake of the world.

God has led me to go with a team of intercessors to Hawaii several times to pray for the restoration of this revival. We prayed at the graveside of Titus Coan. I believe that the mantle that Titus Coan

walked in is at His graveside. He took it with him. God plans to restore it. We have talked with pastors and ministry leaders in the Hawaiian Islands and many of them believe that God will visit them again and restore this great revival mantle.

I have studied revival history for over thirty years. I do not know of a nation shaking, nation taking revival greater than the one that came like a tsunami to Hilo since the first revival came to an upper room in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen. Matthew 20:16

Jerusalem, representing God's people in Israel was the first place where God established a mighty move of His Spirit nearly two thousand years ago. The gospel message has gone around the world to every nation in the years since Jesus rose triumphant from the grave. One of the last nations on earth to receive the gospel and a complete nation shaking move of the Spirit was the nation of Hawaii.

Many that I have talked to and prayed with believe that Hawaii will be the first place to receive of the mighty move of the Holy Spirit that will lead to worldwide revival culminating in the restoration of Jerusalem as a holy place unto God filled with His glorious presence.

Jesus exhorted us in His parable about the widow and the unjust judge to be relentless in praying for God to give us justice from our adversary. The Lord is looking for that kind of faith on earth. It is a lot more than faith for finances. It is faith that God has a right to rule the earth. It is a faith filled with love that we want Him to return and establish justice for every creature.

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

APPENDIX - SCRIPTURES ON FAITH FOR FINANCES

COVENANT BLESSINGS

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
II Corinthians 8:9

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13,14

And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. Genesis 22:17

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

PROMISES AND PRINCIPLES

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time -- houses and brothers and

sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions -- and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Mark 10:29-31

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32
God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. Psalm 68:6

I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 34:26

Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. Isaiah 60:5

Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession. Isaiah 60:11

You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Isaiah 61:6

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the

LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. Deuteronomy 28:1-14

So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." II Chronicles 20:20
This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:7-8

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. Isaiah 64:4

Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. Psalm 34:9,10

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15,16

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of

his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing -- life forevermore. Psalm 133

PROMISES ON GIVING

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”
“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the LORD of hosts; “And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:10-12

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:7,8

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. II Corinthians 9:6-12

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth. If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree falls to the south or the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie. He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

As you do not know what is the way of the wind, or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good. Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. Proverbs 11:25

PRAYERS

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. Psalm 118:25

Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." Psalm 35:27

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces." Ps 122:6-7

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16b

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. III John 2

WISDOM

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause

those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries. Proverbs 8:12-21

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9,10

The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life. Proverbs 22:4

As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor--this is the gift of God. For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart. Ecclesiastes 5:19-20

MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. Psalm 41:1-3

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given. Proverbs 19:17

He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

He who gives to the poor will not lack, but he who hides his eyes will have many curses. Proverbs 28:27

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

For we walk by faith, not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony…. But

without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:1,2,6

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.” John 6:29

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

Faith without works is dead. James 2:20

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Galatians 5:6 NIV

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:11,12

And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. Matthew 21:22

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 20,21

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:6,7

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” Mark 11:22-24

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak. II Corinthians 4:13,14

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