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“And after these things, I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His glory.” (Rev. 18:1)

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CREATION AND REDEMPTION

By EJ Waggoner

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1-14)
“In Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things have been created through Him, and unto Him; and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” (Col. 1:16-17)

Let us give particular attention to the last text, and see how creation and redemption meet in Christ. In the verses just before it we read that God “hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

And then, after a parenthetical remark as to who Christ is, the apostle tells us how it is we have redemption through His blood. This is the explanation: “For in Him were all things created,” etc.

Creation by the Cross:

So the preaching of the everlasting Gospel is the preaching of Christ the creative power of God, through whom alone salvation can come. And the power by which Christ saves men from sin is the power by which He created the worlds.

- (a) We have redemption through His blood.
- (b) The preaching of the cross is the preaching of the power of God.
- (c) The power of God is the power that creates.
- (d) Therefore the cross of Christ has in it creative power, which is the power that redeems.

Surely that is power enough for anybody. No wonder that the apostle exclaimed,

“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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“...GOD BE MERCIFUL
UNTO US, AND BLESS US;
AND CAUSE HIS FACE TO
SHINE UPON US.”
PSALM 67:1



LIGHTENED BY HIS GLORY

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Romans 1:16-17

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

The gospel is the power of God to everyone that believes. And what is the gospel? It is the revealed righteousness of God. It is His goodness, His mercy, His justice, His love. And since the revelation that is found in the gospel is a revelation of the righteousness of God, it can be said that in the gospel the glory of God is revealed. However, where the glory of God is not revealed in the gospel, there can be no gospel in any true sense, for the gospel is the character of God revealed to fallen man. Even so, it is the studied aim of Satan to blind the minds to this revelation:

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”



It says that the glorious gospel is hidden to those who are lost, who don't believe.

ANCIENT ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF

Anciently, the children of Israel were privileged with revelations of the dealings of God with them. For them, it was a continual revelation of the

gospel to them, but we are told that the people did not believe.

Hebrews 4:2

“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

To who was the gospel preached? It was preached to the ancient Israelites. Why didn't it profit them? They “to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief” (Hebrews 4:6)

God had raised up a deliverer for them, had protected them from the plagues that befell Egypt, saved them by the Passover lamb's blood, brought them out of the house of bondage, and fed them continually with bread from heaven. Yet for all of this, they still failed to see the gospel, and believe. And since the gospel is the revelation of the glory of God, they did not believe in the goodness and mercy of the One that was delivering them.

MOSES BELIEVED...

Yet among them was one who did believe. He saw the gospel clearly by faith.

Hebrews 11:27

“By faith Moses... endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.”

By faith, Moses saw God's hand, and kept His commission, believing He would deliver His people. By this, he showed that he believed God's promise, being persuaded that he was faithful who had promised, and was justified by faith.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Now, we are told what faith is: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” The “evidence of things not seen” were set before Moses and all of Israel that God was gracious and merciful, even though it had not been plainly stated that way. It was practically revealed in His dealings with them, and it implied that He was with them to save them.

Romans 10:17

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

How does faith come? It comes by hearing. But how does hearing come? It comes by the Word of God. Here is the secret to victorious faith. It is in understanding that God created all things by His Word, including the hearing that leads to faith. Then our faith will testify that God is our Creator, and His Word is powerful. The Scripture tells us of this Word:

Psalms 33:9

“He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”

John 6:63

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

Here are shown the secret of faith. Understanding that all God’s commandments toward us are mercifully declared to us in creative power, when He gives them “it stands fast”.

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THE LAW AT SINAI: BELIEF & UNBELIEF
God drew near to Israel after all of His merciful dealings with them, and gave them His law. Yet the words which, in faith, would have promised life to them were not received because of unbelief.

Exodus 20:18-19

“And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. Instead of standing fast by the Word of God, they saw the Word as no better than if they were spoken by flesh and blood, with no power whatever. Therefore, “they removed, and stood afar off.” They saw His commandments as a mighty stone sent forth to to crush them. They saw God as a destroyer, and not as their Redeemer. In this, they saw only the justice of God, but failed to see the mercy He gave to them.

Exodus 20:21

“And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.”

Exodus 24:17

“And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.”

In fearing the stern justice of God, they did not desire to draw near to Him, seeing only that it would destroy them. Moses “endured, as seeing Him that was invisible” but the people “could not endure that which was commanded.”

(Hebrews 12:20)

Yet Moses saw God by faith, and

boldly drew near into His Pres-

ence. How did Moses draw near? The same way

that we all draw near to God.

Hebrews 10:19-22

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...”

Ephesians 2:13

“ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”

MOSES DREW NEAR

Moses drew near to God, “And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.” (Exodus 33:11)

Exodus 33:17-19

“And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”

Exodus 34:5-8

“And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and

bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped." By faith in the blood of the Lamb, Moses drew near to behold the glory of God, and God spoke with him face-to-face as to a friend. And "when Moses came down from mount Sinai...Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him." Moses beheld his glory, and did not die.

BEHOLDING THE GLORY WITH UNVEILED FACE

Exodus 34:30

"And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him."

It had been sufficient that the people were afraid of God through unbelief, yet when Moses returned, his face shone with the glory of God, and they did just the same as they did toward God. The Israelites, seeing that Moses had gone into the Presence of God and was alive, should have made that glory on his face shine upon theirs, because in it, they would have seen something of the goodness of God, but instead, once more, they feared and stood afar off.

Exodus 34:35

And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him. Moses put a veil upon his face because the Israelites were afraid of him. Thus the veil was but a manifest sign of their unbelief, and their blindness to the gospel, because all they saw in the glory which God gave was a "ministration of death" (2 Cor. 3:7), and could only see powerless words that could only damn them, and not transform them.

2 Corinthians 3:13

"And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:"

And what was abolished that the Israelites could not stedfastly see?

2 Timothy 1:9-10

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us

in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour

Jesus Christ, , and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"

He had abolished death, but Israel was blinded through unbelief. Whereas they might have seen in Moses face the glory shining from the Throne of God, they saw but the face of a mere man who they dreaded. So Israel, through unbelief was lost, but Moses was lightened by the glory of God. And so it is with everyone who believes the gospel.

2 Corinthians 3:7-8

"But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?"



Moses saw the ministration of the Spirit, inasmuch as he believed. The others only saw a ministration of condemnation, a devouring fire upon them. As it was then, even so it is now.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away." The god of this world blinded their minds from seeing the gospel. Therefore, so important was that faith that Moses revealed, that it was to be an example for all of Israel. So important was this lesson, that the priesthood, especially the high priest who ministered directly in the Presence of God, was to speak the blessing over Israel:

Numbers 6:23-27

"Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them."

THE VEIL SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY

Seeing as all the blessings of Moses in the Presence of God should upon those that believe, it is fitting that everyone who gives the Elijah message will give the message to behold His glory, even as John the baptist came in the Spirit of Elijah:

John 1:29

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Isaiah 40:3-9

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God... lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!"

And since Elijah is to come before the great and terrible day of the Lord to prepare the hearts of His people, prophecy declares just such a message is to lighten the earth with that wonderful glory before that magnificent event:

Revelation 18:1

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

That last grand move of the Spirit of God, the last great shining of His glory to a fallen world, given by those who believe the gospel is already shining forth.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to

glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

As we behold the glory of the Lord, we are changed, into the same image, being transformed by the creative power that is brought forth from the High & Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. The Scripture testifies of Him that "upholds all things by the Word of His power", (Heb.1:2-3) and that same word by which He created the worlds is the same which "effectually worketh also in you that believe." (1 Thes. 2:13) And since the Word of God which reveals that glory works in all who believe, and Christ is that Word (John 1), it necessitates that this word of the gospel, from Adam, to Moses, to Daniel, to John, to us, is the "power of God to everyone that believeth", having worked effectually in them that believed, as well as in us, giving boldness for all to draw near to God, and by the which "we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2)

2 Corinthians 4:6

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

THE HIGH PRIESTLY BLESSING IS FOR US

The priestly blessing is to be spoken over us through our Great High Priest; much more than this now: the glory upon His face is to be revealed in and through us. It is not the glory shining upon the face of Moses of himself, but the glory that shines forth from the face of our Lord Christ Jesus who causes our faces to shine most gloriously, even as Moses' face shone. God will bless His children today, and "make His face to shine upon us". Only "be not faithless, but believing."



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"Beholding Christ means **studying His life** as given in His Word. We are to **dig for truth** as for hidden treasure. We are to **fix our eyes upon Christ**. When we take Him as our personal Saviour, this **gives us boldness to approach the throne of grace**. By beholding **we become changed**, morally assimilated to the One who is perfect in character. By receiving His imputed righteousness, **through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit**, we become like Him. **The image of Christ is cherished, and it captivates the whole being.**"

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The Ministry of Angels and The Spirit of Truth

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THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

A seldom talked about ministry. Often times we talk about the ministry of God, and of Christ, but fail to recognize the messengers of God sent to us “shew you things to come” (John 16:13). That still “small voice” that Elijah heard speaking to him. The voice of God, spoken through His angels. To all of the prophets were given special messages. The bible talks much about angels, let’s examine how these messages were given to the prophets, and as we study this we will learn many great lessons regarding the spirit of truth, the spirit of prophecy, and also discern the spirit that is to deceive the whole world.

Jesus himself, when tempted, was comforted when His Father sent angels to him, we find this after his temptation in the wilderness and also in the garden of Gethsemane.

Luke 22:42-43 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. (43) **And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.**

The prophets of God throughout history have received comfort from God our Father sending His angels. Daniel the prophet penned many great prophecies given to him by the angel Gabriel (Dan 9:21) by which we have been shown “things to come” (Rev 16:13) He also appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos. We read in Revelation 1:1:

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which

must shortly come to pass; and **he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:**

The message to John was given to him by an angel. And we are told in verse 2 that this angel has the “testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:2) We are told of this angel that He also has the Spirit of Prophecy:

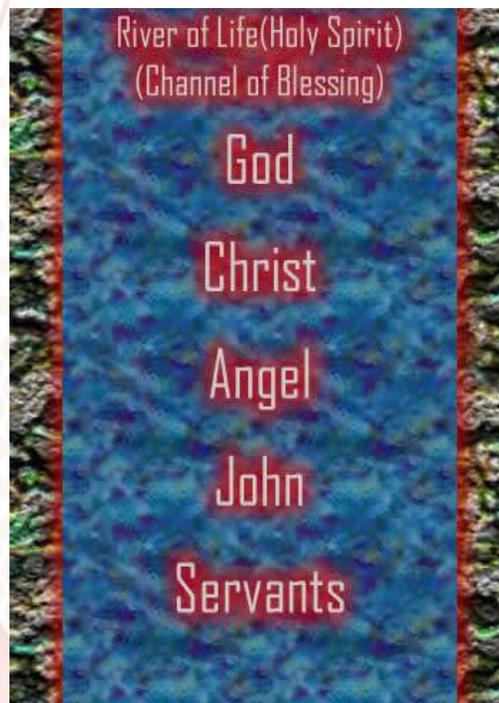
Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

As we read this we can consider the following points:

1. This angel has come to “shew you things to come” Revelation is a book that will show his servants things to come.
2. This angel does not speak of Himself but rather he speaks of Christ as He is giving the Revelation of Jesus
3. He has the spirit of prophecy

There is a channel of blessing here by which the living waters flow. God gave the revelation of Christ to Christ. Christ gives it to the angel, the angel gives it to the prophet, the prophet gives it to His servants.

God>>>Christ>>>Angels>>>John>>>Servants



That spirit is to comfort us when he is sent to us, just as he comforted Jesus:

John 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

“**He shall glorify me**”. Therefore “he” is not “me”, or the one that Jesus is referring to here, is someone separate and distinct from himself. He “the spirit of truth” speaks of Jesus, he is shewing you “things to come”. So therefore

he has the “spirit of prophecy” or is the “spirit of truth”. He is a humble minister of God. Let us read more regarding the “spirit of truth”.

ANGELS = SPIRITS

Hebrews 1:7, 14 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh **his angels spirits**, and **his ministers a flame of fire**...Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Angels are “spirits” and also called “flames of fire”. Not all angels are good spirits though. The bible warns of the fallen angels as well. They also are described as “flames of fire” in the bible. We are told in Revelation about the “dragon... and his angels.” (Rev 12:7) and these angels are signified as “stars”. Regarding the dragon we are told that “...his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven.” (Rev 12:4) Or a third of the angels. A star is a ball of burning fire, and this is what the bible uses to describe angels.

WHAT TESTIMONY?

Isaiah 8:19-20 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have **familiar spirits**, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? (20) To the law and to **the testimony**: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them

What testimony is this? The testimony of Jesus Christ? What spirit is this? The spirit of prophecy? No and no, this is not the testimony of Jesus, and these are familiar spirits, spirits of devils, fallen angels. And so therefore we are called to try the spirits. Perhaps they are false prophets.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many **false prophets** are gone out into the world.



Spirits of prophecy. False prophecy. These spirits do not have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy, and so to the law and testimony we can know them. There are many of them the bible says. And the way in which we identify them is to try them. When the spirit of truth is come, it will guide you into all truth. We will know the spirit of truth.

1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth**, and the spirit of error.

We know the Spirit of truth, because “greater is he(Christ) that is in you”. (1 John 4:4) He said regarding the comforter, which is the spirit of truth. (John 14:16) “I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you” (John 14:18) He by His spirit dwells in us, he is the comforter, and thereby we know him.

1Jn 4:2 **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God**: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

Hereby know ye the spirit of truth, hereby know ye the spirit of God, the spirit of prophecy, that spirit is manifest through the angels, the testimony of Jesus, Jesus living in your flesh. To the law and to the testimony, try the spirits, they may be “familiar spirits” (Isa 8:19) that may not have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

THE SEVEN SPIRITS BEFORE THE THRONE

I’ve heard many interpretations regarding the “seven spirits of God” which are mentioned by Zechariah and John the revelator. If we look with care we will see what they are. Let’s look at the greeting to the seven churches.

Revelation 1:4-5 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, **from him which is, and which was, and which is to come**; and **from the seven Spirits** which are before his throne; (5) **And from Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

A greeting is given from “Him which is, and which was, and which is to come”, this refers to God the Father. (See Rev 11:17) It is also a greeting “from the seven Spirits which are before his throne”. There are

seven spirits before the Father's throne. Is it possible that the seven spirits are "angels...ministering spirits...flames of fire"? (Heb 1:7) That will be answered shortly. It is also a greeting from "Jesus Christ".

What else does the Revelation say about the seven spirits?

Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath **the seven Spirits of God**, and **the seven stars**; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

This could also be translated "the seven spirits of God, even the seven stars". Regarding the seven stars we are told that "The **seven stars** are the **angels** of the seven churches:" (Rev 1:20) So angels are stars in prophecy. But lets look further so as to confirm whether or not these are angels.

It is also an interesting note that to each of the seven churches an angel is sent to it, and at the end of every message to each church we are told "hear what the spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev 2:11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22)

Angels = Spirits = Flames of Fire = Stars.

EYES OF THE LAMB

Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as it had been slain, having seven horns **and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.

The seven eyes of the lamb are the seven spirits of God. What else are we told about the eyes of the lamb?

Revelation 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and **his eyes were as a flame of fire**;

His hair was white like wool. Where do we get wool from? A lamb. And the eyes of the lamb were as a flame of fire. So therefore the seven spirits on the lamb are seven flames of fire. We are also told in Zechariah 3:9 that there is a stone with "seven eyes" and also that "the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth." (Zech 4:10)

The seven flames of fire are the seven stars, and seven angels. And this is how God communicates to his churches. On the day of Pentecost, something was rushing to the earth that sounded like a mighty wind.

The wings of the angels. And the house was filled with "the spirit of truth" not speaking of themselves but magnifying Christ.

7 Angels = 7 Spirits = 7 Flames of Fire = 7 Stars = 7 eyes

FIRE FROM HEAVEN

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound **from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of **fire**, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with **the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Holy spirit was given on the day of Pentecost, the church was given a special gift. The gift of tongues, and they began to speak to each other and hear each other in their own languages.

Acts 2:8-11 And **how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?** (9) Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, (10) Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, (11) Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

A COUNTERFEIT GIFT

In 1 Corinthians 12:28, 29 we are told of the gifts of the spirit. And that one of those gifts is "miracles" and another is the gift of "tongues". But the Corinthians were having issues with this gift. Some were speaking in tongues but it sounded like the babbling of Babylon. The word "Babylon" means "confusion" and Babel is what babies do. The tower of Babel is where God confused the languages. (See Genesis 11) Now regarding these babbling tongues that the Corinthians had, Paul admonishes them saying:

1 Corinthians 14:6-9 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, **what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?** (7) And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, **except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?** (8) For **if the trumpet give an uncertain**

sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? (9) So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

In other words, if they can't understand each other, then they need to hold back on their talking in tongues or else they are only causing confusion. Paul makes it clear that God is not the author of this babbling confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:31-33 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. (32) And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. (33) For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

In the book of Revelation we are told of "fire from heaven" again. This fire is manifest through the image to the beast, also known as the "false prophet". Many false prophets are gone out into the world, and certainly this fire cannot be "the spirit of truth". (1 John 4:1-6). Elijah the true prophet called down fire from heaven in order to reveal who the true God was. (1 Kings 18) So what spirit is this? This counterfeit pentecost. Let's examine the scriptures.

Revelation 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh **fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men, (14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of **those miracles** which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

The fire from heaven here is seen as miracles, which are a gift of the spirit. (1 Cor 12:28, 29) But this obviously is a counterfeit spirit, a counterfeit prophet, and spirits of devils. It is a spirit that deceives. In fact it deceives almost the entire world and those who aren't deceived, war is made against them.

In a parallel verse regarding this false prophet that tries to bring fire down from heaven. We read about the war that this war or battle is to be made by these spirits. Let us consider carefully.

THE THREEFOLD UNION

Revelation 16:12-16 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three **unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.** (14) For **they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth** and of the whole world, **to gather them to the battle** of that great day of God Almighty. (15) Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Here we see the battle, the river Euphrates is dried up. The river of life that flows out to the throne. Babylon is fallen, and the way is prepared for the Messiah to come. (Daniel 5, Isaiah 45:1) But we see these spirits come out of the mouth. What is in the mouth? The tongue. What kinds of spirits are these? Frogs. What do frogs capture their prey with? Their tongues. This again is called "miracles". It is a deception that deceives the whole world. A counterfeit fire from heaven, a counterfeit pentecost, a counterfeit holy spirit.

These spirits of devils, the fallen angels go first to the kings of the earth, they deceive all the world leaders, then they get control of the media, music, movies, video games, sports stars, and finally to the whole world until the spirit of God has been withdrawn and the river of life is dried up from this world and Babylon has no protection anymore.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

A cage of demons. This is the churches of the last days. Babylon, confused. And that is where the false prophets come from. They are in the churches, and they will use the kings of the earth to try to enforce their beliefs on others. Because the devils work in these churches.

One of the most popular movements today is the charismatic movement. Which has more than five hundred million people in it. The Catholic Church has 1.2 billion people in it. This is 1/4 of the world's population between them both

This charismatic movement is sweeping Catholicism right now. These churches believe that Elijah is come, the fire of Pentecost is coming from heaven and they are saying "Let us make an image to the beast".

This movement is linking up with the Catholic Church, considered by most as the first beast of Revelation. And this movement is spreading quick because there is a real spirit behind it, with real power. As the bible says he "deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of **those miracles** which he had **power** to do..." (Rev 13:14) The people experiencing this power know that it is real.

But it is not the spirit of God, the spirit of truth, nor the spirit of prophecy which is teaching you truth. But it is the spirits of devils, the spirit of antichrist, the spirit of the beast, and the fire of the false prophet. Fallen angels, working miracles in these churches.

So we see here a threefold union, the dragon and his angels (spiritualism), the beast (the Papacy) and the false prophet (apostate protestantism). Apostate protestantism reaching over the abyss to grasp the hand of the Papacy.

And it deceives by casting something out of its mouth. A spirit. The bible depicts the throne of God as having water of life proceeding from it. Jesus tells us that this living water is "the holy Spirit" (John 7:39) But we are also told that "out of the mouth of the dragon" comes another spirit. The bible depicts this as waters, a flood of deathly waters, a flood of evil filling the earth. Speaking of "the great dragon...that old serpent" (Revelation 12:9) We are told:

Revelation 12:15-17 And **the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. (16) And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. (17) And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went **to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

The battle is on. In the days of Elisha, men were sent to find him, to search for him and spy him out. They brought chariots and surrounded him in the city. Elisha prayed that his fearful servant might look and see.

2 Kings 6:16-17 And he (Elisha) answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. (17) And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**



"Chariots of fire", the angels of God. Let us take comfort, for the Father has sent us the spirit of truth, fire from heaven, ministering spirits, flames of fire, an army greater than this world can measure. And if we will accept it, we can know that in this battle of Armageddon, there are more with us than with them. The devil makes war against us, but through Christ we are more than conquerors.



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"The angels of God are ever passing from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth. The miracles of Christ for the afflicted and suffering were wrought by the power of God through the ministration of the angels. And it is through Christ, by the ministration of His heavenly messengers, that every blessing comes from God to us. In taking upon Himself humanity, our Saviour unites His interests with those of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam, while through His divinity He grasps the throne of God. And thus Christ is the medium of communication of men with God, and of God with men."

Desire of Ages, page 143, EGW

GOD-BREATHED

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The study of the Scriptures is the most essential study, yet too often it is involved in great struggles and confusion. Many times our narrow understanding of what it means to study God's word is the reason why it bears so little good fruit in our lives. There is a Bible principle found in Romans 12:2 regarding this: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." If we come to the word of God in the way that He approves, letting His Spirit renew our mind, it will surely have a life-changing result.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

According to Webster, truth is "real facts about something or things that are undoubtedly true." This definition of truth is one problem that obscures our view of the Scriptures.

If we come to the Bible as a book of mere facts,

reading it as we would read a history book, only to learn facts, we will not arrive at truth. This is not the Bible definition of truth.

So what is Truth? John 17:17 says,

"Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**"

The word of God is truth. Some may ask the question, "isn't the word of God facts?" Of course it contains many facts, but facts are the least of what it contains.

Let's see what Jesus says about His word. In John chapter 6 verse 63 He states,

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Jesus says that His words are SPIRIT and LIFE. One thing is for sure, the definition of facts is definitely not spirit and life. Yet the word of God is spirit and life. Therefore, it must be approached with diligence and sincerity, not as a mere book to be read at leisure or for fun. This is not the way to approach a book which has

the potential of being spirit and life to us rather than mere facts.

If truth is the word, and the word is spirit and life, therefore the truth is life. John 16:13 reads:

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

It is the Spirit of Truth (life) that leads you into truth (life). The words are mere words if the Spirit of Truth is not guiding you through the word of God. The question is, do we read the Bible with the expectation of power, enlightenment or change of life in our soul? If not, there may be a problem with how we approach

it. A letter from someone dear to our heart means so much to us and as we read it that we try

to read EVERY word, look at every letter and understand every statement. Especially when we are at a distance or can't see our loved one as we wished. Do we approach the Scriptures this way?

The Spirit is directly connected to the word of God. You cannot have one without the other. If we read without the Spirit you will not receive the understanding God wants you to have. If you have the Spirit and yet neglect to study and be guided through the scriptures, then you have to question whether or not it is God's Spirit leading you. Let's look at some Bible proof that the Spirit is directly connected to the reading of God's word, and that it will lead us to study to show ourselves approved with God.

John 20:22 says, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:"

At the time that Christ appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, they were having issues with their faith. They had been viewing the word of God as mere facts which became apparently false when their Lord was crucified. When Christ revealed Himself, they

believed in Him, but that was not enough. He breathed on them, that they might receive His Spirit. What happened next? Luke 24 verses 44 through 45 reads:

“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,”

After Christ breathed on them, then He opened their understanding that they might UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES.

And what about us? Does Christ breathe on us? Most certainly. Every time we read His word asking for divine guidance, He breathes on us His Spirit. This truth is shown in 2 Timothy chapter 3 verses 16 and 17:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may

be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

This verse explains the proper way to view the Scriptures, and the interesting detail is that the Greek word for “inspiration” means “divinely breathed in.” So we see that as we read the Bible, surrendering our understanding and asking God for wisdom, He will breathe in us as He did the disciples. And the word of God is our life, because the Spirit of the One who gives life brings His words into our heart.

The word of God is precious but if approached in a careless way, we will not benefit from it in any way. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)



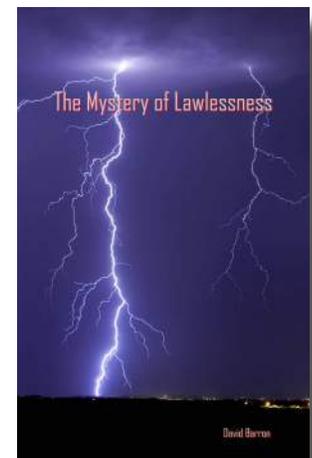
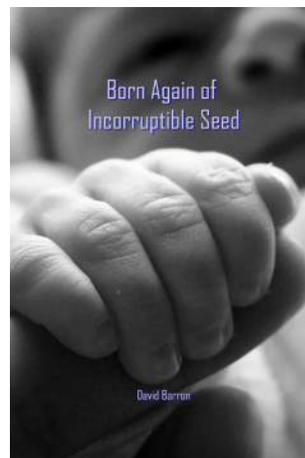
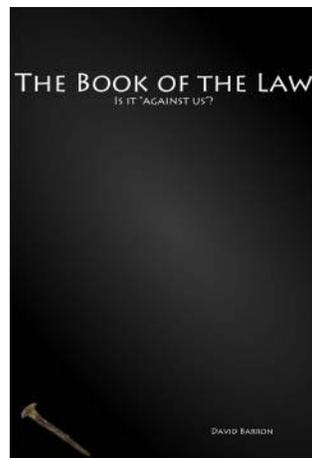
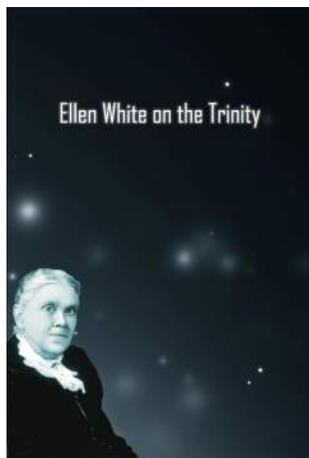
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“If the Bible were studied as it should be, men would become strong in intellect. The subjects treated upon in the word of God, the dignified simplicity of its utterance, the noble themes which it presents to the mind, develop faculties in man which cannot otherwise be developed. In the Bible, a boundless field is opened for the imagination. The student will come from a contemplation of its grand themes, from association with its lofty imagery, more pure and elevated in thought and feeling than if he had spent the time in reading any work of mere human origin, to say nothing of those of a trifling character. Youthful minds fail to reach their noblest development when they neglect the highest source of wisdom,—the word of God. The reason why we have so few men of good mind, of stability and solid worth, is that God is not feared, God is not loved, the principles of religion are not carried out in the life as they should be”

Christian Education, page 189, EGW

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SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”(2 Cor 13:14) This verse is often used to refer to the trinity. Sometimes truth is hard to see from the surface. Let’s break this verse down.

The text speaks of three things:

- 1) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) The love of God.(The father, not the Trinity)
- 3) The communion of the Holy Ghost.

In this verse the title **God** is used only once and it is used in reference to a specific person. Obviously, it is God the Father whose love is spoken of in this verse, and, according to John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Which God gave His Son? Surely it is the love of God the Father. The title “God” in this verse refers to “the Father”

Please observe that Paul did not say we would commune with the Holy Ghost, but he speaks “of the communion of the Holy Ghost.” What does he mean by this?

When Paul spoke of the communion of the Holy Ghost, he was showing how our communion would be. It would be by the means of the Holy Spirit that we would commune or have fellowship with God and Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3 states, “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

According to John, we have fellowship with the Father and with his Son, through the Holy Spirit. Paul wanted this experience to remain with the Christians in Corinth and also with us today, an experience of true fellowship with the Father and with his Son through the Holy Spirit.

“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” (1 Cor. 8:6)

The bible is clear, and this verse in 2 Corinthians 13:14 is not teaching that we have “One God the Father, son, and holy spirit”. Nor does it say “the grace of our God Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of God the Holy Ghost.” The text when we read it carefully says “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.”(2 Cor 13:14) - DB

FEATURED TESTIMONY



DAVID BARRON

“IF THOU WILT DILIGENTLY HEARKEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD, AND WILT DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT, AND WILT GIVE EAR TO HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND KEEP ALL HIS STATUTES, I WILL PUT NONE OF THESE DISEASES UPON THEE, WHICH I HAVE BROUGHT UPON THE EGYPTIANS: FOR I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE.”

(EXODUS 15:26)



CHRISTIAN ISRAEL

“...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” (Daniel 11:32) As some may know, David and Christian have been travelling the United States, with speaking engagements, doing health cleanses, preparing for the upcoming feast, and with Jahdiel Newman, establishing Lightened By His Glory for the body of Christ.

We have come back to Canada for a short period to speaking with a group in Ontario, Canada, as well as speaking on the Sunday morning radio program on a secular radio station. We praise our Great God and Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ who causes us to triumph in this faith given us before the world began (1 Tim. 2:9). He has continually provided for our needs. “His biddings are enablings.” We’ve seen people come off of their medication, watch the doctor’s diagnosis of death be overturned, and the victory carried away by King Jesus, declaring “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” We are now heading back to the United States for a brief one month trip for several speaking engagements and the Unleavened Bread feast at Silver Springs, Fl. If you are struggling with your health, physically, or your faith is faltering spiritually, or else you are part of a group you would like to have us present the health message or other glorious facets of the Everlasting gospel in-home/church, be free to contact us. God’s grace and peace be with you all in the beloved Son, in truth and in love. - CI

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Recipes Raw Gaspacho!!!

Ingredients:

- 5 tomatoes
- 1/2 bell pepper
- 3 soaked sundried tomatoes
- fresh & pure juice of 1 lemon
- 1/4 C soaking water from the sundried tomatoes
- 2 Ts Olive oil
- 1 ts himalayan salt
- 1 ts pepper

optional: zested clove of garlic

For the garniture use: 1 avocado, 1/2 bell pepper, 3 tomatoes. Blend all ingredients of the gazpacho in a high speed blender. You may add water to achieve the thickness you desire. For the garniture, cut 1 avocado into small pieces, the other half of the bell pepper, 3 tomatoes. Put in a bowl and pour the soup on top.



MINUTE IN THE HOUR PROPHECY UPDATE

BEING TOUTED BY THE TEMPLE INSTITUTE AS A “PROPHETIC PAINTING”, THE TEMPLE INSTITUTE’S VISION HAS MORE THAN ONE PROBLEM TO IT.



Many eyes are on developments in Middle East this month, blinding them to a much greater reality. The Temple Institute, in Jerusalem, Israel, has boasted itself as being dedicated to every aspect of the “Holy Temple” in Jerusalem. Howso? Their current project determination is to rebuild the third temple in the land of Jerusalem below, replicating with exactitude every article to specification as the Biblical instructions tell. For what cause? Doubtless because the Jews are gathering together in the land of Jerusalem, and must be dedicated by the first sacrifice in a rebuilt temple. To do this, they must build an altar upon which to sacrifice. Indeed, this month, they have accomplished just that. They finished making the third altar for sacrifices. The problems with a rebuilt temple, time would fail us to tell here in this update. But chiefly, the basis of their understanding goes as follow. (1) The temple must be rebuilt before Messiah can come.** (2) The flesh and blood Israel are the promised people by virtue of descending from the loins of Abraham.**

(3) The Jerusalem on this earth is the holy Jerusalem of God.**

The misunderstandings on these matters run deep. And the matter of rebuilding the temple is a misunderstanding of Amos 9:11-12. See how the apostles understood the matter: (Act 15:14-16) “Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and **I will set it up:**”

Notice first, that it says God would build it up, agreeing with the words of the prophet Zechariah 6:13 regarding Christ: “Even **He shall build the temple of the LORD**; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne...” The apostles saw that Amos words found fulfillment in the building of a different temple. See two apostolic confessions: (Eph 2:19-22) “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom **all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

And (1 Peter 2:5) “Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

There are some, putting merit into such a temple built by men, who declare that it would be God’s temple by saying it will be desecrated by an antichrist power, the “abomination of desolation”. Such have no true conception of the Sanctuary in heaven, or of it’s host, and fail to see that the desolating abomination fits the description of the Papacy perfectly.

Christ has indeed had His temple from the beginning, as Jeremiah 17:12 reveals, and IS BUILDING His temple with “living stones” even now, which stones we are in Christ. And not only us, but since the creation of the host of heaven, the angels, as brother David has shown in his article, were “flames of fire”, and that covering Cherub that fell was said to be walking in the midst of “stones of fire” (Eze. 28:14), which are none other than the flames of fire that proceed from the Throne of the Ancient of days. (Dan. 7:9-10) ~ CI

**A supplement will be provided going into these issues from the Scriptures to show what the Bible teaches about this in greater detail next month.

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