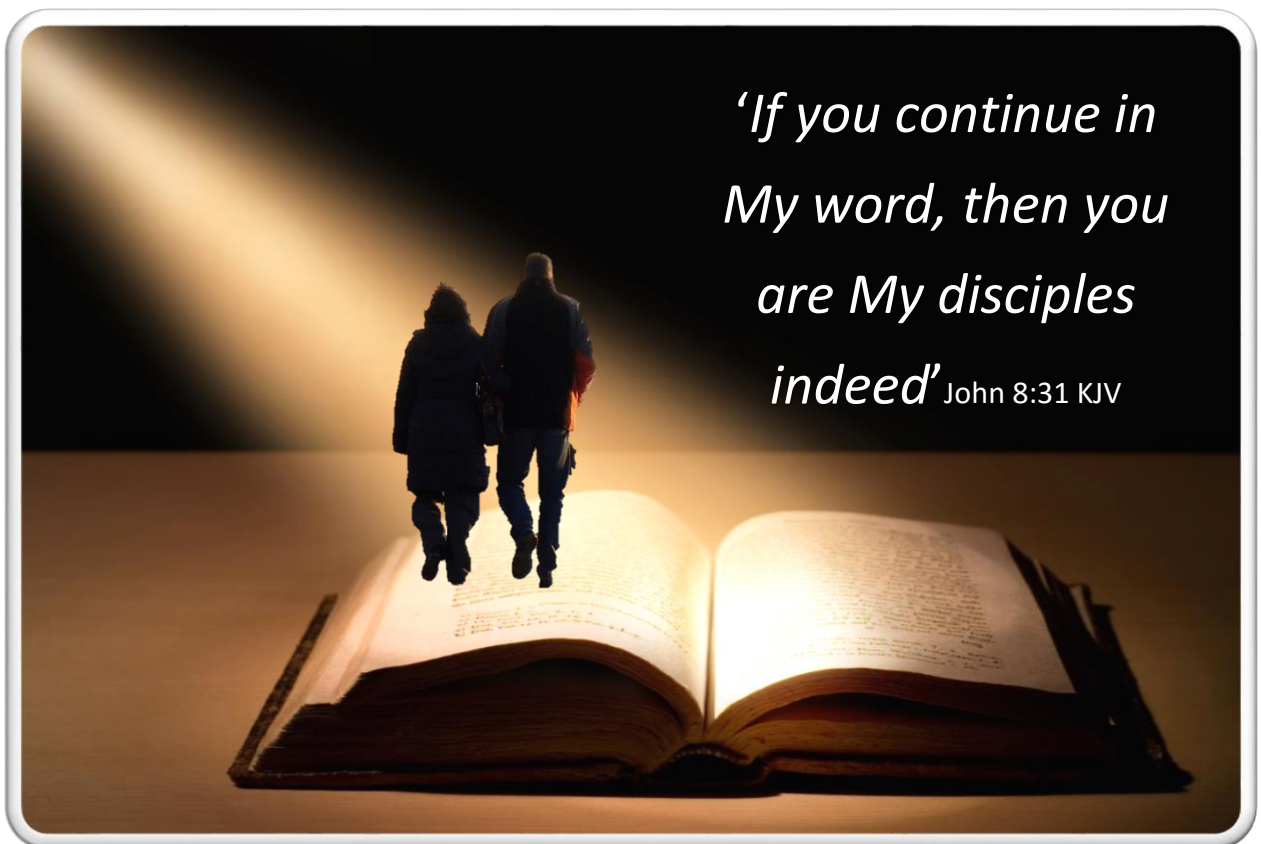


# Continuing in the Word



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**John 8:31-32**

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## Lesson One

# REVIVED TO RULE

### Jesus is preparing us for His coming

We are living in the time where Jesus is preparing us for His coming. We are in the process of *“growing up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ”* Ephesians 4:15. In growing up into *“the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”* (Eph.4:13), we must learn to rule as He rules. Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18) and is *“the ruler of the kings of the earth”* (Revelation 1:5). The church is *“His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all”* (Eph.1:23). It is time to manifest the fullness of His governmental authority in the earth, in the nations in which we dwell.

### Equipping and building up

On a recent mission trip into the southern part of Australia we found many members from different parts of the body of Christ, and were able to minister to them, building them up and helping to equip them further. There was a strong emphasis and anointing to release revelation of what the true church is, and the authority we have as the Ecclesia [the Greek word for *“church”* which historically meant the governing body of citizens in a city state].

The Ecclesia of Jesus the Messiah is rising in Australia and in every nation, to take her place as the ruling authority in those nations *“to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places”* Eph.3:10.

### REVIVAL IN THE LAND

God is releasing revival in the land of Australia. There is a shift in the spiritual atmosphere of Australia. The momentum of the “the left-wing socially progressive” agenda, which is really a manifestation of the spirit of Sodom and Gomorrah in promoting all uncleanness and homosexuality, is coming down and a new momentum of righteousness is arising. There is an awakening that is happening, at least to a remnant part of the Ecclesia in Australia, that we as the church have more authority than our Parliament!

We, the church, are established on the Rock of revelation that *“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God”*; we are also given *“the keys of the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt.16:15-19). Jesus came to build His church, which is His governing, ruling body of people who will express and establish the will of God on earth as it is in heaven (Matt.6:10, 16:19)!

**The Revival is the true church arising in the authority  
of Jesus the Messiah as the government of God in the earth!**

### An army is rising

Beware! Do not settle for a gospel that tells us that God will do everything and we can watch on the sidelines and see His glory manifest. We must be obedient to the faith of the gospel and walk in His plans. John saw Jesus on a white horse as One called *“Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war ... His name is called the Word of God”* (Rev.19:11,13). Jesus is fierce. He is judging and making war with the nations in righteousness. What is the weapon? **The Word of God!**

Then John saw *“the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, following Him on white horses”* Rev.19:14. Who are these armies? Are they angels? No! John already

saw a picture of the Bride, the Lamb's wife *"arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints"* (Rev.19:8).

**The army is the Bride, the church, the Ecclesia  
following the Word of God into the battle for the nations!**

### **The Army of God in the great battle**

We are in a season of being revived for battle. This is not a time for the faint-hearted! This army that is following the Word of God into battle, the One who is also called the *"King of kings and Lord of lords"* (Rev.19:16), is the same army that is to face the great battle of the ages. *"And I saw the beast, the kings of earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army"* Rev.19:19.

We are in battle! The beast, which is anti-Christ government represented by *the kings of the earth*, is making war against Messiah and His Bride, His army. We are in a battle brethren. The forces of the beast have been mustering. Islam and the spirit of Sodom and Gomorrah have been looking to and succeeding in intimidating many nations and even His church.

It is time to receive revival and refreshing so that we will

*"be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand"* Eph.6:13.

### **The Messiah and His Ecclesia triumphant**

Do not be afraid of this battle but take up the governmental authority of Messiah, which is the Word of God! *"Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence ... These two were cast alive into the lake of fire ... And the rest were killed with the sword that proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse"* (Rev.19:20-21).

The sword is the Word! *"The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword"* (Hebrews 4:12). The sword comes out of the mouth of the Messiah *"that with it He should strike the nations"* (Rev.19:15). Jesus is the head and we are the body. He is *"waiting till His enemies are made His footstool"* (Heb.10:13). It is through His body that His feet can rest on His enemies. It is time to rise up Ecclesia and be His army that speaks His word, striking the nations with the truth of the word (John 17:17).

### **IT IS TIME TO REVIVE THE STONES**

In the time of Nehemiah, the people of God were in a season of restoration, rebuilding and repair. The walls had been broken down and there were breaches in the wall of the city. There were places where the enemy could enter. Nehemiah's job was to fortify the city of God by repairing the wall and its breaches. At one time the enemy began to mock the work and asked the question *"What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish – stones that were burned?"* Nehemiah 4:2.

The answer to all these questions is YES! This is a prophetic picture of the Ecclesia, the people of God today. God is releasing His Spirit to fortify us *"to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in our inner man"* (Eph.3:16). He is reviving the *living stones* that have been on the rubbish heap; stones that have been burned. We are finding that as we go through the nation of Australia there are many living stones, many believers, that God is raising up from the rubbish heap. Many of these stones have been **burned** by their "church"

experience. God is gathering and **reviving** these living stones and they are *“being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”* 1 Peter 2:5.

### **Living Stones have the character of the Living Stone**

The living stones are being revived so that they can bear the likeness of the Living Stone Himself, Jesus the Messiah! Jesus is *“the stone which the builders rejected which has become the Chief cornerstone”* (Psalm 118:22, 1 Pet.2:7). He is also the Stone which takes down kingdoms, *“And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth”* (Daniel 2:35b). This stone struck the image representing kingdoms of the earth and then it became a mountain! This speaks of the governmental authority of Jesus Christ and His kingdom, filling the earth!

How did the Stone become a mountain! Jesus said that *“you are Peter [a stone] and upon this rock I will build My church”* (Matt.16:18). Many living stones are being built on the Rock, the Living Stone Himself, and this causes a great mountain to arise in the earth! Be revived living stones and arise to your destiny!

The living stones are used to take down kingdoms until  
*“the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord  
and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever”* Rev11:15.

### **The Stone is laid in Zion**

The Messiah Jesus was also the Stone of which Isaiah prophesied saying *“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation”* (Isaiah 28:16, 1Pet.2:6). In the context this stone was laid in Zion in the midst of a people who said *“For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves”* (Isa.28:15). Zion is the place of God’s government, God’s throne (Ps.2:6). God lays His Stone in Zion in the midst of a people who are living under lies and falsehood.

We as living stones have also *“come to Mt Zion”* (Heb.12:22) and are in the midst of people and nations that are making lies their refuge. The prophetic word continues to say: *“the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding places”* (Isa.28:17). God is reviving the stones so that He can lay them in Zion, so that through them, lies are swept away and the rivers of living water flow from their innermost beings (Jn.7:38) overflowing every false hiding place! There is nowhere to hide when these living stones are revived and put in place to function!

**It is time for the stones to be revived and release  
righteousness and justice into the nations (Isa.28:17).**

### **The word 'Revival'**

It is time for revival. The word in **Nehemiah 4:2** translated “revive” is the Hebrew word 'chayah' which means: *to live (literally or figuratively); (causatively) to revive*. It is translated in many ways such as: *- live, preserve alive, quicken, revive, repair, restore*.

It is the same word used in **Habbakuk 2:4** *“The just shall live by his faith”*. This is one of the cornerstone verses for the New Testament. When we truly live by faith in the Son of God we are constantly receiving life from the dead, that is, **revival**.

## THE DRY BONES

### Can the dry bones live?

In a vision by the Spirit of YAHWEH, Ezekiel was placed in a valley that was full of dry bones (**Ezek.37:1**). Ezekiel surveyed the valley and noticed that the bones were “*very dry*” (**Ezek.37:2**). God asked the question “*Can these dry bones live?*” (**Ezek.37:3**). The word for “live” is the Hebrew “*chayah*”. So can the dry bones be revived?

Later the Lord YAHWEH said to Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones saying, “*Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live [be revived]*” (v.5). Again Ezekiel was told to prophesy saying, “*Come from the four winds , O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live [be revived]*” (v.9). Then Ezekiel saw the fulfilment of the prophecy: “*So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived [were revived] and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army*” (v.10). The revival is to bring forth an army!

These bones experienced revival;

- **by the Word:** the body was to be formed according to the prophetic word;
- and **by the Spirit:** the breath came into them

Revival is to form a body and be filled with the Spirit! Why? To bring forth an army!

### Who are the dry bones?

How is this picture of revival relevant to us today? What or who are these dry bones? “*Then He said to me, ‘Son of Man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off’*” **Ezek.37:11**. The bones are the *whole house of Israel!* It is all the people of God, those who are partakers of “*the commonwealth of Israel*” (**Eph.2:12**). It is the church, God’s people, who are in need of reviving!

The dry bones are the members of the body that need to come into “*the power of His resurrection*” (**Philippians 3:10**). These dry bones are His people being “*raised up and made to sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*” (**Eph.2:6**). Revival is resurrection power released to the saints, placing them into the position of authority with Jesus.

### Revival is an army of dry bones being raised in resurrection power and authority

#### Governmental authority

God is raising His body, His Ecclesia, His government. It is a “*chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation*” (**1 Pet.2:9**). It is a generation of kings and priests, a people anointed with a royal anointing, a kingly anointing! God is reviving us so that we can learn how to walk in His governmental authority in the nations in which we live.

We are seeing many encouraging signs in our nation as we as the Ecclesia are beginning to take seriously our responsibility to pray for “*kings and all who are in authority*” (**1Tim.2:1-2**). We are responsible for the spiritual atmosphere in our nation.

### *The revival that God is releasing now is to raise His body to rule the nations with Jesus!*



## Lesson Two

# DESCRIBE THE HOUSE TO THE HOUSE

*“Son of man, describe the temple [lit. house] to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.” Ezekiel 43:10*

### Ezekiel's task

Ezekiel was called as a prophet to the children of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. In the above verse God called him to *“describe the house to the house of Israel”* (KJV). The house of God at that time had been destroyed by the Babylonian armies that took Jerusalem. Ezekiel was receiving revelation of the house of God and was told to explain it to the house of Israel so that they *“may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern”*. God wanted them to repent of their lack of understanding of the house of God and build according to the pattern.

### The apostolic task today

The apostolic task of our day is the same, namely, it is to **describe the church to the church** so that the church can know her identity and destiny. When Paul wrote to Timothy he said, *“I am writing to you so that you may know how to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1 Tim.3:15). Much of what we call “church” has scant Scriptural basis. It is time to describe the church to the church and *“let them measure the pattern”* so that she can come out of Babylon and glorify the Lord.

### The glory of God wants to come in

*“And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory”* (Ez.43:1-2). In chapter 10 of Ezekiel, he had described how the glory of God had departed from the house of God. Now he sees the glory entering into a new house. **Ezekiel saw the glory coming, he heard the voice and he saw the earth shining with that glory!** God also wants us to be a people who see the glory of God coming and so we make the necessary preparations. He wants a people who hear His voice and who have a vision to see the earth filled with His glory (Hab.2:14, Num.14:21).

### What is the glory?

The “glory” in the Hebrew language means **“the weightiness, heaviness, substance”**. In other words, the glory is the essence of who God is; the weight He carries; the very substance of His being; His character. Jesus, the Son of God *“is the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person”* (Heb.1:3). Jesus is the substance of God's being. The glory of the God of Israel is Jesus, the Son of God and He wants to come and dwell in a house that is built according to the pattern.

*“And the glory of the LORD came into the temple [lit. house] by way of the gate which faces toward the east. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the temple [house]” v.4-5*

## **We are brought in by the Spirit**

The house of God, which is the church of the living God, is a *“spiritual house”* made up of *“living stones”* (1 Pet.2:5). In order to enter the house and understand the house we must be *“brought in by the Spirit”*. When we believe on Jesus the Messiah, accepting that His blood is enough to remit our sins and being baptised in His name, we then through Jesus *“have access by one Spirit to the Father”* (Eph.2:18). Once having this access by the Spirit we realise we *“are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”* (Eph.2:19-20).

## **The pattern of the house under the Old Covenant was given by the Spirit**

The house of God is built by revelation from the Spirit of God. Under the Old Covenant Moses was given instructions to build the tabernacle so that God could dwell among His people (Ex.25:8). God said to him, *“According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle...just so you shall make it”* (v.9). Moses was given revelation from heaven on how to build the dwelling place. Solomon also, in building the house for God, received the instructions from his father David who *“gave his son Solomon... the plans for all that he had by the Spirit”* (1Chron.28:11a,12a). Solomon built the house of God in Jerusalem by revelation of the Spirit.

## **The pattern of the house in the New Covenant is given by the Spirit**

In the New Covenant, the apostle Paul says the revelation of the mystery, which is a revelation of the true body of Christ, the *“dwelling place of God in the Spirit”* (Eph.2:22), is revealed *“by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets”* (Eph.3:5). God gives wisdom and revelation to His holy apostles and prophets of how to build the house of God, *which is the church of the living God*, according to the pattern. True apostles and prophets release this revelation to the church so that God’s house can be built! They **describe the house to the house!**

## **The result is the glory filling the house**

When we are brought in by the Spirit and receive the revelation of the house by the Spirit, we begin to see the destiny – *the glory of Yahweh filling the house!* When Moses had finished building the tabernacle according to the pattern it says, *“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the tabernacle”* (Ex.40:34). The glory will only come into the house which is built according to the pattern.

When Solomon had finished building the house for God in Jerusalem it came to the day of dedication and it is written that *“the house, the house of the LORD [Yahweh] was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the house of God”* (2Chron.5:13b-14). The very being and substance of God dwelt in the house that had been built according to His pattern!

*“And He said to me, ‘Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.’” v.7a*

## **The place of My throne**

God rules from His house! God rules from the midst of His church. The church is to be the place of God’s throne, God’s government! The church in general has not realised the One who is in the midst of her. Jesus said *“where two or three gather together in My name, I AM there in the midst of them”* (Matt.18:20). Why is Jesus in the midst of us? What context was this written in? *“Assuredly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in*

*heaven...Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matt.18:18-19).* Jesus is in the midst of us in the context of the church exercising governmental authority from heaven on the earth.

### **Heaven My throne and the earth My footstool**

God spoke through Isaiah *“Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? (Is.66:1).* God’s heavenly throne is expressed through an earthly vessel – His house. *Where is the house you will build Me?* God answers His question in the following verse, *“But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word” (v.2).* The ones who fear the word of God and are concerned with being obedient to His will – these ones will be the dwelling place and the expression of God’s throne on the earth!

### **The place of the soles of My feet**

Through God’s house, God has a place to walk on the earth – a place *“for the soles of My feet”*. King David said, *“I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD [Yahweh], and for the footstool of our God...” (1Chron.28:2).* The house of God is a place for God to dwell and rest in the earth. A footstool is for resting your feet. God wants His feet to rest upon the earth, His enemies being made *“a footstool for Your feet” (Ps.110:1).*

### **God walks on the earth in a body**

God will walk on the earth through the ones He lives in! God walks on the earth through His church, through your feet. The house of God in the New Covenant is the body of Christ. Christ is the head and we are the body, the place of His feet. God told Joshua, *“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you...” (Josh.1:3).* As your feet are shod *“with the gospel of peace” (Eph.6:15a)* be assured that Jesus is walking in you and taking the land, the nations, as an inheritance!

### **Where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever**

The house of God is God’s eternal dwelling place in the midst of His people forever. *“In My Father’s house there are many mansions [rooms]” (Jn.14:2).* In the Father’s house there are many places to dwell. Jesus, through dying on the cross has prepared your place (Jn.14:3), in the house of God **which is the church of the living God! (1Tim.3:15).** Jesus said that when He had died and risen He would *“give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (Jn.14:16).* This was on the condition that *“If you love Me, keep My commandments (Jn.14:15).* We are the house of God, His eternal dwelling place if we keep His commandments, building according to the pattern.

### **Keep God’s word and become His home**

Jesus then said a little later in the same conversation, *“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (v.23).* The Father and Son make a home in us as a result of keeping His word. If we truly desire to be His dwelling place, we must be careful that we build according to His word.

*“Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever. Son of man, describe the house to the house of Israel... and let them measure the pattern.” Ezek.43:9-10*

### **Time to put harlotry away from us**

Harlotry refers to anything that has allured our loving obedience away from Jesus. It refers to idolatry. We can make idols out of our own ministries and our own mindsets. We need to put this away and turn our attention onto Jesus, the One who said, ***“upon this Rock I will build My church and the gates of hades will not prevail against it”*** (Matt.16:18). Jesus is building His church His way and we are not to be allured by certain methods and church growth programs.

### **Time to put the carcasses of kings away from us**

The carcasses of kings is the men of old who led the people of God. While many of these men may have done good things we are not to worship or emulate them. There have been many great leaders of the church in the past and denominations have formed around their teachings. However, they are dead, and while we can learn from them we need to seek the Living God now for this generation. We do not follow men, we follow Jesus and He does not want us to camp in yesterday's revelation. It is time to move on and go on to maturity.

### **Describe the house to the house**

We are to describe the church to the church. We are to ***“make known to them the design of the house and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws [teachings]”*** (Ez.43:11). We are to share the ***“whole counsel of God”*** (Acts20:27). We are to understand that ***“God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers...”*** (1Cor.12:28). We are to understand there is ***“no other foundation”*** except Jesus Christ (1Cor.3:11). We are to understand that we are ***“living stones being built up a spiritual house”*** (1Pet.2:5), ***“a dwelling place of God in the Spirit”*** (Eph.2:22).

### **Let them measure the pattern**

The house of God must be built according to the pattern:

- we are founded upon Jesus Christ (1Cor.3:11)
- He is the ***“chief cornerstone”*** (Eph.2:20b).
- As the church matures we are to ***“grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ”*** (Eph.4:15)
- until we all come ***“to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”*** (Eph.4:13c).

The **pattern is Jesus the Christ** and we are to measure up to Him.

Is what you are doing causing brethren to grow up into the ***“image of His Son”*** (Rom.8:29)?

When the work of building the house is complete then will come the full revelation of the mystery, ***“Christ in you, the hope of glory”*** (Col.1:27b). The glory, which is Christ, will fill the house and there will be a perfect revelation of God in the earth. Jesus will be seen on the throne, walking in the midst of His body, dwelling in us forever.

***“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and He will dwell with them,  
and they shall be His people.  
God Himself will be with them and be their God”***  
Revelation 21:3

## Lesson Three

# THE MEMORIAL BLOWING OF TRUMPETS

### Journeying through the Feasts

This year God spoke into our hearts that we should journey through the feasts. We have always seen that the feasts are as a prophetic calendar and that the church corporately is to enter into the fulfilment of these feasts experientially and that they show us something of the eternal purpose of God. More recently it was quickened to us that God required Israel to meet Him at these feasts annually, ***“Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year” Exodus 23:14.*** God expects His people to meet with Him in a specific and peculiar way three times a year and that through these meetings we will grow in the knowledge of God and be transformed by experiencing the particular aspects of who He reveals Himself to be at these feasts.

The three Feasts are the ***“Feast of Unleavened Bread [Passover]...Feast of Harvest [Weeks/Pentecost]...and the Feast of Ingathering [Tabernacles/Booths]” Exodus 23:15-16.*** Involved in these three feasts there are seven appointed meeting times with God. Three are involved with Passover, Weeks is a one day feast, and three appointments are at Tabernacles time. We are now in the season of coming to the Feast of Tabernacles which begins with the ***“memorial of blowing of trumpets”*** which is on the first day of the seventh month in the Hebrew Calendar (***Leviticus 23:24***). It is the fifth appointed meeting time with God in the calendar and leads into the Day of Atonement and the actual Feast of Tabernacles later in the seventh month.

### Signs and Seasons

In ***Genesis 1:14*** God said, ***“Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens...and let them be for signs and seasons and for days and years”.*** On the fourth day of creation God created the sun, moon and stars in the heavens to be for ***“signs and seasons”***. The word here for ***“seasons”*** is a Hebrew word ‘mo’ed’ which means ***“A fixed time, appointment, appointed season, festival, feast, solemn assembly, appointed place. Mo’ed is used for the seven “feasts” of the Lord, actually Yahweh’s seven sacred appointments, the times He meets with Israel. The entire plan of redemption is revealed in the progression of the seven mileposts which unfold yearly in the Hebrew Calendar.”*** {Word Wealth, Numbers 9:2, New Spirit Filled Life Bible}.

In ***Leviticus 23:2***, God says, ***“The feasts of YAHWEH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts”.*** The word “feasts” is the Hebrew ‘mo’ed’. In other words God gave the sun, moon and stars in the sky to speak of God’s appointments with His people, to be there for signs and for feast times, appointments with God. We are in a season where there are 4 lunar eclipses or “blood moons” that occur over 2014 and 2015. These blood moons actually occur on feast days, the next one happening on October 8 to begin the Feast of Tabernacles. We are in a season where God is showing signs in the heavens that it is time to meet with Him and be prepared for what He wants to do in us as His people.

### THE MEMORIAL OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS

The next appointed time to meet with God this year is the ***“memorial of blowing of trumpets”***. ***“Then YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, ‘In the seventh month, on the first***

*of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YAHWEH” Leviticus 23:23-25.*

Being the “*seventh month*” is significant as seven in the Bible speaks of entering the rest and coming to completion or perfection. This is the appointed time that is calling us to enter the rest. There is a calling for the church to come to perfection, to come to maturity and no longer remain in Pentecost, the previous appointment with God.

### **“Memorial”**

The blowing of trumpets on this day is called a “*memorial*”. What are we meant to be remembering?

The word “*memorial*” in Hebrew is the word ‘zikron’ and means “*A memorial, remembrance, record, memento, a written record, a momentous event which is long to be remembered*” {Word Wealth, Exodus 39:7, New Spirit Filled Life Bible}.

The first time this word is mentioned in the Scriptures is in the context of the blood of the Passover Lamb in **Exodus 12:14**, “*Now this day shall be to you a memorial, and you shall keep it as a feast to YAHWEH throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.*”

So the first use of the word is in connection with the Lamb being sacrificed and its blood being used for the redemption and deliverance of God’s people from bondage in Egypt. This is speaking of the blood of the “*Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*” **John 1:29**. Every time we partake of the Lord’s Table there is a memorial. We are to keep the Lord’s Table in “*remembrance of Me*” **Luke 22:19**.

### **The offering is for every feast**

The original memorial offering was at Passover to remember the sacrifice of the Lamb that delivered Israel from Egypt, which for us speaks of our initial salvation through the blood of Jesus, delivering us from the world.

Even at the Feast of Pentecost there was to be offerings made (**Leviticus 23:18:21**). This teaches us that what Jesus accomplished on the Cross was not only to forgive us and take our sins away but also to enable us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. “*When the day of Pentecost had fully come...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*” **Acts 2:1,4**. We need to see that what Jesus accomplished on the Cross is central to experiencing what God wants to give us at every feast.

### **What are we remembering at the blowing of trumpets?**

At the “*memorial of blowing of trumpets*” we are remembering what Jesus accomplished on the Cross in a much deeper way. This feast is in the seventh month which speaks of completion and maturity. This is remembering “*For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified*” **Hebrews 10:14**. We are remembering “*For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the Captian of their salvation perfect through sufferings*” **Hebrews 2:10**.

We are remembering that what Jesus accomplished on the Cross actually perfects us, brings us into sonship and causes us to inherit the glory. This is now entering the deeper wisdom of God “*which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers*

*of this age knew, for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory” 1 Corinthians 2:7-8.* The blowing of trumpets is speaking to the church to remember the awesome cosmic victory of Jesus, not only to “save us from our sins” but to cause us to become perfect as sons!

### **The Victory of the Cross**

When Paul was writing to the Colossians he made known the all-conquering nature of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross. He says that Jesus, *“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [the Cross]” Colossians 2:15.* The blowing of trumpets is heralding the full and final defeat of the devil and all his army and is calling the church up into the revelation of this so we can walk in it. Do we truly believe that the devil has been defeated?

The blowing of trumpets is to remind us that *“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” Hebrew 2:14-15.* Jesus has destroyed the devil and released us to not fear death because of the power of the resurrection. The blowing of trumpets is to remind us of the power of the resurrection, preparing us for the day when He comes *“For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible...” 1 Corinthians 15:52.* Jesus destroyed the devil who had the power of death. He did this through the one offering which perfects us forever. This is the victory of the cross.

### **God’s eternal purpose fulfilled**

This is *“according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord” Ephesians 3:11.* What was the eternal purpose that was accomplished? We have seen that through Jesus’ death on the Cross He disarmed principalities and powers! Now it is for us to *“preach the unsearchable riches of Christ”,* making known this awesome reality, *“to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places” Ephesians 3:8-10.*

Preaching is as blowing a trumpet! It is actually the plan of God to use the church to occupy the heavenly realm that has been occupied by demonic forces up until this time. How does the church do this? By blowing the trumpet! Proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ! Making known the deeper reality of what Jesus accomplished at the Cross.

### **Jesus died and rose again to give us five ministries**

Another aspect of the death and resurrection of Jesus to remember is that through Jesus descending and ascending He has been able to release *“gifts to men”. “He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers” Ephesians 4:8-11.* Jesus died and rose again to release these ministries to blow the trumpet, that is, to preach and teach the Word, calling the church to come to *“the unity of the faith, to the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” Ephesians 4:13.*

The trumpet is calling His church to come to maturity. When we remember Jesus dying on the Cross we are to remember that through His death and resurrection He gave five ministries to herald the Word of God to bring the church to maturity, to a *“perfect man”!*

## **The proclamation of His death until He comes**

***“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” 1 Corinthians 11:26.*** Every time we partake of the Lord’s Table we are blowing a trumpet! We are making a proclamation! We are declaring that Jesus has won the complete victory over sin, death and the devil – this is proclaiming His death. Then we are also proclaiming that He is coming!

## **THE TRUMPETS**

Now we have looked at why the appointed time is a ***“memorial”***. We should also look at the trumpets themselves. What are trumpets used for in the Scriptures? The word for ***“blowing of trumpets”*** is *‘teru’ah* and means *“clamour, that is, acclamation of joy or a battle cry...as an alarm”* {Strong’s Concordance Hb. #8643}. It has the sense of a war cry as well as a victory cry filled with joy. Hallelujah! When we hear the blowing of trumpets we are to know that victory is assured if we remain with Jesus.

### **Trumpets used in the Scriptures**

- 1. Exodus 19:16-20** – this is the first mention of the trumpet in Scripture and referred to the *‘shofar’* or *‘ram’s horn’*. This trumpet was heralding the descension of God Himself onto Mt Sinai to meet with Moses. God comes down at the sound of the trumpet! We also know that ***“the Lord Himself will descend from heaven...with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.*** The trumpet heralds the resurrection and the coming of the Lord!
- 2. Numbers 10:2a** ***“Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work”*** – Silver can speak of the pure word of God ***“The words of YAHWEH are pure words, silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” Psalm 12:6.*** The silver trumpets speak of the pure, perfected Word of God being proclaimed. The number “two” in Scripture speaks of witness. This is a picture of the Word being spoken by Jesus witnessing church, ***“this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” Matthew 24:14.*** The end comes when the ***“two silver trumpets”*** are blown throughout the world, the full witness of the kingdom of God!
- 3. Numbers 10:2b** ***“you shall use them for calling the congregation”***. The trumpets are used to call the assembly, the congregation! Jesus is calling His church to come out of denomination and congregate around Him and Him alone. John heard ***“behind me a loud voice as of a trumpet...and having turned I saw seven golden lampstands and in the midst...the Son of Man...the seven lampstands are the seven churches” Revelation 1:10, 12-13, 20.*** Jesus’ voice is as a trumpet in the midst of His church. He is calling all who will hear to join Him and meet with Him in the midst of His assembly.
- 4. Numbers 10:2c** ***“and for directing the movement of the camps”***. The trumpets are used to move the camp on. It is time to ***“go on to perfection” Hebrews 6:1.*** Do you hear the trumpet calling you on into the glory. John saw a ***“door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here...’” Revelation 4:1.*** The trumpet is calling us up into the heavenly realm of God’s Throne, the Holy of Holies! It is time to enter the glory!
- 5. Numbers 10:8** ***“The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations”***. It was the job of the priests to blow the trumpet. Jesus ***“has made us kings and priests to our God and Father” Revelation***



**1:6.** All baptised, spirit-filled believers are consecrated as a *“holy priesthood”* **1 Peter 2:5.** We are to blow the trumpets!

- 6.** Numbers 10:9 *“When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you; then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before YAHWEH your God, and you will be saved from your enemies”*. The trumpets are blown in war! When they are blown God will **remember** us. The memorial blowing of trumpets is also for God to remember us and give us the victory over principalities and powers. *“So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout that the wall fell down flat...and they took the city”* Joshua 6:20. Cities and nations will fall as we meet with God at the memorial of blowing of trumpets!
- 7.** Numbers 10:10 *“Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God”*. The trumpets are to be blown over the sacrifice! We are to herald the Word of God over the sacrifice of Jesus knowing that we only have the victory because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross.
- 8.** Ezekiel 33:3 *“when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people...”* The trumpet is to warn the people. We are to preach Christ, *“warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”* Colossians 1:28.
- 9.** 2 Chronicles 5:12-14 *“and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets...when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard...the house of YAHWEH was filled with a cloud...for the glory of YAHWEH filled the house of God”*. When there is one sound to be heard, when we are *“speaking the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement”* (1 Corinthians 1:10), then Jesus will come and *“be glorified in His saints”* 2 Thessalonians 1:10 and the revelation of the mystery of God will be complete (Revelation 10:7), Christ in us the hope of Glory being revealed (Colossians 1:27)!

***Come and meet with God and the memorial of blowing of trumpets!***

## Lesson Four

# THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

### The Prayer of Jesus

When Jesus prayed the night before He went to the Cross His prayer was, *“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me...”* **John 17:21**. The result of becoming one, in the same manner that Jesus and the Father are one, is that *the world may believe that God sent Jesus!* In these days many are striving to see the outworking of this prayer.

There are many “unity” movements, based around prayer, that have begun with the focus of drawing leaders from all denominational backgrounds to work together. However, very few leaders have become untied from their denominations, and have thus kept the divisions and walls even though gathering together once a week for prayer and even partnering in community events. The Father and Son did not just agree to disagree on some issues! They were and are ONE! God is calling us into His Oneness. It is time for us to measure ourselves by the Word of God and not settle for a superficial unity of working together while not being in real agreement together.

### There is One

The apostle Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gave us the Word by which we can measure the extent of how effectively we are walking as one. He said, *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all”* **Ephesians 4:4-6**. Paul lists seven “ones”.

There are seven measures of oneness that we are to be walking in. These seven “ones” are absolutes. There is no room for disagreement. This is a complete (seven) revelation of the One God in the One body. This is the revelation of how we walk as one with God and each other. It is by coming to understand these “ones”.

### The context of ministry

The ministry gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (**Ephesians 4:11**) are mentioned in the context of these “ones”. So all ministry is to be on a foundation of knowing *“there is One”*. All ministers are to minister to the **One body by the One Spirit, establishing us in the One hope, teaching the One Lord, bringing us to the obedience of the One faith, immersing us in the One baptism, so we can know the One God and Father of us all.**

Ministry is to build up this One body into the *“fullness of Christ”* who is the *“fullness of the Godhead”* (**Ephesians 4:13, Colossians 2:9**). We are not to be building our own denominational churches, but labouring to see Jesus’ body *“grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ”* **Ephesians 4:15**. The result of this ministry will be that we will be one with God and each other and the world will know Jesus is the One sent by God!

### THERE IS ONE BODY

The first “one” mentioned is that there is *“one body”*. We must come into agreement that there is actually only one body. This body is not made up of lots of parts that disagree with each other. In the context of people following particular ministers over and against others Paul writes, *“Is Christ divided?”* **1 Corinthians 1:13**. There is no division in Christ. We need to

ask ourselves, *'are we in Christ?'* ***"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ" 1 Corinthians 12:12.*** This verse says that Christ is actually **one body!** Christ is one many-membered body!

### **Set in the body to function**

***"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased" 1 Corinthians 12:18.*** God is in charge of placing you as a member in His body where He wants you. How does He ***"set you in the body"***? ***"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..." 1 Corinthians 12:13.*** Three ***"ones"*** mentioned in this one verse.

Through baptism by the Spirit in water into Christ, you become a member of this one body. Membership is not through signing membership form; it is not through paying a tithe! It is through being baptised into Christ that you are now a member of His body!

The role of ministry is to ***"equip [set in order] the saints"*** properly connecting them to the ***"Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God" Ephesians 4:12, Colossians 2:19.*** Do you know your placement by God in the one Body? Is your identity as a member of the Body of Christ?

### **THERE IS ONE SPIRIT**

We are to ***"endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" Ephesians 4:3.*** There is only one Spirit and as we all strain every nerve to keep one with the Spirit, we will be kept in the bond of peace. If we have learnt to ***"live in the Spirit [born again], let us also walk [in step with] the Spirit" Galatians 5:25.*** If we all learn to not only live but also to **walk** in the Spirit, we will find ourselves more and more functioning as one body.

### **Who is the one Spirit?**

Let us look at a number of descriptions of the one Spirit in this one body.

He is:

- ***"the Spirit of God" – Romans 8:9***
- ***"the Spirit of Christ" – Romans 8:9***
- ***"Christ in you" – Romans 8:10***
- ***"the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead" – Romans 8:11***
- ***"God is Spirit" – John 4:24***
- ***"the Spirit of your Father" – Matthew 10:20***
- ***"the Spirit of Jesus Christ" – Philippians 1:19***
- ***"the Lord Spirit" [literally in the Greek] – 2 Corinthians 3:18***
- ***"the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" – Romans 8:2***
- ***"the Holy Spirit" – Acts 2:38***
- ***"the Spirit of truth" – John 14:17***
- ***"the Eternal Spirit" – Hebrews 9:14***
- ***"the Spirit of adoption/sonship" – Romans 8:15***

There are other names given to the one Spirit mentioned in the Scripture. All of this helps us understand who this one Spirit is and how to receive Him in our lives as the one body that He inhabits! Have you received the one Spirit? Are you walking in step with Him, endeavouring to keep one with Him? Sons are those who are ***"led by the Spirit of God" Romans 8:14.***

## **THERE IS ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING**

The gospel releases hope and there is actually one hope that we are called to. We need the *“the eyes of our understanding enlightened to know the hope of His calling”* Ephesians 1:18. We will be presented holy *“and blameless and above reproach in His sight – if...we are not moved away from the hope of the gospel”* Colossians 1:22-23. To be presented faultless, being like Jesus in perfection is our hope, *“but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure”* 1 John 3:2-3.

### **What is the hope?**

The hope is *“the hope of glory”* Romans 5:2. *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil”* Hebrews 6:19. The hope is fully experiencing the glory which is the complete revelation of *“Christ in us; the hope of glory”* (Col.1:27). Our hope is in the complete transformation of our lives into the *“image of His Son”* Romans 8:29. We are to be *“looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ”* Titus 2:13.

Our hope is to see His glory appear and manifest not only to us but in us – *“for I consider that the present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us”* Romans 8:18. The hope of the gospel is that *“creation itself will be delivered from its bondage to corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God”* Romans 8:21. The hope is the fullness of the adoption coming to pass *“the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope...”* Romans 8:23-24. Do you preach the one hope? Is the one hope your goal and destiny in life? The church must be established in this one hope of our calling!

## **THERE IS ONE LORD**

There is only one Lord in this body. The word **“Lord”** in Hebrew which always refers to God is **“Adonai”**. It means the Lord in all His glorious attributes. It means the Supreme Authority, the ultimate ruler. The Lord in the Old Testament was Yahweh. Abraham called Yahweh **“Lord [Adonai]”** five times in his conversation with Him in **Genesis 18:3,27,30,31,32**. When Peter was preaching on the day of Pentecost, the climax of his preaching was *“Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ”* Acts 2:36. God made this Jesus **Lord!** The Lord Yahweh and the Lord Jesus Christ, are One Lord! This is really declaring that Jesus is God, Yahweh Himself, manifesting in the flesh as the Lord!

### **Who is the One Lord?**

Let us look at who the Scriptures refer to as the Lord:

- *“Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father”* – **Philippians 2:11**
- *“Now the Lord is the Spirit...”* – **2 Corinthians 3:17**
- *“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth...”* – **Matthew 11:25**

This is the revelation of the one Lord. The Lord is God in all His fullness! He is *“Jesus Christ...Lord of all”* Acts 10:36. He is *“the Lord of glory”* 1 Corinthians 2:8. *“In Him [Christ] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”* – Colossians 2:9.

### **We are to confess the One Lord**

The apostle Paul wrote that if we *“confess the Lord Jesus”*, believing God raised Him from the dead, *“we will be saved”* Romans 10:9. *“No one can say that Jesus is Lord except*

**by the Holy Spirit” 1 Corinthians 12:3.** It is a revelation by the Spirit. The power of confessing Jesus as Lord releases the power of God unto salvation!

There is coming a day when *“every tongue will confess, Jesus Christ is Lord”* **Philippians 2:11.** This is at the same time that *“every knee shall bow”* (**Phil.2:10**). Jesus the Messiah is the Supreme authority of the universe! Every knee must bow to Him. When the One Body is openly and boldly confessing Jesus as the One Lord, creation will be prepared for this cosmic confession!

## **THERE IS ONE FAITH**

In the church that Jesus is building there is *“one faith”*. This is quite shocking when we see the major doctrinal divisions people have camped behind. A true test of becoming one as Jesus and the Father are one, is our willingness to repent from wrong doctrine and believe the Word of God as it is written. One of the signs of a mature church arising is that *“we all come to the unity of the faith”* **Ephesians 4:13.** *The faith* is speaking of the truth of the gospel. Jude exhorts us *“to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints”* v.3. The faith is *“the faith of Jesus”* (**Rev.14:12**) and *“Through Him [Christ Jesus] we have received grace and apostleship for obedience of the faith among all nations for His name”* **Romans 1:5.** The name of Jesus is glorified by nations being obedient to **the faith!** The work of discipleship is to bring nations to obey the faith!

### **The one faith is the apostles’ doctrine**

The one faith we are to adhere to is *“all that I [Jesus] commanded you...”* **Matthew 28:20.** Jesus said *“My doctrine is not Mine but His who sent Me”* **John 7:16.** Jesus spoke the doctrine He received from His Father. The night before Jesus went to the Cross He prayed, *“For I have given them [the apostles] the words which You [Father] have given Me...”* **John 17:8.** Jesus was faithful to deliver the faith (the doctrine, the words) He had received from the Father to His apostles that He had raised. After the day of Pentecost, the early church *“continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine...”* **Acts 2:42.** **The one faith is the apostles’ doctrine.**

### **The apostles’ doctrine brings us into fellowship with God**

The apostle John writes that he and the apostles had seen, handled and touched the *“Word of life – the life was manifested...”* **1 John 1:1-2.** This Word of life was what the apostles *“declared to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ”* **1 John 1:3.**

True apostolic doctrine is the **Word of life.** When the Word of life is declared, preached and taught, it brings us into fellowship with the Father and the Son. John also calls this the *“doctrine of Christ”* by saying *“he who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son”* **2 John 9.** The apostles in the early church *“did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ”* **Acts 5:42.** **Through faithfully bringing this doctrine, the one faith, they brought the early church into fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus the Messiah!**

### **Apostles’ doctrine brings us into oneness with God and each other**

When Jesus prayed that we may be one He said *“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their [the apostles’] word...”* **John 17:20.** Jesus was not simply praying for *believers* but He was praying for those who would believe in Him according to the *apostles’ doctrine.* These were the words they had received from Jesus, and those words came from the Father! When we believe in Jesus according to what the apostles

preached and taught then ***“we will be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one with Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me”*** John 17:21.

The doctrine we receive has a direct impact on the oneness we have with each other and God. Our foundation is not a denominational set of doctrines to believe. We are to receive ***the apostles’ doctrine, the doctrine of Christ, the faith of Jesus, the words of the Father given through Jesus to His apostles!*** It is only as we come back to ***the one faith*** that we will be in true oneness with God and each other. It is time to humble ourselves, receive true apostles and come back to ***the faith that once for all delivered to the saints!*** Do you receive the Word as written? Are you willing to come out of denominational doctrine and obey the ***apostles’ doctrine?***

## **THERE IS ONE BAPTISM**

The ***one baptism*** is referring to the immersion we have into Christ through water. When we understand the one baptism we see how essential it is to bringing us into true oneness as the Body of Christ. Baptism is **not** to become a member of a particular church group or denomination. Baptism is ***“into the name [Person] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*** Matthew 28:19. Baptism brings us into the very Person of God, the fullness of the Godhead. The **name** is singular, one.

That name Peter declared on the day of Pentecost when he said ***“let every one of you be baptised into the name of Jesus Christ...”*** Acts 2:38. **We are baptised into the Person, the name of Jesus the Messiah. He is the manifestation of God in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16).** By being baptised into Jesus Christ, we are baptised into the fullness of God and thus are one in His name, ***“Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are”*** John 17:11.

## **What is this baptism?**

The one baptism is:

- ***“into Christ Jesus”, “into His death”, “buried with Him through baptism”, “raised...to walk in newness of life”, “freed from sin”*** Romans 6:3-4, 7
- Baptism ***“saves us...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”, “not the removal of the filth of the flesh [the blood removes the filth of the flesh], “the answer of a good conscience toward God”*** 1 Peter 3:21
- ***“by one Spirit”*** [baptism is a spiritual reality, not a symbol or ceremony], ***“into one body”*** 1 Corinthians 12:13
- ***“into Christ”*** enabling us to ***“put on Christ”*** Galatians 3:27
- ***“through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead”*** Colossians 2:12

Have you received the one baptism? Have you been immersed in Jesus Christ, the fullness of God?

## **ONE GOD AND FATHER OF US ALL**

The six ***ones*** that have preceded are all to lead us into the knowledge of the **One God and Father of us all!** ***“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus”*** 1 Timothy 2:5. The purpose of the gospel is for us to receive eternal life and ***“this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”*** John 17:3.

## **One God**

The revelation of God is that He is one! ***“Hear, O Israel: YAHWEH our God, YAHWEH one”*** Deuteronomy 6:4. This One God is revealed in the Scriptures:

- *“yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him...”* 1 Corinthians 8:6
- *“our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ”* – Titus 2:13
- *“and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh”* – John 1:1,14
- *“God is Spirit”* John 4:24
- *“God was manifested in the flesh”* 1 Timothy 3:16
- *“His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life”* 1 John 5:20
- *“And the name of the Son will be called...Mighty God”* Isaiah 9:6

## **The Father**

He is the *“God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”* Ephesians 1:3. Jesus said, *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* John 14:6. The revelation of the Father is in the Son, Jesus Christ. *“He that acknowledges the Son has the Father also”* 1 John 2:23. The Father is revealed in the Scriptures as:

- *“the Father of mercies”* 2 Corinthians 1:3
- *“the Father of Lights”* James 1:17
- *“the Father of glory”* Ephesians 1:17
- *“the Father of spirits [He disciplines us]”* Hebrews 12:9
- *“And the name of the Son will be called...Everlasting Father”* Isaiah 9:6
- *“I and My Father are one”* John 10:30
- *“If you have seen Me [Jesus] you have seen the Father”* John 14:9

Paul writes that these ones bring us to the revelation that the **one God and Father** is:

1. *“of us all”* – He is our Father, the Father of us. *“Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called children of God”* 1 John 3:1
2. *“who is above all”* – He has all authority and power. *“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me [Jesus] on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne”* Revelation 3:21. We are invited to share His power and sit on His throne in Christ!
3. *“through all”* – We see His handiwork through all things, our eyes opened to Him being through all. *“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”* Romans 11:36
4. *“and in you all”* – Did you know that the Father is actually in you! *“If anyone loves Me [Jesus], he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come and make our home with him”* John 14:23. *“I [Jesus] in them, and You [Father] in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may believe that You have sent Me”* John 17:23.

- Are you growing to know God as your God and Father?
- Do you see the Father in the Son?

**Let us measure ourselves and be founded on these seven “ones”.**

**This is the measure of true oneness in the Body.**

**As we grow in the reality and experience of these “ones”,  
we will be found in Him and we will truly be one!**

## Lesson Five

# OBEYING THE GREAT COMMISSION

### Establishing a school of Tyrannus

Our ongoing experience here in Australia and in the Toowoomba base is one of full engagement in the gospel, and in the fellowship of the brethren. We have been committed to strengthening the home base and to more fully establish a functioning school of Tyrannus in Toowoomba. This is based on the experience of Paul in **Acts 19**. The Scripture says that Paul, *“departed from them [the synagogue, and those who were speaking evil of the Way] and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks” v.9-10*. Paul was *“reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God” v.8*. [Asia refers to the province of Rome, of which Ephesus was the capital; Tyrannus is said to be a man of Ephesus who owned a school or lecture hall at which the apostle Paul reasoned daily for two years.]

### What is a school of Tyrannus?

It has been in our hearts for many years to establish a discipleship and training centre so that disciples could be raised up through training and sent out to minister the word. To some extent this has been happening, with many teams going out into the nations from our ministry base of Shiloh in Toowoomba.

Since 1999, we have been developing a training centre here in our Toowoomba base and have been offering **intensive training schools** [from two to twelve weeks for each school], generally twice per year. We have also offered a part-time **ministry training** on Thursdays, and on a monthly basis we have had a **special teaching and training day**. However in more recent years, we have developed **full-time discipleship and training**, and brethren have purposefully come to Shiloh to be discipled and trained.

As well as the Thursday training and the monthly training Saturdays and the intensive schools, we also offer at least three **discipleship classes** per week, and the disciples are studying set courses in knowing and understanding the word of God, and in turn, being able to preach and teach and minister to others. Our **discipleship is very practical**, in that the disciples are given ministry assignments according to their level of training.

We are multi-campused in that we offer **training schools in other cities** in Australia from time to time and in cities in various nations. The fruit of this development of the school of Tyrannus is that there are many **apostolic schools functioning in various nations** and many are being taught and trained in apostolic doctrine and practice. Some of the courses are available on-line and this has proved a very effective way of making disciples, providing the teaching on-line. Teams that have been trained are now reaching many nations and the **doctrine** is spreading.

### Reaching a whole Province

The result of Paul’s concentrated ministry in Ephesus in making disciples and training ministers, was that the whole province of Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus. Paul himself did not leave the city for two years. Therefore we deduce that it was the disciples, including



such men as Timothy, who were going out from the training school, preaching and teaching, reporting back in, receiving further training, going back out, until the whole province was filled with the doctrine.

In **2Timothy 2:2** Paul exhorts Timothy to make sure he is training and equipping others for the work of the ministry, but not only that, but to make sure that those ministers that Timothy is training will impart what they learned to *"faithful men who will be able to teach others also"*. Timothy would have received a large portion of that training that Paul is referring to, when he was with Paul in Ephesus.

This powerful verse in **2Timothy** gives us the pattern of fruitful apostolic ministry. Paul has become a senior apostle by now in both practical experience and in receiving much revelation, which he willingly and openly passes on to others.

### **The pattern of apostolic succession in passing on the revelation**

- **Jesus** revealed the mysteries to Paul
- **Paul, the apostle**, wrote and taught and imparted to
- **Timothy among many witnesses** [these witnesses were ministers in training]; Timothy as a trained minister is to commit what he has learnt and understood to
- **Faithful men**, who will in turn
- teach **others** also

It is not enough for a minister to only do the work of the ministry, but the minister must be equipped to be able to make disciples, train and raise others into ministry. This can only happen effectively when the church is functioning in apostolic order (**1Cor.12:28, Eph.4:11-13**), as all of the five ministers of **Ephesians 4:11** are needed to bring the church to full maturity.

### **Filling the earth with the doctrine**

*"The knowledge of the glory of YAHWEH is to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea"* **Habakkuk 2:14**. It is God's desire for all men to come to the knowledge of the truth (**1Tim.2:4**). Paul told Timothy to warn other ministers *"That they should teach no other doctrine"* **1Tim.1:3**. Jesus said *"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me"* **Jn.7:16**. We are to teach the disciples *"to observe all things that I [Jesus] commanded you"* (**Matt.28:20**).

In **Acts 5:28**, the apostles were accused by the high priest, *"Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine."* What a marvellous model for us to follow, and put into practice: to fill every city with the knowledge of the doctrine of Jesus the Christ!

### **Sending out from the apostolic base**

At a particular time, one of our ministers was in South America for many months. During that time another team went into India for three weeks. Another team was functioning from Finland. Two young men from Finland who had been trained at Shiloh in Toowoomba and since have been ministering in Russia, Estonia and Albania, Latvia and Northern Ireland. Another team visited Uganda and Kenya for three weeks. This is a snapshot of how an apostolic base functions: making disciples, training workers and sending out the workers into the harvest.

In Australia at the same time that all the teams were ministering overseas, there were two teams travelling far and wide in the nation, ministering the gospel in many towns and cities, publically and from house to house.

## Disciples are to teach and preach

These ones who are sent out are **confident to teach and preach the word of God**, and wherever the word is received the brethren are encouraged, edified and changed. We are inspired by the testimony of the disciples who had grown up under the apostles in Jerusalem. When persecution came and they had to leave Jerusalem, *“those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word”* (Acts 8:4). The goal of making disciples is to raise workers to be sent out who can preach the word.

## Having been trained

Meanwhile we continue in home base with intensive classes and training sessions with the disciples who have gathered with us. Through doing this work of intensive discipleship and training, we have been refreshed in our commitment to the Great commission, and we have come to a clearer understanding of the conduct of discipleship.

Please note that just doing discipleship classes is not fully discipleship. Discipleship is the process whereby we bring a new believer to a place of maturity and then train them and send them out in the work of the ministry.

The sending out does not always mean going to a different location, but includes being released into doing ministry in the local base. In **Acts 1:8**, Jesus said we are to be His witnesses in **Jerusalem** [where we live], in **Judea** [our region], in **Samaria** [another region where we may not want to go], and in **all the world** [everywhere]!

## NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR EVERY DISCIPLE

God has given us four words that summarise the commitment of a disciple and provide a discipline in which disciples grow. There has been a clarification and a growing commitment to the goal of discipleship, which is to reach all nations with the gospel.

The four words are

- **Commitment**
- **Submission**
- **Accountability**
- **Apostleship**

- 1) **Commitment to Jesus Christ.** Once we come to faith in Jesus Christ there must be a commitment to follow Him. Our commitment to Jesus Christ through believing in Him is the only basis for becoming a disciple. Once we have come to the commitment of faith in Jesus Christ, we then must obey the call. *“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him* **Matt.4:19-20.**

Having made a commitment we need to remain faithful to that commitment, being taught and then trained and then sent out. We are blessed to have a number of disciples who have purposely joined us in Toowoomba to be discipled and trained so that they can become ministers of the word.

- 2) **Submission.** Everybody in the body of Christ is to be in submission. A disciple, biblically speaking, submits to the teacher [rabbi]. Such submission is firstly totally unto God, but then it is through faith in God that we submit to the leaders that God has placed us with, to be discipled.

Further, the submission is to one another in the body – no one has an exclusive ‘special’ relationship, but we all submit into the body, fully respecting and appreciating each other (**Eph.5:21; 1 Pet.5:5**). In fact everyone of us has a special relationship with Jesus because He is such a personal God, but His goal for us cannot be reached without being a functioning member of His body

However, through the restoration of the spirit and power of Elijah, God has graced us with fathers and mothers in the body, and true father/son relationships develop. This provides a true family environment and each disciple is able to know that they are received, loved, approved and appreciated for who they are and honoured for their commitment to serve Jesus Christ.

**Being in submission means:**

- that we don't go around doing our own thing;
- that we don't overreach our delegated responsibilities;
- that we don't interfere with the responsibilities of others. This leads to confusion and a lot of extra work sorting things out.

Being in submission means that we are willing to yield and lay down our will, our own agendas, our own plans and priorities so that we are free to do the will of God, unencumbered.

- 3) Accountability.** There are some amazing testimonies of accountability in the Scripture including: the way the Tabernacle was built: *"thus Moses did; according to all that YAHWEH had commanded him, so he did"* (Ex.39:16, also see verses 17-26); the instructions Jesus gave to the disciples to take the colt for His purpose (Lu.19:28-35); and the disciples returning from their mission in **Luke 10:17**.

Accountability means reporting back. The apostles Paul and Barnabas after their first apostolic journey purposefully returned to the sending base in Antioch and *"when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles"* Acts 14:27.

We are accountable for our time, for our behaviour, for our faithfulness. It means being willing to do as we are asked, including going on practical outreaches and assignments.

- 4) Apostleship.** This is the sending of the trained disciples, to go out to do the work of the ministry. Apostleship means being sent in the authority of the apostolic mandate that Jesus gave to His church in **Matthew 28:18-20**. This is also reflected in the sending out of the 70 in **Luke 10:1**. They reported back saying, *"Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name"* (v.17).

Those who are sent are those who have completed some level of training and have become disciplined in their commitment, their submission and their practice of accountability.

**Voluntary!**

**Commitment, submission and accountability** are all voluntary. *"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power"* Ps.110:3a.

To the degree that we walk in the light of these words, the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us, is the degree to which we will be fruitful in doing the work of the ministry. The fruit of true discipleship is the **apostolic** sending of workers into the harvest. Workers are sent! Disciples are sent to do the work.

We want to encourage you wherever you are, to consider afresh, 'Are you doing what Jesus said to do: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations"* Matt.28:19a.'

## HARVEST TIME

***“Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest’” Lu.10:2.*** [see also **Matt.9:37-38**]. This is the season of the harvest, and we want to look at two words from this amazing instruction that Jesus gave us.

- 1) The word **labourers** - SC #2040. Greek *ergates*, from the root word *ergo* – to work or to toil. *Ergates* means a toiler; figuratively, a teacher. Translated as labourer [10x], worker(s) [6x]. This word is used to refer to field workers; a worker in general; false apostles and evil teachers, a servant of Christ.

This is very interesting when we look at **Hebrews 5:12**, ***“For though by this time you ought to be teachers ...”***. The Lord Jesus expects all of His children to be disciples and then sent out into the harvest. The work of the harvest is to share the word of God. Every member of the body of Christ is to be discipled and trained to share the word of God. This is the work of the harvest.

- 2) The word **send** - SC #1544. Greek *ekballo*, means to eject [literally or figuratively] Translated as cast out [45x], cast [11x], and send forth [3x], and various others such as, thrust out, expel, send away, send out.

This is not the word *apostello* but quite a different word. It is not a gentle word; it is a strong forceful word. It is used in the context of *casting out* devils. It suggests that Jesus is going to thrust us out into the harvest. He does not invite us, but more so, He compels us.

What do we learn about the harvest from these two words? We learn that:

- the harvest is now,
- the workers are to be thrust out into the harvest now
- the work of the labourers is to teach and preach the word of God.

***“Do not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest!’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest” Jn.4:35.***

Let us be like Isaiah of old who heard the Lord say, ***“Whom shall I send and who will go for Us? Then I [Isaiah] said, ‘Hear am I, send me’” Isa.6:8.*** The task that the Lord gave to Isaiah was not an easy one. Read **Isaiah 6:9-13**.

It is time to be serious about the call of God! It is time to be willing to go into the harvest and work and toil in the word until the harvest has been reaped.

## FILLING THE EARTH

From the beginning God intended for His people, made in His image and likeness, to fill the earth with godly offspring who had been brought up to be like their parents - in the image and likeness of God.

In **Genesis 1:28** God gives five steps that are all necessary to fulfil His purpose.

- i. Be fruitful
- ii. Multiply
- iii. Fill the earth
- iv. Subdue it
- v. Have dominion

Step number three is "*fill the earth*". The earth is to be filled with godly children who have been brought up to maturity. Then as mature sons, they are to rule and reign in the earth by grace and through faith, obeying God's commandments, that is, the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. As sons they are to be planted in the world (**Matt.13:38**), or as we learnt from **Luke 10:2**, thrust out into the harvest.

- We cannot expect to **subdue in all the earth** until we have filled the earth
- with disciples who have been **properly taught the word of God**
- and who have **grown up to be mature sons**
- able to be **sent out [thrust out] into the harvest**, which is in the world.

***Only then will we be able to subdue the enemy  
and have dominion in all the earth as God has always intended.***

## Lesson Six

# THINGS GOD HATES

In the Bible God reveals to us what He loves and what He hates. He shows us what He hates so that we can avoid getting involved in those things. If we do get involved or have been involved in the past in the things that God hates, then we must ***“confess our sins”*** and God, through Jesus Christ, will ***“forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”*** **1 John 1:9**.

It is a good thing to develop a hatred for the things God hates, repenting and renouncing vehemently these things, casting them out of our lives ***“hating even the garment defiled by the flesh”*** **Jude 23**. ***“The fear of the LORD [the Eternal One] is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate”*** **Proverbs 8:13**. As we learn what God hates, let that teach us to fear Him and humble ourselves before the Living God.

### Abominable ways

The world, without the knowledge of the true God, leads us and teaches us ***detestable*** and ***abominable*** ways. In **Deuteronomy 18:9**, God tells His people through Moses ***“you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations [that do not know God]”***. In order to walk in the inheritance that God has for us we cannot be found walking in any of the ways of the world.

### What are the abominations?

***“There shall not be found among you anyone...”***

#### 1. ***“who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire”*** **Deut. 18:10**

To ***pass through the fire*** means to ***be burned as an offering to an idol***. No children are to be given as a sacrifice to any god, idol or ideology. The Scripture teaches us that ***“Children are a heritage from Yahweh, the fruit of the womb is a reward”*** **Psalms 127:3**. We are to cherish children from conception and nourish, teach, train and disciple them into mature people. We are not to abort, kill or sacrifice children for any reason as God has given them as a blessing, a reward.

#### 2. ***“who practices witchcraft”*** **Deut. 18:10**

In the King James version of the Bible this is translated as ***“one that uses divination”***. It is a Hebrew word ***qesem*** which means *a lot (determining a destiny by lot)* also *divination* (including its fee), *oracle*. This word was used in conjunction with Balaam as someone who could be hired to curse others with the use of his lips, speaking a curse.

One ***who practices witchcraft*** is speaking of those who speak curses over people and nations. They use their mouth to speak a demonic destiny, a curse. It is inspired of the devil and is used to destroy others. It acts as false prophecy. In many traditional cultures around the world, people run to those ***who practice witchcraft*** in order to curse people with sickness, madness and even to have others killed. It can be powerful. God hates this and it is to be renounced if you have been involved in any such activity.

If you have been the recipient of a curse you must realise that in Christ ***“no weapon formed against you will prosper, and every tongue (every spoken word) which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn”*** **Isaiah 54:17**. As servants of the Lord we have the ability in

Christ to overcome witchcraft and condemn and nullify any curses that have been spoken over our lives. This is one of the works of the devil that the Son of God has destroyed! (1 John 3:8)

### 3. “*who is a soothsayer*” Deut. 18:10

In the King James version this is translated as “*an observer of times*”. It is a Hebrew word *anan* and means *to cover, to cloud over*; figuratively *to act covertly*, that is, *to practise magic*. This word has the sense of someone bringing illusions and using those illusions to cover over or distract from the truth. They cloud people’s minds so that they believe a lie and are then easily controlled.

A modern example of a *soothsayer* would be a *hypnotist*. They use methods to cloud people’s minds so that they can gain control over the person and use them however they want. This sort of thing is becoming increasingly popular and promoted in society as a way to beat addictions like smoking and overcome problems. This is a deception and lie of the devil and God hates it.

Other ways that *soothsaying* may be used in a modern context is through any form of *transcendental meditation* or *mind-controlling drugs*. This brings people into a spiritual dimension that is not God’s kingdom. It is simply a demonic *illusion* that draws people away from the true spiritual realm of Jesus Christ.

### 4. “*one who interprets omens*” Deut. 18:10

The King James version translates this as “*an enchanter*”. It is a Hebrew word *nachash* which means *to hiss*, that is, *to whisper a (magic) spell*; generally *to prognosticate*. This is somebody who uses some device to determine someone’s future based on the sign or *omen* that the device tells them.

Some modern examples of this would include: readers of *tarot cards*, reading *palms of hands*, reading *tea leaves*, interpreting personalities and destinies based on *astrology* (star signs which have been quite popular in newspapers). These are all examples of those *who interpret omens*. God hates this and is calling His people to not partake in this abomination but to trust in Jesus the Messiah and follow His Word. His destiny for our lives is written in the Scripture so that “*we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope*” Rom.15:4.

### 5. “*or a sorcerer*” Deut. 18:10

The King James version translates this as “*a witch*”. The Hebrew word is *kashaph* and it means *to whisper a spell*, that is, *to enchant* or practise magic. This is speaking of a person who has given themselves to do and practise witchcraft on behalf of others. They do this for money, sacrificing to evil spirits or contacting evil spirits to “fix” problems for people.

Again, in many traditional cultures, people will turn to *witches or witchdoctors or medicine men* to heal diseases and cure problems with their *magic*. However, in this practise, there is always some agreement with the devil made that brings the person wanting help (or a member of their family) into bondage.

In the New Testament the Greek word for *sorceries* is *pharmakeia*. We get the English words *pharmacy* and *pharmaceuticals* from this word. This word was used to describe the use of *medicines, drugs and spells*. Later the word was used of poisoning, and then of sorcery, accompanied by drugs, incantations, charms and magic. [From Word Wealth in New Spirit Filled Life Bible, p.1829].

A modern example of *sorcery* can even be the use of illicit drugs to give a sense of euphoria that then brings the person into bondage, connecting them with the demonic *magic* realm. Also

the use of *lucky charms* and *fetishes* are acts of *sorcery*. We are never to trust in objects. Even in Africa many put their trust in “*anointed water*”, “*anointing oil*”, “*wrist bands*” and other gimmicks rather than being taught to trust the Living God, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is *sorcery*! God hates it and it is to be repented of and renounced.

## 6. “or one who conjures spells” Deut. 18:11

The King James version translates this as “*a charmer*”. The Hebrew phrase is *chabar cheber*. “*Chabar*” means to *join*, specifically to *fascinate*. “*Cheber*” means a *society*; also a *spell*. The words together mean to be joined and fascinated to a society that is under a spell.

This is speaking of someone who causes others to be fascinated in the things that are spiritual but that are not of God. This causes the person to enter a fellowship or society in that spiritual thing they are fascinated by. This can even be seen as coming under the *spell* of religion as seen by apostle Paul’s words to the Galatians who were turning to religious Judaism, “*Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth*” **Galatians 3:1**. All forms of religion, even “Christian” religion, that lacks the power of the Holy Spirit, can put people under a *spell* so that they are bewitched and then do not end up obeying the truth.

Some modern examples of *ones who conjure spells* include *secret societies* like *Freemasonry* that cause people to join a fellowship out of their fascination. These societies are dangerous and curses of sickness, disease, mental illness and death come to family members as a result of those who partake in the societies that are under a demonic spell.

Even societies that gravitate around books like *Harry Potter* and other fantasy, witchcraft books come into this category of *ones who conjure spells* as they bring people under a fascination that takes them away from God. God hates this and He wants people to turn from this abomination to the Living God for mercy and salvation.

## 7. “or a medium”

The King James version translates this as “*a consulter with familiar spirits*”. The Hebrew phrase is *shaal shael ob*. The meaning of *shaal shael* is to *inquire* or *demand*. The meaning of *ob* comes from the word *ab* which means *father* and *ob* has to do with *prattling a father’s name*; properly a *mumble*; hence a *necromancer* (ventriloquist).

This is speaking of someone who acts as a mediator, a point of communication, between the spiritual realm and earthly realm. They talk to spirits on behalf of others, receiving and giving messages. *Familiar spirits* are spirits that generally become entrenched in families for generations and therefore know a lot of information about those families so that when a medium consults those spirits they can tell things about others that would otherwise not be known.

A modern example of a *medium* is one who calls themselves a *psychic*. *Psychics consult familiar spirits*, which are actually *demonic spirits*, getting information about a person who has asked them for help from that spirit and then releasing a negative, demonic destiny for that individual, bringing them into bondage. We are not to consult familiar spirits and are not to act as *mediums* for them. This is dangerous and is an abomination to God.

The Holy Spirit of God sometimes manifests through a “*word of knowledge*” revealing something about a person that otherwise could not be known. God does this to bring freedom, it costs no money but it is for “*the profit of all*”. (1 Cor.12:7-8)



## 8. “or a spiritist” Deut. 18:11

The King James version translates this as “*a wizard*”. It is the Hebrew word *yiddeoniy* and it means *a knowing one*; specifically a *conjurer*; by implication *a ghost*. The Bible Dictionary definition is *a knower, one who has a familiar spirit*.

This is speaking of someone similar to a medium but a person who has actually received, possibly by laying on of hands or through being the “chosen one” in a family, to inherit the familiar spirit to operate in their lives. They receive this *familiar spirit* from their ancestors and this spirit communicates to them, leading them and guiding them and giving them special “knowledge” and/or “power”.

Some examples in our modern society can be a *guardian angel* or a *spirit guide* from a *guru* that tells you things to do and gives you special powers.

Sons of God are “*led by the Spirit of God*” **Romans 8:14**. The Holy Spirit is the only Spirit that is to guide us as “*He will guide you into all truth*” **John 16:13**.

## 9. “or one who calls up the dead” Deut. 18:11

The King James version translates this as a “*necromancer*”. The Hebrew phrase is *darash muth*. *Darash* means *to follow* or *to frequent* and *muth* means *to die*. So this is literally someone who frequents or follows the dead.

This is someone who calls up the spirits of dead people, to communicate with them on behalf of others. Very often the people who want to communicate with the dead are family of loved ones that have died that cannot accept the loss of that family member. It is also those who are deceived into *ancestor worship*, which has strongholds in many cultures and tribes of the earth, looking to dead ancestors for wisdom, even offering sacrifices to them.

The deception is that really these spirits of dead people are not the dead people themselves but demonic spirits and familiar spirits that may have known the dead people. It seems that in the story of King Saul getting a *necromancer* to call up the prophet Samuel from the dead, that God intervened and allowed Samuel himself to actually talk to Saul giving him a message from God (**1 Sam.28:3-25**). This, however, is not the norm and God was still angry with Saul for doing this.

Some other modern examples of *calling up the dead* are the use of *ouji boards* and *séances* where *spirits of the dead* (really demons) are called up.

We do not need to talk to the dead because we have a Living God who is the **I AM**. He is always present. Jesus is the **I AM** (**Jn.8:58**). He is alive from the dead and has destroyed the one who had the power of death, the devil (**Heb.2:14**). We are to communicate with Jesus only!

## We are to be blameless

All of these *abominations* are rooted in the realm of demonic, evil spirits and they lead people astray into darkness, away from the true God – Jesus the Messiah.

God said through Moses, “*For all who do these things are an abomination to Yahweh, and because of these abominations Yahweh your God drives them out from before. You shall be blameless before Yahweh your God*” **Deut.18:12-13**.

We are to be a “*glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing...but without blemish*” **Eph.5:27**. We have been “*chosen in Him...that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...*” **Eph.1:4**. Jesus died for us and rose again in order to “*present us holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight*” **Col.1:22**.

### **Come out from among them**

To be a dwelling place for God by His Spirit, we need to *“come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters...”* 2 Cor.6:17-18.

In order to come out of these abominations if you have been involved in them, will most likely involve deliverance from demons in your life.

To effectively be free you will need to **renounce these activities strongly** and **have the help of a minister to expel demons** that have come into your life through the doors that have opened because of your involvement in these activities that God hates.

You can and will be free if you want to be – Jesus will deliver you.

***“For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be delivered”***  
**Joel 2:32 & Romans 10:13**

***“He has delivered us from the power of darkness  
and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”***  
**Colossians 1:13.**

## Lesson Seven

# THE ANOINTING

***“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things” 1John 2:20***

Let us find out some things about the anointing.

### **In the New testament**

The Greek word for ‘anointing’ is *chrisma*, and means: unguent [ointment], smearing. It is used metaphorically in the New Testament for a chrism [endowment] of the Holy Spirit. It comes from the Greek verb, *chrío*, meaning to smear or rub [with oil implied]; it means to consecrate.

Christ is the Anointed of God; He is the anointed One. The Son of God is anointed with the *oil of gladness* (**Heb.1:9**). The anointing that we have received from Him, renders [makes] us holy, separated to God. The anointing that we have received enables us to possess the truth and to do many other things by the anointing, which comes from the Holy Spirit.

### **In the Old Testament**

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew is *shemen*, and interestingly this word comes from the primary root, meaning, ‘to shine’. *Shemen* is mainly translated as ‘oil’ and sometimes as ‘ointment’. It is used in important ways such as Jacob anointing the stone as a memorial to the revelation he had received of the house of God (**Gen.28:18**); it was used in the appointment of office bearers, such as priests (**Ex.29:7**), and kings (**2Ki.9:6**).

The anointing was referred to as the *“oil of gladness”*; as the *“oil of joy”* to replace mourning (**Isa.61:3**). There was also an anointing with *“fresh oil”* (**Ps.92:10**), and Zechariah refers to the *“sons of fresh oil”* or *“the two anointed ones”* (**Zech.4:14**).

The *shemen* was used as a preservative on leather; it was used in cooking, in medication and burned for light. It also referred to a special kind of perfume.

The anointing oil that was prepared for use in the Tabernacle of Testimony was prepared in a very special way and was made up of five components: liquid myrrh, sweet smelling cinnamon, sweet smelling cane, cassia and olive oil. It was used to anoint the furnishings of the Tabernacle and Aaron and his sons. The anointing oil was holy (**Ex.30:22 - 31**).

### **The anointing comes from God via the Holy Spirit**

*“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who has also sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee”* (**2Cor.1:21-22**). Jesus said, *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me”* (**Lu.4:18a**). The brethren praying in **Acts 4:27**, said *“for truly against your Holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed.”* Jesus was anointed by God.

Peter preaching in the house of Cornelius testified, *“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him”* (**Acts 10:38**). The anointing of the Spirit gave Jesus the power to do the works of the ministry.

### **The anointing empowers to witness**

Jesus told the disciples *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me”* **Acts 1:8**. Jesus said something similar in **Luke 24:48-49**, *“And you are witnesses of these things. Behold I send the promise of My Father*

***upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”***

The anointing of the Spirit enables us to witness, that is, to speak of Jesus; to preach His word.

The anointing releases signs of power, which are to accompany the preaching of the word: **Mark 16:17-18** ***“And these signs shall follow those who believe: in My name***

- *they will cast out demons;*
- *they will speak with new tongues;*
- *they will take up serpents;*
- *if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them;*
- *they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.*

### **The anointing breaks the yoke**

***“It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing [NKJV says because of the anointing oil]” Isa.10:27.*** The anointing that God gives through the Holy Spirit removes the burden and destroys the yoke of demonic oppression from God’s people. This is the basis of deliverance ministry: knowing the power and authority of the anointing that God gives us through Jesus Christ to remove the burden of oppression, destroying the devil’s yoke.

***“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption [sonship] by whom we cry out Abba Father” Rom.8:15.*** When we are released into the Holy Spirit’s placement of us into that place of being sons to the Father, there is a breaking of the yoke of being driven as a servant and being released into the freedom enjoyed by sons.

### **The anointing enables ministry**

Jesus read from the book of **Isaiah** and declared ***“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me because He has anointed me” (Lu.4:18a).*** Jesus declared that the anointing of the Spirit of the Eternal One enabled Him to do six wonderful works of ministry:

- ➔ ***To preach the gospel to the poor*** – to speak the word of God
- ➔ ***To heal the broken hearted*** – those who are broken inside
- ➔ ***To proclaim liberty to the captives*** – freedom from sin
- ➔ ***Recovery of sight to the blind*** – giving revelation and understanding
- ➔ ***To set at liberty those who are oppressed*** – deliverance from depression and oppression
- ➔ ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD*** – righteousness, peace and joy in God’s kingdom.

***“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” 2Cor.3:5-6.*** It is God by the Spirit, by the anointing, who enables us to minister the new covenant.

### **The anointing teaches us the truth**

***“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” 1Jn.2:27.***

The anointing of the Holy Spirit that God has given to each one of us, is a teaching anointing. It is not that we do not need teachers, but it is the anointing of God within us that enables us to hear and understand the word. Jesus ***“opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures” (Lu.24:45).***

Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, ***“He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (Jn.14:26).*** Again He said, ***“When He the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth” (Jn.16:13).***

John said the anointing ***“is not a lie”***; that the anointing ***“teaches you concerning all things”***. The anointing within us gives us discernment. We can discern if someone is speaking lies – the anointing within us teaches us the truth. Thank God for His anointing.

It is the anointing within us that enables us to test the spirits (1Jn.4:1). ***“Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God” (1Jn.4:2-3).***

### **The anointing abides**

***“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in us ... and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1Jn.2:27).*** The indwelling of the Holy Spirit by His anointing enables us and causes us to abide in the Anointed One, who is Christ.

Jesus [Yeshua] speaking to us as the Great I AM through Moses said, ***“I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb.13:5 & Deut.31:6);*** and again the Psalmist says, ***“The LORD is my helper I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Heb.13:6 fr. Ps.27:1, 118:6).***

When Jesus gave us the Great Commission in **Matthew 28:18-20**, He said, ***“And lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*** As we obey Jesus and make disciples, Jesus will always be with us. How is He with us? By the anointing of the Spirit who abides in us, and teaches us to abide in Him, the Anointed One.

The anointing that each one of us has received, abides with us. If you have received a wonderful anointing in the past, then you can by faith stir up that same anointing to be active and prominent in your life now. It is easy to settle in a Christian lifestyle and not have that active, abiding presence of the Lord working in us and through us.

### **The anointing can be imparted**

Jesus at His baptism received the Holy Spirit without measure. The Spirit remained with Him, and from the time of His baptism, Jesus was fully led by the Spirit (Lu.4:1). Then in the synagogue of Nazareth Jesus proclaimed ***“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me because He has anointed Me” (Lu.4:18a).*** Jesus did the great works by the anointing of the Spirit. When He sent the disciples out, He imparted to them the anointing of the Spirit to enable them to cast out devils and to heal the sick (Lu.10:17, Matt.10:1 & 8). They went out under His anointing.

In my own experience, I can say that one can operate under the anointing of another. Even the disciples operated under the anointing of Jesus. It was not until the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came, that the apostles received the anointing into their own lives. There came a time in my life when God released the anointing of the Spirit in me so that I could minister to others. It was not the anointing of some great man of God that I had met, but it was the anointing of the Spirit in my own life. I was then able to minister to others by the power of that anointing.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we can then seek Him for the anointing that we need for ministry. One way of doing this is to **earnestly desire spiritual gifts (1Cor.14:1).** When you sense that God has released a gift in you, then you are able to minister to others.

The other way that you can receive the anointing is through the **laying on of hands**. Paul refers to this in his letter to Timothy, *“I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands”* (2Tim.1:6).

## **ASPECTS OF THE ANOINTING**

### **A fresh anointing**

In **Psalm 23** David said *“You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over”* (v.5b). David had been through a rough time, *“the valley of the shadow of death”* (v.4a). Then he found the Lord’s table and received a fresh anointing. There is a fresh anointing available for us today.

### **Anointing for healing**

**James** said, *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord”* (Ja.5:14). The anointing is imparted through the elders, using oil, and the anointing breaks the yoke of sickness. This is how the Lord works.

### **The curse of sin**

The lack of anointing was a curse. God warned His people that if they did not keep His word there would be no yield of the olive tree and *“you shall not anoint yourself with oil; for your olives shall drop off”* (Deut.28:40). The lack of anointing is a serious problem, and according to this verse, it is because we have been disobedient to God.

### **The result of Judgement**

In **Micah** God said *“You shall sow, but not reap; you shall tread the olives but not anoint yourselves with oil”* (6:15). This was the Lord’s judgement for Israel’s injustice. The lack of anointing is a sign of judgement.

### **Anointed to wash in the pool called ‘Sent’**

Jesus anointed the blind man’s eyes with clay, and then sent him to wash *“In the pool of Siloam [which is translated, Sent]”* (Jn.9:6-7). The man obeyed Jesus and came back seeing. It is interesting that the word *sent* is the Greek word *apostello*, from which we get the word *apostle*.

In the letter to the church in Laodicea, Jesus told them *“anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see”* (Rev.3:18c). Paul prayed for us to be granted *“the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him”* (Eph.1:17).

### **Mary anointed Jesus**

The anointing of Jesus by Mary is referred to specifically in the Gospels. Mary anointed Jesus. How amazing is that! Is it possible for us to be as an **anointing** to Jesus today, by our devoted behaviour, knowing who He is and fully blessing Him through the conduct of our lives.

### **Anoint yourself**

It is possible to *“anoint yourself.”* Jesus told us to do this when we fast, *“so that you do not appear to men to be fasting”* (Matt.6:17-18).

Naomi instructed her daughter-in-law Ruth to *“wash yourself, and anoint yourself, and put on your best garment”* (Ruth3:3). Naomi was instructing Ruth as to how to present herself to Boaz, presenting herself as one who would become his bride. What did she say to do?

- ❖ **Wash yourself:** the washing can refer to the “*washing of water by the word*” (Eph.5:26), so that the church can be presented a glorious bride (v.27); it can refer to the “*washing of regeneration*” (Titus 3:5); it includes the washing of baptism (Acts 22:16).
- ❖ **Anoint yourself:** it is “*God who anoints*” (2Cor.1:21); the anointing is by the Spirit (Lu.4:18a); each one of us has “*an anointing from the Holy One*” (1Jn.2:20). God gives us an anointing: that is the truth; so receive the anointing by faith, and thank God for it.
- ❖ **Put on your best garment:** “*Put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him*” Col.3:10. Jesus told us to “*Buy from Me ... white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed*” (Rev.3:18). We need the linen garments of the priest who is able to enter in and minister to the Lord.

*The Bible says that God has given us an anointing.*

*We have brought out some things*

*that we have found about the anointing.*

*There is much more teaching in the Bible about the  
anointing.*

*Let us pursue the anointing that God has released in us and  
to us; let us value His anointing and always treat Him as  
Holy in the midst, as He does His works through us.*

## Lesson Eight

# KNOWING GOD BY HIS NAME

Throughout the Scriptures God has revealed Himself through His many names. It is by His name that we come to be able to relate to God for who He really is. Jesus taught us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ***“hallow His name”*** **Matthew 6:9**. We can only effectively pray to our Father by apprehending who He is through His name. All of His names have their complete fulfilment in Jesus the Messiah as He is ***“the fullness of the Godhead bodily”*** **Colossians 2:9**. So when we pray in the name of **Jesus**, we actually pray according to, and in agreement with, all the fullness of who God has revealed Himself to be, and so ***“If you ask anything in My [Jesus] name, I will do it”*** **John 14:14**.

### El Elyon – God Most High

The first appearance of the name ***“God Most High”*** is in **Genesis 14:18-20** where this name is mentioned three times in the context of Melchizedek appearing before Abram. In Hebrew this name is ***El Elyon***. ***El*** means *God, God-like one, mighty one, strength*. ***Elyon*** means *an elevation, lofty; as a title ‘the Supreme’*. It also has the meaning of *uppermost; highness, exalted, high in rank*. It is derived from the verb *‘alah* meaning *‘to ascend’* [From Word Wealth in **Genesis 14:18** in New Spirit Filled Life Bible].

From **Genesis 14:18-20** we see that ***El Elyon***:

- **Blesses** through His appointed **Priest/King** (v.18-19)
- **Possesses** heaven and earth
- Is to be **blessed** and praised (v.20)
- **Delivers** our enemies into our hands

**El Elyon** is referred to as the One ***“most high above all the earth...exalted far above all gods”*** **Psalms 97:9**. This name is linked to ***YHWH*** in **Psalms 7:17**, ***“And will sing praise to the name of YHWH Most High”***; and ***YHWH Elyon*** is mentioned as the ***“great King over all the earth”*** in **Psalms 47:2**.

### Jesus – El Elyon in the flesh

Jesus is the fulfilment and embodiment of ***El Elyon***, God Most High.

- The **blessing** of the Most High God comes through His Priest/King. Jesus is that ***“priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”*** **Hebrews 7:17,21**.
- Jesus is the **Possessor** of heaven and earth. It is written that the Son of God has ***“the ends of the earth for His possession”*** **Psalms 2:7-8** and Jesus, after rising from the dead, said ***“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”*** **Matthew 28:18**.
- Jesus is to be **blessed**! He is called ***“the blessed and only Potentate”*** **1 Timothy 6:15**
- Jesus **delivers** our enemies into our hands! ***“Having made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [the cross]”*** **Colossians 2:15**
- Jesus is **exalted far above all gods**! He has been raised and is seated at God’s right hand ***“far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named”*** **Ephesians 1:21**



- Jesus is the *great King over all the earth*. The Messiah was prophesied to be “*the highest of the kings of the earth*” **Psalm 89:27** and He is now established as the “*ruler over the kings of the earth*” **Revelation 1:5**.

**Jesus is *El Elyon*, God Most High, in flesh!**

## **El Shadday – Almighty God**

The word *Shadday* means *all powerful, most powerful*. Some people trace its origin to the word meaning ‘mighty, unconquerable’. Some link it to a word meaning ‘all sufficient, eternally capable of meeting His people’s need’. Others link it to a word meaning ‘mountain, strength’. [From Word Wealth in **Psalm 91:1** in New Spirit Filled Life Bible]. As the Almighty God, He is the One who has all power and is able to supply all things necessary for our needs.

God spoke to Moses saying “*I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, as God Almighty [El Shadday], but by My name YHWH I was not known to them*” **Exodus 6:3**. The patriarchs knew God as *El Shadday*. They did not have the revelation of His name *YHWH*. This was because God made covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as *El Shadday* (**Genesis 17:1-8, Genesis 28:1-4, Genesis 35:11**), whereas God made covenant with His people through Moses through His name *YHWH*.

### **God as El Shadday:**

- **Made covenant** with the patriarchs, making promises to his **Seed**, and supplying all that is necessary to bring His plans to pass
- **Brought forth the eternal destinies** of the patriarchs, even **changing their names** to fit the **destiny** He had for them - **Genesis 17:5, 35:10**
- **Gave profound blessings** upon the head of Joseph – **Genesis 49:25-26**
- Has a **voice like the sound of many waters** – **Ezekiel 1:24, 10:5**

## **Jesus – El Shadday in the flesh**

God made covenant through His name *El Shadday* to Abraham. God now makes His New Covenant through His name *JESUS*! He is the “*Mediator of the New Covenant*” **Hebrews 9:15**. Jesus fulfils the name of *El Shadday* by:

- **Being the fulfilment of the covenant and promises** made to the patriarchs – **Galatians 3:16**
- Bringing believers in Jesus into their **eternal destinies**, the “*good works which He prepared beforehand for us to walk in*” **Ephesians 2:10**
- **Changing names (destinies)** also, changing **Simon to Peter** to fit his destiny as a founding stone in the building of His church **John 1:42**
- Pronouncing **profound blessings** of the kingdom of heaven on those who come in the right attitudes – **Matthew 5:3-10**
- **Being the “Almighty”** “*I am the Alpha and the Omega...the Almighty*” **Revelation 1:8,11**
- Speaking with **the voice** of the Almighty – **Revelation 1:15, Ezekiel 1:24**

**Jesus is *El Shadday* in the flesh!**

## **El Gibbor – the Mighty God**

The word **Gibbor** means *powerful, warrior, strong one, valiant, brave man* and has been translated as *champion* and has the sense of meaning a *hero*. God is revealing Himself as **champion** and **hero** of His people, the **valiant** and **strong one** who fights as a **warrior** for us. As **El Gibbor**:

- **“Nothing is too difficult for You...the Mighty God...YHWH of Hosts is His name” Jeremiah 32:17-18.** YHWH Himself is the Mighty God
- He causes our **“persecutors to stumble”** as YHWH is known to be **“a Mighty awesome One”** Jeremiah 20:11
- YHWH is in the midst of us as **“The Mighty One who will save”** Zephaniah 3:17. He is the champion and hero of His people, **delivering** and **saving** us with great victories
- YHWH of Hosts is **“strong and Mighty [Gibbor], Mighty in battle”** and is known as the **“King of Glory”** Psalm 24:7-10. He is the King who wins every battle!
- The Son of God **“will be called...Mighty God...”** Isaiah 9:6.
- It was also prophesied **“YHWH shall go forth like a mighty man [a Gibbor]...He shall prevail against His enemies”** Isaiah 42:13.

### **Jesus – El Gibbor in the flesh**

Jesus is the Mighty Champion, the Hero and **“Captain of our salvation”** Hebrews 2:10.

Jesus fulfilled this name:

- He is the **“great God and Saviour of us, Jesus Christ”** Titus 2:13. Jesus is the Mighty One in our midst to **save** and **deliver**
- He is the One who is **strong and Mighty** leading His hosts to victory **“And the armies in heaven...followed Him...out of His mouth goes a sharp sword...to strike the nations”** Revelation 19:14-15
- He is the **“King of glory”** as He was called the **“Lord of glory”** who brings the rulers of the earth to nothing – 1 Corinthians 2:6-8
- He is the fulfilment of the prophecy in **Isaiah** to be the **Son** who is the **Mighty God – The Son of God is El Gibbor in the flesh**, being given to us
- He is YHWH in the flesh who came and prevailed against the devil as a man in the wilderness – Matthew 4:1-11

**Jesus is El Gibbor, the Mighty God, in the flesh!**

### **El Olam – The Everlasting God**

The word **Olam** means *long duration, generally ‘time out of mind’, eternity*. In other words, God cannot be calculated by our minds, He is outside of our thinking, He is **God Everlasting**. After Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech, he **“called on the name of YHWH, the Everlasting God”** Genesis 21:33. It seems that the name **El Olam** is a good description of the name **YHWH**. He is the everlasting, eternal One, who is God. Moses also knew the awesome eternal nature of God by saying **“Even from everlasting [olam] to everlasting [olam], You are God”** Psalm 90:2.

### **Jesus – El Olam in the flesh**

It was prophesied concerning the Messiah in **Micah 5:2** that He would be born in the earth in Bethlehem, but He would be **“from everlasting [literally ‘from the days of ‘olam’]”**. This prophecy came to pass in Jesus. He is the One from Everlasting. Jesus said **“Whoever eats**

***My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life” John 6:54.*** By partaking of Jesus you partake of *El Olam* and you receive everlasting life!

**Jesus is *El Olam*, the Everlasting God, in the flesh!**

## **El Nasa – God-Who-Forgives**

The word *Nasa* means *to lift, bear up, carry, take*. It is translated in many ways such as *bear, carry away, forgive, lift up* and many others. In **Psalm 99:8** it says ***“You answered them, O YHWH our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives [El Nasa]”***. It is one of the attributes that describes God’s manifest glory ***“forgiving [nasa] iniquity, transgression and sin” Exodus 34:7.***

It was also used of the Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement ***“the goat shall bear [nasa] on itself all the iniquities to an uninhabited land...” Leviticus 16:22.*** The revelation is that God forgives by carrying away and bearing our iniquities! He is the God who lifts up, takes away and bears all our iniquities!

## **Jesus – El Nasa in the flesh**

It was prophesied in **Isaiah 53:12** that the Messiah, the Servant, would be ***“numbered with the transgressors, and He bore [nasa] the sins of many”***. Jesus was the One who was ***“lifted up from the earth” John 12:32*** and ***“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree” 1 Peter 2:24.***

It is in and through Jesus that we have ***“redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” Ephesians 1:7*** and ***“through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins” Acts 13:38.***

**Jesus is *El Nasa*, the God-Who-Forgives, coming in the flesh!**

## **El Roi – The God who Sees**

When Hagar, the maidservant of Sarah, was chased away, she found herself alone and desperate. The Angel of YHWH found her and spoke kindly to her. He promised her many descendants through her son Ishmael (**Genesis 16:6-12**). As a result of this encounter with God, Hagar ***“called the name of YHWH who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees: for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’ Genesis 16:13.***

God has revealed Himself as the One who sees us. God spoke to the prophet Samuel ***“Do not look at his appearance or physical stature...for man looks at the outward appearance, but YHWH looks at the heart” 1 Samuel 16:7.*** The eyes of YHWH ***“run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” 2 Chronicles 16:9.*** God sees the invisible reality of who we are and what we are going through.

## **Jesus – El Roi in the flesh**

The apostle John saw Jesus as ***“a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God...” Revelation 5:6.*** The number ‘7’ speaks of a complete and perfect number, thus, seven eyes speaks of perfect sight, knowing all things. Jesus sees everything. He sees everything by the Spirit of God. He knows all things that are in us ***“He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears, but with righteousness...and equity...” Isaiah 11:3-4.***

The Messiah does not judge by appearances but ***“He knew all men...for He knew what was in man” John 2:24-25.*** Jesus was able to ***“perceive in His Spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves” Mark 2:8.*** Jesus sees the hearts of men.

**Jesus is *El Roi*, the God-Who-Sees, coming in the flesh!**

## **El Bethel – God of the House of God**

The patriarch Jacob had an awesome experience when he had to flee from his brother Esau. He met God in a dream and saw by revelation the ***house of God***. He named the place of that experience ***Bethel*** [literally ‘house of God’] **Genesis 28:12-22**. When Jacob returned there many years later he ***“called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother” Genesis 35:7.*** This is a wonderful revelation that God is ***the God of the house of God!*** He is the One building His house, He is in charge of His house and looking after His house.

### **Jesus – El Bethel in the flesh**

When Peter received the revelation that Jesus was the ***“the Christ, the Son of the Living God” Matthew 16:16,*** Jesus was able to say to him, ***“you are Peter and on this Rock I will build My church” Matthew 16:18.*** Jesus is building His church.

Paul wrote to Timothy to say that ***“the house of God is the church of the living God” 1 Timothy 3:15.*** The Church that Jesus is building is actually the house of God! In revealing Jesus as the ***“Apostle of our confession”***, the writer to the **Hebrews** says that Christ Jesus ***“built the house”***, ***“He who built all things is God”*** and that ***“Christ is the Son over His own house, whose house we are” Hebrews 3:1,3,4,6.*** Jesus is building the house, He is God and He is the Son over the house which we are! Hallelujah!

**Truly Jesus is *El Bethel*, the God of the House of God, coming in the flesh!**

## **El Emeth – The True God**

The word ***Emeth*** means *stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness, right and faithful*. It is clear in the Old Testament that ***“YHWH is the True God” Jeremiah 10:10.*** Knowing Him as the ***True God*** is directly related to having been taught the word, the truth.

At the time when Asa was king of Judah, a prophet was raised up who spoke ***“For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law” 2 Chronicles 15:3.*** To know the True God we must have the right teaching because ***“wooden idols are a worthless doctrine” Jeremiah 10:8 (1 Tim.1:3b).*** Knowing the ***True God*** brings certainty and stability to our lives.

### **Jesus – El Emeth in the flesh**

Jesus said clearly ***“I am the...truth” John 14:6.*** When we receive the testimony of Jesus the Messiah we actually certify that ***“God is true” John 3:33.*** The apostle John wrote clearly that ***“the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life” 1 John 5:20.***

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the ***True God!*** In knowing Jesus as the ***True God*** than we are to ***“keep ourselves from idols” 1 John 5:21.*** Jesus is the ***True God*** and any other so called ‘god’ is an idol, a worthless doctrine.

**Jesus is *El Emeth*, the True God, in the flesh!**

***The names of God are clearly manifested in the name and person of Jesus.  
Apprehend Him, know Him and relate with Him according to His name.  
“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” John 14:14***

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