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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



We will be hosting Moving Further with the Lord 2024 in Maleny again, coming this February. If you are able to join us we would love to see you at this life changing event. Preparing you for the last days before the return of the King.

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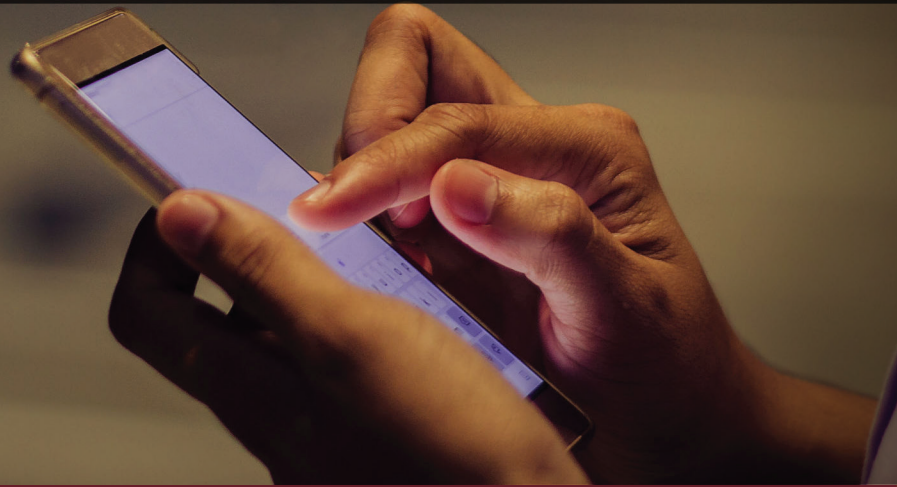
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Social Media Corruption

Jose Roco



It may sound or seem innocent but there is nothing of Godly value coming out of these platforms

The way to survive against to what is coming, is by the Holy Spirit of God.

Let me begin by asking how many of you have posted something on social media?

How many of you regularly check the social media apps to get informed?

FACEBOOK
TWITTER
Instagram
LinkedIn
Blog
Snapchat
Microblogging
Social networking service
Photo sharing
Online video platform
Internet forum etc.

All these platforms are being used by the enemy to either persuade your thinking against the will of God or to condition you to compromise your Godly values and virtues.

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there is nothing of Godly value coming out of these platforms.

These platforms are being used by the enemy to fulfill these scriptures.

For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Luke 12:52-53 (NKJV)

Do you want to see these scriptures applied in your family? If the answer is no, maybe not, not sure, then you must cut it off now, Not tomorrow, but today.

It is time to let your friends, cousins and families know, that from today onwards you will cut off from all social media platforms and should they want to communicate with you while there is still time, use the emails, text



messages or phone calls only.

You must deliberately delete your personal details saved on these social media platforms.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

There are many half truths, even lies posted in the social media platforms. It has the power to destroy. What is worst for the sons and daughters of the living God, is that you and I, when we speak words that we are not suppose to, the enemy uses that power to destroy others and us.

Because of fear, we sometimes use words that can be detrimental to our being.

Eg. while applying for job, and while waiting for a response, we sometimes share with a close friend or family member that "I am under qualified, I don't think I will get it." Well you just gave power to the enemy to exclude you from that position.

God says the opposite to you.

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 (NKJV)

You see our one job that is a must for the end times, is to believe & trust in God. Have God's word embedded in

our heart. The Holy Spirit will guide us in everything.

The Gift of His Peace

These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:25-26 (NKJV)

In my message at the recent Come Lord Jesus Conference in Canberra 2023, I spoke about shifting tides that will confront us in the future. Here is one of those shifting tides.

Shifting Tide 2.

Betrayal and Accusations

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Matthew 24:10 (NKJV)

A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

Proverbs 18:19 (NKJV)

We all make mistakes and as such we can all at one given time be an instrument of offence to a brother or sister unknowingly or knowingly.

Jose Roco, [10/12/2023 3:22 PM]

This is all part of the flesh refusing to deal with rejection in what every way it comes according to Gods ways.

If we don't deal with offence like every work of the flesh, we open up a door or a window for the enemy to attack us physically and emotionally.

Any unresolved work of the flesh has brought many to the point of death or separation from God.

If we are offended in any way by the



neglect of others or by being left out from being informed, and the person who offended us does not know, then we open ourselves to all sort of violent attack from the enemy.

And as offended persons we justify our actions by saying they should have known better, this actually leads the offended person deeper into oblivion.

Do you know how many offended persons are in hell because of unforgiveness? If we die with unforgiveness the word of God says:

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

Any of the works of the flesh can cause us to sin with unforgiving spirit and end up in hell.

Let us look how important it is to be vigilant against the sins of the works of the flesh.

When the Lord spoke in the book of revelation, addressing the 7 churches, He said to the people to “him who overcomes”, God knew that we will need His help. The only thing left is for us to trust Him.

We need a whole level of spirit dimension. We are not going to find that from the world. God can speak to us in visions and dreams.

OH GOD I pray that you will DELIVER US FROM EVIL

We will never be strong, as long as we lean upon our own arm of the flesh, for within us lie areas of weakness.

We will become strong only as we depend on God to be our fortress and our protection. God's Fortitude will give us inner peace, and God's protection shields us from the attacks

of others that rises up to attempt to destroy us.

We would move without fear into the position of resisting the oppression of the unjust man when we see Jesus as the victor.

It is not so important that we be stronger than the opposition. The victory lies in knowing that Jesus in us is stronger.

Knowing this will give us strength when we have no strength and will rout out fear from our heart. Keeping our thoughts on Jesus will divert our attention from the difficulty and cause courage to rise in our heart in the face of danger.

Remember betrayal and accusations they are deadly weapons of the enemy.

Character of the New Man

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV)

We should all be Feeding on God's Faithfulness, Protection, and Healing! Be Thankful and Intimate in our Relationship with God.



God loves us! But this is not because of any of our good works. God loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to earth to die for us, in our place, because through Adam and Eve's sin, we lost our position to live in God's presence for eternity and as such we needed redemption through Jesus death at the cross and resurrection from the grave.

Each one of us according to God's view are of infinite value and worthy to save.

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[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.
Colossians 1:13-14 (AMP)

But You, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head. To the LORD I cry aloud, and He answers me from His holy mountain.

Selah

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the myriads set against me on every side. Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to the LORD; may Your blessing be on Your people.
Selah

Psalms 3:3-8 (BSB)

Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith and in the knowledge that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (BSB)

There is a spiritual realm

Heaven is real
Hell is real
Demons exist
Angels exist
Heavenly host exists

Demonic powers actually exist and are after the sons and daughters of God to commit sin because by sin we lose our power to overcome and dethrone them.

So if you sin better make amends with God asap. Do not let unforgiveness stay in your hearts because of injustice or hatred or betrayal or revenge or killings or abuse and so on.

Be on the alert of your own strengths and weaknesses. Do not attempt to be strong when you know you have failed to overcome. Rather repent of your weaknesses and ask God for the grace that you need to be strong in battle.

I want to end with this, by saying that the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip is a sign for us that nothing in the future will remain safe and secure. True peace is far away from being accomplished in this world. Although for some countries, we are still enjoying our civil liberties, soon it will all come to an end because God is judging the nations. And the Antichrist is ready to be revealed.

The restraining of the Antichrist to be revealed before his time is coming to and end.

Many believe that the One Who restrains the antichrist is the Holy Spirit,

The Great Apostasy

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that



Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NKJV)

What is important in order to survive the future events is to be "In One Accord" within ourselves and in our relationship with God the Holy Spirit and with our brothers / sisters in Christ.

There many churches in different parts of the world that have failed to be the true church of God.

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Instead of building the Kingdom of God, the have prospered to build their own organisation and denomination.

That too is being judged by God. There are many churches that will struggle to keep their identity because of the plan of a handful of Godless people, who are trying to bring in a one world

religion.

A great separation in the body of church has began. Read the parable in the Bible between the wheat and tares. Matthew 13:36-43 (NKJV)

Can two walk together without agreeing where to go?

Amos 3:3 (BSB)

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7 (BSB)

God is revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.

But what is happening, is the voice of His servants are being drowned by the many voices of false prophets who are declaring not the plans of God but their own interpretation, summations and conclusions base in intellectual assessments. It may sound critical but no one is actually speaking what God is saying or about to do.

In the Second Epistle of Peter, he writes to warn the believers about the false teachers who are peddling damaging doctrine. He begins by urging them to keep close watch on their personal lives. The Christian life demands diligence in pursuing moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and selfless love.

"The prophets are prophesying lies in My name," replied the LORD. "I did not send them or appoint them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a false vision, a worthless divination, the futility and delusion of their own minds.

Therefore this is what the LORD says about the prophets who prophesy in My name: I did not send them, yet they say, 'No sword or famine will touch this land.'

By sword and famine these very



prophets will meet their end! And the people to whom they prophesy will be thrown into the streets of Jerusalem because of famine and sword. There will be no one to bury them or their wives, their sons or their daughters. I will pour out their own evil upon them.
Jeremiah 14:14-16 (BSB)

Where do we go from here. Don't get too busy that you stop being intimate with God.

May God bless you and keep until the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

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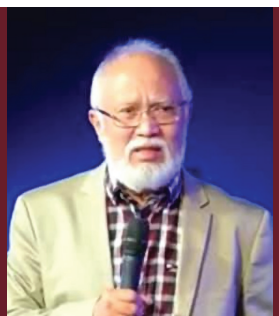
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THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS HIS TREASURE

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Because Noah feared the Lord, supernatural wisdom and knowledge was given to him

Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure.

Isaiah 33:6

The fear of the Lord is a treasure, for the ability to access true wisdom and knowledge comes from walking in the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Psalm 111:10a

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

Psalm 25:14

Wisdom and knowledge from God are treasures which literally become the stability of our times.

Looking at the life of Noah, we see a clear example of this. The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us that Noah walked in the fear of God.

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. Hebrews 11:7

Because Noah feared the Lord, supernatural wisdom and knowledge was given to him concerning what was coming and how to prepare. Others living on the earth at that time did not know what was coming and were completely unprepared for judgment.

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 6:13

Having knowledge of what is coming is good, but it is not enough. We need the wisdom to know what to do. Without wisdom Noah might have perished along with everyone else. There are those today who have some knowledge but are lacking wisdom. They can see what is coming but they do not have wisdom of the "word of the Lord" to guide them. Moved by fear and human reasonings we can waste our time, energy and resources in exercises of futility. What is needed is a "word of wisdom" from the Lord. Noah received the needed wisdom which became the stability of his time. He was given specific instructions on building an ark, how to build it and what to do with it.

Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 6:14-22

This wisdom and knowledge that Noah received came because He feared God. God told Noah that a flood was coming. He gave Noah wisdom, telling him "what" to do and also "how" to do it. He gave him understanding of the purpose of the flood and the purpose of the ark. This knowledge, wisdom and understanding was priceless. The fear of the Lord was Noah's treasure which literally became his stability.

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ Jesus and are shared with those who fear Him.

In whom (Jesus Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:3

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Psalms 25:14

Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

The Bible contains incredible promises for those who will walk in the fear of God. Here are just a few:

The fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27



The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Psalm 34:7

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.

Psalm 103:11

A fountain of life. Abiding in satisfaction. Angelic protection. Deliverance. Mercies higher than the heavens. Never visited with evil. The secrets of the Lord with supernatural wisdom, knowledge becoming stability in unstable times.

Who doesn't want that?!

If we are going to access these promises we must know what the fear of God really is.

The Bible defines the fear of God for us

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand,

and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Genesis 22:1-12

These verses teaches us that the fear of the Lord is swift and complete obedience. Abraham was told to offer his only beloved son as a burn offering. His response was that he "rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey...and split the wood for the burnt offering".

No delay. No arguing. No questions asked. Just swift and complete obedience. This is the fear of the Lord. The book of Exodus records Moses warning Pharaoh about a judgment of hail coming upon the land.

"Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every



man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die." ' ' "

He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. But he who did not regard the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

Exodus 9:18-26

Those who feared the word of the Lord obeyed the word of the Lord. Those who did not obey the word suffered the judgment. The fear of the Lord is swift and complete obedience.

The following verses give more understanding of the fear of the Lord. The fear of God is connected to the realization that one day we will all give an account to God and be recompensed for all of our deeds whether good or bad.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror (fear) of the Lord, we persuade men.

2 Cor. 5:10-11a

A more complete definition of the fear of the Lord based on Scripture is "swift and complete obedience knowing that all things are open and naked before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account".

The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 19:23

Let's re-state that verse and substitute a brief scriptural definition of the fear of God. The fear of the Lord is "swift and complete obedience".

"Swift and complete obedience" leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 19:23

The phrase "the fear of the Lord" can be vague to some. "Swift and complete obedience" is clear. Inserting "swift and complete obedience" in place of the "fear of the Lord" can give a clearer understanding of what is intended by the Scriptures.

The fear of the Lord (swift and complete obedience) is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



Proverbs 9:10

Since the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, if we are not walking in "swift and complete obedience" then we have absolutely no wisdom at all. We may have a master's degree and two doctorate degrees, but if we do not have the fear of God, we still have no wisdom.

The fear of the Lord (swift and complete obedience) is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience).

Psalm 103:11

Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You (who walk in swift and complete obedience), Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men!

Psalm 31:19

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience), on those who hope in His mercy

Psalm 33:18

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience), and delivers them.

Psalm 34:7

Oh, fear the Lord (walk in swift and complete obedience), you His saints! There is no want (lack) to those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience).

Psalm 34:9

He will bless those who fear the Lord

(who walk in swift and complete obedience), both small and great.

Psalm 115:13

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience); He also will hear their cry and save them.

Psalm 145:19

The fear of the Lord (swift and complete obedience) is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death.

Psalm 14:27

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him (who walk in swift and complete obedience), and He will show them His covenant.

Psalm 25:14

The fear of the Lord (swift and complete obedience) leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil.

Proverbs 19:23

How great are the promises of God toward those who fear Him!

His Delight is in the Fear of the Lord Speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ, Isaiah prophesied:

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might,

The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:1-3a

Isaiah is speaking of the seven spirits of God (Rev. 4:5, 5:6) resting on the Son of God. The Lord Jesus Christ was given the Spirit without measure (John



3:34). He received the fullness of the Spirit because His delight was in the fear of the Lord.

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Hebrews 1:9

The fear of God is the key that allows us to walk in the fullness of His Spirit. We see this truth manifested throughout the New Testament. Whenever the fear of the Lord is mentioned the power and presence of God follows along with a harvest of souls.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear (swift and complete obedience) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.... and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-43,47b

So great fear (swift and complete obedience) came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And

they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:11-16

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord (swift and complete obedience) and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Acts 9:31

Just as the Book of Acts church walked in the "fear of God" we must do the same.

God is greatly to be feared (with swift and complete obedience) in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

Psalm 89:7

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Hamas extremists brutally attacked Israel's southern region on October 7, 2023. More than 1,200 were killed mercilessly. In addition, Hamas soldiers took about 240 Israelis and foreigners as hostages. (As of November 2023, about 122 hostages have been released.) In retaliation, the Israeli Army—Israel Defense Force (IDF), launched a counterattack against the Hamas in Gaza. Gaza is a strip of land in the western part of Israel. Its area size is 364 km² (141 sq. miles). Roughly, 2.4 million Palestinians live there.

It has been more than 65 days since the IDF launched a major war against the Hamas terrorists and they are still fighting. The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Netanyahu Benjamin, has vowed to wipe out Gaza of every Hamas terrorist.

As I pondered about the war one day on October 10, 2023, the Holy Spirit gave a spiritual perspective to this war - spiritual lessons the Church can learn from.

1. A Surprise Attack

Hamas launched a surprise attack against Israel. Israel did not see

it coming and neither was she prepared. Before predator animals like a lion, a tiger, a leopard, or even a crocodile, would launch an attack on their victims, they would crouch and be perfectly motionless. When the victim falsely thinks that the predator is safe and does not intend to harm it and lets its guard down, then, the predator will strike its victim.

This was exactly what happened to Israel. Israel was unaware, not alert, and not watching. Another reason was because Hamas chose to attack during a time when there were holidays—Yom Kippur. Furthermore, Hamas employed a cunning strategy of duping the IDF into thinking that it had given up its ambitious pursuit of attacking Israel. Hamas did not launch any rockets into Israel for the preceding two to three years. So, Israel thought that Hamas had changed over to a new leaf had given up the idea of attacking Israel, and was going to live peacefully with Israel in coexistence. Therefore, Israel let its guard down.

At a time when no one in IDF thought, there came the surprise attack by Hamas. Early in the morning, several



thousand Hamas soldiers attacked five Israeli kibbutzim – Kfar Aza, Mefalsim, Alumim, Be'eri, and Nir Oz and massacred thousands of Jews as well as foreigners. It took the IDF 12 hours to come to the kibbutzim to defend them. By then entire families were killed; women brutally raped and killed; babies beheaded, and burned alive; men and women shot point blank; many of them taken captives—hostages. The terrorists even raped the bodies of dead women.

Prophetic Perspective

What can we learn from this first scenario? The Church should not be unaware or ignorant of the devil's devices.

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2 Corinthians 2:11

Let us analyze these two words: ignorant and devices. "Ignorant" in Greek is agnoeo (ag-no-eh'-o) which means to be ignorant or not to understand. And "devices" in Greek is noema (no'-ay-mah) which means the mind, the understanding, intellect; a conception of the mind, thought; purpose. Together these two words convey that we should not be ignorant of the devil's thinking.

In a chess game, you can only win by countering the moves of your competitor. You will need to outsmart your enemy's moves. Likewise, this Scripture tells us that we should not be ignorant, which means we must know the mind of the devil; what are his plans, and his strategies. How can we know? By having the mind of Christ (Php. 2:5). When the mind is renewed and transformed (Rom. 12:2) then the mind of Christ becomes functional in us. When it becomes functional and active, we can always know the devil's step, your enemy's steps ahead before he can strike you.

2. Hamas killed civilians who were defenseless without weapons

Hamas terrorists mercilessly and brutally killed and slaughtered defenseless men, women, children, and even babies. Armed men who usually managed the security of the kibbutzim were away at the time of the attack. Furthermore, most were

caught off guard early in the high holy day (Yom Kippur) morning.

Prophetic Perspective

Church, take up your arms! That is, put on the whole armor of God.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:11,13

If you read these Scriptures carefully, it says that therefore take up the whole armor of God to stand firm against the devil and during the evil days. The whole armor consists of seven parts.

1- Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

2 - having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

3 - and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

4 - above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

5 - And take the helmet of salvation,

6 - and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

7 - praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

Ephesians 6:14-18

We must put on the whole armor to fight against the enemies of the Cross. If we just have one or more parts of the armor but with the other parts missing, we are still vulnerable to attacks from the devil and his cohorts. Put on – take-up, meaning don't let it down. Always have the whole armor on you so that you can withstand—stand strong against any of the devil's devices or fiery darts.

3. Israel misjudged Hamas

Hamas had not fired any rockets nor made any violent incursions into Israel for several years. This misled IDF to think that Hamas had given up its fight to destroy Israel and instead was concentrating on building Gaza's infrastructures. Furthermore, the IDF did not think Hamas was capable or



even interested in launching a large attack against Israel.

Prophetic Perspective

The Bible empathetically warned us to be wary of the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11). The word “wiles” in Greek is *methodeia* (meth-od-i’-ah) which means travesty (trickery); lie in wait. From this word, we can deduce it to mean someone or something lies in waiting to trick us into thinking all is quiet. Merriam-Webster defines “wile” to mean “a trick or stratagem intended to ensnare or deceive.” Just because a person is not facing any trouble or warfare does not mean the devil has given up on you. The devil does not give up his fight. This can be found even in the life of the Lord Jesus. After tempting or testing the Lord during His 40-day fast, the Scriptures say, “Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time” (Lk. 4:13).

Believers should not falsely assume the devil has left them for good and put their guard down. Stand on guard with the complete armor of God all the time.

4. Israel overcame

How was Israel overcome by a small motley crew army? There was infighting and division in their society due to some changes Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu brought to their legal systems. Thousands of Israelis protested the changes in the streets of Tel Aviv. Many soldiers too joined the protest and threatened to desert military duties. It was during this period of instability within Israel that the enemy attacked. The enemy exploited their infighting.

Prophetic Perspective

The church is constantly warring and killing each other. Constantly fighting and killing—character-assassinate one another. Instead of warring against the devil we are busy fighting with one another (Gal. 5:15). “My church is better than your church,” “I have better doctrines than your doctrines,” “My spiritual knowledge is greater than your knowledge,” these are the bones of pride that we war against like dogs fighting with one another for a piece of dry bone. We have one common enemy—the

devil with whom we should combat and not with each other. We should stop fighting among ourselves.

5. Hamas’ meticulous planning

Hamas’ leadership planned the war meticulously over several months if not years. They made strategic war plans, dug miles of tunnels, acquired and stockpiled weapons, and studied Israeli kibbutz layout and mapping. They planned the October 7, 2023 war, meticulously over a long period.

Prophetic Perspective

The Bible says that the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Pe. 5:8). The word “walks about” in Greek is *peripateo* which means to walk about; to roam; to frequent a locality. Why frequent a locality? To study what an enemy’s weaknesses and strengths are. That’s what the devil is also doing; he is walking about, roaming around studying the church’s weaknesses and strengths. Because of our infighting, instead of the Angel of the Lord encamping around us (Ps. 34:7) and building a defense around our church, or our family, we allow the devil to mark his territory around us to kill, steal, and destroy us.

During the interim period of Hamas’ supposed quietness, their soldiers frequently visited the nearby kibbutzim and studied how it functioned, how many guards were there, how many families were there, etc. The Palestinians were able to get detailed maps of the layout of the kibbutz because many of them were employed by Jewish families to work in their kibbutz.

How foolish for the Jewish people to let their defenses down by allowing the enemy to come in their midst, and to study them. We have a similar picture even in the church today. The Bible says,

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of



truth will be blasphemed.

By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

2 Peter 2:1-3

In Revelation 2:9 and 3:9 the Lord Jesus said that there were false Jews among the believers in the churches in Smyrna and Philadelphia. Pastors today, need great discernment concerning who comes to your church. The Lord, now, gives a word of warning: The enemy—Satan is planning a major attack on the church, and against believers. So be watchful.

6. Hamas pounded Israel with missiles

During the first four hours of onslaught on the morning of October 7, 2023, Hamas fired at least 3,000 rockets from the Gaza Strip at Israel. Since the beginning of the war, some 9,500 rockets and mortars, as well as dozens of drones, have been fired at Israel. Many rockets landed in open areas, while some hit civilian sites, causing casualties. [The Times of Israel, Nov. 9, 2023].

Prophetic Perspective

What does that signify? Spiritual warfare in the high places. The first level of attack that will be launched is in the high places by wicked spirits (Eph. 6:12). A good example is found in Daniel 10:12-13 and 20-21.

Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:12-13

Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

Daniel 10:20-21

The prophet Daniel was fasting and praying based on the prophecies of the prophet Jeremiah. God answered his prayer and sent forth an angel. The angel got delayed for 21 days to reach the prophet Daniel. When the angel eventually came with an answer, he told Daniel that he was sent with an answer for him on the first day of his fast. Daniel may have looked at the angel with a quizzical look: But why did it take you 21 days to come? The delay, the angel told him, was because of warfare in the heavenly realm.

There is constant war in the heavenly realm each time our prayers go up to God and each time angels come from heaven to earth and go from earth to heaven.

The Church must learn the importance of the reality of the spiritual realm. The Church, in these last days, must learn of two important realities:

- i. We need to learn the art of prophetic intercession.
- ii. The reality of evil spirits in the high places
- iii. How to work together with warrior angels.

Intercession must take on a different level – it should become prophetic intercession where you are led by the Holy Spirit to pray. Old-school methods of intercession will not work in these last days.

The church should not be found sleeping (1 Thes. 5:2-8). We should not be like the disciples who were sleeping when the Lord Jesus was warring in prayer (Lk 22:40-46). This is not the time to sleep. We should wake up!

A prophetic warning from the Lord. Just like how Hamas flooded Israel with missiles, demons will move governments of the world to attack Christians. The attacks will incapacitate Christians to move or act. When laws are enacted, we become incapacitated; we cannot move because we are bound by the laws of the land. That is why it is important to pray for all those in authority pray for all those in authority



so that you can live in peace (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

7. Hamas used hang gliders to attack

Hamas used hang gliders or paragliders to infiltrate Israeli territory. There are numerous reports that Hamas used paragliders as part of an attack on an Israeli concert. Hamas was able to successfully penetrate Israel's airspace and land terrorists inside Israel. IDF's surveillance systems couldn't detect them. The paragliders flew very low — popping up to go over the border fencing and then flying low to the ground — stayed under the radar coverage of Israeli air and missile defenses.

“In addition, IDF's air and missile defenses, primarily the Iron Dome system, are optimized to detect fast-moving, high trajectory weapons — missiles and rockets — and are not tuned to pick up low-flying, slow-moving objects like paragliders,” said retired Marine Col. J.D. Williams, a defense policy researcher with the RAND Corporation. [Source: <https://taskandpurpose.com/news/hamas-paraglider-attack-israel/>]

Prophetic Perspective

What do paragliders signify? The attacks come from spiritual hosts in high places (Eph. 6:12). The first was spiritual wickedness in high places. Secondly, evil spirits reside in high places. These are attacks that will come from various religious sects or groups to mount attacks on Christians ideologically. They will cause Christians to fight among themselves over petty doctrinal issues or ideological differences.

We should learn to put away all the minors that separate us. The enemy will seek to infiltrate the church with false doctrines. There are many false doctrines, such as hyper-grace, hyper-prosperity, etc. causing apathy in the church these days. Be careful of false doctrines.

8. Paragliders attacked check posts

Hamas soldiers attacked check posts and neutralized surveillance equipment around Gaza. As a result, there were no war cries from the border patrol to IDF's command center warning of attacks.

Prophetic Perspective

What does this signify? Attack on the watchmen. A watchman on the wall is supposed to keep a lookout for what is coming (Isa. 21:6). A prophetic watchman hears what the Lord would say and then warns the people (Ezek. 3:17). The word of the Lord comes to me saying, “Attacks will come upon intercessors through domestic issues, thereby causing them not to focus on external spiritual threats.” You're so focused on your family squabbles, problems, and internal issues that you forget to stand on guard.

9. Land attack

Hamas soldiers cut fences and breached into Israel. Heavily armed militants arrived in kibbutz Be'eri on motorbikes after they breached the typically high-tech, tightly guarded border fence separating Israel and Gaza and entered southern Israel.

Prophetic Perspective

This signifies attacks on the mind. Attack on the blood (of Christ Jesus around us) defense. Your very salvation comes under attack. You allow undealt issues or weaknesses in your life to remain instead of crucifying them by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result, you keep tripping again and again. There is a gap — a breach in the defense of your life. Such an undealt breach will cause the enemy to pass through. The enemy can also gain access to the soul through breaches caused by wicked imaginations, and sinful thoughts.

That is it is important to think about “whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy” (Php. 4:8). Refuse to think—dwell upon anything outside the Philippians 4:8 boundary.

10. Rockets launched to destroy buildings

Some 5,000 missiles, rockets, and drones were fired deep into Israel from Gaza and other fronts on Oct. 7, 2023, within 20 minutes.

Prophetic Perspective

The word of the Lord came unto me



saying, "There will come attacks on churches, ministries, and Christian establishments to cause them to lose their physical properties." Churches, ministries, and Christian establishments kindly make sure that you abide by all the laws of the land so that there is no legal breach for the government to find any cause to confiscate your property. But then of course, even if you are legally right, the government can always change the law. Only God can protect us.

11. Soldiers kidnapping and killing civilians

Hamas terrorists killed 1,200 men, women, youths, and children and kidnapped 240 children, young men and women, and the elderly. Israeli civilians—including people killed in their cars, and left dead on the ground in the streets and at a bus stop. Women were brutally raped and killed.

Prophetic Perspective

The word of the Lord came unto me saying, "Christians will be taken hostage and be unable to do anything." How will they be taken hostage? They will be taken captive in their mind - 2 Tim. 2:26: "and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." The word "taken captive" in Greek is *zogreo* (*dzogue-reh'-o*) which means to take alive (make a prisoner of war), i.e. (figuratively) to capture or ensnare: hostage.

Christians will be taken captive in their minds; your mind will be under siege. Once your mind is taken hostage, you will not think of faith thoughts. You can no longer think rightly. You begin to wonder is God good? Do not entertain any thoughts suggested by the enemy. Israeli civilians were killed signifies Christians too will be killed. Besides physical killing - martyrdom, there is another kind of killing - falling away from the faith, backsliding (2 Thes. 2:1-3).

"Kidnapping," signifies that Christians will be kidnapped, meaning your gifts and calling will be stolen by the enemy. The enemy comes to steal your gifts and calling. A great example can be found in 1 Samuel 31:8-10.

So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

And they cut off his head and stripped off his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines, to proclaim it in the temple of their idols and among the people.

Then they put his armor in the temple of the Ashtoreths, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan.

1 Samuel 31:8-10

The Philistines stole Saul's armor after he had died, and put it in the temple of Ashtoreth. A man called and anointed by God, had his gifts, his calling, stolen. Kidnapping. That is why you need to put on the whole armor of God.

The late saintly man of God, Neville Johnson, once shared a prophetic experience. He was taken to the enemy's camp where he found, to his great horror, many shelves. There were different kinds of crowns, armor, and bangles, neatly arranged on the shelves. On one of the shelves, Neville saw an armor which was labeled, "Saul's armor." Another one was labeled, "Solomon's crown." Stolen by the enemy, and kept as a winning trophy by the enemy. So never let your guard down.

12. Israel's intel was not able to predict the Hamas attack in advance

Israel's Mossad, Shin Bet, and Israel Military Intelligence Agency are widely recognized as having highly sophisticated intelligence capabilities, both in terms of its ability to collect information about potential threats within its own country and outside of it. So, when Hamas attacked 20 Israeli towns and several army bases, a question arises: How did Israel fail to piece together clues about this large-scale and highly complex plot in advance?

When a female Signaler soldier reported that Hamassoldiers were near the border fence, IDF commanders brushed it aside as unimportant and presumed they were just doing a drill. Why this callous attitude? IDF's pride in military superiority. As a result, a spirit



of stupor came upon them because of their leaders' pride.

*For the Lord has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets (Shin Bet); And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers (Military Intelligence).
Isaiah 29:10*

Prophetic Perspective

The word of the Lord came unto me saying: Intercessors are incapable. They are not highly tuned. Let us consider a biblical passage in Isaiah 21:6-9: For thus has the Lord said to me, Go set a watchman let him declare what he sees. And he saw a chariot with a pair of horsemen, a chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels. And he listened earnestly, with great care. Then he said, "A lion my Lord! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime. I have sat at my post every night."

Firstly, a watchman was set on a high tower. What is a watchman's responsibility? To look outside the fortified walls of a city. To see whether a friend or foe will come. Secondly, something very intriguing takes place in verse 7. The watchman saw a chariot pulled by two horses, a chariot of donkeys, and a chariot of camels. As he saw these three different chariots pulled by three different animals, he listened earnestly with great care. Which means he paid attention to what he was seeing and hearing. He discerned them intuitively to understand what it meant.

With a prophetic insight, he exclaimed that it was a lion signifying Babylon. This watchman was highly tuned in the spirit. Being highly tuned, he had a very strong discernment. This is the kind of intercessors that churches and ministries need in these last days – Intercessors with prophetic insight.

A lack of spiritual insight is a major problem among intercessors and in the church today. The prophet Isaiah says, "His watchmen are blind they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber" (56:10). Pray for the gift of discerning of spirits which will give you prophetic insight. Intercessors should not be immature

in the high things of God. They should learn about the deeper spiritual workings of the Holy Spirit.

I put before you two questions to ponder.

1. What did the prophet Elisha do to get intel about the Syrian king's plans? – 2 Kg 6:8-12
2. How did the prophet Ahijah get intel about King Jeroboam's wife? – 1 Kg 14:4-6

Write me your answers to info@jesusministries.org. When you write your answers to me, please mention that you are responding to my questions found in the Our Finest Hour Magazine.

13. Israel's IDF was slow to respond

The reason is because of division in the camp. When the government proposed to make some legal changes to certain existing laws, many high-ranking military officers, soldiers, and reservist soldiers joined the public to protest. The soldiers who should be protecting the country threatened to resign and refused to report for reservist mobilization. Hamas exploited the fragmented situation knowing that the army would be slow to react.

Prophetic Perspective

Like the fragmented Israeli army, the body of Christ is divided. There is no coordination among themselves as one body to share information on prayer/warfare. Each one is doing his own, secretive, and not wanting to share information with others. About 38 years ago, when the Lord called me to go to Tibet to be a missionary, I researched and found some Christian organizations in the West that were doing ministry in Tibet. I wrote to every one of them explaining my call, and the mission and asked for information on how I can do ministry in Tibet. Not a single organization responded and some even refused to share any information. So, I had to reinvent the wheel by seeking God through fasting and praying for 40 days. This is the problem with Christians today; we don't want to network and share information.



14. Israeli civilians use their weapons

Those who escaped from being slaughtered by Hamas terrorists on that fateful October 7, 2023 morning, were those who did not get killed or kidnapped. They are the Israeli civilians who used their weapons to protect themselves as much as possible. They defended themselves by fighting back the terrorists.

Prophetic Perspective

This signifies that the church should be armed with the armor of God by putting it on all the time.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

Ephesians 6:13-18

Secondly, every believer should take up spiritual weapons of war and arm themselves with it.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every

high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

15. USA warships were ready to assist

When the war was taking place seriously, the U.S. government immediately sent two Carrier Strike Groups, the USS Gerald R. Ford, and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower to be stationed in the Mediterranean Sea to help Israel in case this war escalated into a regional conflict. The presence of the U.S. warships is to deter Iran from propagating the war into a regional conflict. At the same time, U.S. warships in the Red Sea have intercepted missiles fired toward Israel from Yemen.

Prophetic Perspective

This signifies that the heavenly army, which is mightier and stronger, is waiting to help the church combat the forces of evil. As soon as you put on the armor of God and stand on guard, the heavenly army will come to help you fight the war against the hordes of hell. We cannot fight this war alone because our warfare is not against flesh and blood (Eph. 6:12).

A good example of this is found in Joshua 5:13. An Angel of the Lord, the captain of the Lord's army, came to assist Joshua in fighting against Jericho. The heavenly army of angels fought together with Israel against Jericho that day to give the Israelites a great victory. The Church must learn to work together with the heavenly army.

16. Final counsel from the Lord

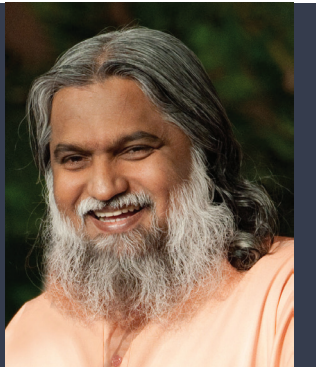
The Word of the Lord came to me saying, "Put away infighting; put away division and warring among yourselves. Put away all such activities. Be united as one body, and as one army to wage this end-time warfare."

To survive in these evil last days, we must be united. The early church was always in one accord (Acts 1:14; 2:1,46; 4:24; 5:12; 15:25). They were in one accord, which is the key we need to succeed in these last days. Amen!

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LORD

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Learn to yield yourself to Me, surrender your soul to Me
and I will be to you all that you need

I want you to be without care, placing your trust in Me. I am the Lord and I change not. Ask of Me and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance as well as the inheritance of the heathen. The way forward is to trust Me, to come into rest and I will communicate with you as I am doing now. Learn to yield yourself to Me, surrender your soul to Me and I will be to you all that you need. The short time remaining requires you to walk with Me in absolute trust and simplicity. The cares of this life can become your greatest enemy. Seek first My kingdom, seek My will, and seek to surrender what is of no eternal value for that which is eternally yours. Your values and what you value need to be measured against My values, for where your heart is, your life will follow. Seek the eternal and value that which you cannot lose. You must become aware of Me continually, for it is in awareness that the connection with Me is made.

The focus of your heart is not just important; it is vital. You cannot afford long periods of time without being aware of Me. You must learn to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, for it is there in constant awareness that you are safe and will know My voice continually. Only then will you be able to abide in Me. This conscious connection with Me places you under My wings and positions you to receive My life continually. The cares of this life and the deceitfulness of the material world will draw you away from Me. Carefully guard this connection with Me. It is your life. This connection must go beyond a faith connection and become a reality. When this happens, My life will flow through you continually. The way forward should always be one of increase. Enlargement must become continuous and perceptible, measured in terms of inner growth brought about through the knowledge of Me.

Knowing Me must become your goal.



It is in knowing Me that you become like Me. I am the model, the example, the prototype. For you to become like Me you must know Me. The world celebrates Christmas but does not know Me. Even Many Christians who have My life within them do not know Me. Even though Christmas has become to many just another holiday, there are those who know Me and fellowship with Me. These are the ones who will be manifested to the world as I was manifested to the world. They will be like Me and carry My love, compassion and authority. The world will come to know Me through them. They will become the light of this world.

Time is short, and I am about to do something that has not been seen before and has been reserved for this generation. I will fill the earth with My presence through those who know Me. I will manifest Myself to the world through them. My glory will fill the earth, for My people will be full of this glory — My nature. My people, My new creation, will be displayed to the entire universe, and I will be glorified

in and through them. There are few Christmases left before the end. I was born as a child in a manger, but now I will be manifest to the world as King of kings and Lord of lords. As this world rushes headlong into its captivity by the enemy kingdom, I will manifest My kingdom in all of its glory. The contrast between these two kingdoms will be so striking that this alone will become the greatest manifestation of the striking contrast between light and darkness.

Soon, very soon the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of the Lord and of His anointed ones. Streamline your lives to this certainty. Carefully hone your priorities. The greatest gains will be accomplished in the shortest time, but I require your absolute surrender to Me and My purposes. More is demanded of this generation than any other, but the rewards will be greater. The passing parade will always distract you. Be focused, be determined, pursue Me, and I will be to you everything that you need.



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