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New Manna format

- Each manna will contain a fresh word from the Lord to the body of Christ in general
- A word in season for ministers and for businessmen and professional are included inside.
- Manna is produced bi-monthly or sometimes longer as Ps Peter finds time to write.
- For those who desire more regular teaching, please sign up for the weekly devotional.

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2009—The Year of Visitation

On November 17th 2008, when I was in Kota Kinabalu staying at a pastor's house, the Lord Jesus appeared to me between 6am to 7am and spoke about revival and visitations. There was no doubt in my mind that although He spoke about revival and visitations on certain parts of the world that the next year (2009) was going to be filled with visitations from God.

As I prayed and sought the Lord during this forty day fast from mid-January to February, the Holy Spirit kept speaking about preparing God's people for His visitation. There will always be times of refreshing which God brings to His people (Acts 3:19). These times of visitations are to encourage God's people in their faith walk on earth.

Israel did not know the visitation of the Lord when they had the physical presence of the Lord in His earthly ministry

(Luke 19:44). The phrase 'the day of visitation' has been used in the Old Testament in terms of judgment but the day of visitation has always been a two-edged sword (Isaiah 10:3; Jeremiah 8:12; 10:15; Hosea 9:7; Micah 7:4). Indeed, during this year of visitation God will be bringing down strongholds and those that have opposed His plans. To those who love the Lord, this year of visitation will be a time of refreshing and encouragement (Job 10:12; 1 Peter 2:12).

What can we expect during this year of visitation? God will be revealing the Spiritual World even more to His people in preparing them for the heavenly life. He will also be drawing those of like spiritual minds from various churches to gather in prayer and worship. As they minister to the Lord, God will be calling them aside like He did with Paul and Barnabas and sending them forth to His Will (Acts 13:1-3).



What should we do in the year of visitation?

- Spend more time fasting and waiting on God (Isaiah 40:31)
- Pray and worship together with like minded spiritual Christians (Acts 13:1-3).
- Learn as much as you can about dreams, visions, the voice of the Holy Spirit from the Bible (Acts 2:16-21).
- Be open to the things of the Holy Spirit and His revelations (John 16:13-15)
- Be believing and not doubting (Luke 1:20, 38; John 20:24-29).

The Cycles of Economy

All over the world virtually every corporation big and small are using this economic recession for cutting the fat out of their business; shedding every area of excess that had built up during the good times. While the outlook is gloomy, one needs to know that if a lot of excess is shed over this year and the next, it will actually precipitate another boom cy-

cle. The Bible is no stranger to cycles of economy.

After Abraham came out of Ur, there was a famine in the land which necessitate him going down to Egypt (Genesis 12:10). During the time of Isaac there was another famine (Genesis 26:1). During the time of Joseph, there was a seven year famine which followed the seven years of prosperity

(Genesis 41:29-30). The good news is that in all three famines, the people of God came out blessed (Genesis 13:2; 26:12-13; 41:57). This present economic recession is not the last one nor the end of all things. There will be another period of prosperity for those who have the diligence and steadfastness in God to walk with God through these times.

**Jesus said. "Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in Him bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
- John 15:4-5**



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Ministry Section - for those called to the ministry

LEARNING THE GRACE OF MINISTRY

Ministers should know and understand that at all times they can do nothing without Jesus (John 15:5). It is so easy in ministry to forget that the source of all ministerial ability is from the Lord Jesus and when we seek to do the ministry work without dependence on the strength and grace of Jesus, we are doing it in the flesh - building upon hay, wood and stubble (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Paul himself declared that it is not him but the grace of God in him which

labored (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Building on any other foundation except the foundation of Christ is wasted effort from the Day of Judgment, when all believers will give an accounting for their lives (1 Corinthians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 10:30).

Building on the wrong foundation includes not just doing things in our own strength but also doing things out of a wrong motive. Even in the apostle Paul's time, there

were those who serve God out of envy and strife (Philippians 1:15). Although the Pharisees outwardly appeared to be the most religious and spiritual of all men, Jesus recognized that they were inwardly corrupted and lovers of money (Luke 16:14). From the spiritual point of view, they were like white-washed tombs, beautiful on the outside but corrupt and filled with dead bones (Matthew 23:27).

We are warned against ministering out of deadness or dead works (Hebrews 6:1; 9:14; Revelations 3:1). That is when we are just outwardly doing all the 'ministerial things' but inwardly there is no life flowing forth. Many people begin well in the Spirit but the end up in the flesh (Galatians 3:3). This happens when we no longer spend quality time with the Lord but instead run around doing things for the Lord. Running around doing things for the Lord is not the same as being with the Lord.

The Lord wants us to BE in Him first. Like the Ephesian church in Revelation, many no longer have FIRST love for the Lord (Revelation 2:4). The key to producing true ministry fruit is to abide in Him (John

15:5). By abiding in Him we will be bearing abundant fruit. There is no replacement in the ministry for the quality time that we need to be in the presence of the Lord. Although we do carry His presence around as His vessels, the question is not whether He is with us (for He always is) but whether we are with Him.

When we learn to abide in Him, it will be revealed day by day to us, the works that we need to walk in for each day (Ephesians 2:10). The key is for us to be His workmanship (a daily process under the hands of the Master allowing Him to transform us day by day) and then afterwards to walk in the works which He has created us to walk in. We must first receive inwardly what we are to do outwardly. Ministry is giving out of the abundance of grace that Jesus pours into our lives. We always must minister from the overflow - the goodness and love of God overflows through our lives to others.

Whenever our love for God diminishes, very soon the love for people will also diminish; and without the energy of love, every thing spiritual will die. It is the sun of God's love



Launch of Sydney church - October 26th 2008

The church was officially launched on October 26th 2008 which happens to be the 27th of Tishrei 5769, during the first month of the Jewish New Year. It was an open air meeting at the car park behind 90 George Street, Parramatta. Since then we have had regular families making it their home church and we look forward to moving into our own building before the onset of the Australian winter. We had our first all night prayer on the last Friday of January 2009 and our present regular services are:

Sunday 4pm to 6pm Sunday Service (with children's ministry).

Friday all night prayer—Every last Friday of the month held at 105 Beechwood Avenue, Greystanes, NSW 2145.

Business Section - for those called to the professional life

GOD'S PROVISION IN FAMINE

Many Christian businessmen and women and professionals are seeking for guidance during this time of world economic recession. There is no better guidance than that which comes straight out from the Bible.

No matter how bad the times are, there will always be a place in which one still can prosper in times of famine. Isaac sowed in a time of famine and the Lord prospered him a hundredfold (Genesis 26:12). The time of recession is a time for consolidation and sowing. There is a time of reaping and a time of sowing, now is the time of sowing.

Sowing implies finding good ground and putting in quality seed. It is imperative that Christians be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing at this time. Note that in the famine during Abraham's time, the famine in Isaac's time and the famine in Joseph's time that the people of God are not in their promised land. Instead Abraham was in Egypt, Isaac was in Gerar (he was specifically told not to go to Egypt) and Joseph was in Egypt (Genesis 12:10;

26:1-3; 45:5). It was not an easy decision to pull up roots and move to a new place to stay until the famine passed but Abraham and Isaac did it. Joseph was forced by circumstances to be in Egypt but it was there that his dreams could come to pass.

Many businesses and many professionals would have to be willing to uproot and change direction to stay through the difficult times. Others would have to diversify and be willing to venture into something new in order to make ends meet. For some, circumstances will cause you to move. The most important thing is that wherever you are and whatever you have to do, do it as unto the Lord and never, never ever forsake the presence of the Lord. For as long as the Lord was with Joseph, he prospered wherever he was in a house, in prison or in a palace (Genesis 39:3-5, 23; 41:40-46).

Some of you might have to redo things a few times before it remains yours. Like Isaac what you dug is always taken away from you and you avoid strife by walking away from it (Genesis 26:18-22). A well is of great value during the time of famine and the Philistines

quarreled with Isaac for the water resource. But God's blessings on Isaac enabled him to keep finding water where no one could find it and in the end, even King Abimelech acknowledged that God was with Isaac (Genesis 26:28).

Times of famine is a good time to ask oneself the following questions:

- Am I in the right place geographically?
- Am I in the right business or job?
- Is the Lord still with me in what I am doing?

The Lord has promised goodness and mercy every day and that would include times of abundance and times of famine (Psalm 23:6). Of course it is all predicated on the premise that the Lord IS our shepherd (Psalm 23:1). In famine, the most important thing is to learn to hear the voice of the Lord. During the three year drought, Elijah was led to the Brook Cherith and when it dried, to a widow's house. Before the miracle of the ravens feeding you or the multiplication of the flour can take place, the first obedience is to be where the Lord wants you to be. Hear His voice and obey.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,
He makes me to lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the still waters,
He restores my soul.
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake,
Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for You are with me,
Your rod and your staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,
You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over,
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. — Psalm 23

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COG Children's Ministry

The children of Cathedral of Glory have the best Sunday school lessons from the Bible. Ps Amy prepares the lesson every week and there are always activities which the children enjoyed tremendously. The children have constantly expressed how much they are learning from the Bible than they have had in the many places that they have visited.

Picture on the right shows:

Jeremiah, Ps Amy, Jay, Rachel, Nikita, Rohanna Jubilee, Lachlan, Lily, Lucy, Andrea and Jacqueline

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Those who would like to be partners with the ministry of Pastor Peter Tan through regular intercessions, prayers or contributions to the ministry may email to us to be part of the weekly Fatherly Talk emails, which Ps Peter sends to his Bible students, close friends and partners of the ministry every Sunday.

Those who would like to contribute to the ministry of Pastor Peter Tan may send their contributions crossed to:
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All those interested in enrolling in Online Logos Bible School or who desire to be a partner in the ministry (Philippians 4:15) to receive the weekly Fatherly Talks, please write to elshaddai1@bigpond.com

Ps Peter Tan's 2009 itinerary for the next quarter (NZ to be confirmed) (details available on website www.eaglevision.com.my).

Sydney Cathedral of Glory

Every Sunday and every last Friday of the month

Singapore

Thursday and Friday nights (7:30pm) every first and third week of the month.

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

Tuesday and Wednesday nights on third week of April, June, August and October