

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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1. THE SYMBOL OF THE WIND

The Word of God compares the Holy Spirit and His movements to that of a wind. There are many titles and names of the Holy Spirit. But we mention six symbols: wind, fire, dove, river, seal and oil. These are symbols the Bible use in regard to the Holy Spirit. Many people know the Holy Spirit to a certain extent but they do not fully understand His personality. But we can get to know Him more through the symbols.

In Hebrew the word for the Holy Spirit is Ruah, which means wind, the wind of God. In the New Testament, the Greek word for Spirit is Pneuma, which means wind or breath. The Holy Spirit is like a wind. 'When He moves He is like the wind. The Bible wants us to understand the Holy Spirit by means of symbols. The principal symbolism of wind is that it is all about us. You can go anywhere and the air and the wind is there. You can not survive without air. Everywhere we are surrounded by air. And this indicates a characteristic about the Holy Spirit - His omnipresence. The Holy Spirit has the supernatural ability to be omnipresent, to be everywhere at the same time. That is a tremendous aspect of His whole being. **It is the Holy Spirit who makes the Father and the Son present in the reality of our lives.** It is through that invisible power and presence of the Holy Spirit that God perceives all things and governs all things. God the Father has a specific location on the Throne. Jesus is on His own right hand. There are two thrones in the chambers in the heavenly places. Because of the omnipresence of the Holy Spirit, the Father and Son knows all things.

2 Kings 5:26 Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot? The word heart has also been translated as spirit. It was through the Holy Spirit that gave Elisha the word of knowledge. Psalm 139:7 Where can I go from your spirit and where can I flee from your presence? You see God knows all things. It is through the Holy Spirit that brings about the omnipresence of God. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit came upon them in the wind.

The second fact of the Holy Spirit as wind is that He is invisible. You can not see the wind. You can only see dust particles or water drops. John 14:17 The world can not receive the Spirit because it neither sees nor knows Him. The reason they do not know Him is because they do not see Him. You see the world knows the historical Jesus. But the world does not know the Holy Spirit. Jesus says they will know the Holy Spirit because they believe in him and he dwells in them. We will know Him because He is the wind. In John 3:8 Jesus describes the wind, which is the Holy Spirit. **You can't see Him but you could sense His influence, His manifestation.** We can't see the wind. What you actually experience about the wind is when the wind blows on an object and the object moves. So it is the effect of the wind that tells us the presence of the wind. Jesus said the same thing about the Holy Spirit. You can't see Him but **you can know Him. Because when He moves you can sense His movement. You could sense His voice.**

The third point is He could manifest His presence in different degrees and different levels. It is just like the wind - sometimes it is just a breeze, light, soft and gentle. And then it can be very strong making every thing move. Sometimes you call it a hurricane. Other times it is a typhoon. But you still feel the wind, no matter how light or strong it may be. The most important thing for us to know is what causes the Holy Spirit to move or not to move. What laws does the Holy Spirit follow? What actually

brings forth the work of the Holy Spirit? It is the force of hunger and thirst. When you are hungry for God, He manifests Himself even more and you feel Him even more. The less a seeker of God you are, the less you feel God. When you are hungry for God and seek the truth, this creates a spiritual vacuum and it opens the way for the Holy Spirit like a wind moving in your life.

Acts 2 The apostles waited and prayed 10 days in order to grow in their hunger and desire for God. They had built a spiritual appetite. Spiritual appetites can be built up by prolonged seeking of the Lord. That is why when the Holy Spirit came He came like the wind. There was such a vacuum created that the Holy Spirit moved with such force. There must be a tremendous hunger and thirst that can bring this about. Acts 10:1 - Cornelius had the appetite for God to pray daily. And he grew in this appetite by fasting and almsgiving. And when they heard Paul preached to them, the Holy Spirit came upon them at once. God creates the hunger and desire in our lives but natural things can dissipate them. Preoccupation with natural things to satisfy our appetites and desires will diminish our spiritual appetites. That is why we have to live as if this world doesn't belong to us. We must keep our spiritual desires intact. Otherwise we will never be able to experience the Holy Spirit anymore.

The only wind of the Holy Spirit is going to move will be in direct proportion to your hunger and thirst for Him. Those who came to Jesus were hungry in the spirit. Unless the Spirit of God moves like a wind, there will be no creation, no healing, no miracles, no signs and no wonders. It is the Spirit of God moving like the wind that brings its creative force. Genesis 1:2 the spirit of God hovered over the waters. He had a part in creation. It was the same spirit God breathed into Adam when He made Adam. Only where there is a movement of the Spirit can there be life. Without that movement there will be no life.

You know there is nothing about us that is not the work of the Holy Spirit. Everything about us is the work of the Holy Spirit. Your breath is the symbol of the Spirit dwelling in you. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. What do you do when the Holy Spirit starts moving in you? Flow in the Spirit, move with the wind of the Spirit. Wind can be blocked. In many places where the land is flat, they have to plant trees to prevent the wind from picking up the topsoil and carrying it away what they need for agriculture. In the same manner, **you can prevent and control the action of the Holy Spirit in your life by quenching Him, by not flowing with the movements, by the exact way you want to flow.**

There are two ways you can block Him. The first is by grieving Him and the second is by quenching Him. But if you allow Him to move in your life He will move to the point you can't block Him anymore. You can't stop a tornado. The Holy Spirit can move you when He is building you up. He will just blow and move things. Don't block Him. If you allow Him to continue He will carry you.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. Mark 1:12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. There is a difference between being led and being driven. When you are driven you are being carried. And Jesus flowed with the Spirit until the Spirit could carry Him. Every time Jesus moved in the Holy Spirit something wonderful happened.

Mark 6:51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. The wind ceased because there was such an anointing. Wherever Jesus went the Holy Spirit was the one moving Him.

Matthew 14:32-33 And when they got into the boat the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of the God." There was something that He brought into the boat. It was the presence of the Holy Spirit flowing out of Him.

Luke 8:24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. Jesus rebukes the wind with His words: His words are more powerful than the natural wind.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. When He spoke the same wind of the Holy Spirit came out from Him. He was being driven by the wind of the Spirit all the time. His words contained the Spirit of God because He contained the Spirit of God. He was filled with the Spirit of God. The Spirit did not only lead him but everywhere He went the Spirit drove him.

As the hunger for God increases in our lives, the Holy Spirit can take a hold of you until you are literally driven by Him to do the things of God. Paul says the love of God compels me constrains me to do what God commands Him. And when it moves in such intensity that is when signs and wonders occur. And we need to develop this hunger in our lives. The hungrier you are for God the greater His presence will be in your life. One reason why the Spirit Of God moves so mightily in David's life was because he was hungry for God. As the deer panteth after the water brooks, so my soul longeth after God. 2 Samuel 23.2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me and his word was on my tongue. It was God's word that was stirring in his life.

2 Timothy I: 6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. Paul was not asking the spirit to stir but Timothy himself must stir up. How do I stir up the gift of God in my life? By allowing the wind to begin. When you release the Spirit of God in your life you begin to pray in the Spirit to sing in the Spirit. The more you pour forth the vacuum inside you is filled. As you build that into your life when we all get together, we will have a great wind stirring in our midst. Something always happens when believers get together. The Spirit moves stronger because the force of the Holy Spirit blowing in our lives begins to combine. And the corporate anointing of the wind is the Spirit of God. And we tap it by hungering after Him, longing after Him and thirsting after him. Then we shall be stirring up that gift within us.

Genesis 3:8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. How did God walk? It was the wind that came. When God manifests His presence, when God moves and flows there is a wind. But the tragedy is that even after Adam entered into fellowship with God that he could hear the sound of God and he used to respond to God after the fall, he now after the fall runs away from the sound of God. Ever since that day the world can not know Him because the world did not see Him and understand Him. You can only know the presence of God through

the wind of God in the person of the Holy Spirit. There is no possibility of experiencing God without experiencing the person of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples by breathing on them. Ezekiel 37:5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. The bones come alive when the breath of God enters into them. This breath is the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing and giving new life and revival to the church. Revival is always due to the wind of God.

2. THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-3 When The Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

The Holy Spirit manifests Himself as fire doing a different type of work.

1 Kings 19:11-13 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks into pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

The wind was a manifestation of the Lord's presence. But the wind in itself is not the Lord.

And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out of the cave and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah was familiar with the presence of God. But he also was aware of the difference between the presence and the voice. The fire tells something of the Lord. What is God showing when He manifests Himself in the fire? This is a special part of the personality of God.

Genesis 15:17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

This was a manifestation of the Spirit. The fire of the Holy Spirit is a symbol of God cutting a covenant with us. A covenant is the most powerful bond a person can have. When you have a covenant relationship with God, God calls you His friend and His son.

And this means that the fire of the Holy Spirit comes when you have a covenanted relationship with God. This means that a price is involved in a covenant relationship with God. There is a surrender on your part. There is an exchange between two parties.

The fire of God comes in different degrees. When you are just beginning your life in the Spirit, you are in the covenant relationship through the blood of Jesus. But this covenant relationship is not automatic. It has to be activated. The fire of the Holy Spirit begins to manifest more and more as you deepen this covenant relationship with God.

For the baptism of the fire to take place we must reach a point when we can say, "God, my life is no more mine. My talents are no more mine. My gifts are no more mine. My money and possessions are no more mine. They are yours for your use. And

because they are no more mine, I make a decision no more to use my talents just for myself. I will no more consider everything mine. I will consider them all Yours.”

As you make this kind of commitment and covenantal relationship the Holy Spirit will begin to manifest in your life as a fire. He will come like a fire into your life in a way that He has never come before. Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. When you make a sacrifice of yourself God will send the fire of the Holy Spirit to seal that covenant.

And a covenant is powerful. A covenant puts you in a position of favour and grace. Everything you do exuberates and shows forth the grace of God in your life. David Livingstone, an explorer and a Christian missionary had a goat who accompanied him during his explorations in the jungles of Africa. And this goat provided him with all the milk and nutrition that he needed. One day he met a chief who liked him and wanted to make a covenant with him. This covenant had to be sealed with an exchange. The chief said he would give him his spear in exchange for Livingstone's goat. Livingstone was hesitant. But he eventually made the exchange. And wherever he went with that spear people of every tribe would welcome him and not harm him, because that spear belonged to the most powerful chief in the region. And if anyone harmed Livingstone, the chief would avenge him.

In the same manner, when people make a covenant relationship with God, they sacrifice something. They lose a part of their self. You lose your whole self. At the same time the benefits of a covenant are there in that God gives extra protection and extra grace. God activates more of His presence with you than before, more of His angels' presence. There is more of what He is giving you. There is no favoritism here. It is meant for all. God has opened a door for everybody to enter. He wants to love everyone as He loves Jesus. But He can not love without conditions. His love is present to us without conditions. But the manifestation of blessings can not come automatically. These come only with conditions. Only with conditions can it be fair. There is a certain favoritism only because He is pleased with them because they have met the requirements. When Abel had a relationship, Cain was very angry because he asked the Lord why He accepted Abel's sacrifice and not his. God told Cain, “If you do well, wouldn't you be accepted?” God was saying that if Cain had played by the rules and offered his sacrifice with a sincere heart, then his sacrifice would have been accepted too.

There is no favouritism but there is an avenue for you to develop a close and intimate relationship with God. Why do God do things like that? The answer is love has to come from a free will. When God gives an opportunity to all to come into His deep presence and some choose to take this opportunity and others do not, He will know who really loves Him. You can not really get someone to love you by force. That is why in man God has given him an element of freewill so that he can bring the fullest of love to God. When you are free and yet you choose Him you are marvellous.

This covenant relationship has a role to play in that. And the fire whereby God seals this covenant is a symbol of the fact that you are now covenanted with you. This fire is the Holy Spirit, which brings a new measure of His presence. Exodus 3 God came to Moses in fire because He wanted to confirm His covenant. The fire of the Holy Spirit is a confirmation of the covenant.

In a covenant relationship you give your best. You can not say you love somebody more than God and have a covenant with God. The moment you do you are moving out of the covenant. The covenant is potentially yours but it is not activated anymore. The covenant will only be in force if you keep your part. God is not obligated to keep the covenant with you if you do not keep your part. So God demands in the covenant, "Give Me your heart." If you love somebody more than God the fire starts to go out in your life. And the power of the Holy Spirit's presence becomes absent in your life. You can not afford that to happen. It is too precious. The fire of the Holy Spirit will not come on those who do not want Him.

2 Chronicles 5:11, 14 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions. The priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

The glory of the Lord is the general manifestation of His presence when His people call upon Him. And He could appear to all and anyone. That glory is the manifestation of God the Father. When you taste the glory of God, something changes in your life. But you want something more that will last generation after generation. You want more than just a taste of His glory.

2 Chronicles 6:1-2 Then Solomon spoke: "**The Lord said He would dwell in the dark cloud.** I have surely built You an exalted house. And a place for You to dwell in forever." Solomon wanted the temple to be a special place for the presence of God for the future. 2 Chronicles 7:1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Fire consumed the burnt offering and the glory of God was present. The glory is the general manifestation but the fire is special. The fire is the symbol of His acceptance of the covenant. God heard Solomon and from that day on the temple was in a special covenanted protection and favor of God.

And whenever the people apostatized and repented and returned to God, God renewed the covenant of the temple. God sealed the covenant with fire. And there is no way you are going to get the fire of God in your life unless you pay a price. There is a price to pay for the fire of God to burn bright in our lives. When God baptized them in fire He was also invoking the new covenant. Acts 2 The wind of the Spirit was a manifestation of the creative work that He was doing. But there was a fire too and that fire was the seal of His covenant with the Church. Now they are a covenanted people.

And how do we invoke that covenant and bring ourselves to that place? 1 Kings 18:38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Fire descended from heaven to consume the sacrifice. The first thing you must do is mentioned in vs. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken. You must repair the altar of the Lord that was broken down in your life. What does the altar of God represent? Your heart. Your heart was always meant entirely for God. It is broken down by sin when people give part of their heart to money and part of their heart to the world. Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. You have lost your first love. We must return to the first love. We must return to the Lord with all our heart. This may not be easy because we have become

attached to so many things. But you must always come back and pray the prayer of dedication, "Lord, all that I am is still yours."

Perhaps you may have said that when you were young. It is a different thing when you are thirty or forty years old because as you grow you prosper. You increase. And as you increase and become more blessed you have to pray it again. The prayer of dedication must be prayed every time you increase.

It can also happen that at the start of your ministry you are full of zeal for the Lord, ready to do everything for Him. But after twenty or thirty years you become cold, you have no more compassion. What must you do? Repair the altar of your heart.

The second thing that Elijah did was (v. 31) to take 12 stones representing each of the tribes of Israel. With these he built an altar in the name of the Lord. After you bring your heart to God, you must bring all of your life. The 12 stones symbolize the whole of Israel made up of 12 tribes. Bring all of your life before God and make a covenant relationship with Him. Give God all your best, your talents. Give God your bodies now, give God your minds now. Do everything for God and not for the world. If you do all these then you are preparing a way for the fire of God to come into your life.

The third thing that Elijah did was to cut the wood and lay it on the altar. The wood represents the cross. You can not make a perfect sacrifice until you experience the cross in the surrender of Jesus Christ. You can never experience the fullness of dedication until you do it through the cross. Paul said that his life was no longer his but it now belongs to Christ. He says to the Corinthians that their bodies are no longer theirs. They have been bought with a price. It is now a temple of the Holy Spirit.

When you enter into a covenant relationship with God you must realize that it is going to touch your Isaac. It is going to touch your best. As you come you must remember that nothing we give to Him has any value as what He has given to us. God is not going to accept you on your own merits. There is no way God is going to accept because you are giving everything to God. You have to come through the cross, through the Blood of Jesus Christ. That is the only way your sacrifice is going to be accepted. It is now how big or how great the sacrifice is. It is whether the Blood has touched it. No matter how much pain, work and slog and toil, without the Blood God is not going to accept. God is not going to accept your sacrifice if the Blood has not touched it. You need to come by the Blood, the cross of Jesus Christ.

The next thing is the water which represents the Word. Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Your minds must be renewed by the Word of God. Dedicate your mind to God for the Word. Jesus says if you love Me you will love My Word. You will have to spend time with the Word as an indication that you mean business with God.

Sometimes God will let you remain in a position of surrender so that you may see truly what is in your heart before His fire comes down. He will see how much time you spend with the Word day in and day out. He will watch how you dedicate yourself to being with Him. He wants you to be dedicated to His Word completely.

Finally, when the water trench is full, God sent the fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice. And the people cried, "The Lord is God, the Lord is God." And God is saying right now to be intimate with the Holy Spirit. There are some things in the Holy Spirit, which He will not let you do. Fire destroys. That is why the fire of the Holy Spirit can not tolerate sin and chaff and must destroy it.

There is a closeness and a place in the heart of God which is reserved only for those who were pressed into the things of God. If I knew all that it takes to do what God wants, I would have never done it. But now I have done it, I am glad. When I did all those things the fire of God came into my life and the powerful presence of God was made manifest in my life.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A DOVE

As we look at the Holy Spirit as a dove, we see that this is a powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit binding us to God. In Gen. 1:9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God said let the waters be bound together, be brought together in one place. That is the word waiting, the word qavah express. When the bible says in Isa. 40:31 But those who qavah before the Lord, the expression means being gathered in oneness with the Lord. We may be qavah together but for you to be qavah with the Lord is something else. So Isa. 40:31 takes place when you are bound together with the Lord. The Hebrew word expresses like a vine or a plant that is twined together in the Lord, like the ropes that are twined together until it becomes one solid rope. The Hebrew word for waiting on God also means to be intertwined together with Him or to be bounded together with Him. The same word wait in Isa. 40 is the same Hebrew word where God bounded the waters together in the book of Gen. 1. Hence Isaiah 40:31 **They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength** may also be read as They that are bounded together with the Lord shall renew their strength. This binding process takes place through our relationship with the Holy Spirit especially with the Holy Spirit as a dove.

In the Holy Spirit as a wind we see the creativity and the creative work of the Holy Spirit in the manifest form and power. In the Holy Spirit as a fire we see the Holy Spirit sealing a covenant relationship which we have with God. In the wind He shows His power. As a wind He shows His might. In the fire He comes upon our lives and embraces us as a part of Him. As a fire He places His right on our lives.

But as a dove He whispers to us. And as a dove He speaks and whispers His love and works to our spirit.

Matt. 3:15-17 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him. And lo, a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

The Holy Spirit came in Jesus' life as a dove. He came to the disciples in Acts 2 as the wind and as the fire. The Holy Spirit comes as a dove after you have known the wind and the fire. So it's a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew God. He knew the wind of the Spirit and He knew the fire of the Spirit as His life was consecrated. He says in the gospel of Jn. 17 for this purpose I sanctify myself. So the main manifestation we see of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life is incoming as a dove.

Now that does not just belong to Jesus. For if we are to do the same works as Jesus we would need the same anointing as Jesus. All of Jesus' anointing came from that incident of being baptized in the River Jordan. All His mighty works came from that incident when the Holy Spirit came as a dove. Therefore for us to move into the works of Jesus we need the same relationship with the Holy Spirit as He has - the Holy Spirit as a dove.

The wind and the fire are something to consider but to move on deeper and to press on deeper, the Holy Spirit must minister to you as a dove. It transforms your life. You

will begin to understand the very heart of God. The Holy Spirit as a dove speaks of several things. He speaks first of gentleness. Secondly He speaks about His peace. If you realize it will relate to His love. So these are qualities of His very person. A person is someone who has feelings. Someone who has "soul quality." And in the Holy Spirit as a dove we will see the very soul quality of the Spirit: His gentleness, the peacefulness, and the wonderful manifestation of His voice. There is no voice as the voice of the Holy Spirit. If you understand Him as a dove you can easily pick up His voice.

Gentleness of the Holy Spirit

Lets see the Holy Spirit in the form of gentleness. There are two aspects to show forth His gentleness and the gentle ways He operates. And there are two warnings that we have to be aware when we relate to His gentle personality. See a dove symbolize gentleness. Jesus said be wise as serpent and harmless as dove. Jesus Himself uses the illustration of a dove as being innocent and gentle. The Holy Spirit as a dove can rest upon our lives like a bird resting on a branch. He is not a dove; He is as a dove - don't mistake that. He is not a fire - He is as a fire.

Sometimes people imagine the Holy Spirit coming on Jesus as a small dove. They see Jesus as a man, strong and full of the glory of God. And as He came up from the waters of baptism they see a nice little dove flying from the heavens above and coming upon Him. My friends He is not that small. What I see with the eyes of my spirit is the Holy Spirit coming like a huge bird and He comes upon Jesus and He overshadows Jesus and He becomes one with the Lord Jesus. His wings are big enough to cover Jesus and the rest of His life He is on Jesus. From that moment onwards miracles took place.

So there are two aspects of His gentleness that we must learn to be very careful. One is grieving the Spirit and the other is quenching the Spirit.

The bible says in Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. The Greek word for grieve is a word that conveys sadness and sorrow. And so the Holy Spirit can be saddened. He can be filled with sorrow. He lives inside of us and we can cause Him to be sad. He has a personality so gentle that like a bird resting on branch, if you are a restless branch He can not rest. He is in you but He does not really have a grip over your life. It's only when you are still that the Holy Spirit comes and rests on you as a dove. Whenever you move out of the rest into restlessness the Holy Spirit will take off again. He is so gentle that He is the gentlest personality of the whole universe. We can cause Him to be sad just like you can cause your loved one to be sad. By the words you speak and by your actions the Holy Spirit can be grieved.

I Thes. 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. The Greek word quench is the same word that is used as in quenching a fire. The context of that verse says do not despise prophecy. So quenching in the Greek gives a picture of a fire coming up and someone taking a pail of water and pouring it over the fire. That is the same picture the Greek gives of quenching the Spirit.

These two aspects speak from different angles: the grieving comes from a sin of commission whereas the quenching comes from a sin of omission. You grieve the

Holy Spirit when you do something or say something or even when you think something that is wrong. He straightaway becomes sad. When your attitudes, actions or words are wrong or are damaging to the Body of Christ or to a servant of God the Holy Spirit starts being grieved. When you begin to move into a wrong attitude, speak a wrong word or do a wrong action that the Holy Spirit is not pleased with and if it's not His will which He did not ask you to do and you went ahead and did it you grieve the Holy Spirit.

The opposite of it is that when the Holy Spirit has asked you to do something. He has asked you to speak words of love. Asked you to do something to show God's love to somebody, and you didn't do it when the fire was coming out from you, you have quenched the Holy Spirit. So on one side is doing what He doesn't want to be done. On the other side is when He wants you to do something and you didn't do it. Sometimes it could mean that He wants to operate a gift in your life and you didn't operate it, He is quenched. So these two extremes speak about the gentleness of the Holy Spirit. We must be obedient to do what He tells us to do and be obedient not to do what He did not ask us to do.

Peacefulness

The other aspect of the Holy Spirit as a dove is the peace that He brings. Understand that peace is one attribute of the whole entire fruit of the Holy Spirit. We have shown that all the nine fruits of the Spirit are different aspects of the love of God. They are all different aspects of the one fruit of the love of God. Gal. 5:22 it says that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance. All these are fruit singular and not plural.

Turn with me to I Cor. 13:4-5 love suffers long, (that is, long suffering, which is one of the fruit of the Spirit), love is kind (goodness), love does not envy, love does not parade itself; is not puffed up (what is that? Peace) Love does not behave rudely (gentleness), does not seek its own (meekness); is not provoked (temperance); thinks no evil (self control) Verse 6 Does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth (joy) Verse 7 bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endure all things (that is faithfulness). Love never fails. So these aspects of love in I Cor. 13 are the nine fruit of the Spirit as spelt out in Gal. 5:22.

Having that background lets understand that when we are talking about the peace of God, it is the peace of God coming forth in its manifestation with all these other fruit in the background. So you can not actually pull one fruit of Spirit out by itself as all are interrelated with one another and they are all one fruit. But when we consider peace we are talking about a powerful aspect of the peace of God.

The peace of God has a certain quality about it. In the world peace is a condition of being in harmony one with another in the natural. In the kingdom of God peace directly relates to harmony with the source Himself, the Almighty God the Father. So peace in the bible is a state or a position of being in God.

Secondly in the bible peace is a substance. Peace can be imparted. In Matt. 10 Jesus says to the disciples whom He send two by two He says that when you go to a place you shall say peace to this house and your peace can come onto that house. And if the house is not worthy He says when you depart that peace will get back on you. It is a

spiritual substance that seems to be transferable. Even Jesus says in Jn. 14:27 My peace I give to you not as the world give do I give to you. He says its His special peace that He gives to us. It's something that can be given.

In I. Peter chapter 1 and II Peter chapter 1 it tells you grace and peace can be multiplied. If something can be multiplied it has to be something more tangible than just a state of being or condition. Peace can be multiplied and it is a substance that can be imparted. That substance of peace is the Holy Spirit as a peace. But there is a lot inside that we are going to consider and I am just laying the foundation first. After you see all 3 relate together.

Dove

The third aspect of the Holy Spirit as dove is the voice of the Holy Spirit. Lets turn to I Kg. 19:11-12 And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

The still small voice is the Holy Spirit as a dove. The word still is from the Hebrew word peace. What does stillness talk about? Calmness. And that's the Holy Spirit manifesting as a dove. See the wind came by, the fire came by, but when the dove shows up Moses quickly wrapped himself and walked outside ready to hear from God.

That is why the Holy Spirit as a wind will do mighty things. He will tear rocks and move things apart. Holy Spirit as a fire will seal the covenant. The Holy Spirit as a dove will whisper to your heart. In the wind He moves circumstances. In the fire He embraces you. In the dove He speaks intimately with you. A still small voice is the manifestation of Him as a dove. And that is why it's related to all the other two aspects of His character as a dove: His gentleness and His peace.

In the gospel of Lk. 1 calls peace a way. Here we have in Jesus where God says that it is peace that will rule on this earth. Peace is a direction. All these relate to the voice of the Holy Spirit. There are some who know about the Holy Spirit. There are some who know what He has done. And they know to a certain extend a little bit of fire and spark of the Holy Spirit. But fewer still know the Holy Spirit as a dove. You only know Him as a dove if you can recognize His voice. If you can not recognize His voice you don't know Him as a dove. You only know Him as a wind and as a fire. But you don't know Him as a dove. The Holy Spirit as a dove brings a deep relationship with the Father. Only through the Holy Spirit can you know the Father. After all Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit has come He will teach you all truth. And He will guide you into all truth. And He will show you things to come, for He shall take of Mine and show it to you. So the Holy Spirit as a dove comes to bring an intimacy to your relationship with God the Father Himself. That's why it's a special relationship.

Doing the Mighty Works

Let's see the life of Jesus. In Matt. 3 He was baptized in water and as He came up the Holy Spirit came as a dove and overshadowed His life. From that moment He walked

in the miracle power of God. The gospel of John unveils a secret of Jesus' ministry to us. Jesus says He does what the Father shows Him to do. The Son can do nothing without the Father. Only what the Father shows can Jesus do.

Jn. 14 where He promises us in verse 12 that we will do the works He did. In verses 10-11 He tells us that, "The works that I do it is not I but my Father in Me. And if you can not believe that the Father is in Me" He says to His disciples, "at least believe that the Father is in Me because of the works that I do." Jesus was saying that all His works resulted from His intimate relationship with the Father.

Even when He promised the greater works in verse 12 where He says, "He that believe in Me the works that I do he shall do also and greater works than this shall he do" is qualified by the condition "because I go to my Father." If you want to do the works of Jesus and greater works you better understand what the "because I goes to the Father" means. For the phrase "because I go to my Father" is important to doing the works and the greater works. Without that later phrase you can't do the rest. It is a conditional promise. The works that I do he will do also and greater works than this shall he do because I go to my Father. As we examine what He means by going to the Father, we realize that going to the Father means sending of the Spirit. Jesus said that, "It is expedient that I go, for if I don't go the Holy Spirit will not come." It is only when Jesus goes to the Father that the Holy Spirit can come.

And isn't it marvelous that when He talk about the Holy Spirit He talk about peace, joy and love in the gospel of John 14, 15 and 16. They are all interrelated together, peace, love and joy. Whenever you see peace manifest it's the Holy Spirit as a dove. If going to the Father means the Holy Spirit coming down. And if the greater works has a relationship to going to the Father then the greater works is related to the coming of the Spirit. If A=B, B=C than A=C. When Jesus was speaking about "The works that I do you will also do and greater works than these will you do.." He was talking about the coming of the Spirit. When He comes you will do the works that Jesus did and greater works. He comes as a wind, He comes as a fire and He comes powerfully as a dove.

Peace in the bible speaks about mighty works. You can see a small little pattern of that in the natural. Before peace can come on this planet earth there usually is war. The wars brought about a period of peace in the Roman Empire. The Romans conquered and ruled the land and there was peace. That is the natural peace as an illustration. Man will never have a permanent period of peace because of their unregenerate hearts. The only way to change mankind is to change man's heart first.

Crushing the Enemy

In Rom. 16 Paul wrote to the Romans and say the God of peace shall crush Satan under your feet. Normally we will say the God of might and power will crush the devil under your feet. But no he says the God of peace. Peace will crush the devil. Why is peace important to us? How does peace crush the devil? We are soldiers of Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace. The most important about a soldier is to hear the commander-in-chief. No matter how many soldiers there can be if the soldiers are in disharmony they can be easily beaten by another disciplined and smaller group who obey its commander-in-chief. So the most important thing to defeat the devil is to hear from God. And to hear from God you need to know the peace of God.

There is no way you can hear God if you don't have peace. Only in an atmosphere of peace can you hear the dove of the Holy Spirit speaking. Peace is an atmosphere that must prevail. And if you are someone who hears from the Spirit you are a threat to the enemy. Satan is afraid of you because you are linked up with the commander-in-chief. Everything you do is a command directly coming from Him. And whatever you do is going to destroy the enemy.

Peace is powerful. So the devil knows that the main area he can defeat us is to separate us from the Lord. As long as we are with the Lord and one with the Lord he can never defeat us. So he must cause our relationship with the Lord to be out of fellowship or in a position where we are restless and we can not hear from God that's when he can defeat us. I know we have power over the devil. But the power we have over the devil is a power that results from a relationship with God and is not a power that is isolated from God. You can walk in victory, cause the enemy to tremble, crush the devil under your feet as long as your relationship with God is right. The moment your relationship with God is wrong and you are out of fellowship with God there is no way you can defeat the enemy. You can try but the enemy will laugh in your face. The enemy is more afraid when we hear and obey God than what we try to do on our own. It is peace that crushes and defeats Satan. The God of peace will defeat Satan for you when you hear His voice and obey His commands.

Revealing the Father

The God of peace is again used in the book of Heb. 13 when he talked about He being our shepherd. Peace talks about the living God in our lives. Peace points back to what we have said the still small voice is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit as a dove. But behind all these manifestation that are good and powerful the purpose of the Holy Spirit coming as a dove is to reveal the Father to you. Jesus said as the Father is in me and I in Him the Father does the work. If you don't have a revelation of the Fatherhood of God you will never do the works of Jesus. And the Holy Spirit comes to reveal the Father. The Father comes through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in John 14:18 I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you. How will He come? Through the Holy Spirit. Orphans are children whose parents have died. They have nobody to lean on, nobody to embrace and love them, nobody to provide for them. Jesus said I will not leave you orphans. Behind it He says when the Holy Spirit comes you will no longer be orphans, for when the Spirit comes He will show you the Father. And that revelation of the Fatherhood of God was to open your being up that you will know the Father and the heart of the Father.

In the early days of my ministry I prayed, "Lord teach me your power." As I minister onto the Lord, the Lord began to teach and said, "Son there is no way that you will know My power until you know My heart. There is no way you can see the might of My hand until you see the depth of My heart." I realize how much power we have with God is proportional to how much we understand the heart of the Father. And who can give us the heart of the Father. Who can reveal His heart to us? The Holy Spirit as a dove will reveal God as Father to you so that you are no more an orphan without a father. Your father is God the Father. And all keys come from the Father.

Rom. 1:7 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Cor. 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

II Cor. 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We could turn to all the epistles. We could turn to Gal. We will find Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We can turn Colossians. and Ephesians. And in every epistles Paul says grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. He is making his point. Peace comes from Him. It is a relationship with the Father.

Notice the words grace and peace but here we are talking about peace that comes from the Father. It is not the peace of the world but it is a peace that comes from the Father. And peace can be in measures. If peace can be multiplied then peace can be in measures. And according to the measure of peace you have that is the measure of your victory over the enemy for the God of peace crushes the enemy. **There are degrees of peace. We need the peace of God, which starts when you are born again but it can grow.**

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace that we receive from God has to do with the relationship we have with the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and it is actualized into our lives through the person of the Holy Spirit as a dove. In other words the Holy Spirit as a dove comes to reveal the Father to you.

There are different relationships we all have with the Father. Some people see the Father as a supermarket. Give us this day our daily bread - give me, give me. That is the first relationship we have with our earthly father. Do you think that is all that the Father came to bring and reveal Himself? That is only the beginning of our relationship with the Father. If as a child you prayed to God, "Please, dear Lord, give me some chocolate" but now as an adult you pray, "Please, dear Lord, give me a car", then it is the same old relationship you have with the Father. You have not really known the Father. You have not known the heart of the Father. You know the hand of the Father the hand that gives. But God wants us to grow more than that. When the Holy Spirit as a dove came, He came with that sole expressed purpose of revealing the Father to us. And as we grow in the Lord we get to know our Father better. And we realize our Father is not just a provider but He is our friend.

Wouldn't it be nice to see your children growing up? At one time they were dependent on you but as they grew up they became self-supporting. They are still close to you but their relationship with you is different. If someone keeps coming to you because you can give him something, you don't really know whether he is your friend or he really loves you or whether he is just making use of you. When that person need not come to you for anything, yet he still comes, then you know it is his relationship with you that he cherishes and not for what you can give him.

And that is what our Father wants to do. He wants us to reach a deep level of relationship with Him and there is no way we can reach that level unless God is revealed. He is not discovered (you never see that word in the Bible) but He is revealed. And if He is revealed then that means there is someone doing the process of revealing Him to you. That person is the Holy Spirit, who like a dove embraces you and communicate in His own way the person and the love of the Father.

There are many people who know God as God. But that is an Old Testament relationship. There are many Christians who are born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, tongue talking, demon chasing, bible carrying, hand laying and they know enough of God that they could pray prayers but they only know God as God. They are still having an Old Testament-type of relationship with the Father although they are dressed up in New Testament clothes.

When Jesus came on this planet earth one of His most precious revelations is to show us the Father. Suppose my mission is to go to “Z” and tell him about “A”. So I go to this brother “Z” and tell him everything about “A”. Finally this brother accepts the fact of the love and the message from “A”. Wouldn’t it be sad if “Z” didn’t accept the love of “A”? Jesus came to tell us about the Father but there are many Christians who are afraid of the Father. They see the Father sitting on His throne with a rod in His hand. Jesus is so sweet, so gentle and we come to Jesus and everything is Jesus and we never get to the Father. That is heart breaking to Jesus. Jesus wants us to go to the Father and relate to the Father. Jesus wants to be our elder brother and help us relate as one family to the Father. That is the goal of Jesus. He says He has come to show us the Father.

The Jews were shocked when Jesus called God His Father. Jesus always expresses His prayers to God as Father except for once at the cross. When He had our sins on Him and His fellowship with the Father was broken because of our sins, that is the only time in Jesus’ recorded life that He said, “My God, my God, why has thou forsaken Me.” Before that He always says, “Father, Father.” And He taught His disciples to pray, “Heavenly Father.” And Paul learns to pray to the Father in Jesus’ name through the Holy Spirit. There are many Christians praying to Jesus. Jesus doesn’t mind that except that you won’t understand the whole set up of the heavenly kingdom. And Jesus came to reveal the heart of the Father.

Some people have difficulty with addressing God as Father. When I was first new to Christianity I was taught to address God as my Father. That is the beginning of a relationship. But there is more. The address of our Father is more intimate than that.

Turn to Rom. 8:11 If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you. Verses 14-17 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

It’s the Holy Spirit that gives us revelations of the Father. There is something in the Spirit that can be taught. But there is something in the Spirit that is caught. And there are other things in the Spirit that can only be implanted. And that is the work of the Holy Spirit. We can talk all we want about the born again experience but only the Holy Spirit can give the born again experience. That is one of His first rivers of manifestation. But otherwise we need to experience the Father. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives us the indescribable, incomprehensible, experience of God as our Father. It is something to be tasted, to be experienced and not just to be studied. The walk that we have with God is an experience with an invisible Person, the Almighty

who becomes our Father. And this relationship begins when we were born again and it grows deeper and deeper as we grow in Him.

Sometimes people have asked me who is my mentor. I don't have any. I know there are other people who can find help in doing that. Perhaps its because of that experience I went through that caused my relationship with God to be sufficient. But if you need a mentor there is no harm with that. Sometimes people come to me and asks me to whom do I go to for counseling and prayer? Besides having friends in the ministry but the most closest person that I have is the Holy Spirit Who helps me understand my relationship with the Father? I come from a background where I don't have truly an earthly father's love. I have a very good father and there is no mistake about that. He provided well for the family and he disciplined and taught us the right principles of life so that we could grow up to be good people. But we never knew the heart of a father. I never heard from his lips that he said, "I love you." Neither did I hear that from my mother.

That kind of situation causes me to turn to the Lord through time. So I began to trust the Father. From the early days I depended on God more than on any earthly person. I began to trust and bring every thing to the Father. But one of the most precious times I had with the Holy Spirit was when He revealed the Father to me. That is how I met with the Holy Spirit as a dove. I knew when He anointed me and called me to the ministry. I know the wind of the Spirit. I know the fire of the Spirit. But when the Holy Spirit came as a dove and introduced to me the Father I was overwhelmed. It came when my ministry began to grow and there were more burdens for the Lord to carry. It caused me to seek a closer relationship with the Father.

One day the Holy Spirit just took me aside in one of those precious times and asked me what I wanted. In the early days of king Solomon God asked him what he wanted and he asked for wisdom to govern God's people. God granted him wisdom and added prosperity and blessings to him. There is such a relationship we have with the Father. See Christians who live at the lower level tend to ask God to "Give me, give me." They don't understand the higher principles. You walk so closely with God that you hardly ask for something. You only ask when the Father asks you to ask. But you are literally at a stage where Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added onto you is fully exploited and fulfilled. All that we need in life, riches, finances and anything you need from God is the fringe benefit. He says, "Seek ye first the kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added onto you." Just think about that - the adding on of things are only the fringe benefits and not the main benefit. Imagine the world out there working like a dog for the fringe benefits. Some Christians see the fringe benefits as the main benefits. God does not want us to do that. They are fringe benefits. You see the Christian kingdom is so different from the world. And the interesting thing is that we don't need to lack when we are seeking the main benefit for the fringe benefits will be added to us.

If God had come to me in the earlier days of ministry I would have a long list of about 1001 things. But as you grow to know God more you do that less and less. As you do more worship and praise the more fringe benefits are added to you. In one of those times when I was worshiping God and there was this gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. And He asked, "What do you want and I will give it to you." I searched my heart. I searched my life. I searched my situation. I searched my ministry. And I said, "Lord I don't think I want fame. I don't think I ask for prosperity although I need them but

they are not the main things in life. I don't feel that I can ask about the ministry because the ministry is not mine. I am just an unworthy servant." And I said, "Lord there is one thing I want very much in my life. I want more of You and the Father." The moment I said that it felt like a cloud just descended and I experienced the Father like I never had before. And everything I do from that time onwards comes out from my relationship with the Father. Whether I teach, I preach, I counsel everything comes out from my relationship with the Father. See everything you do in the kingdom of God comes out of your relationship with the Father. If you are not close with the Father it will be revealed in your work and ministry. If you are close to the Father it will also come out. I said, "Father I never know you until the Holy Spirit showed me about you. I know that you took care of me. You answered many prayers but I have never known you."

And it's because of that kind of experience that I had no mentors. And I have never felt that need to relate to any human being in the fatherly sense. Although I treat all who are older to me with respect. But I have never sort of totally depended on one human individual like a daddy to me. I know Him well enough to know that whatever I need, whatever situation I am, I can go to Him. I began to understand the Father. And then He began to work on my life from that day onwards to bring me to a closer relationship with the Father. And its during one of those times I heard the Father voice speaking through the Holy Spirit saying, "Call me by your most intimate words and names you know." And the Holy Spirit asked me, "What do you call your earthly father?" I said, "Papa." So the Holy Spirit began to deal with my life and He sort of whisper a still small voice, "Why don't you call the Father that?" I said, "O no." I mean He is God. He is Almighty. He made the galaxies. He created the Milky Way which is filled with million of stars. He is so big for me that I feel uncomfortable. And the Holy Spirit said, "That is what He has come to do. He wants to be your papa." Theologically I agree with that but practically it was difficult for me. And in the end I brought myself to the Father and I said, "Papa who art in heaven I just love you." The first time I prayed that way, it was the most uncomfortable feeling for me. But from that day onwards in my own personal prayer I call Him Papa. I know He is God of the universe but He is my Papa. The good news is that when Jesus is your Lord He is your Papa too.

Just close your eyes for a moment. I want you to right now see the Father and His throne and I want you to speak to Him in your most intimate words. The way you call your earthly father call your heavenly Father. If you called your earthly father, "Daddy", now call God, "Daddy." If Papa, then call Him, "Papa." You say I am grown up, I am 80 years old, I am 90, I am 120, but we are all His little children. He is our daddy our papa our God indeed but also our Father. Just call Him softly in loving tones to the Father. He loves that, He wants people to relate to Him in that way and that is why Jesus came that we would know the Father. You know what this does to you? It makes you become like a little child before Him but this time not relating to any earthly father. It's the most refreshing thing the ministry of Jesus has ever provided. And if you have that kind of relationship with God you will never be weary, you will never be discouraged because you have Papa behind you. You have Papa to cover you when you need to be covered. You have Papa to embrace you when you need to be embraced. You have Papa to run to when the world is against you. And He alone can provide the comfort, which no human being can provide. He can literally take the place of your earthly father.

4. THE SEVEN RIVERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Turn to the book of Rev. 4. We are going to look at the Holy Spirit as a river. The Holy Spirit is the only manifestation of God where the bible does not record His form like a man as it records of the Father and the Son sitting at His right hand. But it does tell us something that is manifested in heaven from the very throne of God. One fine day when we are back to be with God we will see the seven rivers that flow from the throne of God. And the seven rivers are the rivers of the Holy Spirit. They represent the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. 4:3-6 And He who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And round the throne, one each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind.

So we have the seven lamps that represent the seven spirits of God. And they are actually also rivers that flow forth from the throne of God. From beneath the throne flows a mighty river. That river flows forth in the 7 fold manifestations that we will call the seven spirits of God, or actually the seven manifestations of the Spirit of God. And these seven spirits of God form into four rivers in the book of Revelation. In the book of Revelation you see four rivers in the Garden of Eden. And that symbolized the Holy Spirit. Rivers have always been a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The bible says of the Holy Spirit that He is a river. In Jn. 4 it says about living waters springing up from wells. And the well exists only because there is an underground river. So the symbol of the Holy Spirit is a river. In Jn. 7 Jesus said let him who is thirsty come and drink and out of his belly shall flow rivers (plural). There are seven rivers of living waters that flow through such a person.

In the book of Ezekiel you read about that river. And in the book of Revelation right towards the end we read about the river that flows from the throne of God. And that river brings healing wherever it goes. These seven rivers manifest the qualities of the Holy Spirit and they are different manifestation from the wind, from the fire and from the dove. They are special workings of the Spirit. All the seven rivers manifest the redemption and the fullness that Christ has redeemed for us. Just as the Holy Spirit as a dove reveals the Father, the Holy Spirit as a river reveals all the redemption of Jesus Christ. That's part of the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal the Father and to reveal the Son. The Holy Spirit as a river reveals the fullness of the inheritance that is found in Christ Jesus.

All these seven fold spirits is found in the book of Isa. 1:1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And 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 the fear of the Lord.

So you have No. 1 the Spirit of the Lord. No. 2 you have the spirit of wisdom. No. 3 you have the spirit of understanding. No. 4 you have the spirit of counsel. No. 5 you have the spirit of might. No. 6 you have the spirit of knowledge, and we are going to

examine that word it's different from wisdom. No. 7 you have the spirit of the fear of the Lord. There we have the seven fold spirits of God that Revelation 4 talks about. And this 7 fold spirits of the Lord flow forth and converge into the four rivers. The Spirit of the Lord remains one of the major rivers.

You can tie this to the four rivers of the book of Genesis. You examine the names of the four rivers in the book of Genesis and you find that each river represent one of the four convergences of river that reaches the planet earth. So there is the Spirit of the Lord. And then there is the river that converge wisdom and understanding together. The bible always links the two together and calls it the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Then we have the third river that converge on this planet earth as the spirit of counsel and might. The fourth convergence of river is the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. So knowledge and the fear of the Lord are together. Counsel and might are together. Wisdom and understanding are together. The reason is because wisdom and understanding work together; counsel and might work together; knowledge and the fear of the Lord work together. But in heaven they remain the seven spirits that Revelation talks about. And as the seven-fold manifestation reaches down to the planet earth, it forms into four major distributing points.

First River : New Birth

The Spirit of the Lord speaks about the work of the Holy Spirit in giving new birth. That is the first river you and I get into. The Spirit of the Lord comes into our lives and the bible tells us no man can call Jesus Lord accept the Spirit of God is the one who does it through them. In I Cor. 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. That is the first river we experience that is the born again experience. That is the first river that flows from God on high.

We understand about the rivers that come in the baptism in the Spirit. But the baptism in the Spirit covers a major realm. And here we divide it into three other rivers, which are actually six spirits together because they are in twins. These seven spirits are also represented by the seven colors of the rainbow. It starts with red, goes to orange, yellow, green, light blue, dark blue and purple - the seven colors of the rainbow. The other colors we can't see. So we see the 7 major colors.

The color red represent the river of God the Spirit of the Lord. Then we have orange and yellow, which represent the colors of revelation. And orange and yellow are symbolized by the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. Then we have green and light blue, which symbolized the Spirit of counsel and might, which is also healing. Green speaks about health. Then we have dark blue and purple. Purple the royal color which we will see is the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of God. So these are what we call different symbols of the Holy Spirit manifesting to us.

And sometimes just like colors, when the river of God flows you can not differentiate between them. Sometimes a portion of the river of God flows more abundantly than another. You tap on one river and then you flow to the next river. In a similar way when we see life we don't see it in the seven colors. We see them all combined together and our eyes interpret them as white. That is the Spirit of God. And to understand what each river represents it also ties up to the seven lamps that we see in

Revelation chapter 4 and it also ties up to the seven churches and what Jesus said to them.

So let's see what Jesus said to the 7 churches in the book of Revelations chapter 2 and 3. Each of the words that Jesus spoke to the churches contain promises which are different because all of them are representing one aspect of the inheritance in Christ. Seven is the number of perfection.

In the first church in Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. The tree of life represents the life of Jesus. It represents the plan of salvation in Christ. And that represents the Spirit of the Lord. That is the first river. When you are born again you eat of the tree of life. Jesus is the tree of life. You partake of His life when you were born again by the river of the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord came upon your life and you were born of the Spirit of God. It's the river of God manifesting in your life.

Second and Third River : Wisdom and Understanding

The 2nd and 3rd river is mentioned in the next 2 promises to the next churches. You notice that the seven lamps represent both the seven churches and they also represent the seven spirits for they both are one. The seven spirits and the seven lamps flow forth as a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who conquers shall not be hurt by the second death. That is the river that I will call the spirit of wisdom. See wisdom and understanding flow together.

Then you go to chapter 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone with a new name written on the stone, which no one knows except him who receives it.

Three things that the Lord says you would have in this river of understanding. He says No. 1 you have the hidden manna. No. 2 you will have a white stone and No. 3 a new name. Hidden manna speaks about the spiritual revelations of the Lord that are unfolded onto us. A stone is always a memorial symbol and a stone speaks about being founded on the revelations of the Lord. And on the stone is written a new name. Name symbolized your character. Jesus Christ gave Peter a new name. He calls him Peter, which means a rock. A new name symbolized a new call. And the name speaks about your future too, a new work or new vocation. See with revelations comes foundation and it comes direction. Hidden manna and then you have the stone and then a new name and new direction to move into. For in heaven we will receive a new work. It will be different from down here. There are plenty of things to do in heaven. Here it also speaks about the river of understanding.

So we have the two rivers flowing together the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Paul in Eph. 1:17 calls this river the spirit of wisdom and revelation. The word understanding can be interpreted as revelation. Let's examine it very carefully and see what it does. Wisdom is the ability to utilize knowledge for the purposes of life, either a spiritual life, soul life or natural life. Knowledge or understanding in itself is only

the first part. However you have to have understanding before you can have wisdom to utilize it. Understanding or revelation alone will give you what I call spiritual knowledge. Revelation is spiritual knowledge. Education brings natural knowledge but revelation brings spiritual knowledge to us by the Spirit of God.

To understand something is only half done. The other part is to apply it and that takes wisdom. A person may have knowledge but no wisdom. But people who have wisdom normally have knowledge. For it was the knowledge that was formed and applied and became wisdom. It starts with knowledge. The young sometimes have knowledge but no wisdom. The old have wisdom but this will increase more knowledge and more wisdom. That is why sometimes the young sees new things in a new realm. They have fresh revelation, new things, new knowledge and new ways but they don't know how to put them together. Sometimes in the natural world you have someone who has come up with a new idea. But the idea doesn't mean a thing until somebody else takes it and makes it into an invention that blesses humanity. Then there is a demand for that idea. Until the idea combined with wisdom is applied to the needs of humanity it remains valueless.

So wisdom and revelation flow as two rivers together. Paul did not pray just for the spirit of revelation. He says, "I pray that God may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation." For some times people have revelation but no wisdom. Some times people see new revelations but they have no wisdom to apply them. So the two must flow together. The 2nd and 3rd river must flow together. They are like the orange and the yellow light. They are very close to each other flowing together as one.

So that is the river that flow forth and it does a different thing altogether from the other river of the spirit of counsel and might. The rivers of wisdom and revelation bring forth to our lives an ability that is supernatural and a revelation that is supernatural. Remember it is not just an acquired wisdom. It is imparted wisdom. You can acquire wisdom through experience. Knowledge with experience sometimes produces wisdom if the person is teachable. We acquire wisdom through our experience. But in the spiritual world wisdom can be imparted. Remember wisdom is the ability to apply the knowledge. And that wisdom is imparted. So God impart the two things. He imparts the ability to perform and He imparts the revelation to understand. Two things flow together. You are able to have the ability and the revelation at the same time.

See some people have something revealed into their lives but they don't have wisdom to apply it. Others may pray to the Lord to give them the spirit of wisdom and then they are able to apply the revelation that somebody saw but could not bring it into manifestation. Wisdom and revelation are aspects of the Holy Spirit bringing what is in Christ to us. The bible talks about how in Christ is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. That is brought to us through the river call wisdom and revelation. It does not mean that when you are born again it automatically flows in your life. If it had Paul would not have prayed for the Ephesians, "I prayed for you that God may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation." They were already born again. When we were born again we received a measure of wisdom and revelation. But there are much more measures of wisdom and revelation that we can receive. The spirit of wisdom and revelation can be imparted through prayers or through laying on of hand.

In Deut. 34 we read about Moses and Joshua. The bible tells us here in the book of Deut. 34:9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the people of Israel obeyed him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. See Moses had the Spirit of God on him. He had the spirit of wisdom and revelation on his life. And when Moses laid his hands on Joshua the same spirit came on Joshua. And it was the same spirit that helped Joshua lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan.

We are talking about the Joshua generation. When Benny Hinn was in Singapore he spoke about the Joshua generation. How the Moses generation one by one has died and gone home to be with God. In the 90s and beyond the Joshua generation will lead God's people into greater works to possess the land to wipe out the giants. The Joshua generation must be filled with the Spirit of wisdom. It's the spirit of wisdom that equipped Joshua. He was powerful because of the Spirit of wisdom. If there was no Spirit on him he will not have been able to do all that he did. He crossed the river Jordan. As Moses parted the Red Sea the Jordan River parted before them. They walked across; he commanded the sun and the moon to stop. And all these powerful exploits came forth because of the Spirit that was on Joshua. And the bible tells us as a revelation into what kind of Spirit is that. It was the spirit of wisdom. The spirit of wisdom is very important when you are moving into a new era. And it's even more important in this generation of the 90s that we lived in.

There is another man the bible records besides Jesus who had the same Spirit. And he moved the Israelites into a new era. Solomon had the Spirit of wisdom and understanding placed upon his life. And that same Spirit equipped him to build the temple and brought the Israelites into a new era with the temple as a central point as their worship from that time onwards. So lets look into the book I Kings and see what God placed upon his life.

I Kgs. 3:5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what shall I give to you." Solomon basically asked for wisdom. In verse 9 it says Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people." And in verse 12 the Lord answered, Behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none shall arise after you. There you have it wisdom and understanding.

In the book of II Chron. 1:12 Wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. Let me explain in II Chron. chapter one the word knowledge is not the same word knowledge found in Isa. 11: 2 This word knowledge in II Chron. 1:12 is the Hebrew word "mudush" which 4 times is translated as knowledge and one time is translated as science in the Old King James. In the New King James it is translated as literature as is found in Daniel 1:4. And one time it has been translated as thought. This word in II Chron. 1:12 strictly should have been translated as intelligence. Understanding is another word that describes it. So these words are different from Isa. 11:2 that says the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The word knowledge is a special word in Isa. 11:2 that is from the word "daath" which talks more of the knowledge of the holiness and the glory of God. One points to the knowledge that applies to this life. The other applies to the knowledge of God.

So here we see that Solomon received the spirit of wisdom and understanding. The spirit of wisdom and the gift of supernatural revelation and understanding that he could into. And Isaiah says all these are rivers. When you move into a river you flow in it. But as you move into the river you slowly move into it. In the spirit realm you walk into the river and let the river submerge you and you flow into it. We have to be sensitive that when you minister for the Lord, you should know the various rivers of the Holy Spirit you are moving in. So ministering in the Spirit requires a lot of flowing with the Spirit of God and the rivers of God. And the rivers of God that flow is rivers of the Spirit of the Lord. Wisdom and revelations and wisdom and understanding flow together.

Sometimes if you begin to minister for example into the realm of revelation its just like stepping into the river. And as you step into the river more revelations come. When the spirit of wisdom and revelation flows it sometimes reveal other areas too. So sometimes you could as the Spirit allows you move into a river and the more you move the deeper it becomes. When you begin to move into the river of revelation, all the revelations gifts come under this river, the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge and the discerning of spirits. Sometimes when you open yourself to the river of revelation the force of the river begins to open you more and more to the things of God. If you begin for the first time to see visions and revelations it becomes easier for you to see more. Sometimes as you enter into a place in a prayer or in worship you enter into the realm so deep that you begin to see visions and revelations. And when you begin to have these revelations you begin to have the whole pile of them. The rest begins to flow easily.

If I begin to move into the river of revelation, it's not the Spirit of God fully. It's part the Spirit and partly my spirit. So as I move I allow my spirit to perceive. And as my spirit perceive I began to see a picture of my brother here and I hear some of his prayers. He is praying for his family. That is the word of knowledge. And as I flow it begins to gush out. Then as I began to flow in the river I began to see other rivers. See as I open myself to part of the river the rest of the river flows. If I move in it deep enough and long enough there will be astounding things that may be revealed out of people's life. As I flow once in it, it becomes easy for me to flow one to another. As you minister to one person it becomes easier to minister to the next person. And the river gets stronger and stronger until amazing things happen. It is a river that flows. As I minister there is still that flow coming out. And as that flow is coming out whoever just comes to be ministered that same revelation just flows to them. When there is a special anointing for a certain thing that may not be there all the time and you quickly go in and tap on that. That same revelation flows to you. When there is a river that flows a revelation that flows you move into that river and open your heart out.

Sometimes people think others are silly. They say I am all right. I just need the Lord. I don't need anybody to minister to me. And they look around at some people who sometimes are hungry for the anointing of God. When there is a special anointing manifesting and there are some people hungry for God, they quickly come on and tap on the anointing. What they were doing is that there is a river flowing and that person is jumping into the river. They may be able to tap into the same revelation that flowed in that river.

Lets say that if Paul Cain comes and minister under the anointing of revelation. And as he move into that remember whosoever is willing can enter into that kind of anointing. And as he ministers in that area and you come right at that place the anointing also hits you. If you say, "I will wait until everything is over and then I will come", it may be too late. When the anointing is lifted up from Paul Cain and everything is over and he is about to walk off, you come and ask, "Could you pray over me?" He may have no word from the Lord for you. But if you have come in earlier when the river is still flowing he may have a word. There is a river that flows. We flow with God and not God flow with us. God flows through us. We are to flow with God.

Lets say you chicken out of the things of the Spirit. God wants to move in something in your life. God began to reveal that there is somebody here who needs such-and-such a thing. You say, "No it couldn't be it's just my imagination." And you chicken out of it you may never realize what is in store for you. And you constantly are waiting on God whereas God was waiting on you. Then sometimes these very people will sit down and say well I like to be more specific. I know there are some people who like to move into the word of knowledge and they want to be specific. They say every time I have a word of knowledge it's so general. Like somebody here have a backache. And you don't even move into that river. You say God give me more details before I move. The problem is you may not have any more details until you move. And only as you bravely and boldly move into that river and nobody respond. Then at the next meeting here comes the Spirit of God again. Somebody here has a backache. You say you told me that earlier. See the flow over. Just give it out.

He wants to move but you quenched it. Then at a different meeting again He tells you something. You don't want to move you chicken out. You could go your whole life that way. And wondering why you missed out on so many good things of God while others keep moving on.

Let say another person comes up I mean this person is eager. And God began to reveal something. He doesn't care whether he loses his face. So he said somebody here have a backache. Nobody respond. Then he say, "Praise God I know you have it and you want to be healed you just come up here." People are beginning to wonder whether you are imagining all these things. But you tangibly felt an anointing. You were just giving out what you sensed. You kept at it and slowly somebody responds. And lo and behold before long as you move into that area you began to get some other details. See when you start moving into that river the whole river moves and takes over. And you become more daring to move into a new realm of revelation.

The most powerful flow of revelation is when I have been moving into it in several individuals. As I move in it, it gets stronger. At its strongest point I could tell very specific details of a person's life. But if the river is finished and you come again I can't tell you anything. See it is only as the Spirit wills. So there is a river that flows and as the river flows you tap into it more, and more will increase. I will prophesize to you that a day will come, as God's people are bolder in the Joshua generation, as they move into the river of revelation they will begin to say some astounding things. They will predict some astounding things. They will reveal the secrets of a person's heart. They will reveal specific details of a person's life. Move into the arena of revelation that God has for your life. And of course God will not put you to shame. God will not take a sin that you put under the Blood of Jesus and reveal openly. Any prophet or so

called prophet who does that is not a prophet of God or a man of God. Prophecies are still subject to all the laws of prophecy.

You can see that it takes time to move into those things. As you flow into one and you flow into others it becomes easier to flow more and more in specific details. It is very important to take the first step in. We have just demonstrated the New Testament perspective. The river will flow in revelation. He will give you ideas in things to do in this life. It could be in the ministry, it could be in the business. That river of wisdom and revelation is important to you. And once you flow into that river witnessing is easy.

Sometimes when I talk with Christian businessmen I could sense some of them flowing in that river and some of them don't. In Singapore recently I was talking to one businessman and God started working mightily in his life. This man was filled with the spirit of wisdom in a practical way. And his business expanded and grew. He told me of an incident how he went into a departmental store to get a wedding gown for his wife. The Lord gave him an idea of what to do in that store. He told the owner of the store do this thing and you will prosper. And after that he told her where the idea came from. And she came to know the Lord. Businessmen can also move into the flow of the wisdom and revelation; its not only for ministers it's for every believer. And if you are in the Joshua generation move into that river. It's that river that will bring us into the land of Canaan.

Fourth and Fifth River : Counsel and Might

Then we have the other 2 rivers as you see in the book of Revelation. The next part is the spirit of counsel and might. Rev. 2:26-28 He who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received power from my father; and I will give him the morning star. That is the spirit of counsel.

Then in chapter 3:5 He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. So there are two aspects of the spirit of counsel and might. The spirit of might is mentioned in chapter 3 clothed with the garment of righteousness. If you studied the word counsel and the word might, the word counsel always speaks about counsel in authority. It talks about the counsel of the Lord. Its only when some one has more skill in certain area or more knowledge in another area that you seek counsel from them.

In the bible when it talks about the spirit of counsel, it especially talks about the Spirit of God manifesting the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why it's tied up to the rod. The rod represents authority and it flows together with might. Might talks about the healing virtue, the power to break bondage, the power to bring healing. If you read in Mk. 6 when the hometown folks of Jesus saw Him, they make this exclamation, "From whence comes this wisdom." So they saw the Spirit of wisdom on Him. See it is the Spirit of might that produces the work of Jesus Christ. It's the Spirit of might that brings forth healing virtue. That is the river of healing that we talked about the Spirit of might. And it flows together with counsel.

The interesting thing in the book of Revelation is that might is revealed as a righteous garment. And that is one of the forces that people missed. Healing is tied up to holiness. Jesus ties them together when He said ‘Which is easier to do, to forgive sin or to say, “Rise up take up your bed and walk” ‘? He tied up the 2 rivers together. He tied up holiness and healing together. That is when many people missed it. There are some situations where a healing takes place and repentance comes later. But in other situations God requires repentance first and the healing comes. But in both cases repentance must come whether before or after for the healing to be permanent.

The other factor people don’t understand is that sometimes sinners just come or people who don’t seem to live their life right with God. They come in an anointed atmosphere they received all kinds of marvelous miracles and healing. Like for example Kathryn Khulman’s ministry a lot of unbelievers just receive healing. And people say it’s the grace of God. Let me tell you holiness was present. Somebody must pay the price to be sanctified. See if somebody received it free somebody else pay the price. The reason people could receive it easier was because she sanctified herself. She gave herself up for the Lord. I you read her biography you remember she made a mistake in life. She married somebody else who was already married. And the Lord dealt with her life and she could not have any peace until she left and went on the road again. And many time when people interview her she would share from the bottom of her heart with tears running down her eyes she would say if people knew the cost of the ministry.

The river of healing is also a holy river. May be those people who come and get healed, people who looked like rascals and robbers and people who are sinners but somebody paid the price that the healing river can touch them. There is always holiness that is demanded before the river flows. Jesus said in Jn. 17 I have sanctified myself. See Jesus sanctified Himself that is why when He moves His healing ministry flows forth easily. It became easier for others to receive. You claim healing by personal faith but God requires holiness before healing flows forth. Under the anointing upon sometimes a person has not repented for his sin gets healed is because somebody else paid the price. And if they go back to their old ways they may loose their healing. It flows together.

Sin and sickness came in together. It was because of sin that sickness finds an open door in the Garden of Eden. Therefore healing which is a relief from sicknesses and eradication of sickness when it takes place must also deal with the other factor of sin. Which opposite will be holiness? And these two rivers flow together in a marvelous way. That is why if you want to minister under a healing anointing you have to pay the price in some way, for the river of might flows in righteousness and holiness.

The river of counsel speaks about authority. Healing takes place because of the authority of the Lord. That is why if you want to flow in that river you have to flow also in wisdom and revelation. If you began to have a few people healed in any meeting the river will increase and it becomes easier for another person to be healed. For one person’s healing leads to another person’s healing. And the healing just flows forth. You notice counsel and might work together. Counsel in authority. There has to be a realm of authority you move into. Notice when Jesus gives a command, He would command; He wouldn’t say, “Please rise.”

If you want to move into the realm of powerful healing you have to move into counsel. If God speaks to me something supernaturally He will back it up. I am a vessel a messenger if God says something then I would be empowered with His authority to declare it. And we have to speak God's word boldly. Authority and might go together.

Sixth and Seventh River : Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord

Finally we have the 6th and 7th. Rev. 3:12 He who conquers I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God; never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God; the new Jerusalem which comes down from my God out of heaven and my own new name. That is the river of knowledge as found in Isa. 11:2. Finally in chapter 3:21 He who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Both these rivers are similar. They are like the blue and the purple colors. There is one that says you shall be a pillar in the temple of God. The other that says you will sit on the throne of God. Both convey a depth of fellowship of God's presence. One is the spirit of knowledge and the other is the spirit of the fear of the Lord. One of God's names is the Fear. In the book of Genesis 31 it talks about God as the Fear of Isaac. It is not a negative fear in a sense for I John says that perfect love cast out fear. So he is not talking about the natural fear. But he is talking about the awesomeness. The word fear in the Hebrew is not just the English word fear. It is what I call the awesomeness of God. The closest word you can find will be the Spirit of the awe of the Lord. Just to see the relationship between these two turn to the book of Proverbs. 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Can you see the relationship? The fear of the Lord is the beginning of "daath" knowledge, knowledge of the Lord, knowledge of His presence. Then we have in Prov. 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

5. THE OIL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This morning we are going to look at the symbol of oil. We need to mention that 2 types of oil symbolize the Holy Spirit in the bible. One is the oil of the lamp stand, which is olive oil. The other is the anointing oil, which is made up of different substances. As we look at the oil of the lamp stand, we would also need to look at the lampstand and all its parts because the oil flows to the lampstand.

Lampstand : The Holy Spirit

Exodus 25:31 “And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its capitals and its flowers shall be of one piece with it; and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and branches of the lampstand out of the other side it; three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flowers on one branch - so for the six branches going out from the lampstand. Their capitals and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it one piece of hammered work of pure gold. And you shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light upon the space in front of it. Its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold. One a talent of pure gold shall it be made, with all these utensils. And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

God's instruction to Moses was that this lampstand was not to be made from a mould. In fact it would have been easier for them to mould the lampstand. But God says that you shall make this lampstand of hammered work. That means that the whole lamp stand was taken from one solid piece of gold. And Aholiab and Bezaleel would have to hammer this piece of gold until it is shaped into a lamp stand. In fact God made them do it the hard way. It was not the easy way. It would have been easier to melt the gold and pour it into a mould.

But God made them do it out of hammered work for a purpose. For this whole lamp stand represent the person of the Holy Spirit. And so it is made from one piece of gold. There is only one Spirit. The amount of work that goes into it through hammering continually symbolize that the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives can only come forth when the outer man dies and when there is a crucifixion. There is no outpouring of the Holy Spirit before the cross. There is no resurrection power before the cross of Calvary. And so God is emphasizing in this lampstand all the importance of letting the Spirit of God live within us.

And as we are going to see the spirit of suffering will be re-emphasized by the symbol of the oil. This oil is connected to this hammered work that God ordained. Now the lampstand was such that it has 3 branches on one side and 3 branches on the other. And in each branch there are 3 knobs. You will notice that there are 9 sections on each side, which represent the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit on one side and the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit on the other side.

And on the lampstand itself there are 4 main knobs with the lamp on the top. That symbolizes the 4 aspects of Jesus Christ as presented by the gospels. We see in the gospel of Matthew Jesus Christ is the king. And in the gospel of Mark Jesus Christ as the Son of man. And in the gospel of Luke Jesus Christ as the Savior. And in the

gospel of John Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The 4 knobs represent the 4 aspects of Jesus Christ as presented in the gospels.

And once this lampstand is lighted, it was never supposed to be put off. It was to burn perpetually all the days of the covenant that God has for the Israelites. For it to be burning the lampstand had to be trimmed from time to time.

There was a time in the bible when the fire of the lampstand was about to go out. That was when God began to call Samuel. Turn over to I Sam. 3:3-4 The lamp of God had not yet gone out and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am."

Notice the incident that the lampstand was not properly trimmed. Eli was not taking care of the lampstand and it was about to go out. That was when God called on Samuel. You see how important it is for the lampstand to continue burning bright for God.

The lampstand according to the book of Exodus chapter 27:20-21 "And you shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may be set up to burn continually. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.

Olive Oil : Anointing Within

So the oil that God chose for the lampstand was olive oil. The olive plant is a symbol of salvation. It is the a very hardy plant. It is also a symbol of God's covenant. If you remember that just before Noah came out from the ark he sent a crow and it did not return. The second time he sent a dove and the dove returned with an olive branch. And olive branch today symbolized peace. But in bible times it not only symbolizes peace, it also symbolized salvation. It symbolized the covenant of the Lord that God made with His people.

The olive branch is interesting in that it can grow in a place where no plant grows. It's a very hardy plant. Today science has discovered the value of the olive and its benefits. Only recently there is an article that came out about how they discovered that the olive plant has some substance in it that seems to retard the aging process. But it is symbol of the Holy Spirit.

In the book of Revelation chapter 11 it talked about the 2 witnesses of God being the 2 olive trees. In the book of Romans it talked about the covenant of God and how the Israelites were the olive branch that has been cut off. And we who are Gentiles have been taken and have been placed on the olive plant. Paul talked about the Jews as well as the Gentiles in terms of salvation. So the olive represents God's salvation and God's covenant with His people.

This olive oil was to be taken from pressing the olive fruit. That is the second emphasis. The first emphasis was the lampstand must be made out of hammering one solid piece of gold. Now the oil came from olives that have been pressed. The oil and the lampstand give us a double emphasis that unless the outer man is broken the inner

man can not flow forth. Unless there is the dying of the outer man there can not be a release of the inner man. Now Paul knew these principles in his personal life.

Lets look at the book of II Cor. 4:7-10 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

What in the world is he talking about? He is talking about how his outer man dies and unless a man dies his spirit can not rise forth. So he is concerned about the dying of the Lord Jesus in the body that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. In other passages of Corinthians he mentions about putting his body under that the life of Jesus may rise forth. Unless there is the dying of the outer man there can not be the bringing forth of the inner man in God.

So olive oil represents the anointing within. It's the most common anointing that God gives in the New Testament. And to every one of us who are born again God pours the olive oil of His Spirit inside our spirit man. The anointing within is the most important thing in the new covenant. It's a special work of God inside us. In the Old Testament the Jews only had the olive oil as a pattern. The anointing within was not released until Jesus came, died on the cross, rose from the dead, seated on the right hand of God and pour forth the grace for us to be born again. Until we are born again nobody could receive the anointing within. So that is the symbol of the olive oil. It's the anointing within.

In the anointing within you notice the olive oil flows through all the branches of the lampstand. And there are 7 lamps on the lampstand. These 7 lamps are constantly lighted. There are different instruments on the lampstand. There are several things to the lampstand that the bible mentioned. You will find it in the book of Exodus 37:17 He also made the lampstand of pure gold. Gold symbolized divinity. Silver symbolized redemption. Part of the fence of the tabernacle was made of silver. Bronze symbolized judgement. All the things in the outer court were made of bronze, symbolizing the judgement that needs to be done. The flesh has to die before the spirit can rise forth. And everything in the Holy Place and in the Most Holy Place is made from pure gold, which symbolized divinity. Not an ounce of the flesh is allowed. It's a hundred percent of the Spirit.

As we have mentioned the lampstand is made from one hammered work because there is only one Spirit. No matter what gifts you function in your life or what area or office that you stand in there is only one Holy Spirit who flows throughout the whole world and work the plans and purposes of God on this planet earth. The lampstand made from one hammered work symbolizes that though there are many gifts, differences of ministries and diversities of activities, they are the work of one Holy Spirit who works all in all (cf 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

Light on the Lampstand : Revelations

Secondly there is light on the lampstand. The light represents the revelations of the Lord that flows. Now this also symbolizes the anointing within. See the anointing within is symbolized by the hammered work of one piece of gold. The anointing

within unites us with the Person of the Holy Spirit. The anointing within brings us into union with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They who are in the Lord are one spirit with the Lord.

Lets look at II Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Isn't that a marvelous statement? You see Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one. The Holy Spirit and Jesus and the Father are one. And they have what you call the divine tri-unity. They are the Trinity whom we know. In the Old Testament no man, no woman could enter into that union of God. It was only in the New Covenant when Jesus opened the veil that men and women today can enter into that union of the Holy Spirit. Through the anointing within we can truly be one with the Lord. Everything the Spirit of God feels your anointing within will feel. Everything that the Spirit of God is sensing your anointing within will sense. See the anointing within brings us to union with the Holy Spirit. Just as my hand is one with my body, so if my hand is painful my whole body senses that pain. In the same way the anointing within senses the feelings and desires of the Holy Spirit.

So No. 1 the olive oil which is working through the lampstand represents union with the Holy Spirit. No.2 there is light on the lampstand and this symbolizes the anointing within that teaches us all things. The anointing within is the sole revelation you rely on. There can be visions and dreams and prophecies and all kinds of manifestation of the Spirit, but all of them have to be checked by the anointing within. That is the light that lights up the holy place.

I Jn. 2:27 But the anointing which you received from Him abides in you. It's your key to union with Christ. And you have no need that any one should teach you; as His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in Him.

Notice how the word abide is emphasized several times in verse 27. So the anointing within is the key to our union with the Lord. Remember it is not the anointing upon. The anointing upon is symbolized in the other type of oil that we will consider. When we consider the oil of the Holy Spirit there are 2 types of oil. There is the olive oil, which symbolized the anointing within. And No. 1 it has brought forth union with the Holy Spirit. No. 2 it brings forth teaching. The anointing within teaches all things. It is the light and we have to keep it burning all the time.

Almond Blossoms: Authority and Resurrection Power

The third area of the lampstand is in Exodus 37:19 Three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almonds. Now almond blossoms represent 2 things. It represents the authority of the believer. And it represents the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you notice in the book of Numbers there was a time when Aaron's leadership was being challenged. And in the book of Numbers chapter 17 when all the other leaders challenged Aaron leadership, God said in verse 2 and 3 "Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them rods, one for each fathers' house, from all their leaders according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. Write each man's name upon his rod and write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi. For there shall be one rod for the head of each fathers' house.

Now the rod represents authority. A rod is something like the king's scepter. It represents authority. And almond blossom symbolized 2 things: the authority of the believer and resurrection power. For when they put the rod in the presence of God, the next day chapter 17:8 And on the morrow Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds, and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds. That was a miracle. The rod was dead but in the presence of God resurrection life flowed into that rod and it blossomed. This symbolizes the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The almond blossoms symbolized the authority of the believer and the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit that is working in our lives right now.

John 1:12 But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God. So every one who is born again received the anointing within. And the anointing within brings forth authority. And it is the anointing within that brings that authority forth. So remember whenever we are tapping on the authority of a believer we are tapping on the olive oil, which is the anointing within.

Secondly in Romans 8:10-11 But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, (see the flesh has to die but the spirit can live) your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, (that is the Holy Spirit living in us, that is the anointing within) He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit, who dwells in you.

See the key to the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ lies in the anointing within. The Spirit that we received is the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. There is resurrection power inside our spirit man. Now spirit man can not die because the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus is inherent within us. When you pray in tongues the inner man comes forth and strengthens the outer man. Whenever we yield to the spirit within us the inner man is becomes stronger than the outer man. See our spirit man has resurrection power within. And that is why every believer can lay hands on the sick. For every believer has resurrection life in his or her spirit. It is the olive oil the anointing within. The almond blossoms that is within that symbolize the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wick-Trimmers : Pruning of the Holy Spirit

Exodus 37:23 And he made its seven lamps and its wick-trimmers, and its trays of pure gold. The wick trimmers that are made symbolize the pruning work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. See the spirit within us will tell us what is wrong. The Spirit within us will convict us and will tell us things that wrong in our lives. But the Spirit within us function as the pruner in our lives and tells us when something is not right. That is again the inward witness. They who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God.

We are talking now about the inward witness. The inward witness will bear witness to the things that are correct. And it is also the working of the conscience. When you know that certain things are wrong your conscience troubles you. And once you are born again the anointing within strengthens your conscience. The Blood of Jesus cleanses your conscience. And your conscience is now much more powerful. Whenever something is wrong your conscience will sound the alarm. And you will

know something is wrong. That is the wick trimmer, representing the pruning of the Lord in our life.

See God teaches us by the anointing within. And if we are sensitive to the anointing within we could live all the days of our life in the fullness of God. Sadly speaking not all are yielded to the anointing within. The anointing within will tell you when something is right. When an action is right or wrong. When a direction is right or wrong. When a vision is right or wrong. When a dream is right or wrong. We go by the inward witness within us. The inward witness will teach us all things. The Holy Spirit bear witness with our spirit the anointing within that can bear witness to the things that are right. The wick trimmers represent the pruning processes of the Lord. So when we talk about the olive oil of the Holy Spirit we are speaking about the anointing within and all its workings in our life.

Anointing Oil: The Anointing Upon

Now there is another oil that is used in the bible that is tied up to olive oil. But it is not the same as olive oil. And that is the anointing oil.

Exodus 30:23-32 “Take the finest spices; of liquid myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, two hundred and fifty, and of aromatic cane two hundred and fifty, and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin; and you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; a holy anointing oil shall it be. And you shall anoint with it the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the laver and its base; you shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them will become holy. and you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests and you shall say to the people of Israel, ‘This shall be My holy anointing oil throughout your generations. It shall not be poured upon the bodies of ordinary men, and you shall make no other like it in composition; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. Whoever compounds any like it or whoever puts any of it on an outsider shall be cut off from his people.

The Lord says several things about the anointing oil. The anointing oil is different from olive oil. The anointing oil symbolizes the anointing upon. It’s an anointing for ministry. The olive oil represents the anointing within. That is the general anointing of all believers. Here the anointing oil represents the anointing upon and God lays down certain qualifications. God said it should not come on man’s flesh but it came on Aaron’s flesh. So what is He talking about? See Aaron was separated by God and anointed for the ministry. In a sense he was human flesh. It is saying here that the human flesh can not duplicate the anointing upon. No matter how you try if it is not the anointing upon that works it will never work.

And a lot of people missed it. They think that a duplicated manifestation automatically comes from the anointing upon. Its not so. It must come as the real substance. Sometimes you can copy a man of God in his methods and style but you would have no anointing. And a lot of people do that without realizing that you can never and you can not duplicate in the flesh what is only born of the Spirit of God. Sometimes when people sit under the ministry of somebody, they don’t differentiate

between the anointing upon him and the style and methods he uses. Sometimes people don't realize that it is caused by the anointing upon and they think it can be duplicated in the flesh. Many time people go to some evangelist's meeting and training. And the evangelist uses certain methods and prays, "By the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit." And he speaks in a certain tone. They don't have the anointing but they try to duplicate the evangelist's methods hoping to get the same anointing.

The bible says it can not come on human flesh. You can not duplicate in the flesh what is born of the Spirit of God. Let's say a particular minister's hands shake under the anointing. Supposing you don't have the same anointing. You think that his anointing came because his hands shook. So you shake your hands also but no anointing comes upon you; only your hands shook in imitation. The difference is his hands shook because of the anointing. We can not duplicate the anointing. The anointing has to be imparted not duplicated. See it can not come on man's flesh.

Another thing about the anointing oil is this. In verse 32 it says Nor shall you make anything like it according to its composition. It is holy and it shall be holy to you. Whoever puts any of it on an outsider shall be cut off from his people.

Here he is talking about the anointing upon. That whoever moves out of the anointing upon into something that the anointing upon did not ask will be cut off. It is the principles of the limitations of the anointing of God. In the Old Testament when a king is anointed to be only king, if the king tries to move into priestly anointing that he is not called into, he is cut off.

There are a few kings in the bible that did that. King Uzziah was not anointed to be priest. He was anointed to be king. But he tried to be priest just because he thinks he can do what he wants. But there is a limit to his anointing. So he goes beyond his anointing. He goes beyond what the anointing is supposed to do. He was cut off. Leprosy struck him and the rest of his days were spent in a leper house.

And in the New Testament today God tells us not to move beyond the anointing upon for our life. Be faithful to the limitations set on our lives. If God did not ask you to be an evangelist don't try to be one. If God anointed you as a pastor just be faithful as a pastor. The reverse is true. If God anointed you to be an evangelist don't try to pastor. Just stand in the office that God asked you to stand in. See the anointing upon if you moved outside of it you will be cut off. Your ministry will not be accepted because you moved beyond your anointing.

So there is an anointing upon that is called the anointing oil. Notice it is related to the anointing within but yet it is by itself.

Look at its composition in the book of Exodus 30. Number 1 there are 500 shekels of myrrh. Myrrh symbolized suffering. Imagine the number of time the bible emphasizes on suffering. The hammered piece of gold talked about the breaking of the outer man. And then the pressed olive oil is another degree of suffering. Myrrh is another different degree of suffering.

There are 3 degrees of suffering that the bible talks about. The hammered piece of work that is being hammered symbolized one area of suffering. That talks about the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ. One Spirit the Holy Spirit came forth because of

what Jesus did. In fact one of the reasons why Jesus Christ came is for the end result of receiving the promise of the Father. That He may release the Spirit of God to our life. He did not just come to die for our sins. He came in order to pay the price to receive the promise of the Father the Holy Spirit and send it down to us. Acts 1:4 He talks about the promise of the Father. So when Jesus Christ died on the cross, He was paying the price for the Spirit of God to be released upon us. He says that He is with you but He shall be in you. After He went He received the promise of the Father and in Acts 2 He pour down the Spirit on Pentecost. And if you look at the whole story of the life of Jesus, it looks like that was His objective all the time. To get that Holy Spirit out pouring for us, where the Spirit in the last days shall come upon all flesh. That is His goal represented by the suffering and the hammering the solid piece of gold had to go through.

There is an area of suffering that we can never measure like Jesus. None of us could ever comprehend the cup that Jesus drank and the depth of His suffering for us. But we need to remember when we partake of the Holy Communion that it is His body and His Blood that has been broken and shed for the remission of our sins. It is broken so that we may receive His Spirit. It is Jesus Christ come in the flesh and in His flesh He died that His Spirit could be released upon us. So that is one aspect of suffering that none of us can duplicate. None of us can fully comprehend the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ, the sufferings of the atonement and the price that He paid.

The second area is the pressed olive oil. If you take an olive there is no oil yet. But when you press it that's when the oil comes. That represents the breaking of the outer man in us. The outer man has to die; has to be crushed. Has to be subjugated before the spirit man can rise up within us. That is the suffering of our flesh dying. Our flesh doesn't die easily. Our sufferings take place when the flesh dies. When you go on a fast you are putting your flesh to death. Your flesh will protest. If you have never fasted you try and see and you know how alive your flesh is. Once you have put the flesh to death the inner man rises within you. There is the carrying of the cross daily. And carrying of the cross daily is simply denying yourself. It is not talking about suffering from sicknesses or disease or poverty. But it is talking about denying the self.

For example when Jesus was tempted and offered the whole world and all the riches, the flesh will rise up. But He said no. I will worship God and God alone. See Jesus said no to the things of this life. He said no to the flesh. Every man of God in the bible in fact every Christian has to learn to say no to the flesh. And every time your flesh rises within you to choose worldly things you say no to that and refuse to choose that.

In the book of Hebrews 11 it talks about Moses and Abraham how they have to say no to the flesh. Heb. 11:24-25 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. Notice Moses had to choose between the riches and the pleasures of Egypt and the Lord. The bible says he chooses to deny self and he chose the Lord.

Every one of us has to make choices. A few Sundays back I was talking to one businessman who was promised a bribe of a million dollars if he will do the job. He said that he has asked a particular professor of theology. The professor of theology

said that some times God works in ways that are beyond us. I told him that I don't care whether it is a million dollars or not. You are being offered a choice to be righteous or to be unrighteous. To be right with God or to move out of God's will.

Jesus was offered the whole world. If Jesus can do it so can you. I told that businessman that usually God allows a temptation of this size because if you say no now you will have a reward of this size coming. If you say no now God will open a way for it to come the right way. Usually before you have a big blessing that comes this opportunity to get it the wrong way and you have to say no to it. See if you can pass the million dollars test then the legitimate million dollars will come. If you fail the million dollars test there will be no million dollars reward. So when we say no to the things of the flesh, we can expect a reward from God.

That is the olive being pressed. There is an element of suffering involved in that. There is an element of suffering to say no to the flesh. We are talking about dying and dying is something not easily done. So the first area of dying is the hammered work. Only Jesus did that, which nobody can duplicate. It's the atonement. The second area of suffering is in dying to the self, which every one of us has to do.

The third of dying is what we call myrrh. That dying symbolized the dying that you do for others. Jesus calls it the baptism of suffering. Lets look at the book of Colossians. Col. 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

He says I fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ. Is he saying the atonement of Christ is insufficient, no. What Christ did is sufficient. But Paul was talking about the sufferings of the ministry. When he chose to be a minister of God, he chose to suffer that others may live. That is called the suffering for others ministry. That is the third type of suffering.

The suffering of hammered work none of us can go through. Only Jesus can. The suffering of the pressing of the olive oil every one of us has to go through by dying to our own self. The suffering myrrh happens when you want to minister to others. When you want to be a blessing to others. There is a measure of sufferings that you will go through for others.

Let me give an example from Paul's life. II Cor. 11:23-28 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one- I am talking like a madman - with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods, once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, dangers from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Every thing that he went through here was something that he would not go through if he didn't choose to do God's ministry. He was a well-educated man. A member of the

Sanhedrin. He could have earned a good living under normal circumstances. He was also an expert tent maker. If he did not choose the ministry none of the sufferings would have happened.

Notice there is a difference between hunger and thirst and fasting. Fasting is something we do by choice with a lot of food around us. But hunger and thirst is something that is circumstantial and even if you want to eat there is no food to eat. If you read it looks like Paul was in poverty. Poverty is the result of circumstances that you can not help. Suffering in the ministry is the result of circumstances you choose. If a person is poor or suffering from poverty they are not there by choice. They are there by circumstances. But in the ministry God tells you to do certain things. There are many times when by choice you choose to go through certain circumstances that are difficult that normally you would not need to go through if you did not choose.

See the difference between suffering sickness, disease and poverty and all those things that is not in God's will and this suffering for the sake of God's work is the choice that is involved. In the other there is no choice involved since it is circumstances forced upon you. Paul was talking about the suffering he chose. When he chose to bring the gospel to unknown lands, he was endangering his own life. When he chose to go to places where no one knew him and bring the gospel to unknown places, he chose circumstances where he had no food to eat. He could have been living a comfortable life as a rabbi in Jerusalem. In those days being a rabbi is the highest profession you can be. It was an honor and a privilege to be a rabbi. The top earner is a rabbi. Paul was fully qualified for that. But he chose the call of Jesus Christ and he suffered a lot of things. Think about the things he gone through. All these circumstances happened to him because he chose the ministry.

And the ministry means that you enter into sufferings that others would have it easier. In the ministry of God the anointing upon is that you would take upon yourself certain circumstances that others might know Christ. For example Hudson Taylor went to China. He could have lived a comfortable life in America. Then when he went to China they were poor people. He lived the life they live. He ate the food although it was not something he used to. See dying to self is moving beyond the perimeter of your life for the sake of others.

And that is what Paul meant in Colossians 1:24. Just as Jesus Christ suffered in order to bring us the love of God. Today we need many "little Jesus" or rather people who let Jesus live in them going out to be Jesus to others. Not that we are Jesus but we are yielded to the Jesus in us so that others can see the Jesus in us, and so that we can bring the gospel to all other lands. And that is the suffering of myrrh. The bible tells us in I Peter 4 that when you are reproached for Christ's sake than the spirit of glory shall come on you. See there is an anointing that is only reserved after the myrrh is experienced.

In Exodus 30 it says take 250 shekel of cinnamon. Cinnamon in the bible is used as a fragrant perfume. Cinnamon and cassia are 2 spices that are very fragrant and used especially as perfumes. And these 2 symbolized what I believe as the spirit of prayer and the spirit of worship. These other 2 aspects must come in. There is a suffering for Jesus Christ. Then there is worship then there is prayer.

II Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. So he talks about the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. And there are 2 aspects in the fellowship with the Lord. One is worship and the other is prayer. In Prayer and in worship we fellowship with our Lord. And these 2 aspects are an important part of the ingredient for the anointing oil.

The other type of cane is called the sweet smelling cane. And the word cane here is the same word that is used in Revelation 11 verse 1 when he talks about the measuring cane that is used to measure the holy city. And that points to me to the Word of God. The Word of God is the measuring stick for everything else. And so as we look at this thing we have all these examples falling in to line. Myrrh symbolized suffering. Cassia and cinnamon symbolized prayer and worship. Sweet smelling cane symbolized the word of God. So all these ingredient are used to make the anointing oil.

In the book of Acts 18 it tells us about Apollos in verse 24. Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures. (He was mighty in the scriptures, strong in the word, that is, the sweet smelling cane.) He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and being fervent in spirit, (The fervent in spirit points to his strength in prayer) he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Pricilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and expounded to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Achaia; the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed.

One marvelous thing about Apollos' life is the speed by which he enters the ministry. We can only find one factor in the speed and that is his qualification. He was mighty in the Word, the sweet smelling cane. Fervent in the Lord, prayer. With that background when he came to know the Lord and with full revelation of the Lord, his ministry literally exploded. And by I Corinthians Paul refer to him as a co-minister with him. In fact the Greek word that is used is an apostle. He became an apostle very fast.

Whether you function in one gift or two gifts. Whether you function in one or two of the nine ministries of believers. Whether you function in the five fold ministries or not. How fast and effective you move into the anointing upon in that area depends on the level of the Word of God in your life, the level of worship in your life, the level of prayer in your life, the level of suffering for Jesus in your life and finally the level of anointing within that you have developed in your life..

All these elements, the sweet smelling cane, myrrh, cassia and cinnamon will be mixed inside the olive oil. See olive oil is still the basis for the union of all these. So in the New Testament when we flow in the oil of the spirit in the anointing upon, the anointing upon is still guided by the anointing within. Every thing that you flow in, in the anointing upon your anointing within will guide you. We do not move out from operating by the anointing within.

For example to be a prophet you will have to have 2 revelation gifts and the gift of prophecy. Your revelation gifts could operate by visions. So you constantly see

visions and you foretell what God has given to you. While you are moving in visions, whatever vision you see needs to be guided and confirmed by the anointing within. If by the gift of God you are opened to the realm of visions, you will be opened to it all the time. That means that will be the area that the enemy will try to cause interference.

For example my wife is a dreamer of dreams. That is her special area. Because that is her special area, that is also the area where sometimes Satan tries to disturb. So the inward witness judges whatever you received. Perhaps you are a person accustomed to see visions all the time. Bear in mind sometimes when you do not have enough time with the Lord or when you are just caught off guard that the enemy may disturb that area of your seeing visions.

For example a person has a tremendous anointing upon to see visions. And the person entertains some unforgiveness in his heart. He may still receive those visions but some of those visions may be infiltrated already since he has an open door. And so some of the visions may not be from God. And yet you will still think that they are from God. But all the time the spirit within you will check. So these are the examples where the anointing within will guide us in moving in the anointing upon. The anointing within guards the anointing upon. So the anointing within is important. It is the key to guidance to operate the anointing upon. So the anointing upon and the anointing within works together. And by God's grace we can learn to operate both of them.

6. THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Turn to the book of Eph. 1:11-14 In Him, according to the purpose of Him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of His glory. In Him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

It says here that having believed in Him we were sealed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a seal. In the early days of the bible they do not have books like you and I have. But in those days they have a scroll. And so the scroll would be rolled up and they would place a sort of seal that will glue the scroll together. If you remember in the book of Revelation there was a scroll in heaven. And there was no one who could open the seals on the scroll except the Lamb of God. And if you remember there were 7 seals on that scroll. Then as the first seal was opened, the scroll rolled until a certain part and then it stopped because there was another seal. Then the Lamb would open that seal, followed by another seal until all the seals were opened. There were 7 seals in the book of Revelation.

But there is “the” seal that God has placed in our lives and that is the seal of the Holy Spirit. And the 2 verses flow together where it is mentioned we are sealed and then it says who is the guarantee of our inheritance. The down payment of what is to come. The Holy Spirit is the down payment. The Holy Spirit is the earnest of the inheritance that God placed in our lives as an assurance of what is to come. There are greater things to come.

The seal that God placed for us in the Holy Spirit is like an engagement ring. When 2 people get engaged they exchange rings. And the rings would symbolize the commitment they have made to each other. The rings also would be a testimony to the world that they are committed to one another. So there is a commitment from both sides. It is a message to both sides. It is a testimony to all who look on the rings. And it is also a seal of an engagement ring that tells us of things to come. It is not the end. An engagement ring does not symbolize the end. It symbolized the beginning of a relationship that will bring and move them deeper into the marriage.

And so the Lamb of God calls us all. And God wants to marry the church and Jesus Christ together at the Marriage Supper of the Lord. And those who believe in Him, He places an engagement ring in your life. He places a seal and the seal is the Holy Spirit Himself and He comes and lives in our lives and He places a spiritual mark on our lives.

There are many reasons for that seal. First of all that seal is a promise from God to us. When 2 people get engaged they are making promises to each other. They are saying, “I promise to marry you later.” They are saying, “I will keep my life for you and I will wait for you and I will prepare for you. I promise to marry you.” So they exchange rings in an engagement. And when God sends the Holy Spirit to us as a seal, the first thing that is promised to us is that God promises a greater thing for us. God promises a great inheritance in the eternity that is to come. It’s the engagement ring that He places on our lives.

Lets look at Heb. 6:4-5 For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the Word of God and the powers of the age to come.

It is all connected to the Holy Spirit. Jesus said when the Holy Spirit has come in Acts 1:8 you shall receive power. But what we must realize is that the power of the Holy Spirit is a power that is actually reserved for the next age. It is reserved for the next eternity, new heaven and new earth that God will make. But what we taste is only one tiny bit of what God has in store. Imagine all that Jesus did when He was on this planet earth, the works that He did and the greater works, all He taught, all that He brought forth out of His life is one drop in the ocean of power in what is to come.

The seal of the Holy Spirit tells us that eyes have not seen nor has the ear heard the things, which God has reserved for those who love Him. It tells us that God is promising more things, more powerful things. And God only gives you a drop of the ocean of His power. The Greek word the guarantee in Ephesians 1 could be translated as a earnest or down payment. When you go and buy a motorbike or a car what you do is you pay a down payment. The down payment is only a portion of what you are supposed to pay. The down payment is considered a part payment and it's not all of the payment.

And the Holy Spirit as a seal gives us the picture of more to come. We must realize that there is more to the Holy Spirit than we realized. The Holy Spirit as a seal is God's engagement ring to us. But the message behind it is that God promises things that neither the eye has not seen nor has the ear heard. There are powers of the age to come in Heb. 6. These powers will come in the next age, not this age. This age will one day pass away. The marvelous thing is Heb. 6 says that we have tasted, we have a portion, and we have a little bit of the power of the world to come. It would be just like taking a normal 2-engine airplane and transporting it through time to the days of maybe Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar would say, "What in the world is that?" He would be amazed at the machine. For it is from another generation. It would amaze those people. In fact when the missionaries and the explorers go to jungle places where the tribal people are still living half naked with spears and sticks, and when they saw their guns they were frightened.

And in the same way what we have of the Holy Spirit is only a drop a small portion of the great vast powers to come. That is why I constantly say we can never fully understand the Holy Spirit. We can never fully put Him in a box and say I know everything about the Holy Spirit. We must take that position of understanding in relating to the Holy Spirit as a seal. The reason we teach this series is for us to relate to the Holy Spirit as a person. The Holy Spirit as a seal brings us to the attitude where we realize we never fully understand the Holy Spirit. We only have a little glimpse of the Holy Spirit. We understand only a few of the principles of the Holy Spirit. But we can understand Him. He does not want to remain a mystery. He wants to reveal Himself.

Yet all that He can reveal to us, all that Kathryn Khulman has discovered about the Holy Spirit, all that William Branham have discovered about the Holy Spirit, all that the apostles Paul and Peter have discovered about the Holy Spirit, all that Elijah, Elisha and Moses have discovered of the things of the Spirit are nothing compared to

what the Holy Spirit has in store for us yonder there in heaven. What a humbling revelation for us to realize that the Holy Spirit is only revealing a small part of Himself which is quite a lot to us already. One reason why He can not reveal Himself fully is because we can not take in all that revelation. We can not take all of His full revelation. Our minds are too finite. Our bodies are too mortal. And our spirits are still too young in relation to God to comprehend of the vastness of the person of the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit is given to us as a seal, that tells us that there are dispensations. There is one dispensation that leads to the next dispensation. And when you speak in tongues today you taste a little bit of the powers of the Holy Spirit in the age to come. It's a marvel that angels understand all languages as they serve God. It's a marvel that God understands all languages. And through the Holy Spirit we began to taste a little bit of heaven on this earth now. The Holy Spirit as a seal is bringing that experience of heaven and eternity to our lives. And God wants to bring that heavenly presence into our lives so that we would be heavenly orientated creatures with our eyes and affections set on heaven all the time. The blessing is that through our desires and love for God we will be able to taste a portion of that powers that is to come. See God does not limit individuals to the same portion of revelation. Part of how much we receive of the things to come depends on our initiative.

Turn to I Cor. 2:9 where the context of what Paul is trying to tell us is that the Holy Spirit is here to teach us things to come. He is to reveal the things of the age to come. I Cor. 2:9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him." That promise is for those who will relate to the Holy Spirit closely as a seal and understanding that His purpose is to show us the things of the age to come.

The quotation of I Cor. 2:9 is from Isa. 64:4 which says Eye has not seen nor ear heard of the things that God has reserved for those who wait upon Him. In I Cor. 2 Paul says those who love and here in Isa. 64:4 it says those who wait. And both convey a meaning. It's different as you look at Isa. 40:31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. The word wait in Isa. 64:4 is different from the word wait found in Isa. 40:31. The word wait in Isa. 40:31 is the word from the Hebrew word qavah, which means to be bound together. But the word wait in Isa. 64:4 is from the Hebrew word chakah, which means to look earnestly and expecting forward to something that is coming.

It's the same word wait as used another time in Habakkuk chapter 2:3 looking earnestly for that which is to come. See there are 2 different meanings. From being bound together with the Lord and looking earnestly to what is to come. And the teaching in Isa. 64:4 is of those who would look to that which is to come, those whose eyes are on the future, those whose eyes are on the next age to come, they would come face to face to powers that are beyond all imagination and understanding. These are the powers which eye has not seen before nor ear has heard about but you are looking for it. You are looking for that which is to come.

Paul in I. Cor. 2:9 says that these will happen to those who love God. This is the meaning when you combine Isa. 64:4 with I Cor. 2:9. It is like a fiancée who is engaged and who is deeply in love with her beloved one. She is just earnestly

expecting the return of her fiancé to keep his promise of marriage and looking forward to walking down the aisle together.

The earnest or the down payment of the powers to come is the seal of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit works in your life as a seal, He places a heavenly nature so that no matter where you are no matter how blessed you are you could have the best home the best car the best of life and have the best of everything. There is something in you that cry out, "I don't belong here. This world is not my home. My home is that home in eternity that I am looking for." Obviously not everybody knows the Holy Spirit as a seal because too many people are making this world their final home. This body and this world we live in is only a tent. Although God can prosper you in this world, it is not meant for you to spend your life in luxury. By all means economize on everything, just be comfortable and just thank God for His blessings. But don't live like this world is eternity.

If that is so in your life the Holy Spirit as a seal has not touched your life. When you look earnestly to that which is to come there are things that you will not cling to. There is a freedom that you keep yourself from your life. And perhaps there is that picture of the fiancée like the bride of Jesus Christ waiting for the bridegroom. Maybe there are other distractions that try to steal your love and your heart but you say, "No way. I give it for Jesus." That is what the Holy Spirit has come to do. To take a little bit of that heavenly presence as a seal, places it in our lives and that is the engagement ring in our spirits forever.

The call of God and the resonance of the heavenly nature in you causes you to reach beyond your earthly life and earnestly desire the heavenly no matter what you have tasted of life. There is something in you that will desire more than the earthly and worldly desires. This is the promise when you wait on God and loving Him.

There are so many ways of waiting on God. One is to be bound to Him Isa. 40:31. If the Holy Spirit as a seal touches you, the most comfortable place and thing you want to do is to be alone with God. And every time you leave your prayer closet you leave it reluctantly. Although you know that Jesus is everywhere with you but you leave it reluctantly. Or you just love to get on your knees and wait for the Lord. It does something to your spirit when you begin to express it out and say, "Lord I long for you."

And I believe in the last few days or few weeks before Jesus' coming there will come into God's people such a hunger and desire for His coming, that literally many would be just looking out of the window with tears in their eyes and saying, "Lord Jesus, come." Not that they want to be free from this world or that they are defeated. There are a lot of people who cries out, "Lord come quickly I am in trouble." It is not that kind of cry but these are the people who are already living victoriously. They have exercised authority and dominion over this world. But there is no satisfaction in their hearts to live down here. They are crying to God, "Lord come." Like in the last chapter of the book of Revelation, the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

And that is part of the work of the Holy Spirit. He is going to cause us to fall more and more in love with Jesus. We missed Him every time; we missed the prayer meeting; we missed His presence; we missed His wonderful word; we long to keep getting back to God. When the Body of Christ reaches that point we realize that the

Holy Spirit as a seal is working. The blessing of it is that as those who panteth after God as the hart panteth after the water brooks, those who panteth after God above their generation will taste more of the powers of the age to come; will taste more of the revelation of the age to come. You could be like Enoch living in the Old Testament. And he longed for God so much, he saw Jesus coming. In the book of Jude, he prophesied of Jesus' Second Coming. And more and more he turned to the Lord until one day the Lord just said, "Come" and 'Enoch walked with God and he was not.' You could be like Elijah who always said, "I am Elijah who stands in the presence of God." And constantly he stands in God's presence until one day God says, "Elijah I am going to send my chariot to you; you come on up." See there will be many more that will be translated even above and before the time of Jesus coming. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. Are you hungry for God? Are you thirsty for God?

The second thing about the seal of God in our lives is that it is a protection and testimony from all. That is the Holy Spirit protecting you. See half the battle is won if you are invincible. There is nothing that the enemy can do to you if half the battle is won. Can you imagine fighting an enemy who is invincible; no possible way your weapon could touch them. And part of the seal of the Holy Spirit in our lives is that it is just like the engagement ring when it is placed on a fiancée's hand. It tells other suitors, "Hands off, she is booked by me." It is a testimony. But in the spiritual realm it is much more stronger than that. The seal of God on your life is seen and recognized by the enemy and he can not touch you. It is moving into the invincibility of the Holy Spirit. It is a place where you are invincible with God. I know there are a lot of people that are still wounded and attacked by the enemy. But there is a place in God where when the seal of the Holy Spirit is in your life, no devil, no demon, no evil circumstances can touch you. It is a position of high favor with God. You are invincible to the enemy. There is nothing that can shake you.

Look at the book of Revelation and see the work of the seal in the lives. It is also in the book of Ezekiel but we will look at Revelation. The second purpose for a seal is for protection. Now Rev 7 talks about the tribulation period. It is not talking about our period for we are already sealed. But these servants of God will be sealed during and after that tribulation period. Just before the judgement fall God has to seal His servants. So it is not talking about us but the same principles and meaning and application of the seal applies.

Rev. 7:3 Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads. It says that God has placed a seal on their lives. If you read on you will realize that the seal protects them from every judgment that comes and every demon that is released in that tribulation. These are the tribulations saints the tribulation Jews. So the seal marks you in such a way that whenever the enemy sees it they can not come in and disturb you at all. It is just like the blood on the doorpost in Moses' time that the Angel of death will have to just move off.

The wonderful news is that when you are born again you are sealed. There is a mark placed on your life. As we all know not all the things of the spirit are automatic. It is there but its operation needs to be activated. And the seal of the Holy Spirit in our lives is in such a manner that although you and I can not see it in the physical realm there is mark on us spiritually that the enemy recognizes. And as long as that mark is on our lives it is supposed to protect us and make us and render us invincible from all

the evil present in this earth. You may be persecuted but you won't be cast down. There is a special seal and we need to acknowledge that.

Remember the 2 points are connected. The more you love God the more that seal operates. See they work together. We are talking all about the seal. The seal as an engagement ring yet at the same time it is a protection. How do I activate the protection of God in my life? How do I activate in such a way that I could be invincible. You keep your first love for God. You let that burning desire for Jesus grow day by day. You let your love for Jesus increase by leaps and bounds. And as you grow deeply in love with Jesus that seal is activated in your life. And that mark shines brighter and shinier and that protection of God is so special on your life.

Those who love God deeply seem to have a special grace in their lives. A thousand may fall on their left and ten thousands on their right but it shall never come near them. There is a grace of God on their life. What is that? It is the seal of God. Moses expresses it mightily a thousand fall on my side ten thousands on my right imagine and you are all right. Some of you don't realize it that you are protected all the time. One of the reasons I don't have to ask for journey mercies is because the journey mercies are there all the time. I don't have to say "O God please protect me as I travel from Kuala Lumpur to Los Angeles."

That is not the way to activate that seal in our lives. It is to praise the Lord lift up your hands and say, "Father I thank you I am sealed by your Holy Spirit. I thank You that You send Your special angel to watch over me. I thank you Father God that I am blessed when I go out and I am blessed when I come in." That is the journey mercy. That is the better way to activate it than to pray in fear. The wonderful thing is when you spend time loving Jesus; waiting on Him and looking expectantly to Him you begin to tap on His special activity in your life.

Let me point to something happened in Daniel's life that does not happen in other lives. In the book of Dan. 9:3 I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayers and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. And in verse 21-23 While I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He came and he said to me, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. At the beginning of your supplications a word went forth, and I have to tell it to you, for you are greatly beloved.

Don't you think he has a special relationship with God? He heard so much that in the last chapter the angels had to tell Daniel, "Daniel you go your way these things are sealed up." He heard to the limit of the things to come. I do not think that it is reserved for him because he is a prophet. One of the reasons Daniel saw so many things and heard so many things was because he fasted, he prayed, he sought God, he loved God. He kept at it as if Isa. 64:4 and I Cor. 2:9 were his chief motives. In the Old Testament sense he loved God. And there are a lot of things eye have not seen nor ear heard in his generation that he got a chance to see and hear. The key part is he loves God. He is greatly beloved of God. God gave him such a nice title, "O Daniel you are greatly loved." God treats him special.

As I said God treated him special not because He practices favoritism. But those who want to be treated special will need to go by the same principles. Just like Cain and

Abel. You follow the same thing that pleases God and you will be treated special. It is only favoritism if it is not opened to others. The problem is that it is opened to all and few go in.

Daniel 10:11 O Daniel man greatly beloved. Do you know what they say of David? He is a man after God's heart. And those who are after God's heart God places a special grace on their lives. You will rise up in life naturally but it is actually supernaturally. Look at Daniel in his life. Don't you think he had a good life? He went into Babylon as a slave. But from the beginning you see he loved God. And because of his love for God, God placed a special grace sealed on his life. So that when there is danger he is always not in danger. That seal protects you.

In the book Ezekiel is even more astounding when Ezekiel prophesied the destruction that is coming on Jerusalem. And God said those that are sealed won't die. What happens during a war is that the seal is on your life the favor of God is on your life and you will never suffer during the war. We must realize that to have a good defense is half the battle won. And that is the seal of the Holy Spirit to protect us.

And Daniel went through some hard times. There was a time when Nebuchadnezzar wanted to kill all the wise men, which included Daniel. But the grace was on his life and he always mentions these words. Lets look from Daniel chapter 1:9 And God gave Daniel favor and compassion. It was not by accident. It is not because you look cute. It says God did it. God brought him into favor. God brought him into grace. Why? It was because he loves God. As we have mentioned, one of the keys to financial prosperity is to tap on grace. When the grace of God is on your life people don't know what makes them do it. But they see the grace of God on your life and they just love you. You may not look cute. The bible didn't say the cute shall be blessed. For some reason the caretaker over the boys like Daniel treated Daniel special. From the outward it looks like Daniel became special. It is the seal of God on Daniel.

No 1 Daniel activated the seal of God on his life by loving God and No. 2 the protection of God was then activated on his life. When this big general of Nebuchadnezzar was going out and taking the wise men to be killed for failing to interpret the king's dream, Daniel came to the rescue. Daniel 2:16 and Daniel went off to ask the king for a stay of execution to give him the opportunity of revealing his interpretation to the king. The seal of the Holy Spirit will protect you, will protect your life, will protect your possession, will protect your love ones, will protect you in war, will protect you in peace, will protect you in adverse times. And it will be like it was all a good time. When they threw Daniel into the lion's den he had a good time that night. In every situation he just went through easily whether it was the lion's den, war, peace, difficulties, jealousy, any situation he just seems to be floating all along. Because the bible tells us that Daniel was greatly beloved of God. And God says those who love Me I will love them. He loves everybody but He is talking in specific sense of the special grace that He places on such people His seal.

7. THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

About 2 months ago I was teaching in a bible school. We were teaching a course on the Five Fold Ministry and Church Planting. I was teaching the students that before you plant a church, before you do anything, before you can exercise faith for something that God has, we need to first find out what God's perfect will is. The most important thing is not to do what we want but to do what God wants. And to find out what His will is. I was sharing with them how I have already seen what will take place in future. And some times God shows the future. He shows it in visions. He shows it in various forms.

Many people go out and they want to exercise faith for a church of ten thousands without first checking out what the will of God is. Your congregation is about 60 people. God didn't say to you to go out and build a church for ten thousand. You literally went by hook or by crook, begged, borrowed and stole, and you manage to squeeze out enough finances to build the building. Probably your next phase of ministry is prison ministry.

We have to discern what God's will is. And I told them don't be disappointed because its not going to be blessing. I didn't want the students to come expecting its going to be the same thing. I have already discerned what God wants to do in this meeting. And I told them few ministers will have the numbers. There is no point for any intercessor to try to pray for numbers because before you pray, you have to ask who are you. You are an instrument of God. What can you pray for? Only what's in God's will. There is no point in praying for numbers when God says its not going to be that way for you.

The Lord has asked me to speak about the Holy Spirit and share some special things about the Holy Spirit. The most important thing in being in God's perfect will is to know the person of the Holy Spirit. It is not possible to do any thing right in this life without the Holy Spirit. There is no five-fold ministry without the Holy Spirit. There is no church planting without the Holy Spirit. And many times when we ministers go to a conference or we are attending a meeting, what many people seek for are solutions and principles. These things are good. They play a role in helping us to discover more and more things to apply to do what God wants to do. But behind every key, behind every principles of church growth, behind all those revivalists that ever lived, there was one person who was a common denominator in all these lives. Behind John G. Lake, John G. Lake lived and died, behind Smith Wigglesworth he lived and he died. And they all did a perfect will of God. Elisha lived and died. Behind all these people there is one person who was first mentioned in Gen. 1 verse 2 onwards it talks about the Holy Spirit. **Behind all these people is the person of the Holy Spirit.**

How sad it is that we can remember the great men and women of God and yet forget that behind them is the Holy Spirit. The only difference between you and them is that they have come to know Him slightly better than you. The only asset that I have in my ministry besides the Word of God is the person of the Holy Spirit. Without listening to Him and without doing what He wants nothing else can take place. Some times we forget the person of the Holy Spirit because we are looking at the man of God. Now thank God for men and women of God who yield to the Holy Spirit because through their lives we can see the Holy Spirit and understand the working of the Holy Spirit. Lets not forget that behind every ministry is the Holy Spirit.

Every time I attend any meeting I look for the Holy Spirit. He is my closest friend I look for Him. When a ministry is taking place I am looking at the Holy Spirit. Remember this if ever you don't make contact with Him every thing is in vain. Zech. 4:6 Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit. Whatever we say, whatever we do has no value unless you make contact with the Holy Spirit. And He is a real person, invisible but very real. But the secret is how to make contact with Him. In any place, in any meeting you can make contact with Him. As long as you make contact with Him some thing develops.

Jesus knew the Holy Spirit intimately. That's the secret in Kathryn Khulman's life too. And that's the secret to the lives of all the men of God. If you knew the Holy Spirit intimately the Holy Spirit will give keys in your lives. I realize that each man of God or woman of God will discover specific keys that they will demonstrate in their lives. But all of us got it from the same source. In fact without the Holy Spirit you can't even understand the Word of God. He is the Spirit of truth.

In Jn. 3 Nicodemus came to Jesus by night recognizing that God was with Jesus. And Jesus made a statement to him in that conversation and said in verse 8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither is goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.

That is the first point the wind blows where it wishes. The Holy Spirit moves when He wants. No one can force the Holy Spirit to do some thing He doesn't want. No organization, church denomination, or minister can put the Holy Spirit in a box. The Holy Spirit is greater, bigger, more powerful, more intelligent than any one of us. In fact all the human race put together in all the generations from Adam up to the end this age can not compare to the intelligence of the Holy Spirit. That's what He wishes and its far better to listen to what He wants to do than try to do our own thing. The wind blows where it wishes.

No. 2 you hear the sound. All these are spiritual sounds; I am not talking about physical hearing. You hear the sound of it. Some people are so natural that they need some natural influences to help them to believe in God or to receive some thing in God. It reminds me of a story; one day a pastor was laying hands on this lady. This lady was one of what I call a chronic seek after the baptism of the Holy Spirit and she never received anything so far. Because she is very sense orientated she needs to physically feel some thing before she thinks that can work. And so as they were about to pray for her, there was a cat sitting next to the window that nobody saw. As they began to pray the cat jumped on her shoulder and then ran off. The lady with her eyes closed said, "I feel it, I got it" and she began to pray in tongues. She really got the Holy Spirit. Must have been quite an anointed cat. It was not the cat that was anointed. Although I believe God could speak through donkeys God could work through cats. But it was some thing physical that caused that woman to release her faith. Thank God that's not the bible method to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. No. 2 you hear the sound of it. It is not talking about physical sound. There is a spiritual sound.

The third thing He says here you can not tell where it comes from or where it goes. Notice where it comes from and where it goes you can't tell. You just know that He is doing some thing. Even Agung Bangau, who was the key figure in the sovereign outpouring revival in Sarawak, East Malaysia, gave up when God moved him in signs

and wonders. He knows he is only an instrument from point “A” to point “B”. Beyond point “A” some thing else would happen beyond his control. After point “B” some thing else would again take place beyond his understanding. He made this statement in 1982 that after these signs the Spirit of God will move on to Indonesia. He was talking about a specific working of the Holy Spirit. Just think about it no evangelist, no prophet, no one has a copyright to the Holy Spirit. He comes, He moves the way He wants. We just need to co-operate with Him.

Jn. 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you. You notice that I didn't take the last part of the verse in Jn. 3:8 where it says so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Jesus is saying when we are born of the Spirit of God we will understand some of those things of the Holy Spirit and how He moves. And we will begin to do what He does. We will be a seed that moves the way He moves. Same 3 points He does what He wishes and the Spirit within us who is born of the Spirit will move as the Spirit wills. You will see some results, hear the sound but you don't know where it comes from or where it goes. Here he says the world doesn't see the Holy Spirit nor knows Him but you know Him for He dwells in you and will be in you.

Have you notice that He uses 2 verbs for the world and then He reduces it to one main one after that. He says, “The world neither sees Him nor knows Him.” Then He turned around and says, “You know Him.” Now He never says, “You see Him.” How will we know Him? Immediately Jesus tells us, “..for He dwells with you and will be in you.” And behind that statement is the secret of knowing Him. He is not outside. He is inside. And through your being born in the Spirit you will recognize the Spirit. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit and that which is born of the flesh is flesh. So spirit recognizes Spirit. And Spirit dwells in the human spirit.

Jesus goes on to tell His disciples in verse 19 a little while and you will not see Me. Then in Jn. 16 a little while and you will see Me. It confused them. Jn. 16:16 A little while, and you will see Me no more, again a little while, and you will see Me. It confused them. Jn. 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

There are several ways you could interpret this. You could interpret historically and say He was only talking about the 40 days that they are going to see Him after the resurrection and no more. I don't think He was talking about that. It seems to be some thing perpetual until today. It's a promise of how we will see and know Him through the Holy Spirit.

To prove that He was not just talking about the 40 days after His resurrection that they will see Him, look at the following verse 21 He opens it to any one who lives after the disciples. Verse 21 He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

Lets look at another verse in Jn.16:16 A little while, and you will see Me no more; again a little while, and you will see Me because I go to the Father. Some of His

disciples said to one another, “What is this that He says to us, a little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me, and, because I go to the Father?” Jesus knew what they say and in verse 20 Jesus said you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. He is talking about the cross. Verse 21-22 A woman who is in travail has sorrow, because the hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remember her anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

He is going to see them again and they are going to see Him. Then verse 27 For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from the Father.

In Jn. 14:23 If a man 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. We will make our home with him, with him refers to us, a home. The Father and the Lord Jesus Christ never really came down. He didn't say that they are coming to live inside us. I know that through the Spirit the sense of their presence are in us. Lets acknowledge you and I are too small for God. Imagine God the Father whom the universe could hardly contain coming to live inside us. But there is a being who specializes in living inside. He is God the third person the Holy Spirit. We, meaning the Father and Jesus will make a home with him. In other words we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is going to dwell in us not the Father not the Son but the Holy Spirit. Because we can not contact God any more. There is no way you and I can contact God.

The only way we could see the Father is through Jesus. Remember Philip said, “Show us the Father.” Jn. 14 Jesus says I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me. I want you to know that God is not human. Human beings are just one dot in the expression of what God is. He is a Being beyond out highest thought and comprehension. That is why there is no way you could understand that being of God. So God allowed the second person of the Godhead, Jesus to come down, take on human form and human flesh live in our midst died for our sins raise up from the dead. Now we can see the Father through this expression. We see an expression through Jesus.

Now the disciples have been with Jesus, walking with Jesus. Imagine what it was like in Jn. 14 Jesus was no more going to be around. It would be just like me and my church. I hardly accept outside invitations to preach on Sundays. Then suddenly I announce to the congregation, “A little while you will not see me and a longer while you may never see me.” The congregation will be panicking. What do you mean a little while and a longer while? I guarantee you that if they know that this was my last session before I am translated tomorrow everybody will here. So we have the Lord Jesus Christ He has spent 3 years with them. Almost daily He was with them. Imagine in Jn. 14 He says He is no more going to be around. They are not going to see Him any more physically. Of course they all felt sad.

And then Jesus said I will send another Helper. That Helper is going to help you to see through. Notice these words in Jn. 14 Jesus said to them verse 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me. The words that I speak to you I

do not speak on my own authority but the Father who dwells in Me He does the works.

Now look at the place that the Holy Spirit now takes. In Jn. 16:13-14 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. Because all things that Father has are Jesus'. Therefore I say He will take mine and declare it to you.

Do you realize that the Holy Spirit now comes and stand between you and Jesus? I use the word between in a full force. There is no way you can contact Jesus without the Holy Spirit. He comes and be the person and you in the earthly realm and to reach out to Jesus. You got to contact the Holy Spirit. What happens if you don't make contact with Him and you try other short cuts? You don't want the Holy Spirit. You try in every way you can to reach the Father. You can not. Just as you can't reach God without going to Jesus since He is the only person who bridge the gap between the spirit realm and the physical realm. And He was sent to the home that God builds for the Holy Spirit which is our life. And we will live a new life that the disciples had ever lived. They never lived that way before. They never experience the Holy Spirit in them. Maybe upon them, with them but never in them. There is no way you can get to God throughout the whole Old Testament. Jesus haven't manifested yet. It was the Holy Spirit who gives pockets here and there to point us to Jesus. The story of Genesis to Malachi was pointing to Jesus' coming.

Lets face it we can't go anywhere without the Holy Spirit. And that is why Jesus says you can say something against the Father. You can say something against the Son but if you go against the Holy Spirit, you are lost eternally because you have lost complete contact with the other two. It is not because the other two have rejected you. The two persons of the Godhead depend solely 100% on the Holy Spirit to make contact with your life and my life. There is no way we can contact God without the person of the Holy Spirit.

Now the Holy Spirit has feelings for He is a personality. The bible says a few things about Him. One of those things is He is invisible. The world can't see Him. That means He is invisible. How are we going to relate to an invisible person who comes and goes as He wills? Lets look at Jn.

12:27 onwards "Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Look its in the invisible realm and you can not contact God any more. He is not visible like Jesus was when He was on earth.

Look at Acts 9 it says here when Paul was on his way to Damascus in verse 3 Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." He had a conversation with the Lord whom he didn't see. He heard a voice, saw a light and that's all.

I am curious about the other people around him. Lets see what happened to them. Verse 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Cross reference to the book of Acts 26:14 And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language. Then another reference in Acts 22:7-9 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" and I answered, "Who are you Lord?" and he said to me. "I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting." Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

Now here in Acts 9 he said they heard a voice. Now he said they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke. According to the Greek they heard some sound that they couldn't listen. I mean you could hear a voice without hearing what the voice said. If you read Acts 26 you will find that it was quite a long conversation. Quite a lot of things happened. Jesus told him a lot of things. What we have is only a summary. In Acts 9 it doesn't have something that Acts 26 has. It would have been long enough to hear some words. But all the other men fell to the ground, they saw the light, all they heard was the sound. But Paul heard "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" etc. and he conducted a conversation with the Lord. Notice that here is no other way you can contact God except through the Holy Spirit.

Right now there is a spirit world. We don't have to make the spirit world so difficult. Jesus didn't come to make moving in the spirit difficult. I know that there is a price to pay a kind of obedience in God. But every time we meet together the Holy Spirit is with us here. Some will say I thundered some will say something else. It depends on us really getting into that realm to see what He wants to do. Remember every time you worship God you can never make contact with Jesus or the throne of God or to the Father without the Holy Spirit. You need to contact Him to find out what He wants. "Holy Spirit, what do you want?" You may not voice it out but in your heart and mind you are relating to Him as a person.

Remember what Jesus said in Jn. 16 He will take what is mine and give it to you. Now there is a statement He made in verse 13 He will not speak on His own. We need to relate to the person of the Holy Spirit. The only thing it is not related to the physical body it flows like a wind, tongues like a fire, flows like a river. How do you relate to some one who the book of Revelation tells us and pictures Him as the 7 Spirits of God flowing from the throne of God? When He moves you can feel the different effects taking place. When He moves you will know He moves. Some people may not see it clearly or hear it clearly. But it has a side effect of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

I have worked very long with the Holy Spirit to know that He can not be forced to do something He doesn't want to do. We have to listen to Him, "Holy Spirit what do you want to do?"

How do we sense Him? The key is He will be with you and He shall dwell in you. He is on your inside stirring and moving forth. Every time when people come into the presence of God there are different effects of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings into our lives the experience of Jesus. Some times He does it so well we didn't realize that He was the one working. But its always the Holy Spirit who works in our life and it flows through our life and does different things to each one of us.

How do we know how He moves? The book of Revelation talks about the 7 Spirits of God and its found in Isa. 11 And 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 the fear of the Lord. These are the 7 fold aspects of the Spirit. But the word Spirit occurs 4 times.

Tonight I am only able to share the first 3 spirits: Spirit of the Lord, spirit of wisdom and understanding, spirit of counsel and might. When the Spirit of God moves there are different effects on our lives. All the 4 are found in John 14 to 16. Jn. 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be with you. Now the Spirit of the Lord always works into the indwelling and the revelation of God inside us the revelation of Jesus.

Look over at II Cor. 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. You notice it has to do with looking at Jesus, we with unveiled face beholding the glory of the Lord.

Do you know that when we go to heaven there are different degrees of glory? And when we go to heaven according to the spiritual development in our lives we will be able to behold the Lord. Sadhu Sundar Singh's book The Spiritual World you will find he made a statement there. And he calls it the communion of the saints. He went to the spirit world and he talked about saints who live a different level of glory. Those on the lower glory can visit those on the higher glory by having a special garment that God gives them and they can withstand the glory. Now here is my question. What causes the different level of glory? The amount of Christ likeness in his life. How transformed you are to be like Jesus. The more transformed you are the greater the glory. And there are different degrees of transformation into His glory.

Look at II Cor. 4:6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. Again God dwelling inside us. The glory of God inside us. We have this treasure in earthen vessels.

To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

If you connect II Cor. 4:6 with II Cor. 3:18 how much you see the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ is that same amount that change you. As you behold the glory proportionally you are transformed to that glory. Then you add II Cor. 4:6 and what that glory is, is the face of Jesus Christ. And all the Holy Spirit came to do was to reveal Jesus.

Some of us think that we know Jesus just because we are born again. You have begun to know Him. Inside each one of us is being inscribed the image of Jesus. And according to what we can see through the Spirit we will be transformed in glory. Apostle Paul says in the book of Philippians, "O that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering." Now he is an experienced minister who knows Jesus, who have visions of Jesus. Philippians was recorded when Jesus had appeared to Paul several times. But yet he says O that I may know Him.

Inside each one of us is a picture of Jesus. I want to remind you that Jn. 14:17-19 talks about the Spirit of the Lord. That Spirit of the Lord is the revelation of Jesus in us. In Jn. 14:26 but the helper the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name He will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all things that I said to you. That is the spirit of wisdom and understanding. It has a different effect. To understand the effect look at Eph 1:17-19.

Jn. 15:26 But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning. That's the spirit of counsel and might. To understand how this spirit of counsel and might has an effect on us, study the book of Acts chapter one and two. When the Spirit of God comes in power what happens and the effects that it has.

And in Jn. 16:13-14 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. That's the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

If you look carefully there are 7 points inside. He will guide, He hears, He speaks, He tells, He takes, He glorifies, He declares. The Spirit of God as found in Isa. 11 is found in Jn. 14, 15 and 16.

We will just touch on one of the workings of the Spirit in our lives, the Spirit of the Lord. Where in II Cor. 3:18 and II Cor. 4 the glory to glory reveals us to see the face of Jesus. When we were all born again, we have only a seed of the image of Jesus in our lives. Look at I Jn. 3:9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he can not sin because he is born of God. Remember the only way we can understand the Holy Spirit is by being born of the Spirit and really yielding to the seed and the nature that is on the inside. Only spirit speaks to Spirit.

Can you tell me what seeds are these? You have to struggle to find out what those seeds are. When the seed of God comes into our lives we only have a glimpse of what Jesus can be. Some of us have not seen Jesus. I want to show you a secret of how to see Jesus. You can see Jesus. I am not talking about an open vision. Let me put it theologically if the bible says in II Cor. 3:18 and II Cor. 4 that unless you see His glory which is the knowledge of the glory of God and the face of Jesus Christ. Unless you see the glory you can not be transformed into that glory. And that glory is described in II Cor. 4 as the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ which implies that you have to see Jesus. That means if you don't see Him you can not be like Him. If the bible says if you see Him you are like Him. If you see glory you can be like His glory. Then if you don't see Him you can't be like Him. We are telling everybody be like Jesus. You can never be like Jesus by trying to do ten thousand things that Jesus did. There is only one key to be like Jesus. You must see Him through the Holy Spirit. I am not telling that every body will have the discernment of spirits and seeing of visions. But every one who is born again needs to have the image of Jesus in their lives. And the image will grow as they grow in their lives. And as they seek God, as they yield to the Holy Spirit who has come to introduce Jesus to you. Remember there is no way you can see Jesus without the Holy Spirit. And unless you get to know the Holy Spirit and yield to Him you can never see

Jesus. If you can never see Jesus you can never be changed. You will end up in the lowest realm of glory. That's why our destiny is to teach people to be like Jesus.

Isn't interesting you can't tell much from the seed. We have the seed of God in our lives. As you look at I Jn. It says that the seed is on our inside. You can see how different those fruits are from the seed. When the seed of God comes into us which is through the Spirit, there need to be a process of growth and the image of the seed of Jesus. Whether you like it or not every one of us have an image of Jesus on our inside. Now that image continues to grow, as you understand Him. Which is why I made a statement that God is not a human.

My early impressions of God are very human. Our image of Him began to grow and increase as the Spirit of God reveals Him to us. Many of you have eaten some of these fruits pears, plums, apple. What happens if you have never seen those fruits? And all you have is the record of what those fruits look like without a picture. There are no photograph of Jesus, no description of what He looks like physically. In fact the bible says in II Cor. 5 that we don't know Jesus in the flesh anymore. We should know Him in the Spirit. That image grows more and more into the fullness. And the more the Spirit opens your eyes to see Him the more you are transformed and the right image comes. As you see it a little bit more, He reveals a little bit at a time. He reveals and you are changed until you are changed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ.

As we allow the Spirit of God to reveal Jesus to us there can be some times what I call manifestation. Another words sometimes you see it in other people's life. In Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. You can't be with Jesus and not be changed. You can't spend time with God and not be changed. And you can't relate to the Holy Spirit without being changed. And you can't relate to others who are showing the things of Jesus and Holy Spirit coming out from their lives without being changed.

Sometimes we understand it through a manifestation. They recognized it as a resurrected Jesus. What is a resurrected Jesus like? You see images of it in the lives of the apostles and the disciples. We see the sick healed, the lame walked, the blind see, we see demons cast out. And we begin to interpret. Some times we interpret wrongly some time we interpret correctly. Some say it thundered and some really hear it. And it depends on our interpretation. In the spirit things are not the way they look from your natural eye. Who have thought of picking up the snake by the tail? God did. He says Moses pick up the snake by the tail. Who would have thought that you could get water from the rock? God did. And when we approach the spiritual world and the Holy Spirit with a natural mind the bible says in I Cor. 2 that the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God. If we can not relate to the Spirit and we interpret a lot of things of the Spirit in a natural way, we will always get it wrong. The spirit world is different with different laws.

Lets say you take a rocket and you go into space and you are orbiting in a space station. You are in what I call free fall. When you are in free fall, things are different. You can not walk the way you walk because you will be floating. And you can not clean up the things the way you clean here on earth because if you drop some thing it floats.

The spirit world is a different world altogether and far too many times we are trying to interpret things from the natural point into the spirit. We should never do that. We should let go and let the Spirit teach us what it is. If you can not see into some thing you have to trust some one who is inside to tell you what the inside looks like. If you send some one to a tunnel and nobody else have been through that tunnel with a searchlight, and all you can hear is that person's voice over the microphone describing all the things on the inside. You got to trust what that person is telling you. You trust the Holy Spirit. You trust Him to tell you things of the spirit realm. And they have to be in line with the Word of God. The reason why God gives us the Word is so that you could double check what is inside and He will show you some things. It will be a common denominator throughout the Word of God.

I Cor. 2:11-12 For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we receive not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. Verse 14 The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

In fact the book of Romans says that the natural mind is in enmity against God. If you hear carefully you will receive a miracle in your life. Because we always look at the spiritual from the natural and interpret it naturally we never receive a miracle from God. Understand this the power of God is always in every place anywhere. You don't have to be in a powerful Christian Convention to be healed. Some times when somebody else is healed we get our faith ignited and we received. The Spirit of God is present constantly everywhere. It says here and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

How are going to spiritually discern some thing? By the seed of God on your inside. There is some thing on your inside that is a confirmation factor of what you are experiencing plus the other factor the Word of God. Some times when the Spirit of God is moving upon some people, you see the side effect. Some times people shake and some times people tremble. Now the trembling is not the Spirit of God. It is an effect of the Spirit of God. But it helps some people who are in the natural believe that God is there. The manifestation of laughter and drunkenness are not an end to itself. They are the side effects of the work of the Spirit. So you don't look at the symptoms and say that's it. You don't look at the side effect and say that's it. You look behind it and say it's the Holy Spirit.

In our lives and in our hearts the Spirit of God is moving. The Spirit of God is in our midst He moves, He flows and He does different things. As I was standing here I was having this sensation on my leg. It is like somebody touched my legs and held it for some time. You can't see whether somebody is holding my legs. You can't see because He is invisible. But at that time I stood very still and I didn't want because the Holy Spirit says you must stay there. I didn't know why I had to stay there until now. He says stay there until the whole sensation goes off. As He moves I felt somebody hold my leg. You can't see that person but what I felt was an actual person holding my leg. I know that it is the Holy Spirit telling me that there is a person having that leg problem. I didn't know whether it was a man or a woman yet. When you are yielding to the Holy Spirit you are yielding to every sensation that He gives to

you. As it is said, things are not the way it looks in the natural. You have to free yourself from the natural mind into the spiritual mind.

When that sister was coming forward. I sensed a particular sensation. What I sensed was a pull, a tuck on your inside. Like somebody pulling my shirt from behind. It was a spiritual pull that pulled me back. And I know that it is pulling me back from her. Remember you can not minister unless you sensed it. There must be tangibility. If He is not tangible to you, you are not in a position to minister. If you can not feel Him as a person and know Him as a person and hear Him as a person you can't minister. That means that you are in a training area. Remember He gives you a solution, you have to love Him and abide in the Word. You must keep growing in that area and open yourself to it. I must sense some thing more. I could just pray by faith, which is what quite a lot of ministers do. And some times if the Holy Spirit doesn't move any more then you got to pray by faith. They will still get healed by the Word of God.

But if you really want to minister with the Holy Spirit and by the Holy Spirit which He permits, tonight He permits but I am not sure by tomorrow. But we can promise one thing. We will be obedient to the Holy Spirit. My only asset besides the Word of God and my time spent with God and the growth in God is that I have faith in that Person. I listen to Him as a person. I draw what He wants to do. Whether I be leading a worship, whether I be leading a prayer meeting. See He is real. There is no such thing as a program when you are with the Holy Spirit. You just listen to Him and do what He wants. I am beginning to sense my left hand burning very hot. When my left hand is burning I must use my left hand to lay hands on the people. I can not use my right it will not work. You must have a tangibility and you must listen to Him. I could lay my left hand on them but I yield one step further. I listen to how He wants me to lay hands. I see a picture of me standing right here. And this is what I am doing which I am going to do exactly. I am just holding my hand over his abdomen. I don't care what takes place next. It is not my responsibility. My only responsibility is to do what I saw in the vision. In the ministry you need two very important ingredients, consistency and persistency.

Since 1978 I believed God for the healing of my eye. Personally as a minister of God if I can't have the power of God flowing through me to heal me I don't feel right to pray for another person. Now God can still heal by His grace by bypassing me. But I am some one who believes that you must have it first before you give it out. The Spirit connects us to Jesus and Jesus to the Father. But ministers of God connect between the Spirit of God and the people. Because the people have the Spirit but they are learning about the Spirit. They don't know the Spirit very well. And one touch of the presence of the Spirit is all that we need. Remember there must a certain tangibility that comes. And when that tangibility comes we listen and do what He wants. Some time we are not sure what to do and we are just waiting on Him to move we just worship the Lord which we shall do. Just be seated where you are with your hands gently lifted up to Him singing softly.

8. MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the last message we spoke about the person of the Holy Spirit. We mentioned how the Holy Spirit is always present, whether we are aware of Him, we are sensitive to Him or not. Before we do any thing we have to have a relationship with Him, we need to check up with Him, we need to confide and counsel with Him in every single thing that we want to do. And that applies not just to the ministry but also to the business world, to worship, to prayer. You can't preach and minister without the Holy Spirit. You can't pray for the sick without the Holy Spirit. You can't lead worship without the Holy Spirit. You can't really be that kind of Christian businessman that God wants you to be without the Holy Spirit. We can't do any thing without the Holy Spirit. In fact we can't pray without the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God who helps us to pray.

Therefore before we do any thing to fulfill His destiny and His will in our lives, we must yield to the Spirit, check with Him. He is a real person whom we can relate to. We need to pick up from where we left off in last message. When we relate to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost many of us have a view that we could come to any one of them. Some times we think that we could shake hands with the Holy Spirit and we could relate to Him. Then we some times relate to Jesus Christ. And some times we relate to the Father.

In a sense that is true. When we pray, we pray to the Father in Jesus' name through the Holy Spirit. But inside each one of us is a wrong theological picture, which I would like to completely erase from your life. We always assume that all we have to do is be yielded to the Holy Spirit, use the name of Jesus and reborn again and all we have to do is go to any one of them and say Father God, Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, and some Christians struggle because when you teach a Trinity they are not sure how they are going to spend their time with God. And so they are afraid of displeasing God, so they spend half an hour with the Holy Ghost, half an hour with Jesus and half an hour with the Father. And you thought that you pleased God. That is also wrong.

The bible says in Phil. 2 that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Which means that in your experience of spending a lot of time with Jesus you are glorifying the Father and you are yielding to the Holy Spirit. And if you are talking to the Father and the Father love and compassion for you Jesus is glorified and the Holy Spirit is pleased. So there is no rivalry among them. It doesn't matter. And at each point in our relationship with God we learn to relate to the blessing of each person in the Godhead.

The first person you probably met was the Lord Jesus Christ. Although it was the Holy Spirit who brought us to Jesus we didn't know Him for He is invisible. Slowly we discover about God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Now ultimately we relate to God the Father. That is what I call a circular theological view of God. You could approach any one of them. That's not the real picture.

We have shown from the last message that from what Jesus was saying in John chapter 14, 15 and 16 and in all the cross-references in the bible. Even during times when it doesn't seem to be so it is implied that you always go through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in a different realm. The Father is in a different realm. There is no way I can contact the Father. There is no way I can contact the Lord Jesus Christ. So there is a

struggle to contact Jesus. And Jesus said in the gospel of John chapter 14, 15 and 16 that the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus. In Jn. 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. Now He was talking about the Holy Spirit who reveals Jesus to us. It tells us here, a little while you will see Me no more, Jesus was going to the cross. And He promised to send them the Holy Spirit. In verse 16 I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever. The disciples feel sad because they are not going to see Jesus.

In the next few verses is the promise to every one who comes to know Jesus that He will manifest. The word manifest is the Greek word *emphanizo* which means to make visible, to make seeable, to appear tangible and that is the promise that is fulfilled through the Word of God and through loving Jesus. But it's the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus. Jesus was trying to get across to the disciples that they can not relate to Him except through the Holy Spirit. And I made a very strong statement yesterday that there is no way you can contact the spirit world of Jesus and the Father without going through the Spirit. Even though at times you don't realize it was the Holy Spirit that was working. And it seems that you have a direct contact with Jesus it is because the Spirit was so good at working invisibly.

Whenever some one has a vision it is a gift of discerning of spirits all through from Genesis to Malachi in the Old Testament it was the work of the Holy Spirit on the prophets, priests or kings in the Old Testament. It was the work of the Spirit of God in their life that brought them to the position where they can contact Jesus. And in the New Testament it's the same. It is not erased from your mind the circular theological relationship with the Trinity. The only way you can relate to Jesus and the Father is through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that no man can come to the Father but by Me. I am the way, the truth and the life. You can never know God the Father without knowing Jesus. By knowing Jesus we know God the Father. The only access to the Father is through Jesus. Even though it seems like some times we are relating directly to the Father.

Some of us have spiritual experience when we feel the embrace of the Father. It is that you are in the bosom of the Father through Jesus Christ. You are sensing and experiencing the inheritance of Jesus. It was the light of Jesus the only begotten One of the Father, who dwells in the bosom of the Father who is sharing His experience with you. That is the correct picture all the time. And we need to have an understanding in our mind that on this earth there is no way that any thing can be done and any contact made with God without understanding the Holy Spirit, without going through the Holy Spirit. And we need to learn to relate to the Holy Spirit in order to contact Jesus. It is impossible to do any thing without the person of the Holy Spirit.

Its just like some times some things were done without you realizing who was doing it. But the day you realize who does it, it educates you and helps you. You see a bigger picture. Some people may not have organized a function or a meeting. And they don't know the details and work involved behind the scene. But those who have done it appreciate what's going on behind the scene. The more we are aware of what's going on behind the scene the better position we are to appreciate what actually happened. And you appreciate it because you understand the process.

A lot of times we don't see the process and we relate to the Lord Jesus Christ, we relate to the Father and the Holy Spirit was doing all kind of things. In fact all the

work to bring us to relate to the Jesus and the Father is done by the Holy Spirit. We got a lot of blessing through the work of the Holy Spirit. And it makes a difference when you understand the process. When you understand the person behind all the manifestations, who brings you to the Father and who brings you to Jesus, and you understand how He works and how He does it makes His work easier. Every thing in this life that relates us to Jesus comes through the Holy Spirit.

Then we showed that there 4 realms of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the book of John 14, 15 and 16 about the Holy Spirit. And we relate it to Isa.11:2 the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. And we left off with the 4 different realms of the Spirit working. We mentioned in Jn. 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world can not receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you. And he goes on to talk about how Jesus is revealed to us.

And we showed forth that of all these 4 realms of the Spirit which is found in Isa. 11:2 that there are 4 different realms and depths of the working of the Spirit of God. The first is called the Spirit of the Lord. And the Spirit of the Lord ties up to Jn. 14 in verse 16 and 17. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding is tied up to Jn. 14:26 which talked about the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Then the Spirit of counsel and might is tied up to Jn. 15:26 you shall bear witness because you have been with us from the beginning. And the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord is tied up to Jn. 16:13. So in John 14, 15 and 16 we actually have Isa. 11:2 spread out on the work on the of the Holy Spirit.

And we have said that to understand each of these 4 fold work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus brought forth in the gospel of John. We can cross reference. To understand the working of the Spirit of the Lord we referred to II Cor. 3:18 where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. And then it goes on to say with unveiled face we behold the glory of God. Then we went down to II Cor. 4 where the glory of the Lord is the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ, that as we behold the image of Jesus we are transformed accordingly. So we concluded this point on the Spirit of the Lord. We concluded that the primary work of the Spirit of the Lord is to bring forth the image of Jesus in our life.

We illustrated with a seed. And all of us as we grow in our Christian life that seed grows into the fullness of God's image. And the more transformed we are to be like Jesus the more higher our spiritual development. And our goal is established in Rom. 8 where we are predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ. And since the bible says that as you see the face of Jesus Christ that is the glory of God you are transformed accordingly. It bears witness that the less you see the less you are transformed. The more you see the more you are transformed. Paul in Philippians tells us that he long to know Him and the knowledge and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering.

And God is building that in the Spirit of the Lord. Then the Spirit of counsel or the Spirit of wisdom and understanding which is tied up to the second work of the Spirit as mentioned the teaching where He teaches you all things. This Is tied to the book of Ephesians chapter one where there is wisdom and revelation bringing forth and opening of our mind and understanding. So some thing else takes place. We are

flooded with light and there is a different manifestation, a different revelation that takes place in our life. This is the second work of our Lord.

The third work of the Spirit of the Lord we mentioned was the Spirit of counsel and might. And that is expressed in the book of Acts chapter one and two when you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Where is the demonstration of the Spirit of power.

The fourth one is the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The Lord did not allow me to share. So we will only focus on the first 3 tonight. As we relate to the Holy Spirit understand these four-fold work. And we can only share on the first 3. It is not time to share on the 4th one yet.

In the first one we have to realize that He has to establish Christ in our life. And are 3 Greek words that relate to these 3. The Spirit of the Lord that is No. 1. No. 2 is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. No. 3 is the Spirit of counsel and might. Now these first 3 I have given you the verses that relate to in the gospel of John. Two of them in Jn. 14 and the third one in Jn. 15. the fourth one the Holy Spirit didn't give permission to touch on.

Now these 3 points also relate to 3 symbols of the Holy Spirit. The first is fire, the glory of the Lord. The second which is wisdom and understanding is a seal. In Ephesians chapter one it talks about the seal of God in our life. No. 3 the Spirit of counsel and might is symbolized by the wind. Now these symbols are quite realistic. They also tell you how the Spirit works. In each one of these four-fold flow there are 7 Spirits of God and they flow into 4 rivers.

River one is the fire. And whenever He moves there is glory, there is light, there is fire. All these 3 are related. Where there is fire there is light. Where there is light there is the glory of God.

The second is the seal. That seal that He gives us is a special seal. It's a seal that comes into us like a key and you use that seal as an authority to open other seals. It opens revelation to you. See a seal is a symbol of authority. In the bible kings have used seals to chop letters as authority. And a seal is some thing that closes up as well as it can open up. A seal in English symbolize some thing that closes up. At the same time seal is some thing that can be opened up. And that is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. It opens up things to us. The works of the Holy Spirit like a seal and it drops into our hearts and gives us understanding.

The third is wind the Spirit of counsel and might. When the Spirit flows in that area is like the wind moving. Some times it's a breeze some times it's a hurricane. Some times its fast and mighty some times it's a gentle flow.

So these are the 3 areas of the Spirit that we are allowed to share. And all 3 relate to 3 little Greek words that are found in the gospel of John. The first is the word meno. If you understand these 3 Greek words and the 3 symbols of the Holy Spirit and the 3 relationship of how the Spirit works and the 3 workings of the Holy Spirit as in Isa 11:2, and when you read the gospel of John chapter 14, 15 and 16 you will have a totally different picture. You will see it from the way Jesus meant it to be.

The first word is the word meno. It's a word that simply means to abide, to dwell upon, to dwell in, from the root of dwelling place. The word meno has developed in many forms. One of the Greek words for patience hupomoni is derived from the word meno. So there are many developments from the word abide. And its translated in John 15:4-5 Abide (meno) in me, and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit by itself, unless it abides (meno) in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide (meno) in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who "meno" abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing. Now he used the word meno throughout John 14, 15 and 16. And whenever he use the word meno He is talking about the first work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Lord. Remember what the Spirit of the Lord comes to do. He comes to reveal the image of Jesus in our life. By revealing Jesus as we see Jesus we are transformed into the same image. He comes to cause an abiding presence of Jesus in our life.

The second word is the word emphanizo. It is the word translated manifest. So there is a manifestation that he talks about in Jn. 14, 15 and 16. The word manifest is found in Jn. 14:21 He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and the Father and I will love him and manifest (emphanizo) myself to him."

The third word is the word ergon, which means works. Works that are produced either through an action or through a process. And Jesus mentioned about works in Jn. 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works (ergon) than these will he do, because I go to the Father. The things that I do result from the process of action.

Now each of these Greek words is related to the working of the Spirit. The Spirit of the Lord relates to meno. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding relates to emphanizo. The Spirit of counsel and might relates to ergon. And it is found throughout the whole New Testament. Whenever the Spirit of might comes the works of God come forth. The miracles, the signs, the wonders, the works of God. Results that come about as a result of process of action. Whenever you see "emphanizo" it always emphasize an opening or some thing. And it's the works of the Spirit of counsel and might.

These 3 are very important flows. The Spirit of the Lord seeks to build Christ into us. And that's the first level. Christ needs to be built in our lives. The Spirit of God needs to reveal Jesus and cause the image of Jesus to come into our lives before there can be a manifestation. When there is a manifestation there is an understanding. Then you can go to works. In teaching about the anointing of the Holy Spirit we have used different English words to describe some of the things. Last night we said that first we need to have the tangibility of the Spirit. You have to come to the level where you sense the Spirit of God tangibly. When you have the tangibility the second thing we need to know is to understand what is it for. And unless we understand we can not move into No. 3.

I remember when the Spirit of God first started some of His gifting and there were a lot of things that I didn't understand. When I was new in moving in the anointing of God, I could feel the tangibility in a different way. Then there were certain tangible sensations I didn't understand. There are many forms of tangibility, many forms of manifestations. You meno until something happens and the result is seeing the emphanizo or the manifestation. You got to understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit

in each tangible sensation. And when you understand it then you can work it out. You can yield to the Spirit of God and let Him do what He wants you to do.

Now each of the 3 flows of the Spirit of God relates to one of these Greek words. As the Spirit of God is working on *meno* the Spirit of the Lord, His purpose is to bring you to the point of tangibility. We know that Jesus is in us. When we first accept Jesus He is in us but it's a seed. In I Jn. 3 we receive the seed of God. Verse 9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he can not sin because he is born of God.

Now everywhere you see the born again process is always due to the Spirit of the Lord. Look at Rom. 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. If you look at that he is talking about the Spirit of Christ. The seed of Jesus Christ coming into our lives so that we become like Jesus. We become like Jesus not by trying, not by creed, not by religion but we become by growing. When the seed of God in our lives grows into Christ likeness.

So when we were born again we received the seed of God. Last night we illustrated different types of seed. You could see an apple seed is so different from an apple. Some of us when we look at one another we don't believe that they can change and can be Christ like. But in each one of us there is a seed of God in our lives the Spirit of God is working in us. As He works in our lives He is causing Christ to be built inside us. In a sense God is growing Christ in us. He plants a seed the seed of Jesus Christ and He nurtures Jesus Christ in us. Which is like Him born after His image and we are growing in Him.

That process that takes place is tied up to Ephesians 3:14-17 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell (*meno*) in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love. Now verse 17 is where the word *men* is. Verse 18 is where he wants to bring you to the point of *emphanizo*. Remember the Spirit of the Lord and then go into the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. And its leading you from the Spirit of the Lord into the Spirit of wisdom and understanding in verse 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints. what is the width and height and depth and length to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with the fullness of God. God is growing Christ inside us. And that process is done by the Holy Spirit.

Jn.14 as Jesus was speaking to His disciples He was bringing them to understand this linear relationship with God and this three-fold level that the Spirit of God is going to work in their lives. And He starts by telling them in chapter 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? Then He says in verse 4 where I go you know the way. Then one bright Alec called Thomas says what do you mean we know. Verse 5 Lord we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way? He is thinking Jesus was talking about a physical road. Jesus said in verse 6 I am the way, the truth and the life no one comes

to the Father but by me. Now He is talking about the linear relationship between Him and the Father. He is trying to show them that through Him and Him alone can we know the Father. Then He tells them in verse 7 if you have known Me you would have known the Father. From now on you know Him and has seen Him. By seeing Jesus you can see the Father who is manifested in Jesus. In verse 8 show us the Father. Then Jesus said in verse 9 Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

He is saying that there was a relationship between Him and the Father, a special relationship that was manifested throughout the 3 years. And in those 3 years every thing that He did in His life was the result of the Father working through His life. Every work, every miracle, every speech, every thing that He taught was from His Father. And where was the Father? The Father was in Him. And the indwelling of the Father resulted in the works of Jesus. Then Jesus turned around and made this statement in verse 12. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me will also the works (ergon) that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. In this statement He is making a general statement that covers Jn. 14, 15 and 16. He was introducing a subject saying that there was some thing new that was going to be established after He goes home.

Listen very carefully because Jn. 14 was not fully fulfilled in the church yet. And it has to be fulfilled before Jesus comes again. And I am sharing with you the secret of Jn. 14:12 being fulfilled in your life. So open your heart, your ears, your eyes and your spirit. Jn. 14:12 Jesus was going to tell us the process; just as the Father was in Him doing the works. He tells us here that you are going to do the works that He did because I go to my Father. When because He goes to the Father we can do the works. He answers because I go and He comes and He comes in you and you go and you do. In verse 14 in what I call the general promises that results from the relationship of meno, emphanizo and ergon. When that relationship is established if you ask any thing in My Name I will do it. To walk with God and God in you, and you desire nothing but God's desire, every thing you ask is done. He points to that all through Jn. 14, 15 and 16. If you love me keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He will give you another helper that He may meno with you forever. That He will abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth whom the world can not receive because they neither see Him nor know Him but you know for He dwell with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans I will come to you. He is talking about the Spirit coming to live in them.

What does the Spirit do when He comes in them? The Spirit of the Lord is growing Christ in us. Remember yesterday we shared the secret of how we become like Jesus. Some times we look at it in the mirror the opposite way. We say that we are becoming like Jesus. But it's the opposite: it is Jesus growing in us. As you see Him the seed in you grows. We are transformed from glory to glory. If you don't have the seed in the first place nothing grows. But the result of the Spirit of the Lord working is to reveal Jesus. He begins to talk about the first process of working. Verse 19 a little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me because I live and you

will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father and you in me and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them; it is he who loves Me, and he who loves Me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and emphasize Myself to him.

Now He talks about the second things happening. The first He is talking about is the abiding. Second is now the manifestation. Then Judas not Iscariot in verse 22 asked another question. He had a dialogue with His disciples. And they said Lord how is it that you will emphasize yourself to us and not to the world? See the question how will you manifest. He says if anyone loves me he will keep my words and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make with him a home. The Father and the Son doesn't physically come and dwell in us. It's the Holy Spirit. A home for whom? A home for the Holy Spirit.

Notice the word keeping in verse 23. That word emphasize back to men. The abiding process part of the abiding process is keeping. Notice the processes are being interchanged. He is talking about some secrets here. He who does not love me does not keep my words and the words which you hear is not mine but the Father who sent me. Then He talks about the Holy Spirit revealing things to them.

Jn. 15 where He reverses back and talk about the abiding process again. I am the vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bears fruit He takes away. And every branch that bears fruit He prunes that it may bear more fruit. You are already cleaned because of the words, which I have spoken to you "men" in me as I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit of itself unless it abides "men" in the vine neither can you unless you "men" in me. I am the vine you are the branches he who "men" in Me and I in him bears much fruit for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone who does not "men" in Me he is cast out as the branch that is withered and they gather them and throw them in the fire and they are burned. If you "men" in Me and My words "men" in you ask what you desire and it shall be done for you.

Again He reverses back to the first process when the Spirit of God comes. Now the abiding process is the revelation of Jesus inside us. The image of Jesus growing. The growing of Christ in our life. In Jn. 14:21 I will love him and manifest Myself to him. The word I is in the singular. In other words Jesus will manifest to us. Again He manifest back the image of Jesus. It is "I" will love him and "I" will manifest to him. Not talking about the Father but Jesus. Because the Spirit will help us to see Jesus. We only see Jesus through the linear relationship through the Spirit of God.

Now in Jn. 15:1-3 you have the linear relationship. Let me point to where it is. Its found in the little word there in verse 3 that says You are already clean through the word which I have spoken to you. Its from the Greek word "kataros". The word is the word clean. That word is repeated in verse 2. It is the word prunes. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he "katara" it that if may bear more fruit. You are already "kataros" because of the word which I have spoken to you. Now Jesus says that you will be pruned and then He turns around in verse 3 and says you are already pruned. Even if you have grown in God you still need things to be pruned so that it can grow more, glory to glory.

The interesting thing is the word "Kataras" is the same word used in Matt. 5 When Jesus said blessed are the "kataras" in heart for they shall see God. It has been

translated pure wrongly. It should be translated systematically through the bible; blessed are those who are clean. How do we get cleansed? How do we get pure? By the word of God in our lives. Like a two-edged sword, it divides the spirit and soul so that Christ's image can be seen clearly in your life. It is a "meno" process growing in our life. And as He reveals Jesus more and more to our lives.

There come a time when we will begin to have emphasize the manifestation. The first work of the Spirit of God is more growing Jesus in us. At first your tangibility is not so clear. You can't really feel or sense it. Some people get born again and they have tremendous experiences. Some seem to sense easier than others. But all of us still need to grow. There is a level of tangibility where you grow more and more and you are conscious of Ephesians chapter 3 where it is proportional to the strength to your inner man. As your inner man is strengthened more Christ dwell more. What happen if you keep that process on and on? It has to explore somewhere. It has to lead somewhere. It will lead to a point where the tangibility is very visible and the manifestation.

Blessed are the "kataros" in heart for they shall see God. What happens when it began to be tangible and it manifests. The second point you need to understand that emphasize the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every one. The emphasize is the manifestation and under the manifestation when you reach that point the Spirit of God began to bring a different flow on you. He began to enlighten you. Just as "meno" deals with your spirit man, emphasize the manifestation has to deal with the eyes of our understanding. Eph. 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of glorious inheritance in the saints.

Notice in verse 18 your soul starts being affected. The eyes of your "dianoia" the understanding come. The spirit of wisdom and understanding produces understanding. It's the second flow of the Spirit of God. And understanding come, knowledge comes, a higher realm of knowing. It comes through revelation and not acquirement. You can acquire all you want and can not get it but when God shows you then you get it. It's a different realm altogether. When the spirit of wisdom and understanding works He comes in only after the Spirit of the Lord has completed His work. When His presence comes to a certain degree then knowing becomes automatic. You don't try to pick up things. You let His presence grow on your inside. When He grows to a certain level the knowing part is automatic. Its more the strength of His presence produces the degree of the understanding.

Let me quote from other people's experience. Some of you read John G. Lake's book. John G. Lake described an experience in his life when he was very hungry for the Holy Spirit. He cried out to God. What was he doing; abiding process. Abiding process is 2 fold love and the Word. Love for God and love for the Word. Then he says one day the Spirit of God came. It was so powerful that when he laid hands on one of the sick person and the other person who lay hand on the sick person felt the power of God flow to John G. Lake into the sick person out of the sick person into that person and he got thrown back. Then he described some of his experiences in Africa. He says that when he laid hands on somebody he knows exactly which organ was wrong.

Based on that I could substantiate what I am teaching in the word with more experiences by showing that how we know is proportional to the degree of the presence. If you know that the knowing in the spirit is proportional to the degree of His presence what should you do? You should not try to know. Knowing in the spirit realm is a different style. We are so used in this world's way. We got to educate, we got to learn, we are so used to this world's way. Knowing from the spirit realm is different. It is proportional to the degree of that person. So when you minister to somebody the higher the degree of God's presence the more details you can know. The less degree of presence the less you know.

Look at Eph.1:18 Having the eyes of understanding be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you. According to the degree of light it will produce the same degree of understanding. Look at those 2 words one is the word understanding the other is the word enlightened. Can you see that there is a proportion? That the more light there is the more understanding there is. It is just like a natural illustration that when you go out into a dark forest the more light there is you see more. The less light you see less. Now the degree of light is proportional to the degree of His presence. The presence of God produces the understanding. And to know is more a degree of presence than the degree of acquirement. That is why the more you seek God's presence the more intelligent you will be.

In the bible there is a man name Daniel. The bible tells us because Daniel and his companions love God, sought God, kept the Word, and "meno" in God, God made them 10 times wiser. Wisdom is a gift God can give. One day Solomon he offered thousand of sacrifices. God appeared in a dream and say Solomon ask what do you want. He asked for wisdom. Instantaneously God made him the wisest man in his generation. He was not born that way. He was made into that kind of wise man through the gift of God. And as the light inside us increase the understanding increase. That is why before we move into the word of knowledge or any gift you function in the degree of presence must be there. When the degree of presence comes the level of knowledge is more detail. That is why emphanizo must work together with the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

The third level he moves into is ergon or works. It began to produce works of might and power. As the degree of understanding comes the spirit of might starts flowing the healing and brings all kind of things in our lives. Since 1978 I believe God for the healing of my eyes. The first 5 years were difficult. Why do I do so because of the principle I call consistency. I can't pray for some one who is blind since I myself have not exercised faith for healing of my eyes. And consistency was with persistency. Over the past few months some thing has been happening a tangibility that I never experienced before. I felt this fire on my inside almost 24 hours. It's almost like living in the anointing all the time. But it is like deep from the inside. When it comes it stays there until I sleep. I say Lord what is happening. The Lord says the time for perfect eyes has come. Seventeen years of time. We are interested in healing but God is interested in your life. God could have healed Kenneth Hagin instantly instead of letting him be healed by his faith. Some times when God looks at your life and He knows that He can heal instantly but if He heals you through as gradual steps and use that as some thing to build your life He will do it. But whatever He does healing is for all. The toughness that has come to the exercising of faith against much discouragement.