

# Lord of Life Ministries

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## "The Sabbath"

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Hebrews 4:9-10 says, *"There remaineth therefore a Rest to the people of God* (that they have yet to come into and never go out of again). *For he that is entered into HIS REST, he also hath* (past tense) *ceased from his own works* (in the flesh)." Jesus said, *"... take My yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME."* In other words, "Come and get to know Me. Come and have a relationship with Me. Come and be One with Me and in My Father. *"It is Finished...I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by* (through) *Me...For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

We need to cease from our own labors (*"doing our own works, finding our own pleasure, and speaking our own words"* Isaiah 58:13-14), and enter into His Rest through a personal relationship with Christ. We are to celebrate Him in the Feast of Tabernacles/the Sabbath **EVERY DAY**; not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but because it has become a delight to us to honor our Beloved with all that we are. We are not to go through the motions of religion, honoring Him from our lips alone; but we

are to present our bodies, *"... a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable to God..."*, *"always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that THE LIFE also OF JESUS MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST IN OUR BODY."* We are to reckon ourselves to be dead (to our self-will), and yield our will (mind/soul) totally to the Father. *"For of* (from within) *Him* (His Rest/the Sabbath/the Feast of Tabernacles), *through Him* (Christ), *and to Him* (the Father), *are all things: TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER. Amen."* EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY, ALL THAT WE ARE IS TO BECOME AN EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP, PRAISE, and THANKSGIVING UNTO HIM!

WE ARE TO BE REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH, allowing the Father to continually guide and flow through us to creation. *"For we came down from heaven, not to do our own will, but the will of Him that sent us. And this is the Father's will which hath sent us, that of all which He hath given us, we should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."* *"Ye that hath an ear, let him hear* (and believe, *for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it).*"

When the Father sent us to Bermuda, He literally brought people to us from all parts of the earth. We were ministering almost non-stop, and one of the things we heard from people over and over again was, "I am tired of religion. I am tired of tradition and rules." Father had us constantly telling people that "He desired for them to enter into His Rest and know Him personally!"

Our last day there we met a store manager, and after sharing with her for a while she said, "It is interesting that you are saying these things, because we just had a minister come to our Pentecostal church, and he told everyone there, "You are all in bondage." He said, "The reason you are all in bondage, is because you have been nothing but a religious people. You come to church, acting very religious and always trying to be good enough for God by doing this and doing that; but in reality, you are in bondage to religion itself."

Religion is a yoke that puts people in bondage and keeps them bound. However, Jesus came to set the captives free. He said, *"Come unto Me...Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me* (get to know Me)"... **"I AM THE WAY..."**. He never said, "Come to church on Sunday and in your

own (religious) righteousness try to please Me through good works.”

Jesus does not need you to do things for Him, but He does desire to work/minister through you to creation. He wants you to come into that same place of Harmony and Oneness that He has with the Father, so that when people look at you, all they will see is the Father walking in the earth. **He wants a relationship with you**, not more works in your own strength.

In Revelations 4:13 it says, *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD** (those that die to self and cease from their own labors) **from henceforth: YEA, saith the Spirit, THAT THEY MAY FIND REST FROM THEIR LABOURS** (in the flesh); **and THEIR WORKS** (in Christ) **DO FOLLOW THEM.**”*

Under the bondage of religion, people are constantly trying to please God. Many boast about all the things they have done, “for God”; the number of people that come to their church; and even about the building itself. To the best of “their ability”, and in “their own strength”, people continually do what “seems right” (in their own mind) to be found “worthy” or “good enough” in the eyes of God, so that one day they will either be “raptured away” or “die and go to heaven”. However, Proverbs 16:25 says, *“**There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end (result) thereof are the ways of death.**”*

God gave the law to man, not to save him or make him righteous, but to show him that

outside of Christ no man can keep it. Through the law, God made man responsible for his own actions by teaching him right from wrong. He also gave him the law to expose what was in his heart, and to show him that no amount of works (on the outside) could ever make him righteous and change what was within his own heart/soul. There is only one way back to the Father, and that is through the blood of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the earth.

Paul said that he had tried religion; and to the best of his ability he had tried to keep the law of Moses. He also said that, although he could boast of his many accomplishments in the flesh (as others chose to do), he had learned by the Grace of God to count them as dung and do otherwise.

In Philippians 3:3-14, Paul wrote, *“**For we are the circumcision, which worship God in Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more.** (In other words, “Look Guys. Outside of God there are a lot of things that I could brag about in my flesh. Some of you think that you are really something because you have a lot of revelation, and in the eyes of man your reputation is pretty good. People have heard you preach, read the things you wrote, and some have given you a few compliments, which have gone right to your head. You know that you have a calling on your life, and now you’re out there announcing to everybody*

how great you are. However, if you really want to compare reputations, what looks good in the eyes of man, and what tickles the ear, I’ve got you all beat!) *Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church (telling everybody the million and one things that are wrong with them, and that I am better than they are because God has called me out from among them); touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. BUT (...there’s no Life in any of that. That’s not what we’ve been called to. That’s not the mind of Christ and the example He set for us. So) what things were (past tense) gain to me (in the flesh), those things have I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD (that I might know the Father in the same way that Jesus knows Him. I want to experience Him in all that I do and say; and no matter what the cost, I’m willing to do whatever the Father asks of me): for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count all of them but dung, that I may win Christ (come forth in His Fullness), AND BE FOUND IN HIM (as Faithful and True), NOT HAVING MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, which is of the law, BUT THAT WHICH IS THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD BY FAITH: THAT I MIGHT KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS*

**SUFFERINGS** (IDENTIFY WITH HIM AND KNOW HIS HEART), **BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH** (THE DEATH OF MY SELF-WILL); *If by any means I might attain unto the Resurrection of the dead* (where even death itself will be put under my feet). *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: BUT I FOLLOW AFTER, IF THAT I MAY APPREHEND THAT FOR WHICH I AM APPREHENDED OF CHRIST JESUS. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: BUT THIS ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND* (all things that have been produced by the carnal mind and religion - past mistakes, past teachings, the works of the flesh, everything that has ever come between the Father and me) **AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS** (WHICH IS THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST HIMSELF IN THE FATHER)."

The law is for the lawless. God gave the law to man to keep him from doing terrible things to one another, but under religion it also caused man to suppress what was within them (sin, anger, jealousy, and hate). Under religion, instead of serving the True and Living God, people served fear.

Not long ago a sister came to me and said that her son is on a basketball team, and all the players on this team are Christians. She also said that her son's team recently played another team whose players were

all Muslims. Before the game, the Muslim team was huddled together praying to their God, and the Christian team was huddled together praying to Jesus. All of a sudden, one of the Christian players got up and told the Muslims that their prayers were in vain and just going into the air. He then proceeded to tell them that they had to come through Jesus in order for God to hear them. She said that her husband (who is Catholic) got very upset with what this boy had done.

Her husband was right! You do not win people over to Christ by condemning them. I have learned over the years that if a brother or sister is under the law of Moses; whether they are Muslim, Islam, or whatever - we are to Love them and accept them right where they are. Jesus did not condemn people - He brought correction and set them free.

When God corrects an individual, He is always looking at the end result of that person. He sees them as being totally reconciled and restored to Him; and He knows exactly what it will take to bring them to that place in HIM!

Some of us have to go through a great deal more than others before we learn that the "*way which seemeth right*" is not working, and that we need to humble ourselves and say, "**YES, LORD. Not my will, but thine, be done.**"

**GOD'S CORRECTION DOES NOT CONDEMN, BUT IT IS ULTIMATELY TO RESTORE AN INDIVIDUAL OR PEOPLE BACK TO THE PLACE IN WHICH THE FATHER WANTS THEM TO**

**WALK IN HIM!** Any correction brought forth outside of the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, is done so in the flesh/carnal mind and only produces death and destruction. The carnal mind condemns people and tears them down, but the Spirit of God corrects and restores.

If people look at your life and see the Peace, Rest, and Joy of God in you, they will want what you have without anybody having to beat them over the head with it. If we walk the walk, rather than just talk the talk, people will automatically be drawn to the Light and Love of God being manifest through you. Jesus said that, "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth (in us), I will draw all men unto Myself.*"

In this realm, God is not limited by what man can see with his natural eyes; hear with his natural ears; or under the cloak of religion, understand with his natural/carnal mind. For nearly 15 years, He has been removing the veil on the eyes of those in the invisible realm; and they are seeing the Light of God being manifest through His Sons in the earth today. Kings and rulers, literally multitudes upon multitudes of people from all nations of the earth throughout time, have been coming to the Light they are seeing now. Why are they coming? Because they are restless souls/spirits needing to be set free. They are drawn to the Peace of God (Christ) within you, and they want what you have. They want to experience for themselves that same Peace and Love that they see within you. They are also coming, because God is showing them that you have the key within you (which is

Christ) to release them from their hells and bring them into the Feast of the Tabernacles.

In Isaiah 60:1-3 it says, **“ARISE, shine; for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but THE LORD SHALL ARISE UPON THEE, and HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN UPON THEE. And THE GENTILES SHALL COME TO THY LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF THY RISING.”**

These people (in the invisible realm) haven't been able to come to this Feast (the Sabbath) in the past, because of the state of their mind. They couldn't come in because of their ignorance and disobedience in the past. Until now, they have remained asleep (Spiritually) and in darkness (in hell in their mind), with a great gulf separating them from the Light and Peace/Rest of God.

If you study it out, you will see that in the Bible God calls men “trees”; and in Ecclesiastes 11:3 it says, **“...and if the TREE fall toward the south, or toward the north, IN THE PLACE WHERE THE TREE FALLETH, THERE IT SHALL BE.”** In other words, if a man goes by the way of the grave, he remains in whatever state of mind he was in at the time that his body died. However, God is now waking them up to where **they are seeing “the Glory of the Lord” rising upon you!** Those in the invisible realm are coming to the Feast of Tabernacles (the Sabbath/His Rest) now, because it is God's time for them to do so. In Zechariah chapter 14, God said that in the Day of the Lord, it shall come to pass that ALL the

nations shall come, **“...to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, and keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”**

He is saying through Isaiah that, AS YOU ARISE (in the mind of Christ/the Spirit of God) and SHINE (walk/abide in Him/the Light), the Glory/Nature/Light of the LORD will not only swallow up your soul and be a covering unto you; but it shall also be seen openly by the nations and kings of the earth (in both realms). And **WHEN** they see this, all shall come to His Light in you that they too might know His Salvation and Praise Him.

This is what we have been experiencing here, and they just keep coming. He is judging and bringing correction to everything in these people's lives that has kept them bound (in their mind); everything that has prevented them from entering into, and abiding in Oneness with God; everything that has kept them from experiencing His Love, Joy, and Peace. He is reconciling all things back to Himself; causing them to not only come into Harmony with Himself, but with each other as well.

He is dealing with ALL the things that have happened down through people's generations - the prejudice, hatred, killing, and wars. He is causing them to stand before one another in Peace and Love, because in order to come into the Feast of Tabernacles, they cannot have any anger or hatred towards anyone ever again. In Isaiah 60:18 it says, **“Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.”** He is

bringing His Sons and all creation (both visible and invisible) to the place in Him where they will enter into this Feast/the Sabbath, and never go/walk out of the Spirit/His Presence again.

As you enter into the Feast of Tabernacles, the River of Life begins to flow out of you to creation. As you learn to abide in Him and allow this Feast to become a way of Life for you, the Spirit of Truth begins to flow into the minds of those that God wants to minister to and set free. He begins to show them why they were the way they were, and why they did what they did. He brings them to the place where they have to lay down their differences and everything has to be reconciled. As each individual is reconciled, they go right back into God.

I don't know if you are getting a hold of this, but we are talking about coming into that place of Oneness in Christ, where He is not limited to ministering in only one realm or the other through you. Religion has taught that God can only minister to an individual while they are in their body, and the majority of His people still walk in this realm of limited thinking within the five-sense realm. God's Sons need to come into that place in Him where they yield their will fully to Him, that He might minister to whomever, wherever, whenever, and however He chooses to do so through them. God is not limited by the five senses, or even by time. He desires for all of His Sons to come into this same realm of no limitations within Him. The only thing that puts limits on how God uses any of His Sons, is the willingness of His Sons to

yield their will to Him. *"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, THAT HE MIGHT BE LORD BOTH OF THE DEAD AND THE LIVING* (Romans 14:9)."

Hebrews 13:8 says, *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* 1Peter 3:18-20 and Ephesians 4:8-10, both speak of how after going to the cross; before ascending to the Father, Jesus first went and ministered to those that had died (thousands of years before) in the flood, back in the days of Noah. It said that these people had been in prison, in the lower parts of the earth (hell in their mind), but Jesus lead captivity captive and set them free.

Jesus is the pattern Son, which means that He both set, and is the example for all Sons to follow. He was not limited to one realm or the other 2000 years ago, and He is not limited now. Jesus is still ministering to those in the invisible realm; only now, because it is the Father's time for Him to do so, He is doing this through many Sons (a many membered corporate body) as they learn to take up their cross daily and yield their will to the Father within.

God lives within you, and you need to learn to go within where He is, get quiet, and allow THE CHRIST IN YOU TO MINISTER TO THE NATIONS/CREATION through you in both realms (the visible and invisible), as one realm affects the other.

In releasing the nations in the invisible realm (in the heavens/ realm of the Spirit), the Lord is preparing the way for the nations in the visible realm (in the earth)

to receive the Kingdom of God. He is getting the nations ready for the Grand Finale when He will unveil the Book of Life in His Sons. He is getting ready to manifest the Fullness of His glory through them, and issue in the Kingdom of God in the earth!

The Feast of Tabernacles is about to be fulfilled, and then overflow as the River of Life to creation from within the Sons of God. All the nations of the earth are going to have to come to this Feast, and stand before the Book of Life! In the past they have heard the doctrines and teachings of man; and under religion they have been read the law of Moses; but they have not heard from the Book of Life!

The Book of Life (which is Christ Himself) will bring correction, and cause each individual to know God for him self. He knows exactly what it will take to draw each and every individual into such a Love affair with Himself, that they will take on an attitude of worship, recognizing Him in every area of their life! It has been the Father's plan from the beginning to bring all creation to the place where the Feast of Tabernacles will be fulfilled in them; to have each and every individual enter into His Presence (His Righteousness, Peace, Joy, and Love), and never go out again!

Jesus said in John 6:44, *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."* Within the Father's plan He has a time for every individual to come to Him. It is His time for many in the invisible realm to come and enter into this Feast now. Some have been in

hell (in their minds) for hundreds, and even thousands of years. They have remained all this time, in the same state of mind they had when they walked the earth in the natural. In that state of mind, God was not supreme in their lives, and because of the thoughts in their mind, a gulf/division has remained between them and God. This gulf has prevented them from experiencing His Peace and Love.

If someone is in a state of hell (darkness in their mind) long enough, and they see a Light (even if it is afar off), there is something in them that both draws, and tells them, "You need to get to that Light". Many are now being drawn to the Light of Christ in you, because it is the Father's time for them to see it!

In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus gave an example of the great gulf/separation that exists between not only individuals in various realms or states of mind at the time of their physical death; but also between those in the visible and invisible realms (until now). He said, *"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said,*

*Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."*

Lazarus was in the bosom of Abraham (in the Spirit) enjoying the Peace and Rest of God. Some of God's Sons have also learned through experience that by dying to self and yielding their will to the Father, they can experience His Rest right here and now (without having to go the way of the grave as Lazarus did). Lazarus had ascended into the realm of the Most High God with Abraham, and from afar off, **God allowed the rich man to see the Light that Lazarus had entered into.**

This is also what God has been doing the past 15 years. He

has been allowing those in the invisible realm to see the Light in His Sons. Only now, they are not just seeing the Light (as with the rich man and Lazarus), He is also causing them to come to that Light and be set free. He is doing away with the gulf, and causing the heavens and the earth (the visible and invisible) to become as ONE IN HIM! *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1Timothy 2:5)"*

At that time (because Jesus had not gone to the cross yet, and it was not the Father's time for them to do so), even though the rich man could see Lazarus, there remained a great gulf between them, so that neither could go to the other. While Lazarus experienced the Peace and blessings of God, the rich man experienced the Fire of God. He was tormented in the hell of his mind because of the state he was in when he died. He had lived in the carnality of his soul where all he thought about was pleasing his self-will. Now, even though he could see the promises of God (that were available to all of Israel through Abraham), he was not able to receive, partake, or benefit from them. The Fire that he experienced was the Fire of God (*"For our God is a consuming fire"*); not the traditional hell fire and eternal damnation that religion has preached to the nations in ignorance.

In other words, he was in the presence of God, but was unable to experience the Peace of God because of the thoughts that remained in his mind. *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace. Because the carnal mind is*

*enmity (an enemy of) against God."*

The Fire of God is not meant to destroy an individual, but rather to bring change. It is to humble them; correct them; and cause their heart to turn to God who is Love and Peace. The purpose of the Fire is to perfect us, by consuming everything in us that keeps us from entering into this Feast and walking in the Sabbath/the Spirit of God 24 hours a day. It is to consume everything in us that is not like Christ; everything in us that would pollute the Sabbath, by *"doing our own works, finding our own pleasure, and speaking our own words"*.

Whenever we go through the Fire it is never a pleasant experience; but God doesn't want us to focus on what is going on around us, or the negative thoughts that surface in the mind. We are to stay focussed on Him!

It is from **within** the Fire that He is perfecting us, and causing us to press ever deeper into that Oneness with Him. It has been His desire from the beginning, for us to follow after the examples set by His Son. Even Jesus learned obedience by the things that He suffered; and in the process of being made perfect, we must also learn to overcome all things as Jesus overcame them, enter into the Father's Presence/Rest, and never go/walk out of the Spirit/mind of Christ again!

Within the Fire the rich man was tormented in his mind, and God brought correction to him. There he was humbled; and after seeing the Light that Lazarus had entered into, he learned to take his eyes off of himself and focus

on the needs of others. Not wanting his brothers to have to go through what he had, he prayed and asked the Father to send Lazarus to them, that he might testify of what had happened to him. He did not want them to follow after his example (in the flesh) and have to suffer as he was now. Out of an attitude of repentance, both recognizing and taking responsibility for his choices in the flesh, he now spoke out of compassion for others, desiring that they might be saved.

It was the rich man's hope that if God sent Lazarus to his brothers, they would allow God to deal with their lives now, and enter the same Rest as Lazarus; rather than the hell (Fire of God) he was now having to endure. However, God knew the hearts of the rich man's brothers, and said to him that even if He were to send Lazarus to them, they would not repent. He said, *"If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."*

In other words, if his brothers would not receive what had already been spoken to them through Moses and the prophets; after all the miracles and signs that had already been given to Israel; lacking both the ears to hear, and faith to believe - sending Lazarus to them now would not change what was in their hearts. They too, would one day have to endure the Fire of God on the other side, as he was doing now. No matter how good the intentions were behind what the rich man had prayed, there remained a gulf between not only him and Lazarus, but between

him and his brothers in the natural. This gulf is really thoughts in the mind that stand in the way of an individual hearing and entering into the Promises of God.

1Corinthians 2:11-14 says, *"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing Spiritual things with Spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned."*

Until God deals with the thoughts in people's minds, there is a gulf that stands between you and the people living in this world, those in the invisible realm, and even between you and your friends and family.

Have you ever noticed that you can be walking in such Peace and Joy in God, while at the same time your friends or members of your family may be going through hell in their mind. Sometimes they are so miserable they can't even stand to be around you. They see the Joy that you have, and sense the Presence of God in you, and in doing so their own misery seems to be amplified. They are so focussed on the negative in their situations, in other people, and within their own mind, that sometimes they don't know which way is up.

They feel angry, afraid, isolated, and even forgotten by God because in looking through their own carnal mind (reasoning), they are blind and cannot see the good that He desires to bring out of their situations. A lot of God's Sons are the same way.

Sometimes people even blame God for what is going on in their life. As the saying goes, "Misery loves company", and without realizing it, they may even try to pull you down (in your mind) to where you go right into hell with them.

No matter what, you need to stay focussed on the Father and walk in His Light, because even from within their hells, where it seems like all they are focussing on is the raging sea (of thoughts) that surrounds them - God is enabling them to see His Light in you. Through you, like a beacon in the night He is directing them back to the Way that leads to Life and Peace in Him. When they are able to see you experiencing God's Peace in the midst of your own storms, they want what you have. Deep within themselves, they want to be where you are in Him. When they have been through enough hells in their mind, they will cry out to the Father; and from within His Love and Mercy, He will lift/draw them out of their hells and into His Glorious Rest!

A gulf exists whenever one person is walking in the Spirit, and another is walking in his own will. You cannot share Spiritual things with that person, because the carnal mind/flesh cannot understand/receive the things of God.

I learned a long time ago that if I want to hear what the Spirit of



the Lord is saying, I first have to get out of the carnal mind. I learned that if I didn't spend some time communing with the Father and take any carnal thoughts that surfaced in my mind captive (placing them on the altar), before I went to church, then I was just going through the motions of being religious.

God doesn't want us to gather together out of habit. He wants us to do so because we are head over heels in Love with Him. He wants us to do so because we can't get enough of being with the Christ in each other; and out of obedience, He wants us to lay our lives down and yield our will to Him. Each time we come together, it is His desire to flow through us and minister not only to those that come here, but to all creation. This is the reason why we constantly cry out to God to keep you stirred up in your Spirit so that your relationship, and desire for Him to accomplish His will both in, and through you would never become complacent or routine. It is my prayer that you would never come here out of a sense of religious burden, duty, or habit; but rather because it is a delight for you to come and join together in the Presence of the Lord. I don't know about you, but I just can't get enough of being with my Father, and experiencing the Christ each another.

There was a gulf between Lazarus and the rich man, and neither could go to the other. However, there was also a mediator there in the form of Abraham, and He was able to minister to both of them right where they were. The mediator, if

you can hear what the Spirit is saying, was literally Christ speaking through Abraham, just as He does through you and me today.

Jesus is the mediator, and when the mediator appears on the scene there is no gulf too large that it cannot be bridged by the Love of God. He swallows up the gulf (the negative thoughts in a person's mind that prevents them from experiencing His Rest), and He shows them The Way back to the Father. Jesus went to the cross to become the mediator for all creation. He is the bridge for all nations and generations both visible and invisible. When Jesus swallows up (by Fire) the gulf that has separated an individual from abiding in, and experiencing the Love of God, they are able to cross over/rise above/overcome those things in their life that have kept them in bondage (hell in their mind); and through the mediator (Christ Himself), they are able to go right into God!

God has been saying for some time now that the stage is set, and He is about to draw back the curtain. Just as with His First Son Jesus, He is about to give those Sons whom He has chosen as "*Faithful and True*" the Spirit without measure. He is about to manifest His Fullness through His Sons, and all creation will see it.

In Isaiah chapter 11, He describes the manifestation of Himself through these Sons, as a "Branch" that is coming forth out of Jesse. It is speaking about those Sons that have learned to abide in Him/the Vine; those Sons that have learned to yield their will to Him, and have allowed the

Father to deal with/purge everything in them that is not like His Son.

Isaiah 11:1-8, says: "*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots* (signifying both THE SON and the Sons of God for they are One in the Father). *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 of the Fear of the Lord; And shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth* (flesh/carnal mind) *with the rod* (authority) *of His mouth, and with the breath (the Word and the Spirit) of His lips shall he slay the wicked.*" ("*...as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*") All wickedness (every thought that has no Life in it) shall be judged and removed from the earth (minds of men).

*"And Righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins* (He/they are producing the fruits of the Spirit - they are producing life), *and Faithfulness the girdle of His reins.*" They are being led by the mind of Christ ("*whithersoever the Spirit was to go, they went.*") "*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*" These souls have come into a place of Rest and Peace. Their nature has been



changed. They have been humbled and are now led by the mind of Christ. ***“And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.”***

The asp and the cockatrice represent the serpent who can only feed on the dust of the earth (flesh/carnal thoughts). The hole represents the mouth or the voice of the carnal mind. It speaks of children here because they have been born again of the Spirit and have been reconciled back into God. The serpent could not come out of his hole because these children no longer spoke out of the carnal mind. And, because they no longer lived in the dust realm (Adam nature/carnality/the beast nature), there is nothing left in them for the serpent to feed upon. They lived, rested, and were fed in the Fullness of God’s Love one with another. They have entered into the Feast of Tabernacles and the Sabbath has become a delight to them. They have ceased from their own labors (doing their own works, finding their own pleasure, and speaking their own words).

In verses 9 and 10, it goes on to say, ***“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the earth shall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”*** The River of Life shall be expanded (overflow its banks) to cover the whole earth, and all creation shall be brought into the Rest of God. The warfare in the minds of these people had ceased. ***“And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,***

***which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and His Rest shall be Glorious.”***

In this day, the Sons will stand for a sign to the Gentiles (all creation). He is judging/correcting/consuming those things in them that are not like Him, and opening their eyes to see the Son of man (Christ in the earth). They want what the Sons have. His Rest, Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Spirit. They want to return to the Kingdom of their Father, and it says, ***“His Rest shall be Glorious”.***

From verse 11, it goes on to say, ***“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again, the second time to recover the remnant of His people (“...both which are in heaven, and which are on earth”), which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea*** (all of humanity).”

***“And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.”*** The flesh shall be cut off, and the warfare in their minds will cease. ***“But they shall fly*** (arise in the Spirit and overcome the thoughts that have kept them in hell) ***upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they***

***shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.”*** The carnal mind shall bow down to the mind of Christ within.

***“And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea*** (God shall judge and consume the lies and imaginations that the serpent/carnal mind has used to keep them in the bondage of humanity/the flesh); ***and with His mighty wind*** (the Word and the Spirit going forth) ***shall shake His hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.”***

In other words, God spoke a Word out of the mind of Christ, that made a way for these souls to walk out of the muck and mire (patterns of carnal and religious thinking) by consuming every thought that had kept them weighted down in the hells of their minds. The “Seven Streams” signifies that He provided a way before them that is unto Perfection. He also made them to go over “dryshod”, which means that He judged and changed their walk. They were now able to walk in the Spirit and enter into the Promised Land/the Kingdom of God where they could experience His Rest in the Feast of Tabernacles!

Verse 16: ***“And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came out of Egypt.”*** In other words, God shall, and is parting the waters of humanity within man’s mind, that they might see the Way that is narrow and leads to Life standing before them in His Sons!

Through those Sons that are becoming His Branch, this has already begun. For nearly 15 years God has been setting the nations, kings, and generations free in the invisible realm, and in doing so, many in the visible realm are also being set free from many things in the process. It is His appointed time, and it is for this purpose that the Father is both raising up and causing His Sons to come forth in THE SON.

The calling or purpose of each and every Son is to abide in Christ, and to be One, even as Jesus is One with the Father. The calling or purpose of each Son is to do the will of Him that sent us, and from within this place of abiding we are to set the captives/remnant/creation free!

In John chapter 15 Jesus said, *"I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without (outside of) Me ye can do nothing."*

*"If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."* God cannot use an individual who will not abide in/walk in/agree with Him? *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"* It is impossible.

Jesus also said that THOSE THAT DO ABIDE IN HIM, and ARE BEARING/MANIFESTING

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, will also be pruned/judged/corrected/chastened by the Father, so that they will bring forth even more fruit. Jesus was letting you know in advance, that part of the process of coming into that place of Rest and total Oneness with Him, means that you are first going to have to experience some painful things along the way. Everything in you that keeps you from remaining/abiding in His Rest 24/7, will have to be cut out of you and cast into the Fire to be consumed. The more He prunes/judges and consumes from within you, the more you will stay in the Rest of God.

Hebrews 12: says, *"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."* It also says in this same chapter that the Father chastens those whom He Loves; and if He is chastening you, then He is dealing with you as a Son. Even Jesus learned obedience by the things that He suffered. No matter what is going on around you, you need to stay focussed on the Father and remember that nothing comes your way unless He allows it. Job's life is a good example of this. You need to understand that if the Father is allowing it, then He has a purpose behind it, *"And we know that ALL THINGS WORK (ARE WORKING) TOGETHER FOR (YOUR) GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE."* Everything the Father allows to come your way,

He is using it to purge/chasten and work His purpose/Nature into you.

Proverbs 10:13 says, *"IN THE LIPS OF HIM THAT HATH UNDERSTANDING WISDOM IS FOUND..."* Wisdom and Understanding will help keep you in the Rest of God, and we need to ask God for all that we can get. Far too many of God's people lack His Wisdom and Understanding in their lives. Rather than asking Him for these things, and what His will is in each situation that comes their way, many still follow after the prosperity messages, asking for homes, cars, money, and the material things of this world. They continually come to God saying, "Give me this" and "Give me that God".

Solomon didn't ask for wealth, money, a house, or a car. All he asked of God was that He give him an Understanding heart (with the Wisdom) to know how to judge His people and discern between bad and good. "Understanding" is knowledge, and "Wisdom" is the knowing what to do with that knowledge.

In 1Kings 3:9-12, Solomon spoke to God and said, *"Give therefore thy servant an UNDERSTANDING HEART TO JUDGE THY PEOPLE, THAT I MAY (HAVE THE WISDOM TO) DISCERN BETWEEN BAD AND GOOD: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"*

In other words, "Father, let me have Your Wisdom so that I will be able to judge your people Righteously." Well this pleased God so much that He not only gave Solomon all that he asked for, but He also chose to bless him with a great deal more. In

verses 11-13 it says, *“And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING (AND THE WISDOM) to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I HAVE GIVEN THEE A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING HEART; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I HAVE ALSO GIVEN THEE that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. AND IF THOU (“turn away...from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the Holy of the Lord, Honourable; and shalt honour Him, (BY TAKING UP YOUR CROSS, DENYING SELF, AND FOLLOWING HIM/NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS, NOR FINDING THINE OWN PLEASURE, NOR SPEAKING THINE OWN WORDS:”) WALK IN MY WAYS, TO KEEP MY STATUTES AND COMMANDMENTS, as thy father David did walk, THEN I will lengthen thy days.”*

Solomon was blessed with Understanding, Wisdom, and riches above everyone else. He prospered Spiritually and materially because his soul delighted itself and prospered in God. Even Solomon’s name means, “Peace” and “Rest”. He was responsible and used what God had given him. People marveled and came from afar to hear the Words of Wisdom God had given Him. People from

every nation, and all the kings of the earth were drawn to the Light (Wisdom, Understanding, and Truth of God) that was seen in Solomon back then, just as those in the invisible realm are being drawn to the Light of God in His Sons today. Jesus said, *“...the Truth shall make you free.”*

People in the invisible realm are coming by the thousands to hear the Wisdom of God within His Sons. They are restless souls looking to find Rest in God. They are looking to find the Bread of Life/Truth that would give nourishment to their souls and set them free.

What God is doing in the invisible realm now is also having an affect on those in the visible realm. He is preparing the way and setting the stage for His Fullness to be revealed through His Sons. He is about to draw back the curtain, and when He does, ALL CREATION WILL SEE HIS GLORY, *“That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

God had a particular time and purpose for Solomon to come on the scene, and Solomon used wisely all that God gave him. If people never use what God has given them, it remains dormant and useless within them (buried deep within their earth). If your soul becomes restless then you need to seek God’s Wisdom and Understanding for your situation. It is the Wisdom of God that will lead you back to the place in Him where you will find Peace and Rest for your soul.

Paul wrote in 1Corinthians chapter 13, *“...IF I HAVE the gift of prophecy, AND KNOW (UNDERSTAND) ALL THE MYSTERIES AND ALL THE KNOWLEDGE; AND IF I HAVE ALL FAITH, so as to remove mountains, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING...”*. Paul was saying that, “Even if I have all the Wisdom, Understanding, and Faith there is; IF I DON’T WALK/ABIDE IN LOVE/THE VINE, AND KEEP MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM FIRST in my life, THEN I AM NOTHING.”

Even though Solomon had learned many things about God, he still messed up in the end. In fact, if it were not for God’s great Love for David, God may have allowed Solomon to go by the way of the grave much sooner than He did. If you remember, God told Solomon, *“And IF thou (“turn away...from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day...”) walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and commandments, as thy father David did walk, THEN I will lengthen thy days.”* His length of days was conditional upon His abiding in Christ. God Loved David because he had a heart after God. Solomon started out right in God, but later got off track. He made the same mistake that many of God’s people still make today.

Many start out right with God and get all excited about the revelations, understanding, and knowledge the Father gives them. He blesses them Spiritually, as well as naturally. Then after some time goes by and they have been through some trials, they become discontent with their life and what they have. **The reason they**

become discontent is because didn't keep their relationship with Him; **and** they either didn't use, or stopped using/walking in the Knowledge and Understanding that He gave them!

One of the principles of the Kingdom of God is, **if** you don't use it, **then** you'll lose it. **If** you don't abide in Him and walk in what you know, **then** you'll lose the Peace you have in Him and go right into hell.

What God's people really need is to develop and keep their relationship with the Him FIRST in their life. When they don't do this, they feel an emptiness, or void in their life; and rather than turn their hearts back to Him immediately, they will often look for things in the five-sense realm to fill that void in their life. They go out and get this, and get that, thinking that these things (or even relationships) will make them happy. What they don't understand is that nothing can fill that void in their life except for Christ, and until they are willing to put Him FIRST, they will never be truly happy or at Peace in their mind.

Solomon had everything you could possibly think of in this world, and still he was not satisfied. He was not satisfied because he had left his First Love to have a union with the flesh. In 1Kings 11<sup>1-4</sup> it said that, "*...king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh* (which represents the carnal mind/thoughts that would enslave the people of God), *women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the*

*nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, When Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after their gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord God, as was David his Father."*

Solomon's wives represented his soul and the five senses. In other words, when Solomon chose to disobey God and have a union with his soul/flesh, he walked out of the mind of Christ/Spirit of God and went into hell in his mind. Instead of having a heart after God and walking as David walked, Solomon constantly tried to find contentment (Peace and Rest for his soul) in the things and relationships of this world.

Whenever we have a union with our five senses, we descend into hell and lose our Peace. It is only when we get our eyes back on the Father that we can see the Light. **NO MATTER WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND US, WISDOM WILL ALWAYS TELL US THAT WE NEED TO ARISE AND WORSHIP HIM!** It is Wisdom/the Spirit of Truth that leads and comforts us within the Father's bosom. This is where we are to abide, and nothing outside of this place will ever satisfy our soul.

In Philippians 4:11-13 (GNB) Paul wrote, "*...I have learned to be satisfied with what I have. I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than*

*enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me."*

Like Paul, we all need to come to this same place of being content no matter what state we are in. The soul is always driving us to get more things, to go here and go there.

The interesting thing about Solomon (before he got off track), was that he never had to go anywhere to minister what God gave him. 1Kings 4:34 says that, "*...there came of all people (nations) to hear the Wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his Wisdom."* As Solomon was Faithful to use the Understanding, Wisdom, and Knowledge that God had given him, word of his acts and Wisdom quickly spread throughout the land. As long as Solomon remained in the place where God had established him within Himself (I'm talking Spiritually here), the people came to him.

"*When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the Name (Nature) of the Lord...*", she went to Solomon both to test him, and to see with her own eyes if what she had heard about Solomon was true. People not only recognized the Wisdom of God in the Words that Solomon spoke, but they also saw the Nature of God being manifest through him. When the queen of Sheba had seen Solomon's Wisdom (the Wisdom of God being manifest through him) and all that he had, she said that his

Wisdom and prosperity exceeded the fame that she had heard.

Even then, Solomon both understood and spoke of all the different kinds of "trees", which represent "people" from all the nations of the earth. He spoke of the "cedar trees", which are the "Sons of God/Overcomers". The "beasts", which are the carnal natures/appetites of the flesh, i.e., the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The "fowls", which speak of the principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places/the invisible realm. The "creeping things", which are the negative thoughts in the mind that cause you to enter into fear, doubt, and unbelief. And he spoke of "fishes", representing all humanity/creation being reconciled back to God. Solomon was actually ministering the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. People and kings from all nations came to Solomon seeking both the counsel and judgements of the Lord, that they too would find Rest for their souls. During his life Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs, and wrote one thousand and five songs.

What happened with Solomon, was a foreshadow of what God is getting ready to do on now a much greater scale through His Sons. When you look at the scriptures, it is amazing to see the amount of Wisdom and Understanding that God gave to Solomon.

God has also given His Sons in the earth today much Wisdom and Understanding. Jesus said in Matthew 13:17 that, "**Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: but to**

**others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand."** He also said in Luke 8:10, "**For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."**

The Bible declares that the time is coming when the nations are going to have to seek out the Wisdom of God once again.

In Isaiah 2:2-5 it says, "**And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the Mountain of the LORD'S House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob** (you are that Mountain and House that it is speaking of); ***and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O House of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the Light of the LORD."***

Many of God's Sons have the Word of God burning inside of them, and they have been crying out to God, "How long is it going to be before this can come out and flow to the people". Some get disappointed and depressed, because it appears in the natural that there is nowhere to minister

the Word that God has placed within them.

Some of these Sons (not all) are still looking for the acceptance and praises of men. They are looking for a place to get up and minister where the eyes of the people will be upon them. These Sons are still being driven by their soul to fulfill certain appetites of the flesh that they have not yet allowed God to deal with in their lives. They are still ministering from within the law of Moses, wanting to put their yoke upon the people to control them, rather than allow the Christ to minister through them and set the people free.

The ministry of a Son is not something we are called to do from a pulpit. It is something that we are to walk out and become. It is a state of being, where moment by moment you yield your will to the Father and you're ready to speak whatever Word He directs you to speak to any individual. It is all about a walk, and not just a talk. If we are truly walking this walk and abiding in Him, the River of Life will automatically flow out of us to others. Some are looking for a pulpit to preach from; but **when you begin to use what God has already given you and walk this out, people will be drawn to seek out the Wisdom of God in you, no matter where you are physically.** You could be at a shopping center, walking down the street, or just sitting in a park, and people will come to you.

For years we have been experiencing this in degrees. People from all nations of the earth have been coming, and out of nowhere they start pouring their heart out to us. Total

strangers are coming with questions and seeking counsel. What they are really seeking is the Wisdom of God whether they realize it or not. This is God opening the door for us to minister to not only these individuals, but also to their generations. There is a balance to all of this, and He is ministering in both realms now!

As you are *"Faithful and True"* in the little things (with each individual He brings to you) He will give you more responsibility, and open even more doors to you as time goes on. Be anxious for nothing, and walk one day at a time in union with Him. We are to remain open to however, wherever, and whenever God chooses to minister through us. Stay focussed on Him and remain in a state of readiness.

Solomon didn't go looking for people to minister to. He simply used what God gave him. As he allowed the Wisdom of God to flow out to creation from within him, it said that *"the fame of Solomon concerning the Name of the Lord"* was proclaimed throughout the land. People and kings sought Solomon out.

When the manifestation of the Sons of God takes place, and the Father reveals His Fullness openly through them, the nations of the earth will hear of His Fame. They will come to God's Sons saying, "Let us go up to Zion and learn the ways of our God". As they learn of His ways, they will also come into the Feast of the Tabernacles and experience His Rest.

Isaiah chapter 11 was speaking of that One New Man that is coming forth in the image

of the SON. It is that many membered body of Sons that have come into the Fullness of Christ, and walk as ONE, even as Jesus is One with the Father. This One New Man has learned by the things they have suffered. They have endured the purging of the Father, and it says that this Branch that shall come forth out of the root of Jesse (the Vine/Christ) will also have the Seven Spirits of God. They are the anointed of the Lord that have been tried and chosen as *"Faithful and True"*. *"These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, BEING THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD AND TO THE LAMB."* It says that, *"...the Spirit of the Lord (the mind of Christ) shall rest upon Him (them), the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might (Power/Authority), the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear of the Lord."*

In God, an individual's natural age does not matter, but what does matter is the attitude of that individual's heart. Jesus said, *"Many are called, but FEW ARE CHOSEN."* He will only choose those that have been tried and proven *"Faithful and True"* to the heart of the Father. Those that have learned to abide in Him, and use wisely all that He has given them.

David was called at a very young age, and with this calling he was also given the responsibility to care for a little flock of sheep. God gave David this responsibility to prove him and see what he would do with it.

In one parable Jesus spoke of a Man who one Day called His servants unto Himself. To each of His servants He a number of talents. When He returned, each of His servants was required to give an accounting (which means they were "accountable") for what he had been given. Those (Sons) servants that used wisely what had been given to them; were then given even more (responsibility). The Lord said to each of these servants, *"Well done thou Good and Faithful servant: thou hast been Faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter into the Joy of the Lord."*

However, in the case of the individual (Sons) that chose to abide in fear rather than in the Vine, and instead of being responsible with what he had been given, chose to bury/hide (from) it in the earth/world - what was once entrusted to him, was taken away. The Lord then gave his talent to another that He had proven and chosen as *"Faithful and True"*.

No one is going to be chosen and anointed (given the responsibility) to rule and reign as a True Son/the Branch, until he has first been tried and proven as *"Faithful and True"*.

Anyone who is in this message is called to be a shepherd, and to be a shepherd you must also have a shepherd's heart for all people/creation.

In preparing David to one day sit on the throne, God first trained him to be a good shepherd. In the plan of God, David first had to learn how to be responsible in the little things. He learned to tend the sheep that God gave him. He Loved and

watched over them; and when the lion and the bear came, David overcame them in the Lord's strength. From an early age, David had a relationship with the Father, and learned to depend on Him. He learned to listen for His voice, and was *"Faithful and True"* to do all that God asked of him.

God used the situations in David's life to prepare him for what was to come. Can you imagine this little boy having to rise up and kill the lion and the bear that sought to kill his flock? When David went up against Goliath, Saul wanted David to put on his armor, and use his weapons of warfare. "Saul" represents the flesh man/carnal mind; and the armor and weapons he wanted David to put on and use, were that of religion and the law. David tried on Saul's armor, but it didn't fit. He knew that just as with the lion and the bear, he had to depend on the Father's strength to overcome the giant. Goliath wanted to not only take David's life, but he also wanted to enslave the people of God.

It was not the strength of Saul (religion and the law) that overcame the giant and set the people free. It was the anointing of God in David. Just as David knew that his strength came from abiding in the Lord, the Branch that is coming forth from the root of Jesse does so from a place of abiding in the Vine.

In learning to abide in the Vine, they are allowing the Father to purge them of all that is not like Him. They have learned by experience to depend on (trust) Him in every situation. They have been tried and proven, have

learned, and are learning to be *"Faithful and True"* with all that He has given them. He has trained, and is training them to be good shepherds; and through a relationship they are becoming One with THE SHEPHERD'S HEART. None of us are there yet, but this is where He is quickly bringing those Sons that have learned to abide in, and that Faithfully yield their will to Him.

Before the foundation of the earth He knew them. He also knew exactly what it would take to bring each one to the place where they can bear the responsibility of His Fullness and judge all things Righteously as Christ in the earth. He called them, and chose them, and in Isaiah chapter 11 it says that He shall anoint them with the Seven Spirits of God, meaning He will give them the Spirit without measure just as He did with Jesus. They shall be made Perfect in Him and come forth in His Image and after His Likeness. When people look upon them, they will see the Father standing before them in His Sons.

*"Righteous shall be the girdle of His loins, and Faithfulness the girdle of His reins"*, meaning they will continually walk in the Righteousness of God, and everything that comes forth from within them will produce Life.

Those that are called to be part of His Branch must walk with both girdles on at all times. You need to ask God to show you the responsibility that comes with wearing these girdles, as it is not something that can be taken lightly. Many have counted the cost of wearing these girdles, but were not willing to pay the price.

Many are not willing to drink from the same cup of sufferings that Jesus did.

In Isaiah it says that in that Day (the Day of the Lord) this Branch will STAND/ABIDE IN HIM as a sign (or banner) to the people, and that the Gentiles/nations are going to seek Him/them out. People and kings from all nations of the earth are going to come seeking both the counsel and judgements of the Lord, that they too might find Rest for their souls. It says, *"...and HIS REST SHALL BE GLORIOUS."* Through the counsel and ministry of His Branch as Kings and Priests after the order of Melchisedec, they will enter into the Feast of Tabernacles and call His Sabbath a delight. It is here that they shall taste of the Lord and see that He is Good.

I do not know when the Fullness of this is going to take place, but when it does God's Sons are going to be bombarded with people from both realms coming to find Rest for their souls. The Father keeps saying, "It is closer than we think!"

Are we ready? Are we wearing the two girdles by walking in Righteousness and Faithfulness to the Lord? Are we being responsible with what He has given us? Is His Sabbath a truly a delight to us, and are we honoring the Lord moment by moment, by not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words - or are we polluting the Sabbath?

None of us are walking in the Fullness of this yet. All of us still have some things in us that are not Christ-like, and we need to be



constantly going before the Lord and asking Him to show us those

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things in us that are holding us back. When He does, we need to lay them on the altar and allow Him to deal them.

It is time for God's Sons to grow up and take responsibility for what we have been given. We need to apply this Word to our life daily and allow His Sabbath to become not only a delight to us, but a way of life. We need to honor Him with all that we are, because if He be lifted up, He said that He would draw all men/creation unto Him!

"ARISE, shine; for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but THE LORD SHALL

THEE. And THE GENTILES SHALL COME TO THY LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF THY RISING... Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows?" THEY ARE THE BRANCH OF THE LORD, COMING FORTH IN THE LIGHT OF HIS SABBATH/THE SON!

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