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“Word-Spirit-Form Part 5”

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Today we are going to continue in the Word that the Lord has been giving us called, “Word-Spirit-Form.” As Sons and Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God we are not here to do our own will, but the will of Him that sent us. To do this we must enter into His Rest by Faith, where we come to the end of ourselves, and allow the works of Christ to flow through us to bring change and manifest themselves before others. In Hebrews 4:6 and 9-11 it says, “Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief...There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His Rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”

All of creation needs to see that there are a people in the earth today that knows the LORD. He is the True Living God, and an Everlasting King. Creation needs to see that these people know God personally, and that through their union and relationship with Him, they have come to both know and walk His ways forever! It says in Daniel 4:32-33 (Amplified Bible) that,

“...the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits [for God]. And they who are wise and understanding among the people shall instruct many and make them understand...”. To God be the Glory forever. Amen!

I love David. If you remember back when Israel was really going through the fire. Israel was on one mountain and the Philistines were on another with the giant “Goliath” challenging them both day and night. In the scriptures a giant represents a stronghold or thought in the mind that causes fear to prevent you from going forward. I know that there have been times when all of us have experienced giants like “Goliath” in our mind, and yet with all that was going on in the natural, young David was committed to doing all that God gave him to do. David was tending to a small flock of sheep that was put in his care. David’s older brothers, the army of Israel, and even King Saul himself had forgotten God’s covenant with the people of Israel – but David never forgot.

Not one of them remembered the covenant that God had made with them, because all they could see was the giant standing before them. I know that you are already aware

of the story of David and Goliath, but there is a point here that I need to get across in this. The point is, and I can not stress this enough: that of all the host of Israel there on that battlefield, including Saul, Jonathan, the entire army of Israel and its commanders – the young boy David was the only one that remembered the covenant that God had made with Abraham, God’s Word, and His Ways! No one remembered except for the boy David, who had a heart after God’s own heart! David not only remembered them, but he stood on them!

1Samuel 17:4 in the Amplified Bible says, “And a champion went out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span [almost ten feet].” Now I don’t know what you would be thinking if you were looking at a person ten feet tall covered in battle armor, but to the people back then looking at this giant (Goliath) through their natural eyes, hearing his threats and challenges with their natural ears, and reasoning everything out with their carnal minds – Goliath must have seemed invincible to them. It goes on to say in 1Samuel 17:8-11 (Amplified Bible) that, “Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, Why have you come out to

draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. WHEN SAUL AND ALL ISRAEL HEARD THOSE WORDS OF THE PHILISTINE, THEY WERE DISMAYED AND GREATLY AFRAID." One thing you need to remember here is that these were not just ordinary men hearing Goliath; these were trained men of war who had been fighting for King Saul against the enemies of Israel for a long time, and still it says that "When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, THEY WERE DISMAYED and GREATLY AFRAID." They understood what war was, and they knew what it meant to go into battle, but they had never faced a man like Goliath before. 1Samuel 17:16 says that, "The Philistine came out morning and evening, presenting himself for forty days." The number "40" in the scriptures speaks of: "trials" and "testing". Back in verse 3 it said that, "...the Philistines stood on a mountain on one side and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with the valley between them." God was allowing Israel to be tried and tested to show them that they were not standing on Mount Zion as He had called them to. Instead, each day they would descend and go into the valley (the carnal mind) to battle with the enemy, only to return once again when

they were finished to the "mountaintop of fear" where they would dwell until the next day. Each day for them was a repeat for the most part of the day before.

Then in verses 17 and 18, David's father (Jesse) spoke to David and told him to take some bread and parched corn to his three older brothers who had followed Saul into battle; and that he was also to take some cheeses to their captain. In verse 20 it says, "So David rose up early next morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him...". David did as his father had commanded him to, and once David had found his brothers in verses 23-24 (Amplified Bible) it says that, "As they talked, behold, Goliath, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, came forth from the Philistine ranks and spoke the same words as before, and David heard him. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, terrified." Then the Israelite soldiers around David began to speak in fear, saying, "...Have you seen this man who has come out? Surely he has come out to defy Israel...". They also spoke of what would be awarded to the man that could kill Goliath, and little David could not believe what he was hearing. The men said, "...and the man who kills him (Goliath) the king will enrich with great riches, and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free [from taxes and service] in Israel. And David said to the men standing by him, What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this

uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the [men] told him, Thus shall it be done for the man who kills him."

David could not understand why no one had stepped up and killed this Philistine already. David's oldest brother, Eliab, got very angry at David for even asking about these things, accusing him of just running off and leaving his sheep in the wilderness alone so that he could see a battle. But David was not afraid to stand up to his brother, saying in 1 Samuel 17:29-30, "What have I done now? Was it not a harmless question? And David turned away from Eliab to another and he asked the same question, and again the men gave him the same answer." You see, it is important for you to both know and understand what you are going to receive for paying the price to follow Christ. There is a cost in following our Lord. Jesus said in Matthew 10:38, "...he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me." And in Romans 12:1 Paul wrote, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." But what we gain in return is everlasting. David wanted to be sure of both the cost and rewards of battling Goliath. In 1Samuel 17:30-33 it says that, "When David's words were heard, they were repeated to Saul, and he sent for him. David said to Saul, LET NO MAN'S HEART FAIL BECAUSE OF THIS PHILISTINE; YOUR SERVANT WILL GO OUT TO FIGHT WITH HIM. And Saul said to David, You are not able to

go to fight against this Philistine. You are only an adolescent, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

Saul was only looking at David through his five senses, and he was passing judgment on what David could or could not do out of his carnal mind. But God does not look at physical size or numbers. 1Corinthians 1:27-29 (Amplified Bible) says that, "[No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God."

David went on to tell Saul of what he had already accomplished with God on his side, and that killing this Philistine would be no different. In 1Samuel 17:35-37, "...David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep. And when there came a lion or again a bear and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and smote it and delivered the lamb out of its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard and smote it and killed it. Your servant killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the Living God! David said, THE LORD WHO DELIVERED ME OUT OF THE PAW OF THE LION AND OUT OF THE PAW OF THE BEAR, HE WILL

DELIVER ME OUT OF THE HAND OF THIS PHILISTINE. And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you!" Man in his carnal mind has almost always reasoned that bigger must be better and more powerful; that the larger an individual is, the more powerful he must be; and that because there is strength in numbers - the greater the size of the army, the greater chance they have for victory. But as you look through the scriptures, this has never been God's way of doing things. God has always done things through small numbers, so that He would receive the Glory!

Now there Israel was once again - outnumbered by the philistines, and standing with them was the giant "Goliath", larger than any man they had ever seen before, and he was challenging them both day and night to send just one man out to battle him, and declaring that the winner would take all. But God didn't send a seasoned warrior out to fight Goliath and win this battle for Israel. God chose one little shepherd boy to bring down the Goliath; and in doing so He inspired Israel on to victory!

If you look at Gideon's army of just a few hundred, Israel had thousands of men that they could have sent into battle, but God sifted through those great numbers to find those that He had chosen for the task of that day. Even with Jesus - of the many thousands that heard Him and followed Him from place to place back then, He chose just 12 to begin the work of spreading the Message of the Kingdom of God around the world, and from those 12, His Message is still turning this world upside down

to bring change. Even here at Lord of Life Ministries, I used to look out the window years ago and think, "Where are they God? Where are the numbers? When are they going to come in?" Then God spoke to me and said, "Joyce, only 12 truly followed Me. If you will allow Me and bring even 12 to maturity through you - that is all I need. I need those that have counted the cost and are willing to bear their cross to follow Me. Quit looking at the numbers Joyce, and bring those that are here to maturity."

After David spoke with Saul, it says in 1Samuel 17:38-39 that, "Then Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword over his armor. Then he tried to go, but could not, for he was not used to it. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I am not used to them. And David took them off." Initially after David spoke to Saul about the lion and the bear and that the Lord would bring about the same result when he would stand up to the philistine Goliath, Saul had said to David, "...Go, and the Lord be with you!" But Saul was only speaking out of religion. Saul didn't really believe that God would deliver David, because the very next thing he did was clothe David in "his armor". In doing so Saul was basically telling David, "Here David, you need to wear my armor when you go out there, because without it you don't stand a chance. You've got to protect yourself, and to do that you will need a covering." Saul wanted David to walk under his covering and mantle, and there

are many ministries and individuals out there today that tell you that you have to do things "their way". In other words, "You need to look like us, talk like us, and do things the way that we do them."

There are many voices in the land telling us we should do things "this way" or "that way". Sometimes these voices may come in the form of a friend or family member that may mean well, but God wants us to go within to hear from Him. Saul meant well by having David clothed in his armor, and David was trying to tell Saul that, "This is God's battle, not mine; and because of this He will protect me and give the victory over this philistine!" But just like the rest of the Israelites standing there, Saul could only see the giant. In Saul's mind, he would not go into battle without his armor on, and his armor (rather than giving God the Glory) had always protected him in the past. What may have worked for Saul in the past was not going to work for David! Saul's armor did not fit David or God's plan for David to defeat Goliath and inspire the Israelites on to victory against the philistines, and because of this it says, "...David took them off." God Himself was David's covering, source of protection, Deliverer, and One True God - and David knew this with all his heart!

Please remember: **God never does things, the same way, every time - but EVERYTHING HE DOES, WILL ALWAYS LINE UP WITH HIS WORD!** Also, **when ever you are under attack by the enemy and/or a giant - all you need to Overcome them and**

arise in the Victory of God once again, is the Lord's Wisdom and Instructions. To get God's Wisdom and Instructions you need to go within to hear from Him. Once you know and understand what you are to do, in Faith you must put it into action and take a stand in Christ!

As soon as David realized that what Saul had given him would not work for him, he immediately took them off. "Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in his shepherd's [lunch] bag [a whole kid's skin slung from his shoulder], in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand, and he drew near the Philistine." (1Samuel 17:40 - Amplified Bible).

When David went before Goliath, Goliath just laughed and insulted him, but David did not let Goliath's insults and threats affect him. David stood his ground and in 1Samuel 17:46-47 his to him was, "This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU INTO OUR HANDS."

All Goliath could see with his natural eyes and carnal mind was a little kid coming up to him with nothing but his shepherd's bag, his shepherd's staff in one hand and a sling in the other. But you see "the Shepherd's bag" that

David carried is in you and me. The "Shepherd's bag" represents the "Word of God", and as David had also chosen five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in his shepherd's bag.

The number "five" in the scriptures means: "God's Grace and Goodness". David was drawing from the Grace and Goodness of God knowing that God was with him and that He would deliver him once again, just as He had done with the lion and the bear. The five smooth stones taken from the brook also represent a Word that had the clear waters of understanding pass over them until they were smooth. No ruff edges remained on these stones, nothing was hidden, no mysteries remained, and the understanding of the Word had been made plain. The same thing happens when God speaks a Word to your heart/mind, and as the waters of understanding continue to flow over this "Word", "IT" becomes "smooth" or plain to you. As you walk in that "Word", "IT" then becomes part of you.

In Ecclesiastes 11:1 it says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find IT after many days." The "waters" is speaking of your understanding, and the "bread" is God's Word. So when it says for you to "cast thy bread upon the waters", it means that we need to keep casting God's Word upon our understanding, because often it takes a while for "IT" to sink in. Once that Word sinks in "IT" is absorbed by the waters of your understanding, it then becomes a part of you. As you continue to cast your bread upon the waters, it goes on to say that, "...thou shalt find IT after

many days." This means that as the Word is absorbed into your understanding, "IT" becomes the Bread. It becomes the Bread of Life to you. Do you understand what is being said here?

So we are to cast our bread (the Word) upon the waters (of our understanding), and we need to take hold of the stone (the Word) that has been made smooth (plain to us by the Spirit of God), because there our times when a Goliath/giant (thought) may come to you in your mind to cause you to doubt who you are in God and what He has spoken to you. Goliath may say to you, "It hasn't happened yet! You are still going through this. There is no change. God made all these promises, but where are they?"

God has made many promises to you and me, and what we need to do when a Goliath comes along, is take hold of that Stone/Word/Promise and hit him in the head with IT. A direct hit right in head (carnal mind) is what is needed to bring that giant down, because truly the only problem you and I have is in our head (natural/carnal mind); but when God's Word hits those thoughts and areas in our mind that have not been transformed yet - "IT" brings change!

Isaiah 55:11 says, "SO SHALL MY WORD BE that goeth forth out of My Mouth: IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME VOID, but IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PLEASE, and IT SHALL PROSPER in the thing whereto I sent IT." "IT" (God's Word) brings change in your mind and in my mind, and in every other thing, place, or nation where God

sends His Word and desires to bring change. Isn't God good?

The Lord spoke to me one day and said, "You are My ship! You are My vessel! But you are also on My ship; and sometimes I must cause a storm to blow upon you to cause you to cast off the weights that you carry with you! Weights that are not of me! Weights that if I did not send the storm to blow upon you, you would not get rid of and continue to carry with you." People often do not want to change until God sends His North Wind, but when the North Wind of God starts to blow you need to go within and say, "God, what is the stronghold in my mind? What is the weight that I need to let go of and cast off in order to come through this storm?"

You need to understand that God already sees you as being complete in Him. He already sees you as being perfect, because He has already done everything that was needed to bring you to that place of completeness and perfection in Him. Jesus did everything that was needed on the cross and declared, "It is finished!" However, there is still a process that each of us must go through in order for God to work/form His Nature within us and bring us to the end our walk where we will not only come to the end of our self-will, but also to where His Fullness will be manifest openly for all creation to see.

Paul was always speaking of this process, and if you look in the scriptures you will see that David who had a heart after God grew stronger in the Lord, Saul (which represents the flesh man) became weaker and weaker, until

he was beheaded. John the Baptist recognized this process as well and one day he spoke of it to his own disciples. In speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ in John 3:30, John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

As you continue to yield to Christ and His Word within you (rather than to your soul, emotions, and feelings); and as you allow Him to cover your soul, emotions, and feelings with the Word and Spirit of God - the process in which God is forming His Nature in you will continue to cause Saul, (the flesh man) to get weaker, and the inner man (the Spirit man) to grow stronger and stronger until it comes to full maturity and the Fullness of God can be expressed to all creation! To come to that place where only God Himself will be seen in you, you must yield to the mind of Christ (God's thoughts, Word and Spirit) within you, and allow the attitude of your heart to be like David who wrote in Psalm 34:1, "...I will Bless the Lord, at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." And as Paul wrote in 1Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." We must use and apply the Word of God in ALL of our situations! The more we do this, the more He will increase, and we will decrease. To God be the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!

When a ship sinks goes down in the natural, a lot of people generally go down with the ship and lose their lives. This being the case, if Paul had not believed the angel (a messenger) that God sent to him with a

Word, then many or possibly all of the people aboard the ship Paul was on might have lost their lives when their ship sank in the storm. But Paul believed the angel, and he got up and spoke the same Word that was given to him to all the people on the ship. He said, "But [even] now I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, FOR THERE WILL BE NO LOSS OF LIFE AMONG YOU but ONLY THE SHIP. For this [very] night there stood by my side an angel of the God to Whom I belong and Whom I serve and worship, And he said, Do not be frightened, Paul! It is necessary for you to stand before Caesar; and behold, God has given you all those who are sailing with you. So keep up your courage, men, FOR I HAVE FAITH (COMPLETE CONFIDENCE) IN GOD THAT IT WILL BE EXACTLY AS HE TOLD ME; But we shall have to be stranded on some island." (Acts 27:22-26 - Amplified Bible). Everything that God spoke to Paul through the angel happened exactly as He said it would.

In an other incident that took place in Acts 28:3-6, as Paul was laying a bundle of sticks on a fire, it says that, "...there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him,

they changed their minds, and said that he was a god." Well God allowed this to take place, not so that these people would think that Paul was a god, but to open a door for Paul to be a witness of the Miraculous Power of the One True God. They saw Paul not only be bitten by the viper, but also that the viper continued to hang on to his hand. Paul should have died, or at the very least shown some signs of swelling from the poisonous bite; but he just shook it into the fire and no harm came to Paul at all. These people had never seen anything like this before, and God knew that. He allowed Paul to be bitten for their benefit, not Paul's.

This is also the reason why you go through some of the things that you do. God allows these things to come your way for the benefit of others that are watching your life; and as they see how God brings you through these situations in your life, it is a witness to them of what God can do. God uses these things to minister Life to others, and at the same time, to cause your soul to die a little more to "self", for "He must increase, but I (self) must decrease."

We need to take a look at what it says in James chapter 3 (Amplified Bible), because here in verses 1 it says, "NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren,...". Some of you want to be a teacher of God's Word, but Peter is cautioning people not to want this unless if God is truly calling you to do it. Trust me I know this to be true; and I am saying the same thing to you

today, out of many years experience. "...for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation]." Continuing on in verse 2 it says, "For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many THINGS." Earlier in this series ("Word-Spirit-Form") we showed you that "words" are "things", and verse 2 is confirming this once again! This same verse in the King James Bible reads as, "For in many THINGS we offend all. If any man offend not IN WORD, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." In other words, "The many THINGS that we offend others with - is our WORDS, but if we could come to the place in our life where we no longer offended anyone with our WORDS, then it says we would be "...a PERFECT MAN", which is also what Paul was saying in Ephesians 4:14 (Amplified Bible). He wrote, "...that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality WHICH IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE STANDARD HEIGHT OF CHRIST'S OWN PERFECTION), THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST and THE COMPLETENESS FOUND IN HIM."

It is the many WORDS that come out of our mouths unbridled (or unchecked) that causes you and me to stumble and fall. In James 3:6 (KJV) it says that, "...the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity:...it (the tongue) defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of

nature;...it (the tongue) is set on fire of hell."

Something else that we all need to remember is that every word that comes out of our mouth begins with a thought in the mind. Paul understood this, and as a result he wrote in 2Corinthians 10:5 that we are to be, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...". The problem is, far too often we forget to do this! We forget to bring into captivity (take hold) of every thought and make sure that it lines up with the Word and Spirit of God - before we speak or act upon them! We need to discipline our mind and thoughts to where we automatically bring every thought to the place where it is in obedience to Christ. Doing this needs to be a vital part of who we are. In Colossians 3:17 it also says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." When we either forget, or make a conscious choice not to do these things - we not only stumble and fall - we sin!

Going back to James, it says in verses 3-4 (English Standard Version) that, "If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well, Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder WHEREVER THE WILL OF THE PILOT DIRECTS." When you think about it, you put a bit in a horse's mouth to 'align' or 'guide' the head of the horse in the right direction, and wherever the head

goes, the body must follow. That means that if God put a bit in your mouth (which is His Word and Spirit) to guide you, and as you learn to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ and speak the Word only (those "things" that He has put in your mind and mouth to speak), then even your body must come into alignment with the Word and Spirit of God! Isn't that interesting? Praise God!

Now, in the world there are storms and fierce winds blowing all the time to distract us, and to blow us off the course/path that the Lord has set before us. The only way to stay on course is to submit your desires (will) to the Lord and allow Him to rule (steer) your life through the storms as a pilot would steer his ship. In the natural, the ship holds nothing back from the pilot steering it. From the bow to the stern, the entire ship surrenders itself to the will of the pilot and goes wherever the pilot desires. Like that ship, if Jesus Christ is truly Lord of your life and leading you in the way that you should go, then just like that ship Romans 12:1-2 says that you must also "...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, and perfect, will of God." You are to hold nothing back from Him! This means that you must present to Him your eyes, your ears, your hands, your tongue - every part of you - every desire, fear, etc., and allow the Spirit of God to lead you in the way that you are

to go, because Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God."

Once again, James 3:4 said, "Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder WHEREVER THE WILL OF THE PILOT DIRECTS." In this verse the rudder of a ship is being compared to your tongue. Both are small members, and yet they have the power to steer the course of the vessel/your body according to the will of the pilot. With this in mind, if you are the one piloting your ship/body, then you are framing your own world. **However, if we speak the right "things" - those "things" (Words) that line up with the Word and the Spirit of God, then we are framing our world in the Kingdom of God according to His Ways.** Isn't that interesting? James 3:6 (ESV) goes on to say, "And THE TONGUE IS A FIRE, A WORLD OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. The tongue is set among our members, STAINING THE WHOLE BODY, SETTING ON FIRE THE ENTIRE COURSE OF LIFE, and set on fire by hell."

Not long ago we saw in the news that someone had deliberately started a fire and left it to burn in a great forest. The fire set by this individual killed a number of people and also caused all those beautiful trees to be burned. If you go to that place now, not one tree remains standing. When the fire was burning, all the animals had to run for safety. To look at this place now, it appears that there is no life there at all. This individual's actions began with a

thought in his mind, which he allowed to steer the course of his body, and in doing so left nothing but death in his wake.

When you truly look at where wars come from, you will come to understand that they begin with the tongue. Look at what Hitler did! It only took one individual's words being spoken forth in hate, to begin a war that killed millions upon millions of people on land, in the air, and in the oceans of the world. Look at the death and destruction that took place, and all of this was brought about by the course that was plotted and set in motion by Hitler's tongue! Look also at what took place in Iraq, the middle-east, and America because of Saddam Hussein's tongue! Words! Words! Words! All of these atrocities began with a thought that was spoken forth by an individual.

You are the captain of your ship, and you have a will - but you must allow God to put a bit in your mouth to bridle your tongue! James 3:7 (English Standard Version) says, "For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue." We can tame lions and many other kinds of animals and mammals from around the world. We can teach them to perform on command, and to do different kinds of tricks for us and for others. We can even teach parrots and other birds to mimic human speech, and to say some of the words and phrases we say. All it takes to do this is one individual with patience, to tame and bring change in these animals,

mammals, and birds; and yet the Bible says that, "...no human being can tame the tongue."

In Isaiah chapter 5, in the last days of King Uzziah, God spoke to, and through Isaiah of "six woes". Each of the "woes" declared different areas of sin that Israel had given themselves over to. And because Israel had chosen to reject God's Word and instructions to them, God declared the judgments that He would bring upon Israel to deal with these things in them. (You really need to read all of Isaiah chapter 5 for yourself). Then in the very first verse of Isaiah chapter 6, Isaiah begins by saying that, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple." As we have shared with you before, God often uses numbers in the scriptures to say certain things, and the number "6" means: the weakness of man; the evils of Satan; and the manifestation of sin. King Uzziah dying at this point in time represented the sixth chapter of man coming to an end. If you can truly understand what God is saying here through the death of King Uzziah, in verse ONE of the SIXTH chapter, then he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying! Before Isaiah "...saw also the Lord sitting upon His throne, high and lifted up," King Uzziah had to die! Why? Because King Uzziah represented the death of the first man Adam (the natural/carnal man) and the end of the self will. Isaiah saw this in the first verse, and the number "One" means: "unity". He was seeing the end of the self-will,

and man becoming ONE with the Lord God Almighty again! Isaiah said, "...and I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up (in man, for the Kingdom of God is within you), and the skirts of His train filled the [most Holy part of the] temple." (Amplified Bible). Isaiah saw the Glory of the Lord fill and cover his Temple (which is you and me), because King Uzziah (the old man) was finally dead (in you and me)! Glory, Halleluiah!

When this takes place in you and me, and we come to that place in Christ where our soul is dead to sin and we are totally swallowed up in Christ - we will no longer be controlled by our emotions, feelings, thoughts, and words! Instead, we will be totally submitted to the Spirit of God, and we shall truly know how powerful His "Word" IS! We will become "THE WORD", and speak "THE WORD" only, for just as, "...the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His Glory (His Honor, His Majesty), such Glory as an only begotten Son receives from His Father, full of Grace (favor, loving-kindness) and Truth" (John 1:14 - Amplified Bible), we too shall be transformed, and in the twinkling of an eye, become ALL THAT HE IS; and creation shall behold His Glory - the same Glory as an only begotten Son receives from His Father, full of Grace and Truth!

Paul wrote of this in both Romans 8:29-30 and 1Corinthians 15:49-54, saying that, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did

predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might BE the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also Glorified." (Romans 8:29-30). "And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of Heaven. But I tell you this, brethren, flesh and blood cannot [become partakers of eternal salvation and] inherit or share in the Kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (that which is decaying) inherit or share in the imperishable (the immortal). Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed (transformed). In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay), and we shall be changed (transformed). For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us, this nature that is capable of dying] must put on immortality (freedom from death). And when this perishable puts on the imperishable and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up (utterly vanquished forever) in and unto victory." (1 Corinthians 15:49-54 - Amplified Bible).

After Isaiah saw all that he did in Isaiah chapters 5 and in the

first four verses of chapter 6 ("four" represents: creation, the world/unsaved man), he recognized for the first time how much his own condition was unlike God, and that he too needed God to do a work within him that would bring change. Isaiah came to understand that the only way for the Lord to be High and Lifted up in the temple (Isaiah himself) was for the Lord of hosts to both sit upon the throne of his (Isaiah's) heart (the most Holy part of the Temple), and that the Lord Himself must cover the temple (Isaiah) with His Glory! Isaiah knew, that just like King Uzziah, he needed to die to his self-will/soulish ways of living, thinking, and speaking; and that he too needed to be buried, hid, and clothed in Christ. Isaiah recognized that there were not only areas of his life that needed to change, but also that he did not always speak the Word only.

As a result of what God revealed to Isaiah, in Isaiah 6:5 (Amplified Bible) he wrote, "Then said I, WOE IS ME! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Now it is interesting that he cried out to God in verse 5, because the number "five" means: "Grace or God's Goodness." God responded immediately to Isaiah's cry to Him, and in verses 6-7 it says, "Then flew one of the seraphim [heavenly beings] to me, having a LIVE COAL in his hand which he had taken with tongs from off the altar; And with IT he touched my mouth and said, Behold, this has

touched your lips; your iniquity and guilt are taken away, and your sin is completely atoned for and forgiven."

Now God really wants you to understand something here, because in Hebrews 12:29, it says, "For our God is a consuming fire." In Isaiah 6:6 it said that a "live coal" was taken from off the altar and touched to Isaiah's lips/mouth. The "altar" was the altar of fire used to consume the sacrifice. The "live coal" was taken from within God Himself to not only touch Isaiah's mouth and cover and consume Isaiah's sins, but also to bring a change within Isaiah that would cause him to speak differently from that moment on. Isaiah himself realized that he was "a man of unclean lips," and that He needed God to consume those things in him that caused him to speak things that were contrary to the Word of God.

God wants us to understand that there are two kinds of fire. One kind of "fire" we experience is "the hells" we create for ourselves through the negative words we speak; words that are contrary to the Word of God. However, when we speak words that bring Life, we do not bring troubles upon our soul. Proverbs 12:13 says that, "The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips; but the just shall come out of trouble."

The other kind of "fire" as we have shared is God Himself. I know within that when God had the angel touch Isaiah's mouth with the "live coal", He was saying, "I am going to change you. I am going to change your thinking, and I am going to change what comes out of your

mouth (what you speak) from this moment on." "...Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." (Matthew 15:10-11). After God was finished, it says in Isaiah 6:8 that Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah understood what God was saying to him, and without hesitation said, "...Here am I; send me." Isaiah said, "Send me", because he understood that God had a purpose and a plan for his life. He understood that he was here to do the will of the Father. He understood that he was to **become** "the Word", and **speak** "the Word" only!

"The Word" is also like a "Fire" that is shut up in you. Jeremiah said in Jeremiah 20:9, that, "...HIS WORD was in mine heart AS A BURNING FIRE shut up in my bones...". God's Word is shut up within you and me as well! "The Word of God" and "the Fire of God" are ONE, and they are shut up within you to bring change: first of all within you; and after you've allowed God to consume the things within you that are not like HIM, He will then work through you to bring change, by consuming those same things from within others He wants to set free.

As you truly listen to what the Lord is speaking to your heart and obey Him by walking out "the Word" in Faith, Hope, and Love, you become "the Word"; and as you speak the Word only, it brings change not only within you, but in others as well. It brings change by consuming

"death". That is how Jesus consumed "death".

That is how Jesus consumed "pain". That is how Jesus "healed". By the age of 30, Jesus came to know and understand that He was "the Word", and that He was to speak "the Word" only in the Faith and Authority of God. Jesus understood that He and the Word are ONE, and this is what He has been saying to us for some time now as well.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and now He is making our flesh to become the Word! Isaiah and Jeremiah understood this, and that was why Isaiah immediately said, "Send me!" We are to become the Word, and speak the Word only!

Jesus knew from a very young age that He was not sent here to just do his own thing all the time, and He declared in Luke 2:49 that, "...I must be about my Father's business." Then later, when He had come to maturity Jesus declared to His disciples, "For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." (John 6:38). The quicker that God's sons come to understand and walk in this same truth - the quicker we will grow up, and take up the responsibilities and positions that God has called us to fulfill through the Lord Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God, "According as He hath (past tense) chosen us IN HIM before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before Him in Love...IN WHOM also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His Own will. That we should be to

the Praise of His Glory, who first trusted in Christ." (Ephesians 1:4, 11-12).

God is speaking the same Word to us now that He spoke to Isaiah and Jeremiah more than 2,000 years ago. Why? Because we need to understand what they did, and walk IT out now! For we were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world; and being predestined according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His Own will, **WE ARE TO BECOME THE WORD, AND SPEAK THE WORD ONLY!**

In Hebrews 13:8 it says, "JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOR EVER." And in John chapter 1 (Amplified Bible) it declares that, "IN THE BEGINNING [before all time] was THE WORD (Christ), and THE WORD was with God, and THE WORD was God Himself...All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being." This same "Word", the Lord Jesus Christ lives within us now, and He wants us to come into a greater ONENESS with Him, through our individual relationships with Him. He wants us to commune more deeply with Him than ever before, and for us to allow Him to change us from within (consuming every thing that does not line up with the Word) - because the more we do, the quicker we will **become all that He was yesterday, is today, and forever will be!**

Even so, if you remember the parable of the seed and the sower, it says that some will produce 30 fold, some 60, and

some 100 fold (of all that He is). A great deal of this depends upon how much you are willing to yield to your life, thoughts, and what you speak, over to Him. If you are unwilling to let God into certain areas of your life to deal with those things that are still not like Him; if you are unwilling to forgive others; unwilling to present your body as a living sacrifice; unwilling to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him, because you love other people or other things more than Him, then Jesus says you are not worthy of Him! If all you can see are the giants in the land and your problems, rather than what God has spoken in the Word, and rather than rise above these things in Christ to dwell in Liberty and Light on Mount Zion in Faith, Hope, and Love - then you will remain in the darkness and bondage of the valleys between and upon the Mountains of Fear, Doubt, and Unbelief! If your walk (your actions) and your talk (speech) are generally contrary to the Word of God, then you are creating one hell after another for yourself.

These things will not only continue to get in the way of your relationship with the Lord, but also, just like the seeds that fell by the wayside, upon the stony places, and among the thorns - you will not produce the fruit that God desires to come forth in your life! These things (and many more) all put limits on your relationship with the Lord, and as long as they remain a part of your life and you will not allow God to deal with these things in you, then there is no way for you to grow up into Christ and bear the 100 fold fruit of a Son that is

Faithful and True! He must be our First Love, and we can hold nothing back from Him! Every area of our life must be tried by Fire! 1Corinthians 3:13 says that, "...the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

In John 15:2 and 8 (Amplified Bible) Jesus said, "Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit...HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; so shall ye be My disciples." In Hebrews chapter 12:6-8 (Amplified Bible) it also says, "For THE LORD CORRECTS AND DISCIPLINES EVERYONE WHOM HE LOVES, and HE PUNISHES, EVEN SCOURGES, EVERY SON WHOM HE ACCEPTS AND WELCOMES TO HIS HEART AND CHERISHES. YOU MUST SUBMIT TO AND ENDURE [CORRECTION] for discipline; GOD IS DEALING WITH YOU AS WITH SONS. FOR WHAT SON IS THERE WHOM THE FATHER DOES NOT [thus] TRAIN AND CORRECT AND DISCIPLINE? Now IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM CORRECTION AND LEFT WITHOUT DISCIPLINE in which all [of God's children] share, THEN YOU ARE ILLGITIMATE OFFSPRING AND NOT TRUE SONS [at all]."

As the Holy Spirit continues to teach us and bring all things to our remembrance, He is also forming and transforming us from within by the Word and Spirit of God. God said in Genesis 1:26, "...Let us make man in Our

Image, after Our Likeness (Nature)...", and 1John3:2 says, "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS." The more we walk in the understanding of who we were created to be, the more we shall appear like Him. We will BECOME the WORD, and SPEAK the WORD only, and when God is finished with us all that will remain is "the Word of the Lord."

1Peter 1:22-25 (NKJV) says, "SINCE YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT IN SINCERE LOVE OF THE BRETHREN, LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY WITH A PURE HEART, HAVING BEEN BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed but of INCORRUPTIBLE, THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD WHICH LIVES AND ABIDES FOREVER, because, "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." Now THIS IS THE WORD which by the gospel was preached to you."

(To be concluded in Part 6...)