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“Word-Spirit-Form Part 3”

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We are going to continue on from the Word that the Lord gave us a couple of weeks ago, and although it will be a little different today, we know that you will get the gist of it. It is interesting when the Lord gives us a Word, because the next thing He does is test us with it. That is the way of the Father, because God is a tester! He will send things, and allow things to come our way to test us, because He wants to see if we really believed what was taught; and whether or not we are going to put that Word into action. The tests are to show us where we are at in Him. They are also to show us just how much we really need to let Him to deal with whatever He is working on at that particular time in us.

We want to start out today by sharing with you once again about the “Words” that came out of God. Every “Word” that came out of God was a “Thing,” and in the last newsletter, “Word-Spirit-Form Part 2”, we shared with you as well as showed you in the Bible that “words” are “things”, and that the “Words/Things” that came out of God took on form. We shared with you how that every “thing” that God spoke into being, He first saw the

end result of that “thing” before He spoke that “IT” into being. In other words, every “thing” that came out of God and every “thing” that God spoke, He first saw, and after He saw “IT”, He spoke that Word forth to take on the “form” of what He saw.

That helped us to understand that “words” are “things”, including the words that you and I speak; and whether they are negative or positive, every word that we speak into the air is energy. It is either positive or negative energy going forth, and unfortunately, we both see, and hear a lot of negative energy in this world. Even so, we are as Jesus said. We “are in the world...but not of the world.”

The systems of this world are all around us, and we can see that these systems are very corrupt. They are corrupt with people’s words and thoughts that go forth and take on many forms, that produce even more corrupt images for people to take in through whatever they are reading, watching, listening to, or taking part in. All those images are going right into the subconscious of people’s minds; and if you get caught up in the negative that is around you, and feed on the images that are produced by the systems of this

world (and by even your own carnal mind), then those images are going into your subconscious mind as well. The more we think and speak the negative, the more energy and strength we are giving to those things in others, and to the systems of this world.

We are IN the world, but not OF the world. Each and every day, in order for me to allow the Lord to speak whatever He wants to speak through me, His thought must first come into my mind before “IT” can be spoken through me into existence. Everything begins with a thought, and God is teaching us the importance of our words. He is reminding us of when back in time there was no such thing as having to get a written contract between people, because everyone took a person at their word! People back then had the understanding of how important an individual’s word was, and to make a “covenant” or “contract” with someone, they merely had to give their word by speaking it forth. People back then knew that if someone gave their word, that they both meant it and would stand behind whatever they had spoken.

Unfortunately, people have strayed a long way from that day and time. Now a man’s word

often means very little, so we have to have written contracts for just about everything, and even with these written contracts you have to read the fine print, because you never know what kind of schemes they may be trying to pull in getting you to sign on the dotted line. Everything you sign today has a lot of fine print, and they don't want to take the time to explain it to you what it all means. Within all of that fine print are usually words that are meant to eventually bring a snare to you and me by deceiving us. God is trying to get us to see that the only real truth that exists in the whole world today - is God Himself!

The fact is: the Wisdom of God is all Truth! God's Wisdom is nothing but Truth, and Jesus walked in that Wisdom, declaring to all in John 14:6 that, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Jesus was the Word of God, but you have to understand that He was also 100% a man/human being, just like you and I are 100% human beings that God created. Jesus was 100% a man, but He was also 100% God. God was in Jesus, but Jesus also had the same weaknesses of being a human being that you and I have today.

It is amazing how at the age of 12, Jesus had the understanding that He was to serve His Heavenly Father rather than His natural mother and father. Jesus knew at the age of 12 what He was here for, but He didn't walk in the Fullness of that purpose right away. Eighteen more years passed by first, but when it was the Father's time for

Jesus to come forth in the Fullness of the Father, it says in John 21:25 that there are so many, "...things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." It is hard to comprehend that in just 3-1/2 years Jesus was able to accomplish so much that if everything He did were written down, all the books in the world could not contain "IT". But the reason why He was able to accomplish so much in such a short period of time was because He was willing to humble Himself and come in a lower form.

Philippians 2:6-8 says, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Before Jesus came into a lower form, He was in God; He was the First Son; and He was the only begotten Son - and because of this, God used Him and allowed Him to create everything through the spoken Word. It says in John 1:1-3 and verse 14 that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,..."

Jesus was literally nothing but the Word, and before He allowed the Father to lower Him

into this world where He was made in the likeness of men, Jesus was in a realm with the Father with a much greater Glory than He had in the 3-1/2 years that He ministered. He had the Fullness of the God, but in a lower Glory than He had before; and the reason why Jesus was willing to do what He did, was because He understood that God had a plan for not only His people, but for many others in the world as well to come into the same Form that He is in now! He understood that it delights God to create; and that even before the foundation of the earth, He wanted others to come forth in His Image and after His Likeness to be co-creators with Him! It delighted God to create in the beginning, and it still delights Him to create today!

I remember a time many years ago when I was in a mall and saw a man painting a picture. He placed his canvas up on his easel and then took black and grey paint and covered the whole canvas with it. He then began to move his brush this way and that way, applying color here, and light there as he began forming the image that he wanted paint. I thought, "That's interesting. I wonder what it's going to look like by the time I get back from the other end of the mall." When I came back a couple of hours later, he had finished painting the most beautiful scene of all of that he had envisioned.

Anything that man has created in the world, the buildings and houses that you see, everything that man created he first had to envision it in his mind. First he had to visualize it in his mind; then he had to begin

to reflect on it, and speak to other people about it. He had to see the end result of it even though it looked impossible. If you remember even back to Egypt, well how in the world did they get those all those big stones pile on top of one another to form the pyramids that are there? They did not have the heavy equipment and machinery that we have today; but they had the understanding and the power that was in the mind. They understood about energy; about thoughts, and words, and how important they were. Consequently, everything that you see outside of you, God created by speaking "IT" into being! He thought "IT" and spoke forth the "Word" for "IT/that "Thing" to take on the form of what He wanted "IT" to be. It is the same today.

Man thinks that he is creating all this stuff on his own, but God is in every human being even though they don't know Him. It is the Father who wakes every individual up in His time, and it is He that puts the creative thought in that man to create the things that look impossible. Whether it be a rocket that can orbit around the moon or something else, God is constantly creating. We also know that man has created many things that that have not been in God's plan, and these things are very destructive.

Before Jesus walked in the likeness of a man, He was the Word and Spirit without a form. He was Spirit and He was Word, but He was willing to come into a woman's body and be birthed as a man into this world. Can you imagine this? He was also willing to come into your body! He was

willing to come into your soul. He was willing to put His sperm (which is His Word and His Spirit) into your soul to reproduce Himself in and through you, that you would come forth in His Image and after His Likeness (Nature)! What a wonderful God we have!

He Loves us so much that it says in Psalms 139:15-18 that, "My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy Book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee." In other words, God Loves you and me so much, that we cannot even begin to count the number of thoughts He has toward us, and every one of those thoughts are nothing but good! God Loves us! He Loves us enough to say that, "What I have, is yours, and it is My good pleasure, to give you the Kingdom! It is My good pleasure to give you My world. It is My good pleasure to enable you to create with Me!" God gets so excited when He can create through you, because God is into the process of multiplication. He works within and speaks through numbers. God wants to multiply Himself throughout the whole earth, and even though God created the wicked, He has a plan for them too.

You know, God is something else! Do you know why? If you

think about how in a movie you cannot truly see or comprehend how good a person is, unless you have a bad person next to him for comparison. There are so many movies today where you can see all these very bad people, then all of the sudden out of nowhere comes this little nobody good person to save the day. It is just like Jesus! No one knew anything about Him. The people back then had heard the Word all their lives, and they knew "IT" inside and out. Jesus was the Word, but sadly in John 1:10 it says that, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not." You see just like Jesus, God has hidden you until His appointed time. You are hidden in Him, but I know for a fact that He is getting ready to bring some of His Sons into the open - those who are willing to be disciplined by Him, and that have the understanding of His purpose and will.

You see, God has His created His own stage and written His own play. He has written His script, and "IT" is a winner. God wins every time because in Him is no darkness at all. He is "... the True Light, which Lighteth every man that cometh into the world", (John 1:9). The stage is set and the Father is about to pull back the curtains to openly reveal His show for the whole world to see.

The whole time that Paul was talking about the afflictions he had gone through; explaining that he was troubled on every side, three times he had been shipwrecked; five times he had received 39 stripes; 3 times he had been beaten with a rod; 1 time he was stoned and left for dead; he had been thrown into

prison countless times, and many times on journeys he said that he had been exposed to perils from rivers, from the sea, from bandits, from his own nation, from the Gentiles; perils in the city; perils in the wilderness; perils from those posing as believers/Christians that were not. He said that he had suffered through weariness and painfulness; many sleepless nights; hunger and thirst; cold and exposure from lack of clothing, and fasting often; and in addition to all this - from taking care of the churches! But do you know what Paul said about the reason why he not only went through all of this, but was willing to go through all of this? He said that it was to bring life to the brethren - that the people might be exalted in Christ by knowing the truth, and that they be not deceived by Satan's ministers who would come to them as false apostles of Christ. He was willing to go through all he did to bring life to the brethren. It was because of all that Paul had been through that he could also identify with the hardships and sufferings of a great many people. From personal experience he could understand what many people were going through, and out of that understanding have the compassion and wisdom to be able to minister the Hope, Truth, and Love of Christ to them.

The only way you can truly identify with someone else, is by walking in their shoes for a period of time, and God will either allow you to go through certain things, or cause you to go through certain things, so that when He brings you out of them

He can then use those experiences His Glory.

At this point we hope that you can not only understand how vitally important words are, but also how very, very important the words that you speak are! In "Word-Spirit-Form Part 1" and "Part 2", we went through many scriptures that spoke about "things," but today we want to show you how especially important it is for you and me to understand the willingness of Jesus.

There He was, the Word and the Glory of God, and yet He was willing to humble Himself by coming down into a lower state, taking upon himself 100% the likeness of a man, and yet without sin; all because He understood the purpose that He was here for. In John 6:38-39 Jesus declared, "For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine Own will, but the will of Him that sent Me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

I have told you before, that when you come to the place where you truly understand how much God Loves you, you will not have any doubt in your mind whatsoever, "Being confident of this very THING, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform IT until the day of Jesus Christ..." (Philippians 1:6); that you will know and believe wholeheartedly that He not only can, but will accomplish everything that needs to be finished and perfected in your life! It is only when you start to doubt that God loves you, that you lose your confidence. The

love and the relationship you have with the Lord counts more than anything else in the whole world; and the whole world is held together by God's Word, and His Love! Everything is held together by God's Love. Faith, Hope, and Love, all three abide and go together, but 1Corinthians 13:13 says that, "... the greatest of these is Love."

Love is what holds everything up, but Faith is something that will always remain. Why? Because we are a people who live by Faith! Jesus Himself went through things for 18 years. In Hebrews 5:8 it says, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him...", but God did not see fit to have written what Jesus went through as He was growing up to maturity and learning. You don't see it anywhere in the scriptures of those 18 years, but once He had come to that place of maturity in God, that is when you start to see Him go into His ministry. This is the reason why you are here as well. God sends people here to help bring them into that place of maturity where God can use them for His Glory and purpose.

I know for a fact that God never intended for us to be a slave to a job, or to any person, because God has called us to be free! Jesus said in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." We are to be free in Him, and free in deed, a vehicle that can be used by Him! To bring a balance, I know that God does put us in

places of employment or education; but He does this for us to learn as well as to work some things in and out of our lives. He will also use us in these places to minister to those that He is drawing to Himself.

God also knows our hearts, and sometimes He will give you what you want in this world, knowing that once you have it you'll come to realize you don't really want that thing after all. Do you know what I mean? I know that you've had experiences like these before! We've all had them. God does this to bring you to the point where you want to grow up a little bit more by laying those things down. Then God says, "They want to grow a little bit, so I am going to bring them into something even better." The whole reason why you are here is to go through a process of growing and maturing in Him.

So here Jesus was, the Word of God, and He took upon Him a form just like you and me, except Jesus had the understanding of the importance of obedience. He gained that understanding by learning obedience through things that He suffered. It also says in 2Timothy 2:12, "*If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us.*" The only way that we learn the same kind of obedience that Jesus understood and walked out in obedience to the Father, is through the things that we suffer.

Sometimes the suffering we experience is from persecution or other things; but sometimes we bring upon ourselves the suffering we go through, like when we don't take care of ourselves properly by not eating

right, etc.. No matter what kind of suffering we are going through at times, God through the whole thing is in the process of teaching us and renewing our minds to where we think differently.

In the Kingdom of God, when you come to the understanding that the words you speak all begin with thoughts in the mind, you will also understand the need for the mind to be renewed. Jesus obeyed the Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. Now you are that spoken Word that has come out of God. Yes, we were spoken forth in the time of the Father as well, but the difference between Jesus and us is, when we came into this world we were nothing but carnality and flesh. We lived by our carnal reasoning and five senses (our senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch). What we listen to and see with our natural eyes is what still far too often governs our life today. I am sharing this for the sake of those that are hearing some of this for the first time. Then in the Father's time you are born again and come into the Kingdom of God, but His Ways are totally opposite and different from the way we lived before according to the ways of this world. Why? Because the Kingdom of God is a different kingdom and God's ways are higher than man's. "*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My Ways higher than your ways, and My Thoughts than your thoughts.*" (Isaiah 55:9).

Even though we have the understanding that we are in the world, but not to be of the world - it still takes time for God to pull us out of the world. Why?

Because of the many distractions the world uses to distract us from our goal. It pulls us here, and it pulls us there. Even our families and friends pull on us to go in different directions that are not the ways of God, but then all of a sudden we get a glimpse of what we are here for. We begin to understand that God created us for one purpose and one purpose alone! We are here for God to express Himself through us - each and every day of our lives! We also begin to understand that if we want anything from the Lord, we have to listen and learn of His ways. I know we are repeating a little bit here, but I am doing this for those individuals who may not have heard this before.

Paul asked this question in 2Corinthians 10:7, "*Do you look on things after the outward appearance?..."* Unfortunately, yes, we still do! Are you still looking outside of yourself at the way things appear to be? The "appearance" of everything is what causes you and me to fall out of the Spirit and doubt God, and this is the reason why Paul wrote in 2Corinthians 10:3-7, "*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 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; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?..."*

In Romans chapter 8 the Lord very simply explains the difference between the Spirit and the flesh, and that the Word and the Spirit are to govern our lives and lead us in His ways. God wants to be the King that He is, by ruling and reigning in you and me. He wants His Word and Holy Spirit to govern our lives, but we don't learn this right away. We all have to go through the process of having the Holy Spirit change our thinking though the renewing of our mind, because this is where the problem is!

I want to take you now to Romans chapter 8 in the Amplified Bible, because it brings things out better than in the King James. It says in verses 1-14, "THEREFORE, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of Life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice], So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy

Spirit]. For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is Life and [soul] Peace [both now and forever]. [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot. So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him. But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the Life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]. But if anyone does not possess the [Holy] Spirit of Christ, he is none of His [he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God]. But if Christ lives in you, [then although] your [natural] body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the Spirit is alive because of [the] righteousness [that He imputes to you]. And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [then] He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you. So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we

are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh. For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Here in Roman 8:3-4 it is basically saying that, God sent Jesus in the form of sinful flesh and an offering for sin, to condemn and overcome sin, taking away its power over all who would accept Jesus sacrifice, so that the righteousness of the law would be fulfilled in us - those who live and move not in the ways of the flesh; not according to the standards and dictates of the flesh - but in the ways of the Spirit, having our lives governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit!

Is your life being governed every day by what you feel, hear, and see? And, yes, we are to have feelings. And, yes, we are to reason. But never without the Holy Spirit, because every time we try to reason something out (outside of the Holy Spirit), we are always wrong, and it gets us into a lot of trouble.

In Isaiah 1:18 God says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD...". We have to make decisions every day, but we need to learn not leave the Lord out of any decision, because when we leave Him out of our decisions and try to figure things out in our own mind, we become restless. We can't sleep; we toss and turn all

night long, and things never happen the way we think they should. When we leave the Lord out of our decisions we almost always make the problem bigger than it was, while creating yet another hell for our soul.

Knowing what we just read in Romans chapter 8, you need to seriously ask yourself in those restless times, "Am I allowing the Spirit to govern my mind?" The Lord allows you to go through those hells, because He is saying to you, "When you obey My Word and the Spirit and allow Me to govern you instead of allowing the carnal mind (which is the flesh) to dictate to you - you will walk in Life and Peace instead of death and misery! The more you allow the Christ in you, to dictate what happens, and the more that you listen to what My Word is saying in every situation - no matter how it may appear in the natural or what you are going through in your life, because your carnal mind will tell you, "You are not going to make it! You are never going to amount to anything!" But that is nothing but a lie, because you can turn it around by knowing what God has said about your situation, and then speaking what He has spoken to you! Say what He has said, instead of speaking the negative and death that comes from the carnal mind. Speak forth the Word of the Lord in Power and with confidence, believing what the Word and the Spirit having spoken to you in Truth, because that Word is a Creative Word that is Life and Peace to your soul!

How many people with their own words, thoughts, and actions have dug their own grave in life,

and have even gone by the way of the grave far too early, because they did not know or believe the Word that God has given to us - that Jesus has already performed everything that you and I need? For instance, no matter what the doctor may say about you (if you are in need a healing) - "What does God say about it?" Whatever God says, that is what you have to start speaking to your heart. If He says you are going to be okay, then that is all you need to know, believe, and declare to others!

I have found in some of my own experiences that whatever you are going through might not look positive at that time, but we should only share these things with someone who knows God's ways, and believes and trusts in Him. In other words, someone who walks in Faith, because if you talk to people who do not have the understanding of God's healing, the power of God, and of what Jesus did on the cross - then what you are telling them about your problem, sickness, or whatever; because they are walking in the carnal mind they will immediately think, "Oh, they're going to die." Those thoughts are not going to help you in any way, because they are just sending negative energy out into the atmosphere. For this reason, it is important for you to know who you can talk with and who you can not. Why do you think that Jesus could not perform any miracles in his own town? Even though Jesus was God in the flesh why couldn't He perform a miracle in His own town? Let's think about that one for a minute. Why? Because of all the unbelief in the people there!

They could only see Jesus as being Joseph and Mary's son, because in the natural they had watched Him grow up there from a little boy on up to a grown man. They could not believe that this same Jesus, a just a carpenter's son, was really the Son of God and their Messiah. They refused to know Him in any way other than after the flesh, and because of their unbelief Jesus could not perform one miracle there.

This is also the reason why a lot of our families do not want to listen to us either. To them we are just a member of the family, but don't feel bad, because Jesus couldn't perform even one miracle in His home town and had to leave town. An like manner, if you remember in Mark chapter 5 where a ruler of the synagogue had asked Jesus to come and lay hands on his daughter because she was at the point of death, but when He arrived at the ruler's house, before He could resurrect the girl, He first had to get all the unbelievers out of the house! They laughed at Him and scorned Him, because He said to them, "...the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." It says that He put them all out, and in doing He was saying, "I don't want them in here, because their unbelief is negative energy, and their words are taking on form. Their unbelief, thoughts, and words are nothing but death and lies that need to be put out of this house and away from your daughter." He only took the mother and father of the girl, as well as Peter, James, and John with Him when He entered into the room where the girl was lying. After entering the room it says that, "...He took

the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked..."

If you are telling people about your situation to try to find an answer as to what you should or should not do, then you need to know that you will not find the answer in anyone but God. You should only share with someone whom God wants you to; someone that you know has the Faith to pray you through it, and that will support you in whatever you are going through.

If you tell people who don't have the understanding that you do, then they are only going to worry about you and think the wrong thoughts, releasing nothing but negative energy that will affect you in a negative way. It is not going to help you at all. Do you understand where I am coming from? We are learning that "words" are "energy", and that "they" take on "form"; either negative or positive depending on what is spoken and the thoughts behind it. We shared some of this with you in "Word-Spirit-Form Part 2".

The disciples seemed to have an understanding of the importance of the "Word", so let's go to Mark chapter 11. Do you have a mountain in your life? A "mountain" represents a problem, situation, or pattern of thinking in our life that you need to overcome, but the truth of the matter is we do not have a problem because in Christ it has already been solved. We just have to know how to pull it in.

It is interesting what Jesus did to that fig tree, but if you go around and start talking to trees

people are going to think you are crazy. Do you know that plants really like for you to talk to them? They like music. It's amazing. Why? Because they're alive! They are a thing! They are alive and each one came out of God!

In Mark chapter 11:12-26, Jesus was walking along, was hungry, and then He saw a fig tree afar off. It was not time for that fig tree to bear any fruit yet, but Jesus walked by it and cursed it. The reason He cursed it was because in the beginning man used the leaves of a fig tree to try to hide their nakedness (flesh/sin) from God. Even today, man is still always trying to cover himself while always blaming the woman. Adam blamed Eve, and truly Eve was and is the problem, because "Eve" represents your "soul". As long as an individual is going around and always blaming someone else to cover up their own sins and self-will (the part that God is dealing with), there can be no change in that individual.

After Jesus spoke to the tree, He and His disciples went into Jerusalem, but the next day they passed by this same fig tree again only to find it dried up and withered from its roots. You see, Jesus did not just deal with the tree - He also dealt with the roots of that tree! The disciples noticed what He did, but I can imagine their walking with Him the day before and thinking to themselves: "Man, He has lost it. He is talking to trees now. He is not just talking to people, but He is talking to trees. And to top it all off, He cursed the thing! What is He doing cursing that tree anyway? That tree hasn't done anything." You can just hear

what was probably going on in their minds; and of course, they didn't really believe that the tree would be cursed. They heard Jesus say the "Words", but they did not realize the "Power" behind them and what had really taken place by Jesus speaking those "Words", until they passed by that fig tree again the next morning. They looked at the tree, and the very thing that Jesus had spoken had come to pass. His "Words" took on "form".

This is a very important chapter, and in verses 20 to 26 it says, "And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

In verse 22 Jesus said, "Have faith in God." "Peter" is a representation of "Faith", and if you really look at it and pray about what Jesus was really saying in this verse, you will come to know that the phrase

"Have faith in God", really means for us to "HAVE THE SAME FAITH THAT GOD HAS!" That makes a huge difference, and when God had Paul write in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus", He is saying that God has given you the same mind that Jesus had! That you have "the mind of Christ", but sometimes you lose IT and need to put IT back on again. He is saying, "Will you let this same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus and let IT operate through you, instead of thinking all those negative thoughts that come from the world and the carnal mind?" He is saying, "Put the Word back on, and let My Word and My Spirit govern your mind!"

I tell you, thoughts can be so rapid! You have one thought, then another thought, and another; and they just get bigger, and bigger, and bigger; and that is why God said, "Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus". In the very next verse Paul described the mind set that Jesus had, and that we are to walk in all the time as well, saying, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:" Jesus did not think that it was robbery "to be equal with God".

Now, I am not taking anything away from God, but imagine if God could get some people to start thinking like Jesus thought, today! Jesus said, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life - I am the Example! Follow Me!" Jesus knew who He was and why He was here. He was saying, "I am trying to show you what it means to walk by Faith! I am trying to show you what it

means to walk out the Word of God, and what it looks like to have your life governed by the Spirit! I am showing you how to operate in My Kingdom!" And even though Jesus did not think it robbery to be equal with God, it says in the next verse, "But made Himself of no reputation...". Jesus made no reputation for Himself. He pointed everyone and everything to the Father and gave the Him all the Glory, because Jesus understood the importance of "Words".

In John 8:26-29 Jesus said, "I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him. They understood not that He spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as my Father hath taught Me, I speak these things. And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." Jesus heard the Father telling Him to speak to that tree, because He was in the Father, and the Father was in Him, and they were one. Jesus also said that He only did and spoke those things that He heard from the Father, and this is the place where the Father is bringing you and me!

Atonement means to be made ONE WITH GOD again! Jesus became One with God, and He went to the cross (to make atonement) so that you and I would be One with God. In John 17:21-23 Jesus even prayed to the Father saying, "That THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN

THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And THE GLORY WHICH THOU GAVEST ME I HAVE GIVEN THEM; THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, EVEN AS WE ARE ONE: I IN THEM, AND THOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BE MADE PERFECT IN ONE; and THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT THOU HAST SENT ME, AND HAST LOVED THEM, AS THOU HAST LOVED ME." Now not one of Jesus' Words have ever fallen to the ground or returned void, because He only spoke what the Father taught Him to do. Do you hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying? Instead of it being "you and God", and "me and God" where there is a division between us and God, and one another - because of what Jesus spoke forth in prayer and what He did on the cross, it is now God in us, and us in God! WE ARE ONE IN HIM!

However, if when you get up in the morning you think to yourself, "It's my day, and I'm going to make my own decisions today. I'm going to do my own thing today...", then you have forgotten who you are! You have forgotten that you are ONE WITH GOD. You totally forgot that it is not your day, but it is His Day! Psalms 118:24 says, "This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." James 4:13-15 in the Amplified Bible also says, "Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a city and spend a year there and carry on our business and make money. Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen tomorrow. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF

YOUR LIFE? You are [really] but a wisp of vapor (a puff of smoke, a mist) that is visible for a little while and then disappears [into thin air]. YOU OUGHT INSTEAD TO SAY, IF THE LORD IS WILLING, WE SHALL LIVE and WE SHALL DO THIS OR THAT [THING]." Do not just make plans that you are going to go here or there to do this or that without asking the Father first. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" How can two walk together as ONE (you and the Lord) unless you agree? The Spirit tugs on you to go here, and the flesh says "But I want to go over there," and then when you give in to your flesh and allow it to drag you over off where ever it wants you have a lousy day - and you wonder why? "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded (to walk in the mind of Christ and be led by the Word and the Spirit) is Life and Peace." (Romans 8:6).

Beginning once again at Mark 11:22, Jesus said, "Have faith in God." In the Amplified Bible it says, "Have faith in God [constantly]." We cannot stress enough how important it is to have the understanding of what this means! In verse 23 Jesus says, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain...". "Whosoever shall SAY..."! In other words, we have come back to the importance of SPEAKING THE WORD! This means that you are not to go outside of the boundaries of God's Word and His promises to you. **You first need to "hear" and "receive" the understanding of what God is saying to you now** (because, "...faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what

is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)." (Romans 10:17 Amplified Bible), as well as of the Blessings **He has given you** (those things that are rightly yours in the Kingdom of God) - **and then you are to speak forth those THINGS/WORDS** (rather than just "name it and claim it"), because when you see the accuser come along and listen to what he is saying, you will become weak and lose your confidence/faith in God. The spirit of Satan is always accusing the brethren, and when you choose to listen to the accuser rather than the Spirit and Word of God, you come under condemnation and fear. In that place the enemy has you right where he wants you, because when you have lost your confidence, you have also lost (in your mind) what you think is the victory! This is why it is so vitally important that you both understand and take hold of the fact that you already have the victory (whether or not you see the battle as won yet in the natural), and all because of what Christ did on the cross for you and me and all creation! Do you understand what I'm saying here?

With that in mind, if you have what you see as a mountain in your life, and sometimes this mountain might even be the way you are thinking; it might be some kind of oppression or depression in your mind, but Spiritually speaking, a mountain in the Bible is speaking of the state of mind. If you can understand, a mountain in the Old Testament is always speaking of (and we have taught

on this before) a state of mind, or what the mind perceives to be a great problem or obstacle that stands in your way and needs to be overcome. There are a lot of mountains out there, and some people are on the mountain of fear; some are on the mountain of oppression; some are on the mountain of unbelief; some are on the mountain of hatred; some are on the mountain of anger (which has increased greatly in the world). But Jesus said that, "...WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, BUT SHALL BELIEVE THAT THOSE THINGS WHICH HE SAITH SHALL COME TO PASS; HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH...". Jesus also said in Matthew 17:20 that, "...IF YE HAVE FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, YE SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU."

David understood this and wrote in Psalm 100:4-5 that we are to, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." Without confidence and faith David said, "I WILL! I WILL ENTER INTO HIS GATES with thanksgiving in my heart!" He said, "I will" and spoke "IT"! David spoke the "WORD" that God had put in his heart, and without any doubt whatsoever he knew that he could enter into God's gates with thanksgiving in

his heart and in the mind of Christ) he and God would walk as ONE.

In 2Samuel 22:2-4 David declared that, "...The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in Him will I trust; He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; Thou savest me from violence. I will call on the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." Because of what David represented, he had all of his enemies coming against him. But what was David doing in the verses above? He was speaking to his soul. He was speaking to his mind. He was speaking to his circumstances, and to his mountain! David spoke to the mountains that were before him, knowing that he already had the victory in God/in Christ! David spoke to the mountain in his life, knowing and understanding that God was his Rock, his Refuge, his Deliverer, and through it all He was worthy to be praised! It was with thanksgiving and an attitude of praise in his heart that David managed to stay in the mind of Christ, and walk in victory. It was from that place of oneness with God that David could also speak to the mountains that were in his life.

Jesus said, "For verily I say unto you, That WHOSOEVER shall say unto this mountain...". "WHOSOEVER" means, even the people in the world - those that do not even know God can use this! "WHOSOEVER"! I am sure that you have seen individuals in the world who continually live in negatives, and have you seen the hellish time that they have in life?

They never seem to get anywhere or do anything with their life? Then there are those that you see who are loved and have experienced nothing but love and the positive all their life, and these individuals do not even know what fear is like! The reason they have so much confidence and do so many things in life is because they can see "it" (the goal/the end result/the finished product) in their mind; and the reason they can see "it" is because they don't have to wade through all that garbage (negative thoughts and images) in their mind. Proverbs 23:7 says, "For AS HE THINKETH in his heart, SO IS HE...". However, the reason why the Lord has also allowed us to go through certain things is to allow us to identify with creation.

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART...". That is the key! You cannot doubt in your heart, because every time God says something to you, let me tell you - the doubts try to come in! They will come through the feeling realm - through sickness or some other way - but one way or another they are going to try to come through the feeling realm.

You have to stop and check yourself by asking, "Am I living by my feelings; or am I living by faith? Am I believing what God is speaking to me; or am I going to be a double-minded man that is unstable in all his ways?" Because if you believe God one moment and not the next, the Bible says in James 1:7, "... let not that man think that he shall

receive any thing of the Lord." If you believe Him one moment and not the next, you are not even going to receive the promises that are already yours.

Jesus goes on to say, "...and shall not doubt in his heart, BUT SHALL BELIEVE THAT THOSE THINGS WHICH HE SAITH shall come to pass...". WHICH HE SAITH! If God says that He is going to heal you, and someone else comes along and wants you to talk about all your symptoms - what are you doing? You are disannulling what God has said to you! If God has spoken a Word to your heart (no matter what it is going on around you, and let me tell you sometimes things can get pretty rough) but I have noticed that "Faith" is "action", "action", "action", and we have to act upon His the Word by speaking to the mountain(s)!

To give you an example of how this works, when Peter and John began to understand what this meant, in the Book of Acts chapter 3, it spoke about "...a certain man lame from his mother's womb...". You can go there and read it for yourself. This man that was born crippled, and if you can picture this in your mind, it could have been in your own hometown, right here in Fairfax, in Vienna, or wherever you are today - but it says that every day they laid him at the gate of the temple to ask alms of them that entered the temple. In other words, everyday of his life he sat outside of his church begging because he was born crippled and lame, and everyone that knew him knew that he had been that way since birth.

In reality, every human being has been born crippled and lame, and we all remain in that state until the appointed time of the Father for us to meet Jesus who can change us, and cause us to rise up and begin to walk with Him! However, like this man, a lot of people today do not have the understanding of what Jesus has done for them. Many Christians today remain Spiritually crippled as well. They are Spiritually crippled in their mind and in their thinking, because they do not have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, they lack the understanding of God's Word, and they do not act in faith upon even that which they do understand. As a result, day after day, and year after year, they sit outside the temple and never enter into the Presence of God to take hold of the promises He has already given them! Do you understand what I am saying?

I have shared this example before, but do you realize how big an elephant is, and the power that they have been given by God who created them? Well, a lot of God's people are like that elephant today, and every one of us have been like that elephant at one time or another in our life. In the natural, an elephant is huge and has a lot of power. It can knock down trees and even small buildings; and when it runs, even the earth shakes. But in some places around the world (and in circuses as well), when that elephant is very young, a trainer will tie a rope around the elephant's one leg, and then tie the other end to a wooden or metal stake that is driven into the ground. When the young

elephant tries to walk away they feel the pull of the rope on their leg and it quickly learns that it cannot go beyond the length of that short rope. That one thought in that elephant's mind remains with it its whole life. When that elephant grows older it has the power to easily break the rope or pull out the stake it is tied to, but that one thought still in its mind prevents it from even trying. That one thought is a lie that causes it to forget who he is; enter into doubt and unbelief; and deny the power and purpose that God gave it from the beginning. That one thought causes the elephant to instead live in bondage with the belief that it does not have the power to go any farther than the length of the rope tied to its leg. It is robbed of the freedom and liberty that it could have, and except for when it is loaded into a cramped truck or train to be transported from one place to another, that elephant will spend most of its life and time under a circus tent.

The world has done the same thing to you and me by creating a lot of images and strongholds in our mind. But thank God we are no longer sitting outside the temple! We have come into the Kingdom of God, and He is causing us to have an understanding of what the Kingdom of God is all about! Praise God! By His Grace, we understand that we are in a different world!

Just like in the time of Jesus, there are a lot of religious people in the world today, and this was the reason why Jesus said what He did in John 8:23. Jesus said, "...Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world;

I am not of this world." Jesus knew what world He lived and had His being in, and it was not this one. He was declaring that the realm in which He walked was higher than where they lived and could even comprehend right because of what they had been taught (the thoughts in their mind that kept them bound). Even though Jesus had a physical body that physically walked and breathed in this world (so that He could identify with us), Jesus came to demonstrate the Kingdom of God and to show us the Father. He lived as the pattern for all to see that would be free and choose life over death and the bondage to sin and this world. Jesus was not of this world, and He walked "...not after the flesh, but AFTER THE SPIRIT. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit." (Romans 8:5-6). Jesus knew Who He was, as well as where He was to walk and have His being (mind set upon) all the time. Even though Jesus had a physical body in this world, He continually walked as ONE with the Father in the Spirit and Kingdom God! Jesus understood Who He was, the Power that He had, and the purpose for which He was sent into this world. He walked in a realm of no limitations in His mind and Spirit! He was free and walked in the Kingdom of God all the time, where He not only experienced the Righteousness, Peace, Joy; and Love of His Father all the time, He operated out of it and displayed it to all those around Him, whether they had ears to hear and eyes to see or not! He

demonstrated what True Love and Liberty is!

If that elephant ever came to the reality of who he was, he would be very angry and then act out very destructively for having been lied to and held captive for so long.

Out of Love, God fastened His eyes on you and me and sent His Son to set us free. When the Son sets us you and me free, we are free indeed! God wants us to quit crying out for deliverance, and instead He wants us to walk in deliverance. Whatever else we need is coming!

The point I am trying to get across here, is that Peter and John had the understanding that the man who had been lame from the womb did not have to sit outside the temple day after day, after day, anymore - and when they saw this man who was lame, it says in Acts 3:4, "And Peter, FASTENING HIS EYES UPON HIM with John...". You see, they fastened their eyes upon him, just like God does on us, and when you walk by someone and find that you cannot look away from that person and the condition they are in, that is Jesus in you looking at them through your eyes!

The crippled man had sat outside the temple every day, year after year from probably a very young age, waiting and begging for coins. Someone carried him there every day, and someone carried him back - and that's how he got his living. However, on this particular day it as God's appointed time for this man. It says, "And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us." They were saying, "Can't you see the

Joy? Can't you see the Peace? Look up on us!" "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth RISE UP AND WALK." Peter understood "IT", and spoke "IT" in the Name (Nature and Power) of Jesus Christ. By the Grace of God he understood the Power that was in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter understood that when God was telling him to speak the "Word", that "IT" was coming out of the Spirit!

Peter also did something else that was very interesting. It says, "...he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up...". In other words, Peter acted upon that Word in Faith, because "Faith" is "Action"! What is so interesting was the fact that when he took the man's hand, the man yielded to him. The man also acted in Faith, because in verse 5 it says, "And HE GAVE HEED unto them, EXPECTING TO RECEIVE SOMETHING of them...", and immediately in verse 7 right after Peter had spoken to him and took him by the right hand, it says, "...and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength."

"Faith" is "Action"! God didn't heal him while he was lying there lame - He healed him when he had the faith to believe the Word that was spoken to him out of the Spirit. When he took that step, it says, "...immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And HE LEAPING UP STOOD, AND WALKED, AND ENTERED WITH THEM INTO THE TEMPLE, WALKING, AND LEAPING, AND PRAISING GOD." He stood up for the first time in his life, and walked, and leapt, and praising God entered

the temple with Peter and John. They took him into the temple because Jesus said that you are the temple of God! You are the temple of the Holy Ghost! You are the temple of the Kingdom of God! All the people recognized the man and it says that, "...they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him." All the people then ran to Peter and John wondering how they had done this, but Peter quickly corrected them and pointed them to Jesus. Peter basically said, "Now wait a minute! Do you all think that by our own power or righteousness we have made this man able to walk? No, this miracle was only accomplished because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and He lives within us. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God of our forefathers has glorified His Servant and Son Jesus, doing Him this honor, Whom you delivered up, denied, rejected, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when even he wanted to let Him go. You denied the Holy One and the Just and demanded that Pilate pardon a murder instead. And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead to which you are witnesses. It is His Name through faith in His Name that has made this man strong. It wasn't us that made this man walk, it was God Who healed him through the Power of Jesus Name, and through the faith of this man who was lame, and has now been made well and strong." Peter and John were saying that it wasn't their faith that this man was healed, it was God who did this because of the lame man's faith in Jesus' Name!

There are things that keep us from receiving from God, and because of this I need to bring out a couple more things. You can speak to mountains in your life all you want, but you must remember what the Word says, as what you are speak forth cannot go outside of the boundaries of either God's ways or His Word! The Spirit has to cover and be ONE with the Word. When you hear a "scripture" and God puts "IT" in your heart - you are to speak that "Word" no matter what your situation looks like in the natural! Keep speaking that "WORD" and know that the "WORD" that is coming out of your mouth is a "THING" that will eventually take on "FORM". You haven't seen "IT" yet; "IT" hasn't taken on form; but "IT" will take on "FORM" because "IT" is a "WORD" that has come out of the Spirit of God, and "IT" cannot return void!

Above we wrote about Jesus speaking to the fig tree and causing it to wither, and in speaking with Peter and the disciples the next day, Jesus telling them to, "*Have Faith in God.*" We have also talked about how we are to speak to the mountains in our life; that in order to deal with them we are to speak to them in faith, believing that whatsoever we say (that if the Words we speak forth were a Word that first came out of the Spirit) then that "WORD" shall come to pass by taking on the "FORM" of that "THING" that we spoke. But Jesus also went on to speak of another condition that we must abide by in order for what we pray or speak to come to pass. Jesus said in Mark 11:24-26

that, "*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, FORGIVE, IF YE HAVE OUGHT AGAINST ANY: THAT YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU YOUR TRESPASSES. But IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.*" In other words, "If you have any unforgiveness in your heart towards anyone, then this is sin, and your Heavenly Father cannot forgive you of this sin, nor will what you have spoken in prayer come to pass until you make things right again by forgiving that other person.

In verse 24 it said, "*Therefore I say unto you, What THINGS...*". There is that word "thing" again, and that word "thing" or "things" is speaking of your "inheritance". You have a right to "it" - not because of any good thing that you have done, but because of what Jesus did for you and me on the cross! Once again, it says, "*Therefore I say unto you, What THINGS soever ye desire, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM.*"

Here is a hard one, (particularly if you are in a lot of pain), because it starts by saying, "*when you pray, BELIEVE THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM...*", and finishes by saying, "*...you shall have them.*" In other words, if you are diligently seeking God - God both loves and rewards a diligent seeker! If we don't show God that we respect and believe that He is who He says He is,

then how do we think we are going to get anything from Him?

Therefore, if we really believe, and if we are in need of deliverance, or healing, or money to get out of debt - whatever our need is - GIVE! If you need the money - GIVE! That is how it works, because that is God's way! That is a principle of the Kingdom!

Another point I need to bring out, no matter what it is that you need and have asked Him for - how many times do Christians keep praying the same thing over and over and over again? If you were a father and your child came begging you every day for the same thing, when you have already told him that all that you have is his, but he just has to mature and grow some more before he can use "IT" - and knowing this that child still kept coming to you every day begging for the same thing when he already has "IT" - wouldn't you get a little irritated? You would probably think to yourself, "Well, this kid doesn't believe I love him. He doesn't believe I even care; and he doesn't have any respect for me as an adult".

So you can just imagine how the Father feels when we constantly pray to Him, "Oh God, please save my son! Please God save him!" Here we are coming to Him every day with the same thing over and over again, and God says, "I already saved him on the cross. What are you crying about? He is already saved. He just doesn't know it. I'm the One Who must to turn the light-bulb on in him. He can't come to Me until I draw him in my appointed time for him, so what are you crying about? What are you

weeping about? You are wasting your energy."

In addition to that, how do you start out praying? Do you start thinking about yourself, and praying about your needs? Aren't we supposed pray after the manner Jesus told us to do. In Matthew 6:6-10 Jesus says, "...when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door (in other words, go within and get quiet, for the Kingdom of God is within you, and shut out every other thought that does not come from the Spirit of God), pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, USE NOT VAIN REPETITION, AS THE HEATHEN DO: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. BE NOT YE THEREFORE LIKE UNTO THEM: FOR YOUR FATHER KNOWETH WHAT THINGS YE HAVE NEED OF, BEFORE YE ASK HIM. AFTER THIS MANNER THEREFORE PRAY YE: OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven...". In other words, we are to begin praying to the Father by Worshiping and Praising Him! That is how we are supposed to start, but we are starting out with, "Oh God, help this person. Oh God...". When the Lord is saying, "Enter into My gates with thanksgiving in your heart! Enter My courts with praise! Don't enter into My gates and My courts pleading and begging, and begging and pleading. Come and enter in Praising Me and Thanking Me, because when you do this you are going to forget

about your problems. You are going to forget about yourself, and you are going to experience Me!" It is very simple!

Now this is the hard part that God told me to share with you. This is a very important point, because **you are going to be held accountable for every word that you speak!** That hurts. I wish I had more time, but there are two other things I have to get to that are also extremely important.

God really wants us to get this, because this is a key that is going to bring us to the next level in Him. You may be saying, "Well, Sister Joyce, I just entered this level and I haven' even learned it yet." That's okay, because God is doing a quick work in this hour, and He is causing people to catch up very quickly. He is doing a fast work and He is speeding everything up! Have you noticed how even time seems to be going by so fast? Even people in the world who do not know Him yet are noticing and commenting on it. It's because God is speeding everything up!

I am going to stop here because that is what God is telling me to do. We'll have to finish this Word in a "Word-Spirit-Form Part 4".

God wants this Word that you read and heard today to be effective in your life, but nobody can do this for you and me! In Philippians 2:12 is Paul wrote, "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Working out your own salvation means that you are to be a doer of the Word, and not a hearer only! The "Word" that I have shared with you today is not going to do you any good at all unless if you

put "IT" into action! You heard "IT"! "IT" is God's mirror! "IT" is God's "Word", and "IT" doesn't do me any good, or you any good if we don't use and do the "Word" He has taught us!

When you don't use "IT", what happens is, you begin to look into another mirror. There are two mirrors set before you. There is man's mirror of illusions and imaginations; and there is God's mirror, which is His Word and the Kingdom. I am going to talk a little bit next time on what that mirror is, because His mirror is what is transforming us! His mirror is what is renewing your mind and your thinking. But when you and I lose sight of that Word, there is just something about that goofy mind that I can not stand. God can give us one revelation after another, and we can even hear "IT" two or three times - but we do not get "IT" to seep down inside of us and allow "IT" to become a part of us by acting upon "IT", in two or three months we forget it! Do you know what I am saying? If we don't use "IT", we loose "IT", because we forget "IT". Then when God quickens "IT" to us again, we go, "Duh. Goofy me! What's wrong with me?" When our mind removes itself from the Word, we forget who we are! We forget our calling! We forget the purpose and why we are here. We lose sight of what God is saying to us!

I have to stop here, because it is important to finalize this Word correctly. It will take some time to do this and God has told me to stop where I am. I know I am enjoying His Word. How about you?