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"Gates of Heaven (Part 1 of 2)" By: Joyce Morris 05/18/03

I think we will have to go a couple of weeks on this subject because it has many subjects combined together.

We are going to build a foundation because there will be different people reading this message. You might already know some of the things you read. You may want to take note of these scriptures to get this foundation. Some of what we write may include things you are experiencing, have experienced or will continue to experience. This will help you to understand the entire ministry and the position that God has placed us in and what is taking place. There are several things that the Lord has placed on my mind.

We are going to explain this awesome place that God has brought you into, as well as what He is continuing to bring you into. We will also explain what the gates of heaven mean.

The Lord has been speaking to us about Jacob's ladder. The Lord placed it on someone's heart to give me a small picture of Jacob's ladder, which confirmed what God put in my heart. He had me read again about Jacob and the time he had that dream. He was going to a certain place. He was moving from one place, which was Beersheba, and he was

moving to another place. When he started going to that other place that God was bringing him into, that's when he had the dream. Gen 28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11, And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12, And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13, And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give *it, and to thy seed;*

We have been in a certain realm in Christ for some time, and he is bringing us into a place of greater depth in Him. We are excited about what He has been doing, but we are excited about what He is doing now and will be doing. We want to explain how He is/has been using you and how He will continue to use you and what will take place. The Lord will continue doing what He is doing until He is all and in all and all enemies are placed under His feet. 1Cor 15:28, And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also

himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all;

Jacob had this dream. In the dream, there was a ladder. The ladder was set up on the earth. Something was taking place on this ladder. In this dream Jacob angels ascending saw and descending. They were ascending into heaven, and they were descending. Notice that the ladder was set up on the earth. You are that earth that the ladder has been set upon. When Jacob began to awaken from his dream, he made the most interesting statement, <u>"for this is an</u> awesome place." It is absolutely awesome. This is none other than the house of God. This is none other than the gates of heaven." God has set His ladder in the earth, which is you and I. You are the house of God. You are His angels who are ascending and descending. The Lord wants us to talk about ascending and descending to broaden your horizons about how awesome this place is that He has brought you into. He wants you to have an increasing desire to continue to experience the realm of ascending and descending. He wants you to understand what that means. We are going to cover the meaning of your life experiences, as well as your ministering to others.

I began to see that there were 12 tribes in the dream that Jacob had. Jacob became the father of many nations. God made a covenant with Jacob. The dream he had is connected with chapter two of Isaiah. I am not going to go there yet. I always wondered why Jacob's name was mentioned in this chapter having to do with all the nations and the mountain of the Lord. The mountain of the Lord is the House of the Lord, our God and His Kingdom. When the Lord started revealing this to us, I got very excited. I want you to get thrilled and excited, too. When we get through with this teaching about the ascending and descending and the fact that you are the gates of heaven and you get an understanding of it, you are going to have a broadened horizon of God's plan for mankind.

In the beginning, God created two realms. God created the heaven, and He created the earth. He created a natural man, and He created a spiritual man. The earth was void and empty, and there was darkness in the earth. God began to move upon the earth. God was moving upon mankind. He was doing like He is today. His Spirit is moving upon the earth in mankind today all over the world. His Spirit is moving, and He is moving upon the minds of mankind. He is transforming their minds into the mind of Christ because their minds have been empty and void of the truth. The Lord is moving upon the earth and separating the darkness from the light. That is what the Lord had to do to you and me.

When God was creating, He said, "Let us create man in our likeness and our image." So God had a plan. He created two realms, the spiritual realm and the natural realm. He created the heavens, and He created the earth. There is the carnal mind and the mind of Christ. There is the heavenly state, and there is the earthly state. There are carnal-minded people, and there are spiritual-minded people. God created spiritual-minded people at that time, and He created the first man Adam. Adam was created a spirit, and then God formed him into this earthly form. He was created a spirit, and then God formed him into the dust realm. God breathed into him the breath of life, and he became a living soul.

Eve is the mother of all living. Eve is the soul of every man. Without your soul, you would not be alive. Without your spirit, you would not be alive. God gave him the breath of life (the living soul) so that He could impregnate her with His Word and His Spirit. It was so that He could have a people who would be born again and live in this heavenly state.

In the beginning, as you can understand, it was the woman who took Adam into hell. It was the woman who was enticed by the serpent. It was the woman (soul) who brought to Adam the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and spoke to him. He listened to her. It is the woman who has been the downfall of mankind down through the generations. The woman is the soul. The soul is what can bring you into hell.

In the beginning, Adam had a position. God gave this position to rule and reign over the heavens and the earth. God said to multiply and replenish. What was it that caused Adam to fall? It was the soul. The soul is the enticing thoughts of the five senses.

There are two realms. There are people who are walking in the spirit by faith. They are not walking by the five senses. The second realm is the earthy realm. It is nothing but the sense realm. Through the disobedience of Adam in the garden, pride set in, and death entered in. By the fall of one man, all the nations were weakened. That lets me know, the higher the position you have in Christ, the deeper you go in God and the more knowledge you have, when you do fall, it is a great fall. You fall greater than the person who does not know very much. You fall greater because of the position you have in God and the understanding you have in God. Down through time, you can watch this with people and you can see where a person fell to. It was not something where people thought, that a person was way up in the sky and fell and hit the earthboom! No, it all happened in the mind. Here were some people God lived in the midst of, just like He does today. They were living in the carnal mind, in the sense realm, and God was creating a people just like He is today, after His nature, after His mind and after His likeness, and causing them to be awakened to spiritual things. There are two worlds going on here. You have the kingdom of God, and you have the world. It was all going on in

Adam's mind. The fall that Adam had was in his mind. He fell in his mind, and darkness set in. He did not remember who he was. All he could create was thoughts that brought death. What he fell into was hell. What is hell? Hell is nothing but a state of the mind without the peace of God.

We are going to explain the ascending and descending. Many of us have ascended in Christ. We have walked in the spiritual and we have been realm, disobedient to the Lord and walked in the hells. God uses the hells and the fire to help us learn to be submissive to Him. He waits patiently and says He wants to give us His love. He wants us to want Him. He wants to be first. We will continue to have hells until we find out that He wants total submission to Him. The soul will lead you into hell. The Bible talks about the soul with the flattering words. The soul can come in different people, in different avenues, to get you off track, to get you away from that first love with Jesus Christ. You may not realize you are off track. The spirit of Satin is subtle, with verv pleasing, flattering and smooth words to entice the soul.

I want to teach about ascending and descending. The Lord brings down all your mountains and brings your valleys up to make your walk smooth. He has brought you into a place to be one with Him. Why has He brought you into this place? He has done so because He wants you to be a part of the ministry of reconciliation. You have been part of the ministry of reconciliation because you have gone through your hells and your hard knocks. You have learned obedience through the things, which you have suffered. Jesus said, if you suffer with Me, you will reign with Me.

What is the reigning all about? The reigning is about ascending and descending. You ascend and you descend, and you bring others out of hell. You go into their hells, but you do not become a part of their hells. You go into their hells only to bring them out of their hells. You do not become one with their hells.

The ascending and descending is an awesome place. Hell is nothing but the fire of the David really had the Lord. understanding. He said, "If I ascend into heaven, you will be there, God. If I descend into hell, you will be there, God." So God is in both realms. The only thing is that when you are in hell, you do not have the peace of God. You do not have the joy of the You do not have right Lord. thinking. You are tormented with thoughts in your mind. That's what hell is. Hell is nothing but torment. Hell is fear. Hell is hurt. Hell is pain. Hell is death. It has no life. That is why God has been teaching you not to be carnally minded but to be spiritually minded. Do not set your affections on things in the earth, but set your affections on things above, because you have been called to walk in this heavenly realm, this heavenly state of mind. You are the house of the Lord, and God is having people to see your light.

Years ago when we came into the message of the kingdom of God, I had a dream I didn't understand. It was the most

awesome I have ever had. In this dream we were caught up in a very high realm in Christ. In the dream there was a huge house. It had 12 bathrooms. I could not understand why there were so many bathrooms. The bathroom is where all the dung goes. The number 12 means the divine government of God. This house was white, and it had a red roof. Now I understand why it was white and had a red roof. It had a lot of land, and it was huge. In the dream, multitudes were coming to the house. They were coming from the four corners of the earth. They were flowing in, and they were flowing out. They would flow in and be taught. Then they would flow out. It was the flowing of nations. It was an awesome dream that I did not understand. I began to believe that the Lord wanted us to buy a farm at that time. The Lord spoke in my dream, "This is the place of My refuge for My people. This is the ark of the Lord." I began to believe that God wanted us to buy a farm. So we went looking for land and a farm, but it never transpired. Now I understand. Fifteen years ago God brought us into this place of ministering to the nations, ascending and descending, and releasing the nations and people by the God has been thousands. sending the spirits of people by the thousands, all over the world, to release them. What has He been doing? He has been setting them free. They have been coming because they have seen a great light. When Jesus began His ministry, the Bible said that the people who sat in darkness saw a great light. Jesus had not

said a word yet, but they saw the light. If you have been sitting in darkness all your life, the darkness that is in your mind is the state that your mind is in. You have been in hell, you have been in torment, and you have been in pain. You have been hurt, both mentally and physically. You have been lonely. Whatever you have been through caused you to be tormented in hell. As you have become one with Him, you have become the light. You are the light of the world. Therefore, the Lord has given you the ministry of reconciliation. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save the whole world. The Bible says He died for the whole world, to not impute their sins. Therefore, God does not retain their sins because Christ bore their sins on the cross.

What did Jesus do when He was resurrected? He descended into the lower parts of the earth. That's in I Peter 3:19-20. То whom did He minister? He ministered to all the spirits of those who died in Noah's time. He preached to them. When those people who were sitting in darkness saw Jesus, that was the beginning of His ministry after He was resurrected. What was the first thing He said? "Repent." Repent means "change your Change your thinking. mind." Jesus said, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

Every time we come together, the light is shining. People in the invisible realm see the light, and they come by the thousands. You are preaching reconciliation to whomever God brings. No man can come to the Father except the Lord Himself draws him. We have to learn more and more about these things to understand it in scripture. I want to take you into the Word and show you that there are different levels of heaven and different levels of hell.

I think I will always remember the first time we ministered in this realm 15 years ago.

When I was the age of 12, I did some babysitting for a couple at the end of the street. They were young and very attractive. They had twin baby boys who were adorable. I just loved those kids and looked up to that young couple. You know how young people look up to adults with children. I liked to climb trees. I was climbing a tree in the yard and heard a gunshot. Then I heard someone scream from their house. At the age of 12, I didn't know any better but got out of the tree quickly and went to their house. I walked in. He had shot his wife, and she was dead. He was on the floor with a gunshot in his head, but he was not dead. This is not something a 12 year old needs to experience or see, but it was all in the plan of God. It did something to me. It is hard to explain, but the fear of death came over me. That night they parked their car underneath my window, and I could not handle it. I had to run into my mom and daddy's room to get them to comfort me. All my life I was afraid of death. At the age of 16, the Lord spoke to me with an audible voice and called me by my name, and He said, "You shall never die." I didn't understand that, and I couldn't tell anyone that because I knew

they would think I was crazy. I couldn't even tell my mother at that time, but I knew it was the voice of God. I didn't understand it, and the fear of death left me then. Fifteen years ago when we into this realm came to understand that God is reconciling His people now, it's not something in the future; we were in the spirit and were just spending some time with the Lord. These two people (the ones who had been killed) were standing right in front of me. I got a little shaken up about it because we didn't understand what was going on. I asked Jesus, "Why are they there?" Many years had gone by since that shooting event had occurred because I was 12 when it happened. These people were still in the same frame of mind as they were when they left their bodies. I will never forget what the Lord showed me. He showed me that the man was full of guilt, wishing he had not shot his wife. He was vary tormented with the guilt and the shame. He was tormented with the hurt he had caused his children. He even saw the sufferings his children had experienced as a result of his actions as they grew and matured without parents. His wife was in extreme hate, anger and unforgiveness. She had many questions such as, "Why did you shorten my life?" The Lord began to speak to me at that time and began to teach me, "As a tree falls, so shall it lie." Eccl 11:3, If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. Whatever state of

mind the individual is in when they die, is the state of mind that person is in on the other side. This means when Jesus went to the other side to preach to all those spirits who were in prison, they were ready to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. They were ready to submit to the love and let Christ be supreme in their lives. All the enemies in their minds had to bow down to the Christ so Christ could take them on to another realm because Jesus Christ is the door. No man can be saved without Jesus Christ. The Bible says there is no name in the earth that any man can be saved by, except our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the door. John 10:9, There are many thieves and robbers who try to get to God and There are many to heaven. religions where man is working very hard and trying to get God to accept him today because of their good deeds and their good works and all their religions and all their beliefs. They are going to have to come through the Door. There is only one Door they can come though, and that is Christ. As you become one with Him, and as we commune with Him and are one with Him in the spirit, then you become the door. You are the way, you are the truth and you are the life to others. This is why, when Jacob had that dream, he looked in to the ministry of reconciliation. He looked into the day of many nations hearing the voice of the Lord. He looked into the day of the dead in the graves hearing the voice of the Lord and coming out of the graves to be released to get into heaven. Isn't God good!

We are going to get in the Word and do some study on it. I

believe you need to understand this because you will be sharing with others. Every time you get in the spirit, you are preaching. You are preaching the gospel, the good news of the kingdom of God. When the new ones come, they don't know that Christ is in them, but Christ is preaching through them, and God is using them no matter how young they are in the Lord. He is using them to preach to both realms, visible and invisible.

I find it very interesting that in Genesis 28 Jacob was moving from one place to another. This is what God is trying to do with this group. He is trying to get you to move to another place, a deeper, broader realm that is in Him. Even though this realm has been great, we will not leave this realm. It will just get broader, bigger and greater and will be a greater extension of His love. It says in Gen. 28:10-13 - "(And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;)" He was not talking to Jacob about the natural land he was lying on. He said, "Okay, Jacob, I have finally gotten your head into another place, and in that place you had this dream. In this dream, this ladder has been set up in your earth." We continue reading in Gen. 28:14-15 - "(And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.)" In other words, I am going to bring you back again to this place you have experienced in your dream tonight. Continue reading in Gen. 28:16-17, which says, "(And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this *place!*)" It is true that many people are afraid of the realm of the unknown. Many people do not go deeper in Christ because of fear or religion, one or the other. The remainder of Gen 28:17-18 says, "(How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning.)" You can read the remainder for yourself.

Isaiah 2 not only goes along with this, but it also goes along with the dream the Lord gave us many years ago when we came into the ministry of the kingdom understanding the and reconciliation. It says, in Isaiah 2:2, "(And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains)" So what Jacob was seeing was a realm in God, a realm in the spirit that takes place in the mind. He was seeing that he could live in this heavenly state in the mind. He was seeing that this house

was the house of the Lord, but it was also the kingdom of God. Basically, the kingdom of God is within us. There are many hells in the earth today in people's minds. There are many people today who are trying to escape their hells. They use every tactic they can think of to try to change their circumstances and situations to try to find peace. They try to escape their torment. Some go to drugs and alcohol. Others try various routes in an effort to escape all the torment and hells in their minds. Some think if they move to a certain it will change city, their circumstances. Everyone needs to understand that it is all happening within. It is within their mind. It is the state of their Many people think if mind. another person comes into their life, it will make them a lot happier. The Bible says that sin is a pleasure for a season but sin will definitely bring hell your way again. People will try all kinds of things in an effort to escape the situation they are in. God is trying to get man to go within because the door to heaven is always in the mind. That door is Jesus Christ. God is in every man. Every time man disobeys God, God will allow that person to go in that direction for a while, but then torment will come because the soul is leading that person into destruction. Jesus said that the path He is calling us to follow is narrow and few there be who find it. It is one thing to find the narrow path. It is another thing to stay on the narrow path. Matt 7:14

The Lord brought out recently that some of us in the body are returning to our old habits and old ways. The Lord is saying this is not the time for us to do that. He has brought us too far in Him. We know too much. We understand too much in Christ. He has given us too much to go back. This is the day to press forward and continue to go forward in Him.

As you can see, *Isaiah 2:2* says, <u>"(And it shall come to pass in</u> <u>the last days, that the mountain of</u> <u>the Lord's house....</u>

The Lord's house refers to the sons of God, the ones over whom God has control in their lives. He has become Lord of their lives. The kingdom of God has been established in them, and they are the house of the Lord. They are the house of God.

I remember we had a dream when we were coming here. I kept looking out the window to see who was coming. I said, "Lord, there just always seem to be a few who come. When are You going to bring more people? I used to look out the window. God would give us a word, and we were so excited we couldn't wait. We would just hope a lot of people would come and hear it because we knew it was life and would help them. Then someone came, and they brought a dream. They said they had a dream they did not understand. They said in this dream there were people lined up down the street. They were waiting for us to come to these meetings. They were lined up to come in. I had no idea or understanding of what it meant. I had no understanding of that first dream of a great house and nations coming and coming and people coming and flowing in and out. I had no idea that God was going to send the nations to

this little body here. I had no idea that God would look for a people who would just follow Him. There are people more ready to hear the word of the Lord who has been in darkness for thousands of years than people who have been in the world in their body for maybe 40 years. The Bible says the humble will hear thereof and be glad.

We are going to teach about different hells because God has His own prisons. I said, "Lord, you are something else. You know, You have definitely directed our footsteps. He first took us to prison ministries for 26 years in the natural to understand prisoners in the natural, and all they can do is wait to get out. That is all they talk about every time you see them. They are tormented in their minds. They want to be free again. Some of them found out that they didn't have to get beyond those bars that were in the natural. Some of them found out that the prison they were in was in their own mind. Some of them found out that when they found Christ as their Savior and came out of their own hells, they were in a heavenly state even though they were in a natural prison. They came into a rest, knowing that the natural would happen in His time. God began to teach us then that He has His own prisons for those who disobey Him, just like in the time of Noah. Noah was a righteous man. What was he doing? He was preaching the word of the Lord, and the people who heard him did not believe him. Some of God's own sons did not believe Noah. Thev looked at him as just being a person. They did not accept the

word that was coming out of his mouth. We need to be careful about who is teaching the word and listen to the word and get beyond whom is teaching and understand it is the word of the Lord. We have to understand that God is giving us instructions, and we are to understand those instructions. The people of Noah's time disobeyed God, and they went into the soul. Then every imagination and illusion of their hearts was evil continually. (See Genesis 6:5) "God is a jealous God." The imaginations and illusions are thoughts that are in your mind that you are so attentive to. It can be a person or a job, and you have left your first love with Christ. You have left your first love with God. This is what happened in the time of Noah, so God removed them from the earth. If you had been in prison in your mind all those thousands of years and Jesus came and told you that you were forgiven and asked if you were ready to submit to His love and His life, how would vou respond? All of them were ready to come out of that prison.

When we first started coming into this ministry, many ministers did not follow the way God was directing us. I know they probably thought we were in error. It is okay because everyone has to come in in His time. I have always been willing to be a fool for Christ. We have always been willing to obey Him because we know what suffering means. No matter how strange it is, we know that when God says something, He is the boss, and it is right. I cannot express to you enough of His appreciation that you have made this decision and

have persevered in this ministry to become one with Jesus and be willing to sit and allow Christ to preach to whomever He desires, to get people out of their hells.

Isaiah 2:2 continues, <u>"(the</u> <u>mountain of the Lord's house shall be</u> <u>established in the top of the</u> <u>mountains)"</u> The word "mountain" in scripture is always speaking of the state of mind. If you look at Israel, you can see the many different states of mind they had in their walk. They were on Mount Sinai. That was another state of mind.

Isaiah 2:2 continues, "(And shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.)" That means all nations will have to flow unto this mountain and this house of the Lord. Let's continue with Isaiah 2:3, which says, "(And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;)" The reason Jacob's name is mentioned here is that the Lord gave him that promise as well as gave him the dream. Jacob looked into this day. So did David. That's why David said, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, to all generations and with my mouth I will make known thy salvation." So this is the good news. Every time you are sitting here, David is also in the invisible realm and ministering with us as we minister the mercy of God to all generations. So God has made you the light. Psalm 89:1-4

Let's go to *I Peter 4:6* which says, <u>"(For this cause was the gospel</u> preached to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.)"

We used think to the Catholics were terrible because they prayed for the dead. We really didn't understand. It has to be Christ to do the interceding through us. He is the one who intercedes through us for creation. We are to be led by His Spirit.

We read from I Timothy 2:1-4 "(I exhort therefore, that, first of supplications, prayers, all, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.)" The kings mentioned here are rulers in both the invisible realm and the visible realm.

God said that His house shall be called a house of prayer. You may hear people say, "Well, we don't like to go to Lord of Life ministry because all they do is pray. Sometimes they are in there for an hour. Sometimes they don't even say a word. What is going on with these people?" If they only knew! I Timothy 2:4-6 reads, "(Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.)" To every man in his own order, so God knows when that time is up for every individual. It is a process of due time for that individual to hear the truth. If they don't bow down, then they have to remain in prison in their own minds, and that holds true on both sides of the river of life.

1Cor 15:23 "<u>and each in his</u> proper order, a first-fruit Christ, afterwards those who are the Christ's, in his presence,"

Why did we say all of that? I can remember when the Lord brought those two people before me. It scared me a bit at first when I saw these two people I knew at the age of 12 and witnessed their death. I asked Jesus why they were there, and He said, "I am teaching you something, and then I am going to take you into the Word and explain it to you." One thing I saw was a bridge and a great light.

How many people have been murdered, and how long do they see their murderer going free and not caught yet, and they are in torment in their minds because they are out of their body? If they don't know Christ and go through the light, they are still tormented. Then they can see the torment of their family, what all their families go Look at the girl in through. California who died, and they don't know who killed her. The mother said she had a dream, and in the dream her daughter was crying and wanting to come home. When you come out of the body, unless you go in through the Door, which is Jesus Christ, you go through the Light. If there are issues that you have not settled in your own mind, you will have to go into the lake of fire. If you still have hate, unforgiveness, and issues of relationships with people that have not been settled, you will still have to experience the lake of The Bible says that all fire. unbelievers, those who have fear, or those who have unbelief, and

those with idols or other things in their lives, will have their part in the lake that burns with fire. **Rev 21:8.** What is the fire? It is purification to bring a change in the mind. You can see the torment that goes on in these people because things are unsettled. God is using His sons to minister reconciliation through them, to make everything right that was wrong. He is using the sons to undo everything that went wrong in people's lives, to bring restoration, to restore all the years that the cankerworm has eaten, to restore the soul. The soul is in a lower state, and God works through the sons to bring that soul back into a heavenly This is why every time state. when we used to come together we would hear the Lord say, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and let the King of glory come in." **Psalm** 24:6-7. The king of glory is His people. It is a part of Himself that has been out there in that state of hell and torment in their minds, whether it is visible or invisible. That's why when we come together it's all about praising and worshipping Him and adoring Him.

I saw something interesting in Isaiah 5:11-12 which reads, "(Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.)" These are Spiritfilled Christians, who are really enjoying the blessings of the Lord for themselves, and they are enjoying His presence and the praise and the worship, but they

are not taking into consideration the needy, poor and lost and those who are not experiencing a heavenly state in their minds. Because they will not regard the work of the Lord, it says, in Isaiah 5:13-15, "(Therefore, my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the *lofty shall be humbled:)"* Where the scripture is talking about hell enlarging herself, it is saying that hell is the soul. The reason I brought this out is because it is not about our enjoying all the words God gives us. It is about allowing Christ to work through us for His glory as He touches creation.

Ezekiel chapter 16 is talking about Sodom and Gomorrah. It is about Jerusalem. It is about Samaria. It is all about them. Does God see it to be good to cut certain people off from the earth? Yes, He does. Look at Ezekiel 16:49-50 which says, "(Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.)" I said, "Well, God, why did you see good to take them away?" Then it goes on and talks about that He is going to take away Israel. The reason He saw it as good was that He knew the

day would come that He would restore them. That's why He caused it. "Well, they won't obey Me now, so I will just cut them off from the earth. I will let them live in the torment of their mind (in their own hell) until they are finally ready to come into submission to My love." Yes, He did. Look further in His Word.

Ezekiel 16:51, which reads, "(Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.)" They justification brought about everything they did, making excuses and saying it was right in what they were doing. So the Lord says, "Okay. I will just cut you off." God can do it two ways. He can cut you off in the natural, or He can open up the earth and let it swallow you. I have asked the Lord, "What do you mean by that?" Remember, there were certain ones who came against Moses. They did not like the things Moses was saying. They came against Moses. God said, "They are not coming against you, Moses. They are coming against Me." God caused the natural earth to open up and swallow the people. So they have to live in that state of mind. All those years they had to live in that condition because Jesus had not come yet. "As the tree falls, so shall it lie." So they lay in the condition of that mind. In Ezekiel it talks about Pharaoh. But God saw it good. He knew that they were never going to come into submission. He knows the past, the present and the future. It is up to God to get everyone out of the vanity and

corruption that is in their minds, so He uses the hell and the fire to bring them into total submission. I have no idea what it takes in people's lives to bring them into that place. I have no idea who will and who won't. When Jesus came along with His ministry more than 70 people were following Him. Seventy of them left except the 12. Then He turned to the 12 and asked, "Will you betray Me, too?" Betrayal is not just putting someone on the cross, but it is going only so far and turning back into the world. I have seen it happen many times. When people will not go on, the earth swallows them up, meaning the things of the world take over. When you came into God, you were one of the candlesticks. When you knew Jesus as your personal Savior, you were under one light. You still lived in the sense realm. You were controlled by the five What I am trying to senses. portray to you today is that hell is nothing but the sense realm. It is very simple. Those who are dead and not in Christ are still in the sense realm. If they have not come into Christ, they are still in the sense realm on the other side. I will take you into the scriptures to prove that to you.

When you came to God, you were under the natural light. You knew Jesus as your personal Savior. You were enjoying that feast of the Passover. That is the righteous who are scarcely saved. Then you moved from there because you were not satisfied, and God pushed you on. Maybe you had to have a few hells to push you on. You knew there was emptiness, a void. Then you had the feast of the Pentecost. It is the experience when you are under the candlestick of the fivefold ministry. You came into that realm of ministry-with healing, faith, prophecy and the gift of tongues. Then you heard, let us go on to perfection. There were ministers who said, "No, you cannot go on into the holy of holies until you are perfect." We shook our heads and asked, "God, what is wrong with these people, because even the least can come into the holy of holies?" That doesn't mean that you stay in that realm. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ rent the veil for everyone to go into the holy of holies and go within oneself and experience God and commune with the Lord. That is the holy of holies. It does not mean that you stay in that realm. When you became dissatisfied in the candlestick realm, you began to pursue God, and He took you into the holy of holies. Heb 9:1-4 He pulled you aside to reveal to you the mysteries of the kingdom of God. That is when He started dealing with you because the consuming fire is in that realm. God starts turning the heat up in order to consume everything in you that is not like Him. He consumes these things so that He can make you one with Him. He brings you into a rest in your soul and delivers you from your hells and tribulation. Isn't God good?

There has to be a people who come to the end of their tribulation and hells first. You didn't know that when you came to the end of your hells, you were going to have to pull others out of their hells. Some of you, while you are pulling others out of their hells, may still have to go through some hell because there are some areas within us that are not quite finished. That is all right. God still uses you in this realm.

The reason God thought it good to remove people from the earth is in *Ezekiel 16:53-55* which reads, "(When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then will I bring again the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them: That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort to them. When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.)" So God even cut Israel off, but He said that He would save Israel again.

I remember when the Lord sent an individual to our group who was Jewish. This person needed some deliverance and needed to be released, and the Lord gave a vision of her generations. They were still wandering in the wilderness. I said, "God, what does this mean?" He said, "She is connected to some of those generations that wandered in the wilderness and did not enter into the Promised Land. Joyce, they have been in that state of mind all those years. But now, they have seen a great light, which is Christ, and I am going to release them today."

We will never forget the day that Moses stood in front of us. Pharaoh and his sons stood to the left of Moses. The Lord spoke and said, "Israel was in bondage for 430 years, and they have been in bondage for 4,300 years. When are you going to release them?" This message is for some of God's sons who have the Word. They have the understanding that God is calling them to release creation. Are they willing to become one with Jesus and allow the Christ in them to preach reconciliation to all nations? Are they allowing Christ to use His keys of death and hell because Jesus Christ has the keys to death and hell? Where is Jesus? He is in you and in me.

I thought statements made in Matthew 10 and also in chapter 11 were interesting. They talked about Sodom and Gomorrah and Tyre. Jesus was teaching the gospel of the kingdom. He said, "If these people were here right now, they would repent in sackcloth," but you would not. He said, "On that judgment day, it will be better for them than for you." That is something to pay attention to.

Some ministers have come against us and said that the dead know nothing. Let me tell you, they do! Luke 16:19-31. You are the gates of heaven and it says your gates are not to be shut day or night. They are to be continually open. There are people that God wants to bring to hear the Word of the Lord, to bring them out of their hells and their torments in their minds. That is why these meetings are so important. That is why you are important.

There are different realms of heaven. There are different realms of hell. Each one of these realms is a state of the mind. There is a hell that is called the bottomless pit. I know that that is the worst state the mind can get into. The mind is thoughts. We can say a lot today about all the things we have learned over the years. Maybe one day we will just open up and let it all come out. One night the Lord was showing all these stones. There were all kinds of stones of every color imaginable, and they were in great heaps. A hand was raking through the stones. Have you ever seen precious stones and jewels and raked through them with your hand and felt how good it feels? The hand of God was going through those stones. It was His finger, which was the Word and the Spirit that was going through those stones. Those stones were people. God has given us the treasures of the darkness, and these are people. These are kings and rulers and people of the world, and He has given them to you and to His sons because that is your inheritance. Your inheritance is the nations.

Different ministers have said that the dead know nothing, that the soul does not exist on the other side. I have learned not to listen to what man says. You have to go in the scriptures and see what the Word says. We have learned to seek the Lord with our whole heart and cry out to God. I believe that in any individual who is a true son, there is always a cry within, because it is the cry of Christ. Christ Jesus will not be satisfied until every man comes into that rest, into that oneness with Him again. He wants every man to be free of the hells and the torments in their mind.

I can remember a dream that I had one time. The Lord had called some people to join this

ministry. In the dream they went on one path, and we went on the other. We did not understand the dream right away. In the path they went on, they were having a lot of fun. They were enjoying life and the things of the world. There was a little part of me in my soul that wanted to go in that direction. In the dream I saw a little lamb that I will never forget. The lamb was down in a deep, dark pit. It was caught in many It was snares. groaning, screaming moaning, and bellowing. It could not get out. It was stuck in mud deep down in the pit. We descended into the pit, and carefully pulled it, ministering to it all the while. Lord spoke to me and said, "This ministry will be used to bring My lambs out of hell, to bring My lambs out of the pit. Some of those people who died many years ago are groaning in their state of pain in the hell. They are moaning, groaning and waiting for someone to see the condition they are in and come to preach the gospel of Christ to them. That is why Jesus uses us week after week in this realm to ascend and descend. That is why Jacob said, "This is an awesome place," because in this place are angels (messengers) who have а message. They are in heaven, but they are willing to descend down into the hells and present the message of the gospel of Christ to these people and tell them how much Christ loves them. They pull them out of that pit and hell and bring them into the gates of When they heaven in Christ. died, they were still in the sense realm. That is what hell is. Hell is living in the sense realm. The sense realm gives you pleasures

for a season. We need our five senses, but God elevates our five senses into the realm of the Spirit. The realm of the Spirit covers the five senses, and the senses are covered with the Christ, and become one with the Christ.

People are still tormented in the state in which they died. You might say, "Well, Sister Joyce, where is this in the Word? How are you going to prove this?" I am going to prove it with the rich man, by showing the scriptures about the rich man. Job 27:19 says, "(The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.)" I don't know how you would feel if you got hit by a car or someone took your life and your life is gone in a moment. It is going to take you some time to realize that you have just come out of your body. My son taught this to me. He said, "Even the firemen are taught not to say anything negative about the injured person or their condition, even if they are dead because they can still hear what you are saying. It takes them a while to realize they are out of their body." There are so many issues in life that have not been settled in their mind. So "as a tree falls, so shall it lie." God does have mercy. It says (in the scripture) that the rich man opens his eyes and he is not. We continue with Job 27:20, <u>"(Terrors</u> *take hold on him*)" because his soul is not right with God. In the natural when your soul is not completely right with God, there is doubt and fear in the back of your mind. Job 27:20 continues, "(Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the <u>night.)"</u> That is the kingdom of darkness on the other side. The

tempest is his own temptations within him that he did not allow God to deal with. He will gather with people on the other side that is in the same state of mind he was in when he died. Why do vou think the world is in such a mess? It is because there are so many spirits in the invisible realm. If an alcoholic dies, and he has such a strong desire for alcohol, he is going to go to a bar and look for a body that is likeminded to enter into so he can continue to fulfill his desires. We continue with *Job* 27:21-22, which reads, "(The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.)"

Luke 16:19-31 says, "(There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine lined, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; A in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil

things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he might testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nav father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.)" To go into this, to teach this and help those understand that the soul does exist on the other side, you can see what is going on with the poor and the rich. We know that Lazarus went in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man wore purple, so you know he was a priest. You know that he knew God. But he ended up in hell, and he was praying. What gets me is, they can see everything. In fact, he could even see Lazarus. He could see Lazarus happy. He could see him enjoying all the blessings of Abraham. The rich man was tormented in his mind. The dead can see. They still have their five senses and their soul. They are still tormented and prisoners of their own minds. Hell is the sense realm. Heaven is the mind of Christ and walking in the Spirit. So there is the mind of Christ, and the carnal mind. There is a lot more we wanted to

bring out, but we are going to stop here and continue this subject as the Father leads. The Good News is, that in Rev 22:1-5, there is this pure river that flows out to creation and in the scripture you see trees on both sides. This river of life can flow to the visible and invisible because Jesus has the Keys to Death and Hell. **Glory to God**, who has a plan for all mankind. For all came out of God, all are going through God, and all back into God that He might be all and in all. 1Cor 15:28. His Mercy endureth forever. 1Cor 15;23. " and each in his proper order, a first-fruit Christ, afterwards those who are the Christ's, in his presence, "

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