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"Harmony and Oneness"

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In John 14:9 Jesus said, "…<u>HE THAT HATH SEEN ME</u> <u>HATH SEEN THE FATHER."</u> And in John 10:30, He also said, "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE."

There are a people that are beginning to walk in oneness of God like never before. THE WORLD IS GOING TO SEE THE FATHER AGAIN! He is getting ready to step out on stage for all creation to see. He has been saving sometime now that the stage is set, that His time is closer than we think! This is the time when the manifestation of the Sons of God will take place. But the manifestation won't happen, until the Sons of God have fully awakened as to who they are!

Peter, James and John got a glimpse of this on the Mount of Transfiguration, when they saw the two witnesses (Elijah and Moses) standing and talking with Jesus.

Why were Elijah and Moses there? Because 'two' is a true witness, and Jesus was trying to witness to, or show these three disciples, that it is in the plan of God for ALL mankind to come into the oneness of Christ again!

(At any rate) Peter said, "LORD, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE." In other words, "LORD, THIS IS WHERE WE

SHOULD DWELL! THIS IS WHERE WE SHOULD BE ALL THE TIME!" Boy, he got that right! It's the same as when you and I get in the Spirit. It's so good you just want to stay in His presence and never come out again!

I used to wonder about different ministers that would come here to minister the Word. They would be caught up in the Spirit, the anointing would be flowing, and they would preach a fantastic Word. Then after the meetings we'd go out for dinner, and it was like they were totally different people. All this negative talk and anger was coming out of their mouths. Some were even cursing! I asked God, "What is that?" He said, "They have forgotten who they are. They're just the carnal man now. That's Adam speaking." He said, "They walked out of the Spirit. They walked out of the mind of Christ. And when they did this, they became the natural man again not the Spiritual man. They lost sight of who they are - because if they really understood who they are, they wouldn't have acted out those thoughts!"

Sometimes your mind will bombard you with a lot of thoughts – and they come in so subtly and so quick, that you're in the mud before you realize it. Then just like a little kid, your self-will says, "Oh, goody! I can't wait to get in that mud puddle and splash around. I can't wait to get all carnal and fleshy again!"

You need to have a little checklist in your mind to remind you of who you are in God! You need to ask yourself, "Are these thoughts Christ-like? Are these thoughts LIFE? Do these thoughts bring me LIFE? Do these thoughts bring LIFE to anybody else? Are these thoughts the nature of God? Do I have God's peace in my mind?" When you do your little check and the answer is no to any of these questions, then you've gotten off track. You've forgotten who you are and need to get back in that oneness with Christ!

Paul wrote in Philippians 2:5, "LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS." And in Ephesians 4:21-24, "If so be that ye have heard HIM, and have been taught by HIM, as the TRUTH IS IN JESUS: That ye PUT OFF concerning the former conversation THE OLD MAN, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND (IN THE MIND OF CHRIST); AND THAT YE PUT ON THE NEW MAN (WALK IN

THE MIND OF CHRIST), WHICH **AFTER** GOD **CREATED** RIGHTEOUS-INNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS." And Colossians 3:9-10, "... seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW MAN MIND OF CHRIST) (THE **RENEWED** WHICH ISIN**KNOWLEDGE** AFTER THE *IMAGE* OF HIM**THAT** CREATED HIM." And Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST."

In all of this, Paul is saying over and over, that we are to put off the old man (Adam) and PUT ON THE NEW MAN WHICH IS CHRIST. WE ARE TO PUT ON THE MIND OF CHRIST! 1Corinthians 2:16 says, "... WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST."

Sometimes we forget our little checklist and lose site of who we are. We forget who we are and go back into the self-will (which is the carnal mind). Sometimes we need to put the mind of Christ back on, because we walked out from under it and allowed things to come into our house (mind) just like termites.

Some time ago, I had a problem with termites in my natural house. But God let me know that just as He is restoring my house in the natural, He is also restoring my Spiritual house. It all goes together. He's making everything new.

God has to make everything new in your life, because He's creating "ONE NEW MAN".

When Jesus went to the cross, there were two men in the earth. In 1Corinthians 15:45-50 it says, "And so it is written, The

first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a QUICKENING (Life giving) SPIRIT. Howbeit that was not first which is Spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward which that Spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy (carnal, and lives according to his five senses to please self/the self-will/the flesh - is caught up in the cares of this world and the lusts/appetites of the flesh) THE SECOND MAN IS THE LORD FROM HEAVEN (THE CHRIST/THE SON(S) OF GOD/THE SON OF MAN -WALKS IN ONENESS WITH, AND IS HERE TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER). As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy (those that live in the mind/self-will/death): carnal and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly (those that walk in the mind of Christ/Spirit/Resurrection Life). And as we have born the image of the earthy (the flesh man/the first man Adam), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (THE SON OF GOD/the second Adam). Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood (the flesh man) cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." The first man Adam, is of the earth, earthy: and the second Adam IS THE LORD FROM HEAVEN!

There have been two men down through the generations, and Christ went to the cross to crucify one man. The man He went to crucify was the first man Adam. In Ephesians 2:13-16 it says, "But now IN CHRIST JESUS ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, WHO HATH MADE BOTH ONE,

AND HATH BROKEN DOWN THE *MIDDLE* WALL OF **PARTITION BETWEEN** US; HAVING ABOLISHED in His flesh THE ENMITY (bitterness, division/separation), hatred. LAW even THE **COMMANDMENTS** (the law of sin and death) contained in the ordinances; for TO MAKE IN <u>HIMSELF</u> OF TWAIN <u>ONE NEW</u> MAN, so making peace; AND THAT HE MIGHT RECONCILE BOTH UNTO GOD IN ONE BODY BY THE CROSS, HAVING SLAIN THE **ENMITY** THEREBY." Jesus crucified Adam (the flesh man/ self-will) on the cross, and broke down the middle wall of partition that had been in the mind. This middle of partition (the selfwall will/Adam nature) is what kept you from knowing that you are a Spiritual being that came out of Christ/God.

Before coming to Christ, I know that you had heard about God, and in your head you knew that there was a God. You prayed to Him whenever you had a problem; and you may have even tried religion and gone to church every now and then, but that was about it! You never knew God for yourself. You never had a relationship and a love affair with Him. You never experienced a oneness with Him, because there was still a wall of partition between you.

Christ went to the cross and crucified that old man to make ONE NEW MAN. It says that He broke down that middle wall of partition TO MAKE IN HIMSELF of twain (out of that division in the mind) ONE NEW MAN. The ONE NEW MAN that He is creating, is that many

membered corporate SON OF MAN who has learned to walk in oneness with the Father. THEY ARE A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST!

In 2Corinthians 5:17 it says, "Therefore if any man be IN CHRIST JESUS, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: old things are ALLaway; behold passed THINGS ARE BECOME NEW." You see there is that little word "if" which means so much here. It says, "IF any man be IN CHRIST JESUS, he is a new creature." "IF"! In other words, only when you are IN CHRIST, are you a NEW CREATURE. But sometimes you come out of Christ and go back into your selfwill/flesh. This is the reason why we need to stay in that oneness with Him, in the mind of Christ, and let those old things (thoughts and our old ways of doing things) keep passing away. Because "IF" we stay IN HIM, and allow the old things to keep passing away and be consumed in the fire of God, eventually there won't be anything left in us to pass away. We will come to the end of self. Our self-will will pass away and all that will be left is the mind of Christ (God)!

I want to take you now through the testings of Jesus, because after the water baptism you will definitely go into the wilderness. Jesus is the pattern, and just like Jesus, you will be driven into the wilderness to reveal the son of perdition - to expose your self-will, the pride of life, and the lust of the flesh. To expose what's still in your heart (mind).

In Jeremiah 17:9-10 it says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:

who can know it?" I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." God knows what is still in your heart (mind), and He must bring ALL things to the surface so that He can judge (correct) those areas of your life that are not like Him. You must be tested and tried in every area of your life, and He must **EVERYTHING** consume that keeps us from walking in oneness with HIM!

In Matthew 4:1-3 it says, "Then was Jesus led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (tested) of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterwards hungry. And when the tempter came to Him, the tempter said, "IF thou be the Son of God...". What was/is the first temptation? It's the word "IF"! It causes you to question who you are in God, and "IF" you entertain it (become one with that thought), it causes you to enter into doubt and unbelief in your mind. "IF thou be the Son of God...".

The doubt and unbelief comes from the self-will (which is the devil). Over and over again, I've seen individuals come and sit under this Word. The Spirit bears witness to them that it is True, and they say they know God was speaking to their heart. Then three days later they might come back and say, "That's not God!" And when you talk to them it's like talking to a stranger. This really bothered me for a time, so I asked God, "How can this be? How can these people come and hear this Word and say one minute that it's True, then come back a few days later and say,

"That's not God"?" He said, "It's because they forgot IT! They never let IT become part of them! They didn't yield to IT and allow IT (THE WORD) to transform their mind. They went right back and listened to their self-will again. They chose to yield to the tempter (the devil), rather than the mind of Christ within them."

You need to understand that all that Jesus experienced in the wilderness - took place in His mind! It wasn't something in the natural, but it was a Spiritual process that He had to go through. And like Jesus, every Christian has to have at least one wilderness experience in their life. You know when you are in the "wilderness", because you don't feel God, you don't hear His voice, and nothing seems to be going right in your life.

In the wilderness, thoughts in your mind that have not been transformed and consumed in the fire of God yet, surface and come to the forefront of your mind where you can see them. These are the thoughts that have caused your soul to yield to the self-will (the serpent).

Jesus was tempted and tried in every area of His life, but He never yielded to the self-will. He never sinned!

When the serpent spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden, what was it doing there? The serpent came and enticed the "woman". The "woman" is the mind (the soul). In other words, all of this was going on in Adam's mind. The fall happened after God separated the woman (the soul – the first man Adam) from Adam (who was Spirit – the second man Adam – the Christ). The serpent was there to cause them to take

their eyes off of the goal (which is the fullness of God Himself). It wanted them to forget who they were in God and to lose sight of the simplicity that is in Christ - in walking in complete harmony and oneness with the Father. It (the serpent/self-will) wanted them to forget that God had called them to be Sons of God, and that they were to have dominion over the earth. That they were to be fruitful and multiply, reproducing the fruits of the Spirit/nature of God in the earth, as co-creators in, and with Him.

It says in Romans 8:20 that, "... the creation (all creation) was made subject to vanity..." All creation was made subject to the vanity of the death realm, which is the carnal nature/carnal mind or self-will. ALL of mankind has been made subject to this "...not willingly, but by reason OF HIM (The Father) WHO**HATH** SUBJECTED THE SAME IN HOPE." ALL CREATION IS **WAITING FOR** THE **MANIFESTATION** THE OF SONS OF GOD! THEY ARE WAITING FOR GOD'S SONS TO **FULLY** AWAKEN/REMEMBER WHO THEY ARE AND BECOME ONE WITH THE FATHER AGAIN. **BECAUSE** WHEN **THIS** HAPPENS, THE FATHER WILL MANIFEST HIS FULLNESS THROUGH THEM AND SET **CREATION FREE!** Free from the corruption that has been in their minds, and the thoughts that have kept them from experiencing HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY for themselves!

It says in Romans 8:29, "For whom HE DID FOREKNOW, HE ALSO DID PREDESTINATE TO

BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN."

Jesus is the FIRSTBORN among MANY BRETHREN, meaning that there are going to be more just like HIM! Jesus is the first Son, and He was called to be the captain over many Sons.

the wilderness, the thoughts that come to the forefront of your mind are to make you forget who you are. That little word 'IF' comes along to create doubt in your mind. And 'IF', you start thinking on that word 'IF', and become one with it in your mind - you will lose sight of your true-self, which is Christ! You will forget that you are a Spiritual being - a Son of God IN CHRIST, walking in the earth.

When Jesus was "... led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil..." the tempter (the devil/Satan) came to Jesus in His own mind! The 'man' Jesus was being tempted by His own flesh (self-will), but He never yielded to it because He knew who He was. He knew that was THE WORD GOD/THE SON OF GOD, and each time the tempter (His selfwill) would speak to Him in His mind, His response was always the same - "IT IS WRITTEN...". He never lost sight of who He was! And He knew that He was not here to do His own will, but HE WAS HERE TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER! It took Jesus thirty years to get to this place in His life. 'Thirty' means, 'maturity'. He finally grew up, and came to full maturity in the Father! In Hebrews 5:8-10 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; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."

Sometimes, there are areas in our lives that want to stay like little children and never grow up. And sometimes we allow these little kids in us (areas of the mind that never matured, and that never came into subjection to the Christ in us) to act out, so that we can yield to our little whims. They are areas in our mind that just never grew up. These areas of our mind are just like little kids that are frozen in time, so to speak, and from time to time they rise up and begin to speak to us in our mind.

The next thing we know, a whim or fantasy might go through our minds, and we just go off and run with it. Then another little kid pipes up, and we just run with that whim! Maybe that little kid (part of us) didn't get enough attention when we were growing up, so it comes to the surface and acts out to try to get attention now. These things affect both our life and our walk in God. Often we are not even aware of why we feel so driven to do something, or to act a certain way.

However, as God brings these little kids (in you) to the forefront of your mind where you can see them, you need to allow Him to go in and deal with them. In the Father's time, each one of these little kids in you must bow down and yield its will to the Christ! It has to grow up and be reconciled back into that oneness with the

Father. And everything that is not like His nature must be consumed in the fire of God.

When you give in to them, and give these little kids (areas of vour life) attention entertaining them in your mind, your self-will immediately gets busy and says, "What can I do, or what can I create to get attention? What can I do to get people to look at me?" Then when you act on those thoughts, it's because you forgot who you are. You walk out of the Spirit/mind of Christ and become the flesh man again.

If you look at kids in the natural today, they are doing everything they can to get attention. They're coloring their hair every color you can think of. Some are dressing so unusual that their pants look like they are ready to drop off. But bless their hearts, it's because God hasn't awakened them yet. They don't know who they are, but they feel the need to identify with something. So one kid will start dressing a certain way, then the next thing you know, other kids start saying to themselves, "I have got to dress this way too, because if I don't, I won't get any attention!" That's how it is with a lot of these kids today. They're just looking for acceptance, attention, and love. The whole world is looking for love. They are looking for God and do not even know it!

Another little kid that sticks up his head every now and then, is the kind child that is very stubborn to his parents. You have got to understand however, that God is your parent. God is both your Mother and your Father. Of course, you will not truly understand anything about children that are stubborn, unless you have had children yourself. If parents really love their children, they try to teach them things that will keep them from getting hurt - rather than letting them learn it the hard way for themselves. But in children, that Adam/self nature always sticks his little head up. Even when that child is born, he's just acting out who he is (in the natural).

Stubbornness doesn't get us anywhere, but it will keep us from being who we really are in Christ. When we are stubborn, the only one we really hurt is ourselves. Sometimes there are areas in our mind that refuse to grow up. As our Parent, God has to bring all these little children into subjection to the Christ in us.

This is the reason Paul wrote in 1Timothy 3:4-5, that if a man wants to be a bishop, he must be "ONE THAT RULETH WELL HIS OWN HOUSE, HAVING HIS CHILDREN IN SUBJECTION with gravity; (FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, how shall he take care of the church of God?)". You have to rule your own house, FIRST! You have to stop giving in to those children in you, and bring them into subjection to the Christ within!

Have you ever met nosy Christians? If you're a busybody, and spend all your time with your nose in everybody else's business, and go around talking about them to others - then you're neglecting what's in your own garden. You're neglecting what's going on in your own house - IN YOU! And if you're not ruling your 'own house' the way you should be, those little

children in you start acting out all over the place. You need to stay focused on your own relationship with the Father, and keep those children within you under subjection to Christ - until the Father deals with them, and consumes those areas of your life.

But if you still want to be that stubborn little girl or boy, and act on whatever whim these little children bring to mind; and if you refuse to let the Lord deal with these areas of your life - then these things will keep you from experiencing that oneness with the Father!

Now, as we grow in the Lord, there is also a submitting to one another. WE ARE SUBMIT TO "THE CHRIST" IN ONE ANOTHER, NOT TO THE FLESH MAN! But some of God's Sons have said to themselves, and others, that they don't need to submit to anybody! There is however, no truth to that way of thinking! And in 1Peter 5:5-6 it "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, ALL OF YOU BE SUBJECT ONE TO ANOTHER, AND BE CLOTHED IN HUMILITY: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. HUMBLE YOURSELVES therefore UNDER the mighty hand of GOD (come under subjection to Christ), THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU IN DUE TIME."

In 1Corinthians chapter 12 it speaks of the body of Christ as ONE body with many members. In verses 18-21, and 25-26 it says, "But now HATH (past tense) GOD SET THE MEMBERS EVERY ONE OF THEM (He didn't leave anybody out) IN THE BODY, AS IT HATH PLEASED HIM. And if they were

all one member, where were the body? But now are they MANY MEMBERS, yet ONE BODY. And THE EYE CANNOT SAY UNTO THE HAND, I HAVE NO NEED OF THEE: NOR THE HEAD TO THE FEET, I HAVE NO NEED OF YOU...THAT **THERE** SHOULD BE NO SCHISM IN THE BODY; BUT THAT THE MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE THE **CARE SAME** ONE **FOR** ANOTHER. AND WHETHER ONE MEMBER SUFFER, ALL SUFFER WITH IT; OR ONE MEMBER BE HONOURED, ALL MEMBERS REJOICE WITH IT."

Yes, the Father has called us to come out of the church order and religion, but He has also called us to be ONE IN HIM! It said that, HE SET **EACH** MEMBER IN THE BODY AS IT PLEASED HIM! Yes, He has called you to come out of the church order and religion, but only TO COME UNDER THE DIVINE GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

When you get out there all alone, and say, "I don't need to submit to anyone else! I don't need anyone else!", that's just one of those stubborn children in you speaking out. That's just the selfwill/Adam speaking. We cannot say that we do not need anyone else because we are part of one another. It says that we are to have the same care one for another, because if one individual (member) suffers, we all suffer and if one individual is elevated (or exalted) in Christ, then we all benefit and rejoice with them.

If one member is not where God has set them to fulfill their responsibilities in the body, in what God has given them to do – then a strain is put on the other members, as they must also carry

the load of the individual (member) that has gone their own way.

If another individual arises and presses on in Christ, and is faithful to use all that God has given him - and the Father exalts him by giving him even more - then all benefit. If one member is exalted, or is brought into a higher realm in God, then those that are joined in oneness with him are also carried higher. We are to be a many membered corporate body - IN CHRIST!

If you are out there all alone doing your own thing, then you have not come into the cluster of grapes, so to speak. You have not come under the government of God, in the place where He has set you. If you've ever seen a cluster of grapes, then you know that they grow very close together. They are all of one mind, as they are fed from the vine/the mind Christ/the Word and the Spirit! It's like the army of the Lord - no one will break ranks!

Ezekiel had a vision of this oneness, when he looked upon the creatures in chapter one. Now you can read this chapter for yourself, but what he was really seeing was the corporate Son of man (the Overcomers on this side and on that side). Together they expressed the nature of Christ. It says <u>THEY</u> "... were <u>JOINED</u> ONE TO ANOTHER...", and "... THEY four had ONE LIKENESS...". In verse 12 it says, "AND THEY WENT EVERY ONE STRAIGHT **FORWARD:** WHITHER THE SPIRIT WAS TO GO, THEY WENT; AND THEY TURNED NOT WHEN THEY They WENT." were joined together with one likeness and

never broke ranks. They only went where the Spirit went because they were ONE! The middle wall of partition in their mind had been done away with. Only the Resurrection Life and mind of Christ existed for them! They went forward with ONE purpose - to do the will of the Father!

As the Father goes into each area of our mind and consumes those things that are not like Him, our oneness with Him increases! He's dealing with these areas so that we can begin to walk in the Spirit all the time. And as we grow in our oneness with Him, He is also causing us to become ONE with each other. This is the desire of His heart - that we be ONE with HIM and with each other. And in John 17:21-24 Jesus prayed, "THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, THAT THEY ALSO MAY <u>BE ONE</u> <u>IN US</u>: 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. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, BE WHERE I AM; that they may behold My glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

The reason that Jesus was never drawn out of the Spirit by the tempter (His own flesh), was because He never lost sight of who He was. He knew who He was and He stayed in that

oneness with the Father at all times. And if you would stay in that oneness with the Father, and never lose sight of who you are in Christ - you would never come out of the Spirit again. None of us have arrived yet, so we must be patient with one another. We must care for one another. We must love one another until the fullness of what Jesus prayed is manifest in and through us. Until we become ONE with each other, and ONE with the Father in Christ. Until we become HIS LOVE and the Father manifests HIMSELF to all creation through

The tempter said, "IF thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread!" But, Jesus answered, "IT IS WRITTEN, man shall not live by bread, alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In other words, man cannot live by the word alone! You can't live by the King James Bible and the scriptures alone. You have to feed on, and live by every Word that comes out of the mouth of God. Out of the mouth of God means, out of the Spirit/ out of the mind of Christ. Without the Spirit of God, the word (scriptures) is just the letter. There is no life in it. It says in 2Corinthians 3:6, "... for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." This is also the reason why it says in Revelations, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying...". Without the Spirit of God there is no life!

Jesus was also saying here, that man cannot live unto himself. Man cannot live to serve his self-will and feed upon the appetites of his flesh. Man cannot walk this walk alone – he must walk in oneness with the Father! He was saying, "I can't yield to my self-will and keep listening to these thoughts (the tempter/the self-will) in my mind, because if I do, I will lose sight of who I am. I'll forget that I AM THE SON OF GOD, and that my true-self is THE CHRIST. I AM THE WORD OF GOD. I AM A SPIRITUAL BEING, and not a natural man. That I AM HERE TO DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER, and not my own!"

Jesus was tempted in His own mind by the pride of life and the lust of the flesh. This will always be the first temptation that comes to you. It'll come to you in your mind with little 'IF's', 'AND's, and 'BUT's'. tempter/the self-will/the serpent will try to tell you that you can live in two worlds - that you can live in the Kingdom of God and live in the world. It will tell you that it's alright to do your own thing - that you can be like Peter and say, "I go a fishing". But, Peter didn't catch anything! Why didn't He catch anything? Because when '<u>I'</u> (self) goes fishing - there's no life in it!

You'll know when you're walking in the flesh, because wherever you go and what ever you do, there's no life in it! No matter what you do, you are never satisfied, you are never happy, and you never have any peace in your mind. You literally experience hell in your mind. You can even feel it - it's deader than a doornail.

If God tells you to do something and you choose to go in another direction, you will experience hell in your mind until you repent and get things right with God again. When

Ionah didn't want to do what God told him to do, he was cast into the sea (a sea of thoughts in his mind/his humanity/his flesh) only to be swallowed up by the whale. Well the whale that swallowed him up, was his own mind. It was his own self-will and the pride of life. You need to read this whole chapter for yourself (as there is a lot in it), but in Jonah 2:2, Jonah said, "...I cried out by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me; OUT OF THE BELLY OF HELL cried I, and thou heardest my voice." Jonah was in HELL in his own mind, until his heart turned back to the Lord and he repented. Then he was set free (in his mind) to where he could walk in the light (Spirit) again.

Have you ever wondered why it is, that when you get up in the morning and just do your own thing, rather than take time to hear what the Father wants you to do FIRST - nothing seems to go right? It's because God is not going to bless that flesh man! If you aren't hearing from the Spirit, and you're just doing what you want to do - then you have walked out of that oneness with the Father and have forgotten who vou are. It savs in 1Corinthians 15:50, "... that FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." And in Romans 13:14 it says, "...PUT YE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

It's when you're walking in the Spirit that the blessings come. The blessings come through obedience as you walk in oneness with HIM. Where are the blessings? It says Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who HATH (past tense) BLESSED US with ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY **PLACES** IN**CHRIST.**" All Spiritual blessings are **IN HEAVENLY PLACES - IN** CHRIST! That means that if you want Spiritual blessings, you've got to walk in the Spirit - IN CHRIST!

What does it mean to 'walk in the Spirit'? It means to OBEY GOD, and not your self-will. It means to RECKON YOURSELF TO BE DEAD, and WALK IN ONENESS WITH THE FATHER - IN CHRIST! It means that YOU ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT (THE MIND OF CHRIST), BY GOD'S THOUGHTS and not your own! that YOUR means WITH RELATIONSHIP THE **FATHER** IS THE **MOST** IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE. YOU ARE HERE TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER!

This is what Jesus did. He reckoned Himself to be dead, saying, "I refuse to give any recognition to those thoughts that would speak to me in my mind. I'm going to live "... by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." I'm going to cling to those Words that the Father has spoken to me, and to My relationship with Him! I'm going to cling to My true-self - I AM THE ANOINTED ONE walking in the earth." And if you have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying here, YOU are the Anointed One walking in the earth! Your true-self is Christ and IF you are walking IN CHRIST, then you are the Anointed One. Jesus is the

"FIRST BORN AMONGST MANY BRETHREN", meaning there are going to be more just like Him. We've been anointed by God, IN CHRIST!

Now getting back to the testings of Jesus, Matthew 4:5-6 says, "Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down...". Well Paul wrote in 1Corinthians 6:19, "What? Know ye not that YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD and He resides in you. God has said that He will live in you, walk in you, and talk through you. And as we walk as ONE with Him, and in Him, He expresses Himself through us.

But here, the tempter (the self-will/the flesh) is saying, "Cast yourself down. Come down out of the Spirit and put yourself in the temple. Come down and serve your self-will. Come down into the carnal mind and feed upon the appetites and lusts of the flesh."

How do you cast yourself down? You cast yourself down when you get in the carnal mind. You cast yourself down when you choose to dwell upon all the negative thoughts in your mind your problems, your situations, all the cares of this world - those things that are temporary and have no life in them. You cast yourself down when you choose to disobey God and yield to your self-will. You cast yourself down when you feed upon the appetites and lusts of the flesh.

You know that your situations are bad sometimes - so what does the serpent tell you to do? "You can live in two worlds, come on down out of the Spirit and have a self-pity party. You've got a right to feel depressed and dwell on your problems. You don't need to praise God. Blame God for your problems - He let this happen to you. It's okay to feel this way. Just give into your self-will and you'll feel better."

Well you can listen to the serpent and cast yourself down - and you can have a self-pity party if you choose - but guess what? You're all alone there! There's nobody there with you except for the serpent (your self-will)! Because, when you cast yourself down, you're just feeding the serpent!

In Genesis chapter 3, God put a curse on the serpent (which in reality was in Adam's mind), and He put a curse on Adam (the flesh man). He said to Adam, "... Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife (his soul/the woman), and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: CURSED IS THE GROUND FOR THY SAKE; IN SORROW SHALT THOU EAT OF IT all the days of thy life; THORNS ALSO THISTLES SHALL IT BRING FORTH TO THEE...". God was telling Adam, "Because you listened to your wife (your soul/mind), who was beguiled (tempted and deceived) by the serpent (the tempter/self-will) and you did eat of it (those thoughts) - cursed is the ground for thy sake (cursed is the dust realm/the carnal mind/the flesh nature/the self-will). In sorrow shalt thou eat of it. Thorns and

thistles shall it bring forth to thee." The "thorns and thistles" are those thoughts in the mind that cannot produce any life. God was telling Adam, "You will not be able to produce any life. You will not be able to produce the Spirit man. You will only be able to produce the flesh man, which after the earth, is earthy."

God also cursed the serpent (self-will) and said, "... upon thy belly shalt thou go, and DUST THOU SHALT EAT all the days of thy life." The "belly" speaks of the 'appetites of the flesh' in man's mind. And the "dust" speaks of the dusty (fleshy) thoughts (death) in the carnal mind. So God was saying to the serpent, "The only thing that you are going to be able to feed upon is the carnal thoughts and death (the appetites of the flesh) that is in man's mind." In other words, the only time that the serpent gets to eat is when we cast ourselves down (and come out of the Spirit) into the dust realm where there is no life. The only time the serpent is able to eat, is when we yield to our self-will.

Philippians 3:18-19, talks about Christians that have gone back into the dust realm to feed upon the appetites of the flesh. It says, "(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is their shame, who mind earthly things.)" They are enemies of the cross because they want to feed on the flesh. And when you feed on the appetites and lusts of the flesh - you become that serpent that's crawling on the ground!

This is the reason why you are to reckon your self-will to be dead, because you are also the only one that makes him alive again. This is what Revelation 17:8 is talking about when it says, "... the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

When you go back and read Genesis 3:1, it says, "Now the serpent was more subtle than any BEAST of the field which God had made...". The serpent/self-will was called a "beast". The field represents the world (the earth/the dust realm/the carnal mind - Adam). Adam "WAS", then Christ killed the first Adam on the cross (he "IS NOT") - and "YET IS", because every time you go back and feed the serpent you make him alive again.

When you read further down in Revelations 17:13 it says, "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." When you yield to the serpent (the beast/the carnal mind/your self-will -Adam) you give it (the beast) power and strength. You need to understand that the mind is a powerful thing. Thoughts are very powerful, and if you allow them to, they can quickly take a seat and establish themselves in your mind. If you allow them to they can even take over your life.

You can look at people's countenances and tell exactly where they are in their mind. And as you walk amongst people, you can even feel the energy of their thoughts. If someone feeds on the negative all the time, they project nothing but negative energy through their thoughts. When they come into your presence you can feel the hate, anger, strife, depression,

worries, fears, etc. - that is in their mind (soul). THE MORE YOU WALK IN THE MIND OF CHRIST, THE MORE YOU COME IN TUNE WITH, AND IDENTIFY WITH THE LIFE OF GOD - WITH THE ETERNAL THINGS, RATHER THAN THE TEMPORARY THINGS AND CARES OF THIS WORLD! So when someone negative walks by, you feel it immediately.

Have vou ever known Christians that have had something happen to their family, health, finances, etc. - and then out of ignorance, they begin blame God for circumstances? In ignorance, they allow anger to set in and take over their mind. Then thought leads to another thought - and each thought begins to take on a different form in their life. They literally create one hell after another, and fall deeper and deeper into the depression and hell that is in their mind.

This is the reason you see some people in a worse state of hell than others. They are there because the thoughts (lies) that have seeded themselves in their mind have taken over. These individuals become so locked into this way of thinking, that they are unable to come out of their hell - until THE CHRIST comes along and ministers to them.

This is the reason Obadiah 1:21 says, "And SAVIOURS SHALL COME UP ON MOUNT ZION TO JUDGE THE MOUNT OF ESAU; AND THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THE LORD'S." This is exactly what the Father is doing through us here. When God goes into your mind, He's judging the flesh - He's judging

Esau. The 'Saviours' are 'Deliverers', and are to deliver the people out of the darkness in their minds, and bring them into their true identity in Christ.

For instance, a homosexual doesn't know who his true-self is, because he has a female soul that talks to him all the time in his mind. He has believed and one become with the lies (thoughts) that have been fed to him, and he is just acting upon those thoughts - rather than identifying with the Christ. A lesbian has a male soul in her, and she has allowed that unclean male spirit to talk to her, and totally take over her mind. She identifies herself as being a lesbian, rather than a Spiritual being that has been formed in the likeness of Christ. Romans 1:25 says that they "...changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served creature (the beast/the serpent/self-will) more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever, Amen." Whenever you yield to your self-will, you begin worship and serve the creature/the beast more than the Creator/God.

When God deals with an area of sin in a Christian's life, He will extend His mercy and grace to them for a time and a season. He will bring conviction to their heart and point out to them that thing, or area in their lives that He wants them to lay down. Sometimes many seasons will go by. Eventually, if that individual is still not willing to lay that thing down, God will pull back His mercy and grace, and bring forth His judgments on that person.

One of the worst judgments God can bring to an individual, is

He will turn them over to what they want. In other words, He turns them over to the thoughts in their mind. In Romans 1:24, 28 it says, "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleaness through lusts of their hearts...And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (those things that have no life in them)."

There may be pleasure in sin for a season - but just as in the natural, that season must also come to an end. When you read Jeremiah 2:19 it says, "THINE OWN WICKEDNESS <u>SHA</u>LL CORRECT THEE, AND THY SHALL **BACKSLIDINGS** REPROVE THEE: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts."

When God turns an individual over to their own thoughts (to what they want or love more than Him), that person becomes one with the beast nature again and they believe a lie. They go back to worshipping and serving the creature (the beast) more than the Creator. They "...have one mind, and ...give their power and strength unto the beast."

In other words, because they have chosen to yield their will to the beast (the serpent/self-will) the beast nature (in them) swallows up and takes control of their mind. It drives them to where they have no peace or rest. They entangled are and imprisoned the by many thoughts that flood their soul. They experience hell in their

mind - and this hell is meant to bring correction to them. In Jeremiah it said, "Thine own wickedness shall correct thee...".

It's just like what happened with Jonah. When Jonah didn't want to do what God told him to do, he was cast back into the sea (a sea of thoughts in his mind/his humanity/his flesh) only to be swallowed up by the whale. The whale that swallowed him up, was his own mind. The whale (THE BEAST) was his own selfwill and the pride of life. Jonah was in HELL in his own mind, and when his heart turned back to the Lord and he repented then he was set free (in his mind) to where he could walk in THE LIGHT (Spirit) again.

Sadly, over the past twentyfive years of ministry, we've seen God have to do this many times. Many Christians are in this place (state of mind) even now.

But, looking at the life of Jesus, He never yielded to the temptations of His flesh. It's true, He was tempted - but you can be tempted and still not yield to it (sin). It's only when you go with the flow of those thoughts that they conceive and become sin in your life.

In Matthew 4:7, when the devil was trying to get Jesus to cast Himself down (come out of the Spirit and bow down to the lust of His flesh/His self-will), Jesus said, "It is written again, thou shall not tempt THE LORD THY GOD." Jesus called Himself 'GOD' - BECAUSE HE KNEW WHO HE WAS! Jesus was identifying Himself with the Father alone - and He never walked out of that oneness!

Do you know why people hated Jesus so much? It was

because HE WALKED AS ONE WITH GOD! This is also the reason the flesh man (serpent) sticks his head up every chance he gets, trying to get you to come down out of the Spirit, and out of that oneness with Christ. The flesh man can't stand the CHRIST in you, because whenever he comes into your presence (the presence of God) he is being exposed! He hates you (the Christ) because he knows that it is out of this oneness that he (or she) will have to be judged!

Jesus knew that He was God in the flesh. He said, "...HE

THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH

SEEN THE FATHER" and, "I

AND MY FATHER ARE ONE."

He wasn't taking any glory away from the Father by saying this He was just stating the facts. He knew who He was and why He was here. He was the Son of God and He was here to do the will of the Father. He IS the first born among many brethren.

Do you understand that YOU ARE GOD IN THE FLESH? That YOUR TRUE-SELF IS THE CHRIST, and that CHRIST IS GOD IN THE FLESH – that THIS IS WHO YOU REALLY ARE?

There are times when the Father may speak to you and say, "I want you to go to this Mall". Now He may not necessarily tell you to buy anything - He may just tell you to go! And yes, Praise God, there are times when there is something that you need and He blesses you with it. But sometimes He sends you to the Mall (or wherever He tells you to go) just to be THE LIGHT! GOD wants to be seen! And if you wonder why people look at you strangely, it's because He's

opening their eyes to see the Light!

The more you walk as ONE, your Light gets brighter and brighter! Sometimes it gets so bright that people can't even look at you! They have trouble even looking you in the eye, because they feel like you're looking right through them. The more you walk in the oneness of the Lord, the more God opens people's lives up to you, just as if you were reading a book. Sometimes He even allows you to hear their thoughts. What's really happening is that the Book of Life in you is opening and reading their book (life). Nothing is hidden from God's eyes, and He is bringing everything out into the Light!

Walking in the oneness of the Lord is the most exciting life that anybody can have. I'm not saying that I'm walking in that oneness with Christ all of the time, but I am walking in it more and more as time goes by!

As you continue to press ever deeper in God, He burns up the past so that there is nothing to go back to. There's no life in the past – there is only life in Him! You get so addicted to Life and to the Christ that you yearn for HIM. You can't wait to commune with the Father. You can't wait to go within and have the Father flow through you, and minister to His creation. You can't wait to come together with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Now once again, JESUS KNEW WHO HE WAS! In Matthew 4:8-9 it says, "Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto Him, All these

things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." A 'high mountain' is speaking of a state of mind. In your mind, the devil (your self-will) takes you up to a high mountain and says, "Look at all those nice things out there! Indulge yourself in all the riches of the world! If you bow down to me (your self-will), you can have anything you want!"

Why should you bow down to your self-will when you've already got everything you need? Everything that exists belongs to God. Your treasure is not to be in the things of this world, but in God Himself! God wants you to seek Him, and not the things of this world. Everything that you have need of - He will add to you.

Everything needs to come through God. Even when you go out to buy something, He wants to direct it. I have found that when God directs my buying, there's always someone I end up ministering to.

One time the Lord spoke to me and said, "Go and buy a watch." I said, "God, I don't need a watch!" He said, "Go buy a watch! You DO need one!" I had no idea that my watch was going to quit on me two days later, but God did, and He told me what store I was to go to. When I went up to the counter, the clerk began showing me all the watches, and she also started telling me about all her problems. God said, "This is why I sent you here to buy the watch." Then the counsel of the Lord began to flow through me to this woman. You see, God wants to be involved in every aspect of vour life, because He wants to express Himself through you!

So, how did Jesus respond to the devil after he showed Him all the kingdoms of this world? It says in verse 10, "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE."

You need to know who you are in Christ. You need to "LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS."

Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus "... was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." And Hebrews 5:8-9 says, "THOUGH ΗE **WERE** SON, \boldsymbol{A} YET LEARNED HE OBEDIENCE BY THINGS WHICH HE THESUFFERED." Jesus knew who He was and He stayed in that oneness with the Father at all times. And because He never lost sight of who He was, the Father gave Him the Spirit without measure.

When you come to the place in your walk where you no longer lose sight of who you are, you will never be tempted again! Remember, Jesus is the pattern. After Jesus had been tested in all things, Matthew 4:11 says, "Then the devil leaveth Him..." His selfwill left Him and He was never tempted again, because there was nothing in Him that could be tempted. All that was left was the Christ/God - and in James 1:13 it "... God says, cannot be tempted...".

When you have fully awakened to who you are in Christ, and you learn to walk in the oneness of God and no longer yield to your self-will – this will be the time when your mind will be completely transformed.

When the open manifestation of the Sons of God takes place, there will be no more flesh man in the temple, "...for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

The Father is getting ready to again give His Spirit without measure to those Sons that He has fully awakened to who they are IN HIM! HE IS **ABOUT** TO **MANIFEST** HIMSELF through HIS SONS "FAITHFUL AND are TRUE" - those that have come into that same oneness that Jesus had with the Father. The world is going to see the Father again! And His Sons will declare with ONE VOICE, as ONE NEW MAN, as GOD in the flesh - "HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER", because "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE."