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"Ruling the Nations"

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Some of you have been hearing the message of the Kingdom of God for many years, and some of you are just coming into it now. Jesus came preaching the message of the Kingdom of God, and it said in Matthew 13:34-35 that, "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake He not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Then in Mark 11:9-11 Jesus said "... <u>He</u> that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And when He was alone, they that were about Him with the twelve asked of Him the parable. And He said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables." To those that have an ear to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying, God has been unfolding His Kingdom message for many years now, but "the Mystery of the Kingdom" has already been revealed.

When you come into more of an understanding of the "Mystery", your knowledge of it broadens. It is the same mystery that Jesus spoke. It has not changed. It doesn't change, but it does broaden as He gives us more understanding and enlightenment. God is causing your mind to enlarge and expand. He is also separating the Light from the darkness.

We have been studying Genesis, and when you can understand what took place in Genesis, you will also understand what is taking place within you.

You see, God is moving upon vour earth. When we didn't know the Lord, we all walked according to the course of this earth (the world). Our life was empty and void, because that is the state of the "earth". The "earth" that God is speaking of is the "mind", and it remains empty and void of the knowledge of God until he begins to move waters upon the of your understanding. He moves upon your earth by His Word and Spirit; and with Light and Truth He begins to dispel the darkness that is in your mind. When He does this, for the first time you realize both that you are a sinner, and that you need Him. When He begins to move upon your earth you also become aware of how

empty and void your life is without Him. The Lord is going to keep moving upon your earth/mind until you are fully awakened to the Truth and come into a complete awareness of who you are in Him.

When you are completely awakened to the Truth, you will know who you are in Him (Christ in the earth); for you were created to be in His Image, and after His Likeness/Nature. You will no longer identify with the old man (which is the Adam nature), carnal mind, self-will, emotions, and desires, because God is returning you back to Spirit. He is bringing you back to the place where you are no longer focusing on the "form", or outward appearance of things through the five senses.

The problem we had (before God began to move upon our earth), and the problem we still have at times, is that we still go outside of our True-Self (which is Spirit/Christ) and judge/look upon our selves and situations by the appearance of things/through our five senses and the natural/carnal mind. When we do this, we get down and depressed and lose sight of who we really are. But God wants us to understand that this

is the day and hour in which we cannot rely on the appearance of things! This is the Day and the Hour that we must totally rely on the Word and Spirit of God! Why? Because this is the hour in which we are becoming the Word and the Spirit!

The Word will never be removed. It will always remain, because it has been in the plan of the Father from before the foundation of the earth to change us into His Word! God changing our mind. We are to present ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice; and allow Him to transform our thinking to where we understand that we are a man of Faith who will not be defeated. We are not defeated! We are not a man of discouragement depression; but WE ARE ONE NEW MAN WALKING IN THE **FAITH EARTH** BY (THE FAITH) OF THE SON OF GOD! WE ARE NOT RELYING UPON **OWN OUR** STRENGTH, **BECAUSE** WE **HAVE** LEARNED TO DEPEND ON THE CHRIST IN US!

Over time we have begun to understand through the Word and the Spirit of God, that we are Spirit. We are Christ in the earth! We are one of His anointed ones that He has placed in the earth, and we are here for His purpose and not our own. God is literally taking us back to Genesis where He began to declare His plan for man. "And God said, Let us make man in our Image, after our Likeness". (Genesis 1:26). He is causing us to return to BEING SPIRIT; a Spiritual man in the earth. If you are discouraged at times, then it is because you are still walking in this earth (in your natural, worldly, carnal mind you everything where see

through your five senses, rather than through the mind of Christ and Faith.

Every now and then, a thought will come in and try to change your mind. This happens because there is still something in us that entertains that thought. I have also learned that when I ask God to help me, I am able to overcome and rid my mind of that thought. When I do this I am able to walk in Victory rather than defeat and discouragement.

God is transforming the mind through the "incorruptible seed" that He is shining upon our earth/mind. He is giving us a Word week after week, and it is very important to get the tapes and listen to them. Let the Word become a part of you. Listen to the tapes over and over again until it sinks in. In Ecclesiastes 11:1 it says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters...". Well the bread (the Word and the Spirit) is being cast upon the waters of your understanding - by God! And as He casts His Bread upon the waters of your understanding, IT (the Bread/Word and Spirit) is going deep into your mind and consuming everything that is not like Him. Your mind is being consumed with God's Word; and as you allow the Lord to transform your mind into the mind of Christ, He is separating the Light from the darkness, because darkness is ignorance.

There may be some areas in your mind that need to change but you are not aware of them. God knows what is there, whether you do or not. Hebrews 12:4 says, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the

dividing asunder of soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." If there are still some areas in your mind that need to be dealt with, God will shine His Light into them. He will do it! He will shine His Light and separate the darkness from His Light in you.

All sin begins with a thought in the mind, and any area in the mind that causes you to sin needs to be changed. God must move upon the earth in you (those dusty, carnal, worldly areas of thought buried in subconscious of your mind), in order to deal with the roots of everything in you that is not like Him. The roots of those things may even stretch back into generations. But rest assured, no matter what or where they are from, God knows how and when to deal with each of these things in you - to both set you free, and to transform your mind into the Image, Likeness and Nature of His Own! Every thing or thought in your life that does not produce the Fruits of the Spirit/Tree of Life/the Nature of God in you, and that does not minister Life to you or creation, must be cut off at its roots and cast into the fire to be consumed. If God doesn't shine His Light into those areas of darkness and expose the roots of sin and death still in you, they will continue to produce the fruits of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And, if you partake of those fruits/thoughts in your mind and yield to them, they will take on the form of sin and become death to you (both Spiritual and physical). Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is

death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Sin comes in many forms. It could come in the form of doubt, unbelief, hate, jealously, fear, lust, or something else. No matter what form it takes on, the bottom line is that all sin comes from ignorance (darkness) in mind. When we walk in fear, we are walking in ignorance. When we walk in doubt and unbelief, we are walking in ignorance. When we walk in defeat, we are walking in ignorance. When we walk in jealousy, strife, or in the lust of the flesh, we are walking in ignorance.

This is the reason why God is separating the Light from the darkness in you and me. He is sifting what is in your mind, and bringing about purification. He is purging each and every one of those thoughts in us/our mind that have hindered us down through time. Our generations have also hindered us; so in the Beauty of God's plan to deal with all the darkness in us, God is also restoring and bringing generations into the Light!

In Joel 2:25 God said, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. " He is restoring all the years that the cankerworm has eaten. The cankerworm represents every thought in your mind that has eaten away the Life, Peace, and Joy that God wants you to have. God is restoring Himself in a people, and said in Genesis 1:26-27, "Let Us make man in Our Image, after Our Likeness... So God created man in His Own

Image, in the Image of God created He him; male and female created He them." He is declaring here for the very first time, what His purpose and plan for man is! He said that He would first "make" or create man in His Own "Image."

In Genesis 1:26 God declared His plan for man, and then in verse 27 He started the process that would bring His plan to fruition. In Genesis 1:27 it said that, "God created man in His Own Image". So God first made man a Spiritual being; perfect in every way without sin. Then in Genesis 2:7 it says that God began the process of forming man. It says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (meaning: God took Adam from the realm of the Spirit and placed earthen him into an vessel/physical body, "and (when God) breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life (the Word and the Spirit of God)", "and man became a living soul", that could now contain and have the mind of Christ/Nature of God formed and expressed through him in the earth.

He is still doing this today. The Father alone knows the day and the hour when that One New Man shall be fully formed in the earth. How long this process takes doesn't matter to God, because He is not limited by time or anything else.

In John 1:14 it says that, "... the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...". NOW GOD IS CAUSING (forming or transforming) OUR FLESH (by His Word and Spirit - through the renewing of our mind) TO BE THE WORD! He is bringing to fruition the plan He first

declared in Genesis 1:26-28! God is doing it! He is building the house, not us, and He is doing a tremendous work!

Jesus was the Fulfillment of that Word spoken in Genesis chapter 1. He was, and is the Firstborn amongst many brethren/Sons, who just like Jesus ("...male and female created he them") will also be able to say, "... he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father...". 1John 3:2 says, "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him...". Those Sons that are allowing God to move upon their earth and deal with everything in them that not like Him, will transformed into ALL THAT HE IS! They will not only look like God, but they shall have His Nature, Power, and Authority. They will move as God in the earth. They will be as God and intended commissioned them to BE from the beginning (Genesis). They will, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish (restore) the earth, and subdue it (meaning: "bring it/creation under the subjection of the Word and Spirit of God): and have dominion (rule and reign over) over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the <u>earth</u> (all creation)." In other words, they will be as Christ in the earth, ruling and reigning over all creation; and in the Love and Authority of God Himself they will restore all things back to that place before the fall, where (in Genesis 1:31) God looked upon the end result of ALL that He had made and set in motion,

and then, "Declaring the end (result/the finished product) from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure:" (Isaiah 46:10) and said, "... it was very good."

I am really excited about what the Lord is doing in you and me right now. He is taking us through the renewing of our mind, back to Genesis so that we can BE who He created us to BE. He is creating and forming a man today that will go forth in His Image and Likeness/Nature. He is creating and forming One New Man in the earth; and whether you like it or not - you were both chosen and predestined in Christ to be part of this man. You can fight it all you want, but if you do you also run the risk of missing out on your inheritance and what you could have had, and been part of in Him. If you do not yield your will to the Father and allow Him to deal with you as with a Son now - you may very soon regret it! Hebrews 12:6-8 says, "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every Son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with Sons; for what Son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not Sons."

The Lord has been telling us for some time now, that it is later than we think. If you don't press in now and allow Him to deal with you, you might have to wait a thousand years, just as those who will <u>not</u> be a part of the first resurrection.

Revelations 20:6 says, "Blessed and holy is he that hath

part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." That is a blessed individual! That individual is "BLESSED" because he is coming into the Image of the Father, and will reign with Him for a thousand years!

I want to tell you that this is the day that God is causing some peoples souls **beheaded!** There are some people who are not going to live in their soul anymore! They are not going to live in their emotions and desires; and they are not going to give in to their own self-will anymore! Their soul is being beheaded. because God consuming the appetites and lusts of the flesh from within them. He is consuming the thoughts in the mind that have kept us from obeying Him as Lord!

I am glad that He is beheading our souls, because there can only be ONE HEAD, and that head is Jesus Christ! When our soul is beheaded, it will finally be in total union with God. Some of you have decided to lie down and be one with the Christ, but as your soul begins to lie down with the Spirit of the Lord there will still be times when your soul will want to do its own thing; entertain negative thought; or have a pity party. During these times you will have to tell your soul to "Shut-up, soul! I am going to do what the Father wants, because I am living by the Word and the Spirit of God." Outside of a union with Christ, the soul brings nothing but destruction. We

cannot live by what our soul dictates. If you let it, the soul would lead you to death and hell.

God is causing our soul to union come into a with Himself/Spirit, by causing our soul to lie down with the Spirit of the Lord in us. You are being caught up in the Spirit and mind of Christ to cause you to rise above and overcome the hells and discouragement in your mind. This does not mean that you will not have problems; you will however know how to deal with them and nip them in the bud. You won't react to situations like you did in the past, because vou are letting change/transform your mind and your thinking. You are letting Him change your attitude and ways; and you conforming to His Word! You are beginning to walk in His Word and His principles; telling your soul to line up with the Word.

I am reminded of the man in the New Testament who was lame. He was born lame and couldn't walk. Some of God's people are just like that, in that they have never been able to walk in the Spirit. However, one day this man saw Peter and John. He saw the Word and the Spirit standing in front of him. "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH RISE UP AND WALK. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet ankle bones and received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, praising God." (Acts 3:6-8). Peter

was not just speaking "the Name" that is above all names; he was speaking "IN THE NAME/NATURE" OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH.

In other words, IN THE NATURE and SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST/THE WORD OF GOD, Peter was declaring, "Son, you were born into that hellish state, but you do not have to be lame anymore. You can stand on your own two feet, arise above, and come out of that corrupt realm of dust, death, and hell.

Some of God's sons have walked in corruption for a long time, but God sent Jesus to deal with that corruption so that WE CAN ARISE! That's what is happening today! Some of God's people are beginning to ascend in the Spirit! We are beginning to ARISE from those thoughts in the mind that have robbed us for years.

The Lord has been dealing with our generations and the subconscious of our mind. He has shown us that the mind has both a conscious and a subconscious; and He knows that from our childhood right on up to where we are now in adulthood, we have learned and experienced many things. We have all gone through a great deal (some more than others) and many things like fear have embedded themselves within us. All these things have been buried within subconscious, but God is driving them out by His Spirit and Word. I thank God for what He is doing in us, and for where He is bringing us in Him!

The Lord gave me this principle about the elephant. When an elephant is young someone attaches a rope to his

leg, and by doing so lets him know that he is not free to leave. As time goes by, that same elephant grows up to where it is massive in size and strength. There is no way that that rope could physically keep him from leaving; but the elephant doesn't know that. It is not the rope that is holding him there; it is a thought in his mind. It is held back by what it had been taught when it was little. In his mind, that little rope is stronger than he is, and the elephant cannot move beyond the limitations that the rope has placed upon its life.

Just like that elephant, God's people have been limited as well. Even though they have been given the Power and Authority of God through Christ; and even all the knowledge, with understanding, and revelations they have received from the Holy Spirit; like that elephant, thoughts in the mind have placed limitations on their life and how God can use them. Like that little rope on the elephant's leg - fear, doubt, unbelief, discouragement, depression, and many other things (that have been embedded in the subconscious of their mind), continue to keep them bound and from arising in the FULLNESS OF WHO THEY ARE IN CHRIST! All of the things that we were taught (outside of the Word and Spirit of God) from childhood on up, still keep us bound to different degrees today.

But I want to tell you, GOD is getting to the root of these things! He is going into the subconscious of our mind and rooting them out! He is burning them up so that we can arise, and ascend, and begin to come into a realm that is not limited!

The only thing that holds that elephant is a thought (what he has been taught). Do you not realize that we look just as dumb as that big elephant? That elephant has all the power and strength in the world; and with one yank of his leg that little rope (or even a heavy chain) would break and he'd be free! Only a thought is holding him there!

All that has truly held us back from arising into the fullness of who and what God has created and is forming us to be - are thoughts! God's Word says in 2Corinthians 10:4-5 that, "(... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." We are waiting for God to do something in our situations, but He is waiting for us to rise above them! Why? Because, this is when the change in us will come in us! He is also waiting for us to allow Him drive out those thoughts that keep us bound within our situations. This is what the Lord is saying today, "Lay aside every heavy weight that so easily besets you." Just as it is written in Hebrews 12:1, He is saying to each one of us right now, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, <u>AND SIN</u> <u>WHICH DOTH SO</u> EASILY BESET US, and LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE <u>US.</u>" Lay aside every thought in your mind that keeps you from walking on the course of LIFE in

Him. Jesus said in John 10:10 that He came that we "...might have <u>Life</u>, and that they (we) might have (possess and enjoy) <u>IT</u> more abundantly."

Let's define "LIFE". We know that "Life" is the opposite of "death". "Life" is also totally different from "hell", because when you have "Peace" in your mind, you are full of "Life". When there is no "Peace" in the mind, it is "hell". You may find yourself in a situation that "looks" really bad; and if you do, this usually means you are looking outside of yourself (your True-self, which is Christ/the mind of Christ/the Spirit). When we go outside of ourselves, we look (and live) by the appearance of things, we get caught up in the problem or situation. It could be a problem with your family, your job, or with friends; but no matter what it is, if we look at the appearance of things and/or how those around us are behaving, we get caught up in that. Whenever we begin to dwell upon the appearance of our problems and situations in the natural (rather than go within to hear from God about our situation), we loose our Peace and go right into hell in our mind.

God wants us to go within where He is! Jesus said in Luke 17:20-21 that, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." It also says in Romans "... the 14:7 that, Kingdom of God is not meat and drink (it is not on the outside o you); but Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost." And in 1Corintians 4:20

that, "... the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in Power." This is the day of going within - in the Lord! God doesn't want us to get caught up in the appearance of things; He wants us to go within to deal with those thoughts that drawing us into situations, and rise above them in Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost. He wants us to go within to commune with Him, and arise in Power. We have all been caught up in the appearance of various situations in our life, but God wants us to go within, present our bodies, minds, and situations to Him as a living sacrifice, and allow the Word and Spirit to change and transform us from within. The more we go within and allow Him to deal with those things in us that are still not like Him, the more we will see our situations change as well.

The Father has put me in some strong, hellish situations, where no solution seemed possible in the natural. Sometimes we are able to handle a situation for a few days, but as time passes and still there is no change in sight, worry and fear set in, causing us to stumble in our walk with thoughts of doubt and unbelief.

Far too often we forget that God's timing is very different from ours. God moves in His Own sweet time, but He is never late. Have you ever noticed that the solution to your problem or situation never comes when (or even how) you think it should; but it always comes just when you need it the most? God is never late! As you get out of the "appearance" of your situation and enter into His Rest, you also

realize that it wasn't as bad as you had earlier thought and imagined it to be. You also wonder within yourself, "Why was I worried? Why didn't I have more faith and trust in God?"

Whenever your soul causes you to get back in your feelings, emotions, and the carnal mind you go right into death and hell in your mind. Whenever you walk out of the Word and the Spirit in your mind and thoughts, this happens because you reap what you sow. When you sow to corruption, you reap corruption it's as simple as that! I'm talking about any thought that corrupts your mind. We have all had thoughts that corrupted mind, and every one of us is a "SOWER". You are either "sowing" to the Spirit, or "sowing" to the flesh. It all takes place in the mind!

None of your problems are outside of yourself. They might look like they are in the natural; and you might think that they are as well; but in reality, the true problem is the way that you look at your situations! The problem is in the mind! I am not saying that you don't have problems and situations that are outside of you, but God is allowing them to come your way for a reason. He is trying to teach you how to stay in the Spirit and trust in His Word no mater what is happening around you. That is what this is all about. He is using the situations in our lives to teach us to walk in the Spirit and rely on Him, rather than of on our own strength and carnal reasoning. Both Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the

end thereof are the ways of death."

The problem is that we have been used to doing everything in our own strength, according to the way that we thought or wanted to do things; now God has to strip us of that type of mentality and way of doing things. He will break us to where we are no longer in control; and when we are no longer in control, He can take over as Lord of every area of our life. He will lead us and guide us in the way that we are to go, and we will learn that it is better for God to be in control.

We have been so used to being in the driver's seat all our lives, while God has taken a backseat to what we wanted, or thought we should do. Now He is going to take over and do the driving. God wants to rule over our house! That is what it means for Christ to be Lord of our life! He wants us to depend on Him.

I want to give you an example here. When we were little children, we had to depend on our parents. But later as we grew up, we became too big for our britches (so-to-speak). As teenagers we thought we knew everything; we rebelled and wanted to leave home; ego and pride set in and affected our lives right through to adulthood. Then in God's timing, He comes along and begins to break you down (humble you), until you become like that little child again.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam made a choice. Adam came to the place where he didn't want to depend on God anymore. Instead, he wanted to do his own will; make his own choices; and he wanted to do it in his own strength. God gives us a choice,

and we choose between Life and death every moment of every day. We choose Life or death in our thoughts, words, and actions all the time. The problem is that we can get so used to death and the negative that that is all we know. We can come to the place where do not know how to get out of it.

I lived in the negative for years, and that was all I knew until I allowed God to change my mind. I can still choose death, but I like the Life that is in Him far too much! I like the Peace and the Joy that is only found in Him! If at any time I seem to be losing this Peace, I immediately talk to have learned experience to know that when I start worrying about something, it is time to let go and release it to God. Worry is one of our worst enemies, and it all takes place in the mind. Worry causes a plague in the head. It is thoughts that keep going through your head continually. The thoughts plague your mind and keep you troubled. Have you ever had a thought that wouldn't quit; a thought that you wrestled with for days but could not seem to get rid of it? Well that is why God is moving upon your earth and trying to change your mind! He wants to set you free!

The Lord has been telling us for some time now that we are in the Third Day, and the Third Day is a day of Resurrection Life and Completeness in Him! He is saying that it is time for us to be caught up in Him!

Yes, there are some things going on right now that we need to remain alert and aware of. There are some people in the world today who are taking on the image of the beast; and these people are going to remain in that state of worshipping the beast. In other words, these people are carnally minded and thev worship the mind and the selfwill. There are some who are going to remain earthbound. On the other hand, God is saying that there are some people today who are being caught up in Him now! That this is the Day for us to be caught up in God! A New Day is dawning in the earth! And when you allow the Lord deal with your thoughts, you will be like Joshua.

I want to take you to Joshua chapter 3. "Three" in scriptures means: "Resurrection Life". We know that Israel had already walked in the wilderness for 40 years; and notice that it was only the little ones (a new generation) that could come into the Promised Land. All the old ones and the renowned men that had come out of Egypt when God set them free could not enter in. Why? Because it savs 1Corinthians 15:50 that, "...flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

In other words, the carnal mind cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. God set them free from the bondage of Egypt (the world), but those of Israel who grew up in Egypt and knew nothing but Egypt all through their adult years, they chose to stay in the mind. They carnal wanted nothing to do with the manna (the Word and the Spirit) that God gave to them each day. God showered them with fresh manna (the Bread of Life) everyday. God put the Bread in His oven, baked it, and then showered it upon

them fresh every morning – and they didn't want it.

Some Christians today are eating moldy, stale bread. They prefer to eat bread that has been around for years. The Bread we are talking about is God's Word, but they have allowed it to become stale to where it has no life or substance left in it. The reason it is has become moldy and stale, is because some are teaching the same thing over and again. What they teaching has become old, and the life in it has dried up. God would not allow Israel to save any manna from one day and eat it on the next, except for on the Sabbath when they were to rest from their labors and worship Him. Why? Because He wanted them to partake of and consume fresh manna (a fresh Word) each and every day! If at anytime they did choose to save and partake of yesterday's manna (Bread/the Word), they would find it moldy and dry with the life and substance gone from it. Even so, the Israelites did not want the Fresh Bread/the WORD of God given to them fresh each day. They wanted to stay in the carnal mind and partake of the things that were familiar to them; those things that they had known all their natural life in Egypt (the through their world) senses. They wanted to live by sight, and not by Faith. And, instead of Thanking God and Worshipping Him for all that He had done and provided to them they instead chose to murmur and complain all the time!

Murmuring and complaining will destroy you! It never changes a thing, and as long as you choose to murmur and complain, your problem isn't going anywhere! By murmuring and complaining vou basically creating your own hells. God is not the one creating them; they are being created because of the state of your mind. We create either heaven or hell in our mind - one or the other. If you feed upon thoughts that have Life in them (thoughts that line up with, and come from the Word and Spirit of God), you create heaven and experience His Peace in your mind. However, if you feed upon thoughts that are negative and contrary to the Word and Spirit of God, you are feeding upon death, and quickly create one hell after another in vour mind.

Saints, you have got a choice! Are you going to start getting a hold of God's Word? Are you going to start relying on IT, and becoming IT? The Israelites didn't want to eat the Word, because they knew that if they started eating God's Word, they would have to change. They would become like Him and have thoughts like Him. If you truly get a hold of what God is saying to you, Trust in His Word, and BECOME HIS WORD, then you will Think like God, Talk like God, and Act/Be like God. You will have His Nature.

Israel didn't want that, and unfortunately many Christians today still don't want that either. Why? Because to come into that place in Christ they would have to allow God to deal with their lives and bring change! Because of the condition of their hearts and minds towards God and His Word, Israel had to stay in the wilderness for 40 years - until all the old ones (except for Joshua

and Caleb), no matter how renowned they were, all died there without ever having entered in and possessing the Land that God had promised them.

This is happening again today. There are many people today who started out in God, but they either died or are dying in the wilderness. They never truly entered into the Kingdom of God and possessed what God had promised them and us today. What does it mean to enter into the Kingdom of God? When you enter the Kingdom of God, you enter into RIGHTEOUS-**NESS** (Right thinking/the mind of Christ), PEACE ("to be spiritually minded is Life and Peace" "... the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"), and JOY ("...joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls") IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. We are supposed to possess the Land/Kingdom of God and learn how to stay in it all the time, because as we possess it, feed off it, and allow it to become part of us, WE BECOME IT! We are to posses the land - not just read about it, talk about it, or occasional enter in just to go out again!

In Revelations 3:11-13 it says, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the Name (in other words, He will give him the Nature) of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is

New Jerusalem (the Bride of Christ/His Beloved, that has taken on His Nature and produced a Son), which cometh down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My New Name (they shall be as Christ in the earth). He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

In Joshua chapter 3 it was the little ones/a new generation that went in to possess the Land. In verse 1 it says, "And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over." That place named "Shittim" means: a thorny place: valley. "Shittim" a represents "the carnal mind". So basically what it is saying here is, Joshua and the children of Israel began to arise in the Spirit to where they could walk in the mind of Christ. They came out of the carnal mind, because the carnal mind can only reproduce thorns. The carnal mind cannot produce anything that has Life in it, so they removed themselves from that place.

I believe that is where the Lord has brought us. We have made up our minds that we do not want to live in the carnal mind; and because we do not want to live in that state anymore, we have removed ourselves from that place. It said that, "... Joshua rose early in the "Early morning...". in morning" speaks of the reason that we have been ascending. Why? Because A NEW DAY IS DAWNING IN OUR EARTH! This New Day is Christ rising up to take His rightful place in you and me as Lord. In this Day, He is

shining His Light into our minds to consume those thoughts that are not like Him. A New Day is dawning, and it is taking place right in your mind.

The first thing that the sun hits is "Zion". "Zion" means: "a Sunny Place"; and Zion is a people whose situations are beautiful. It is a people who have finally come into a realm in the Lord where they see all their situations as beautiful. Do we think that way all the time? No. No we don't, and that means that the Lord still needs to deal with some more of our thoughts. All your situations are working the Beauty of God's Nature into your life, and that is why you can count them all as beautiful.

Once again, Joshua 3:1 says that, "... Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over." It goes on to say in verse 2 that, "And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host". Before we go on, I want to go expound on the first verse a little more, because God has a company of people right now who are just like this. He has separated and called a people to Himself who are starting to arise and ascend in the Spirit. Many of God's people want to stay in Shittim (in the carnal mind and live according to their five senses, rather than by Faith), and because of this, they are not able to hear the things that are being said by the Spirit of the Lord today. But Jesus said in Matthew 13:16-17, "... blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many

prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

In order for God to get you to "Arise", the North Wind must blow on you, and you have to come through the Fire of God Himself, "For our God is a Consuming Fire" (Hebrews He 12:29). must consume everything in you that is not like Him, whether it be in the conscious or subconscious parts of your mind; whether it be natural, spiritual, or even back somewhere in vour generations. Nothing is hidden from God. He must go into every area of your life and consume every thing/thought, etc., that would enslave you and keep you earthbound in the hells of carnality and the five senses! Why? TO SET YOU FREE TO ARISE, WALK, LIVE, AND EVEN FLY IN THE SPIRIT WITH HIM FOR ETERNITY! To set you free to be that ONE NEW MAN that He spoke into being and has been forming ever since Genesis chapter one; that same man that He has chosen to work in and through (the full manifestation of Christ) to reconcile, restore, and set all creation (both visible and invisible) free to know the Father!

We have to come through the Fire! We cannot ascend any other way except through the Fire of God! It takes the trials and tribulations, and all of the situations we must endure and Overcome through the Blood, Word, and Spirit of Jesus Christ to get us there!

Years ago in the natural, I climbed some mountains. I climbed "Stony Mountain", and

as I ascended this mountain I noticed that the trees on the top of this mountain were pretty ugly looking. They were twisted and out of shape; but they were also very strong because all the things these trees had been forced to endure. All their life these trees had been exposed to harsh weather, strong winds, and God knows what other things. There on that mountain God began to speak to me. He said, "The people whom I have called to Zion are going to experience the North Wind. I am going to keep blowing My Wind upon you until I have blown out all of the corruption from within you. I have to burn and consume all the chaff from out of you." The "chaff" represents all the thoughts in your mind that are not like Christ.

As I looked at the trees on that mountain, I saw how really strong they were. In the natural, it's the trees on the top of the mountain that help protect the trees in the valley. The trees on top of the mountain take the beating from the storms, and through this process become stronger, enabling them to then protect the trees that grow up in the lower parts of the mountain (the lower parts of the earth), and in the valley.

At this point in time (Spiritually speaking), the Lord is testing those trees (individuals) that are living in the valley (the five-sense realm and the carnal mind/the lower parts of the earth). Every man will be tried, tested, and proven in the Lord.

In Joshua 3:3 it says, "And they commanded the people, saying, WHEN YE SEE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE

LORD YOUR GOD, AND THE **LIVITES** PRIESTS THEBEARING IT, then YE SHALL REMOVE FROM YOUR PLACE, AND GO AFTER IT." That really stood out to me, because God has called His people to be kings and priests in the earth, and when we begin to bear the Nature of the Lord (which is the Ark of the Lord), others will see you bearing the Nature of Christ and go after it! They will want what vou have, remove themselves from the valley (the places of carnality) where they have lodged and waited, and follow after the Christ in you! It says, that they will "...go after

When you begin to bear the Mercy, Love, Forgiveness, Gentleness, and Patience of the Lord, it will be seen, felt, and experienced by others! When you see God's kings and priests bearing the Glory of the Lord, "... you shall remove from your place, and go after it."

Hebrews 4:9-11 says, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, <u>lest any man fall after the same</u> example of unbelief." Basically what I see here, is a company of people who are going to bring Israel restoration to (God's people). Do you understand what I am saying? As I have said before, when you do enter into the "rest" that is in God, you will not be able to enjoy your "rest" to the fullest until all those whom God has chosen have crossed over. You see, it was the Priests responsibility to go before the people while carrying the ark,

and they must stand in Him until all have crossed over and found rest for their souls.

In Joshua 3:3-5 in the Bible **Amplified** it says, "Commanding the people: When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being borne by the Levitical priests, set out from where you are and follow it. Yet a space must be kept between you and it, about 2,000 cubits by measure; come not near it, that you may [be able to see the ark and] know the way you must go, for you have not passed this way before. And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves [that is, separate yourselves for a special holy purpose], tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

I need to expound on what is being said in the above verse where it says, "...for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among uou." God has spoken to my heart and said, "I AM GETTING READY TO COME TO MY TEMPLE SUDDENLY; AND IN POWER LIKE WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!" It's true! We have seen the Power of God and His Wonders. Over the years He has allowed us to BE WITNESS and BE A PART OF THEM (His Wonders in the earth). He also said that, "WHEN WE GET A HOLD OF WHO WE REALLY ARE IN HIM - IT WILL BE AWESOME!"