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CLOTHED and COVERED



“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath **clothed** me with the garments of salvation, he hath **covered** me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels”
– Isa. 61:10.

This scripture brought to my mind some of the fundamentals in attitude and foundational activity essential in preparation for that glorious royal wedding day. We realize that Isaiah’s prophecy was written to and about Israel, yet we appreciate the thoughts quickened to our hearts from the context of this verse. We read in verse nine of the “seed which the Lord hath blessed,” and in verse eleven, “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden casuseth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.” Praise God! we know from Scripture there is only one seed (a new creation in Christ Jesus) which the Lord hath blessed, and from which He causes righteousness and praise to spring forth. Therefore, this great rejoicing springing forth out of a joy filled soul is firmly established on this everlasting foundation: **“He hath clothed me; He hath covered me.”**

Isaiah compares this clothing and covering to “a bridegroom’s ornaments” (victor’s laurels) and “a bride’s adornment.” We delight in reading from God’s Word the description of the bridegroom and the bride being specifically dressed for that special occasion. Read Psalm 45 and consider the King’s (vs. 1-8) and Queen’s (vs. 10-

17) adornment there. He must reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, and they that suffer with Him shall also reign with Him. Presently, all the providential experiences that God's people are passing through in faith, are sent as preparation for sharing His glorious throne eternally! Jesus finished His course, fought His fight, and was victorious; yet He seems to await His ultimate and lasting triumph. He arises from the wedding and goes out to war when His bride is glorified with Him.

In the meanwhile this is our time for pressing, stressing, and dressing. Isaiah is expressing here what he is doing and will do because of what God has done, is doing, and will do in performance of His promises. Thus the attitude of appreciation produces the activity of praise. Some one may say, "Well, I'm just not emotional; I will worship God in my own way. I am more reserved." Jesus came and was anointed to give all that will believe beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Therefore, let not our souls always be mournful, but rather, like Isaiah, full of joy and overflowing. Then he tells why: for **God** this change hath made. If we can realize how God sees us and that He is the one that really counts, we then can better appreciate this clothing and covering. "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" – Heb. 4:12-13.

Two questions asked and answered in scripture in the light of spiritual significance are important. Consider these: "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" and "Who shall be able to stand?"

Rev. 6:15-17, “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

Our Lord has penetrating eyes of the Spirit; he knows where we are and all about us. The rocks and mountains won't be able to hide mankind from His face on that day. We read in Rom. 14:10 and II Cor. 5:10 that we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. When the Lord comes, He will “bring to light the hidden things of darkness and make manifest the counsels of the hearts” – I Cor. 4:5. Therefore, we greatly rejoice in the righteous Judge who has provided the covering we greatly need. He counsels Christendom in that Laodicean condition to make faith's purchase of “white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear” – Rev. 3:17-18. Let us all who believe be joyful and ever greatly rejoice, that by God's marvelous grace we are **CLAIMED, COVERED, CLEANSED, and CLOTHED.**

CLAIMED: The apostle Paul says we were sold under sin, but by the blood of Jesus Christ we were bought out of sin's slave market. Eph. 1:6-7 & Col. 1:13-14: read and rejoice.

COVERED: Does it not rejoice our souls to think personally of what He has done about our sin and with the robe of His righteousness? When I turned to Him in faith, my sin to Jesus was imputed, and His righteousness to me was not only imputed, but also imparted. Oh yes, His righteousness by faith became mine - II

Cor. 5:21. “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile” – Psa. 32:1,2. Read Rom. 4:3-7 & Prov. 28:13,14. If we try to cover our sins, God will uncover them in judgment. If we uncover them before God, He will cover them in grace. It is strange how we attempt with our bodily actions to cover our soul and spirit. But it doesn’t really work, especially before the One that really counts. In order for mankind to really appreciate and appropriate the covering that God provides, He at times has to uncover us to ourselves, and show us what He sees. There are also times, if necessary, that He may allow our spiritual nakedness to become public knowledge for our good.

Isaiah 64:6, says we are all unclean and our righteousnesses are as filthy rags and fade as a leaf and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. God had to teach this truth to Adam and Eve and will also to Israel nationally, as he does to us. All that any man can produce is totally inadequate and unsatisfactory before our Holy God. The apostle Paul said in Romans 10:1-4 that Israel tried to establish their own righteousness and did not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

We all must be made to realize that our holy, glorious wardrobe will be all and only of His design, entirely His product. We read in I Peter 4:8 that charity “shall cover a multitude of sins.” His love was behind what He has done about our sin. That same love is produced in us, and is manifest by us as we walk in love. James 5:20, “...he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall have a multitude of sins.”

CLEANSED: The Lord has to show up our filth, or we would never look to Him for a cleansing. Zechariah saw Joshua in vision

stand before the angel of the Lord in filthy garments, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. He answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe with a change of raiment. Let them set a fair mitre (priestly crown) upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments – Zech. 3:1-5.

What an exchange! Doesn't it make you rejoice to consider the cleansing, transforming provisions the Lord has made for us? Ah, yes, is making in us, if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – I Jn. 1:7-9. It gives us joy to consider how Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish” – Eph. 5:25-27.

Clothed: “He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation.” What a precious preview was given in the garden of Eden as to what God was going to do about the nakedness of fallen humanity. Before the fall both the man and his wife were naked and were not ashamed, Gen. 2:25. After the fall of disobedience, their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made aprons, but when they heard the voice of the Lord God, they hid from the presence of the Lord God among the trees. The Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice and was afraid, because

I was naked and I hid myself – Gen. 3:7-10. Their efforts to hide behind their manufactured aprons or among the trees were completely insufficient before God. There was nothing found there to rejoice in, boast about, or bring glory to God. Then we read what God has freely done for mankind since the fall. Gen. 3:21, “Unto Adam also and to His wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”

Jesus took upon Himself my blame, humility and shame; not only that He might cover me with His righteousness, but also that He might robe me in His royalty. This is salvation unto the uttermost! Can we trust God for all the covering and clothing we will ever need: body, soul and spirit? (Do we, are we?)

“Why take ye thought (or anxious) for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin...even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these...if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?...take no thought (or be anxious), saying what shall we eat: or...drink? Or, wherewithal shall we be clothed?...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” -Mt. 6:28-33.

How wonderful that we can trust God for our eternal adornment as well as the temporal. It certainly is a sign of the times that so many are more occupied with the added things than the first things. The Lord does not teach us to neglect personal business, but He would comfort and deliver from anxieties that would occupy our attention predominately with the temporal rather than the eternal. II Cor. 5:1-4, “...if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in

the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.”

OH WHAT A CHANGE IS COMING. Then while covered with the robe of His righteousness and clothed with the garments of His salvation, our soul will be most joyful, and we shall ever greatly rejoice.

J. D.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

***We see by the signs all around us
The hour of redemption draws nigh;
'Tis no time for sadness;
Our hearts leap with gladness;
We know we shall soon upward fly.***

***The forces of evil surround us,
The churches grow sleepy and cold.
There's famine, and earthquake,
Disease, war, and heartbreak,
There's violence and misery untold.***

***Christ said, "Let not your heart be troubled,
I'm coming to take you away."
We're waiting and yearning
For His soon-returning;
Oh, wonderful, glorious day!***

– Alene McClain

What does the Bible say?

about the two natures present in the believer?

We read in I Corinthians 15:45-48 of two men called Adam. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Christ) a quickening spirit. Just as the first Adam had children by natural birth, the last Adam had children by the new birth. John 3:17, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The way of the new birth is simply believing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Read I Cor. 15:22.

What does the individual experience when he is born again? There are two natures or spirits in him that battle each other. Romans 7:19 tells of that battle – “For the good that **I** would **I** do not: but the evil which **I** would not, that I do.” There is the presence of two “**I**’s” battling, which causes the individual to cry out in desperation. “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh.) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Rom. 7:18,24.

Every believer in Jesus Christ experiences this inconsistency (Gal. 5:17). It baffles many believers. Even

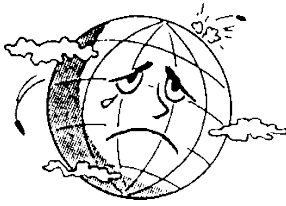
the Apostle Paul had this battle, for this is his testimony in Romans 7. Only Jesus had no battle with evil, for he had no sin nature. The rest of us have two creations – Adam’s spirit and Christ’s spirit. What can we do? What is our hope? We can find victory just as Paul did – **through Christ**.

Apostle Paul expounds on it practically in Romans chapter 8. Walk in the Spirit, get anointed with the Holy Spirit and feed the new man on the Word of God. John 6:63 – Read the Bible, it is food for the new life, and heed what the Holy Spirit speaks to you concerning it. Also fellowship with others who believe God’s Word strengthens us. The victory comes by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:4).

The victory can be ours, it is in our grasp, because God is greater than the world. Christ is greater than the old Adamic nature in us, and the Holy Spirit having been received within our new heart, is greater than Satan (the tempter). God blesses the new man within us as we believe and go on to full growth in Christ.

Read these scripture of the powerless old creation – I Cor. 2:14; 15:50 and Gal. 6:8. Then read of the new life we have in Christ – Jn. 1:12-13; 3:5-6; I Jn. 5:1. The old and New Creation side by side in the believer – II Cor. 4:7; Eph. 4:22-24. A conflict is experienced – Mt. 26:41; Rom. 7:15,17; Gal. 4:29. But we can have the victory through Christ – Jn. 6:63; Rom. 8:10; II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:16. Praise the Lord!

E. J. D.



THE LAST DAYS

Anita Clark

“For promotion cometh not neither from the north nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another. For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full of mixture; He poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.” Psalm 75:6-9

So much of what we hear on the news is the ELECTION- the ELECTION- the ELECTION. By the Scripture above, we are assured that God is in control. “... He putteth down one and setteth up another.” We might think that a certain candidate would absolutely be the best, and would bring about just what the U.S. needs. However, the prophet Daniel says in Daniel 2:2, “And He [God] changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:” Also, in Daniel 4:35, Nebuchadnezzar came to realize after God brought him down from his pride and arrogance, “And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand: or say unto Him, What doest Thou?” So, we need not be upset or dismayed about the coming election. God may allow whoever comes into office to be “the basest of men or women (Daniel 4:17).” Soon Jesus

Christ will come to change everything and rule in righteousness.

Isaiah said in chapter 40:15,17, “Behold the nations are as a drop in a bucket, they are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, He taketh up the isles as a very little thing...All nations before Him are as nothing: and they are counted to Him less than nothing, and vanity.” How much clearer could Scripture be that God is controlling the affairs of men of this earth. The nation of Israel is His chosen nation, even though they have failed Him. He set them aside until He through His mighty work can reinstate them as the Head nation of the world, when they repent before Him (Deut. 28:13).

Apostle Paul states, “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all, supplications, prayers, intercessions. And giving of thanks, be made for all men.”(I Timothy 2:1). And in verse 2-3 of that chapter he says, “For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.” We need to be praying for our government.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH HOLD UNIFICATION MEETING – Pope Francis and one of the high leaders of The Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Krill, met together in Cuba on February 12, 2016 and discussed the problem of Christians being persecuted in the Middle East, but their main objective was to seek unity between the two groups. According to CNN’s

written report on the internet, “Many Catholic and Orthodox Christians hailed the meeting and joint declaration as significant steps toward strengthening ties between their traditions, which separated in 1054 A.D. after the Great Schism.” This breakup is blamed by these groups for all the Protestant churches developing.

This meeting and the proclamation of continued efforts for unification is a momentous sign, a furtherance of the move to unify all religions of the world into one entity which will result in the united worship of the Anti-Christ. Sometime ago, we saw some Pentecostal Christian groups going over to visit the Pope and at that time declaring, “We need to get back to the Mother Church.”

Revelation 13: 8 says, “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [Antichrist], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” All the world will marvel after the beast. Religions will unite into one conglomerate. Many are united today in the World Council of Churches, and the National Council Of Churches already unites many groups worldwide.

ZIKA VIRUS – The World Health Organization has labeled, “The Zika virus is a public-health emergency of international concern.” This virus has been linked to certain birth defects. Zika has quickly spread from Latin and South American countries to the United States. It was first isolated by authorities in Uganda in 1947, and is spread through mosquito bites. WHO says, “It is spreading explosively in Brazil. In Brazil 200.000 troops are searching the country

for sources where mosquito larva can be hatched. It is reported that Brazil is losing the battle against this virus. Pregnant mothers if bitten by a mosquito carrying this virus may produce a baby affected by the virus whose brain is not developed perfectly, causing mental retardation.

The virus has come to the U.S. and research has determined that many cases were sexually transmitted. Also, reports from Brazil authorities say that they have found evidence that some transmissions of the disease came from blood transfusions. Still, the most common way to get it is through mosquito bites. The Center for Disease Control has issued travel advisories to certain countries.

In Matthew 24:7 it speaks of the pestilences (diseases) of the endtime. It seems that the earth conquers one disease and then another comes to the front. The World community pretty much wiped out Polio and now is very concerned with an outbreak in Syria, Iraq and Ukraine. Ebola was the topic of concern in the recent past, and the concern has quietened down again. The Scripture in Luke 21:26 states that during the tribulation which is coming soon upon the earth, "Men's hearts [will be] failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Everything will be much worse then, but God is allowing many fearsome things to happen right now in this pre-tribulation time as warnings to man. Be prepared! Yield to God now and let Him have His sovereign will in your heart. He will ready you for the coming of Jesus before the dreaded tribulation. (I Thess. 4:13-18).

People of God, we are living in the last days of this age of Grace. We are warned to be watchful and ready because the Lord will come as a thief in the night. He will take away His precious jewels, His dear people, who are yielding to His working in their lives, and overcoming adversity by His Holy Spirit power. Do you want to be one in that group? Yield your self to God. Ask Him to work in your life. You cannot overcome the world, the flesh and the devil on your own. But, He has promised to finish the work in you. Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun the good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” He is a Master builder! He will accomplish His work, and there will be a Bride for Christ of yielded overcomers of this Grace Age.



THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

***He is the Way;
without Him there is no going.
He is the Truth;
without Him there is no knowing.
He is the Life, now and eternally.
He satisfies the searching heart
and fills man with His
love so rich and free.***

The Rule Of Peace

There is so much turmoil in the world today. Everywhere you look, things are in turmoil. This turmoil starts in the heart of people. It then spills over into society and eventually into wars and conflicts among nations.

I do not intend to address conflict among nations in this article, but I do want to consider the turmoil and anxiety that finds its way into the heart of people. In particular, God's people. Turmoil in men's heart is one of the effects of sin, and as such has no place in the hearts of God's people.

In God's Word, we find so much spoken about peace. There are two main thoughts about peace. We find peace **with** God and we find the peace **of** God. It is very clear that the peace **of** God can only be experienced by those that have experienced first the peace **with** God. Peace with God was made possible by the death of Jesus on the cross. **"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" Romans 5:1.**

The peace **of** God is provided for everyone that has accepted Jesus and come to peace **with** God. It is a change that God makes in our heart that replaces the turmoil and anxiety with rest and peace.

The word “peace” means “quietness” or “rest.” As we truly learn to trust our Lord, and come to realize that He is in control of every circumstance in our lives, we can allow His peace to take over our lives. We will find a quietness in our heart. Not lack of noise, but lack of turmoil.

Jesus promised to leave His peace with us when He went away. **John 14:27.** We no longer need to allow the trouble and turmoil of the world to affect our life, even in the midst of a troubled world. **John 16:33**

How do we get this peace in our lives? Paul gives us some important keys. **“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7. “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” Colossians 3:15**

When we allow God to work His peace in our heart, then we will also be able to be at peace with others. Conflict between people is so much a result of lack of peace in their heart. Paul encourages us to let peace “rule” in our hearts. We get the idea of having His peace completely overtake our heart and have control.

Notice the “let” in Colossians. Peace (quietness, rest) is already provided by our Lord, we must allow Him to work

it in our heart. Both of these passages mention thankfulness.
It seems that an attitude of gratitude both precedes and
follows the working of peace in our lives.
Gordon Crook



GOD IS

Heb. 13:5

**When I see no way before me,
When the path with light seems dim,
There comes to me a blest assurance-
God is there! God is there!**

**Tho my eyes see not His face,
Tho my ears hear not a sound,
Yet this comforting assurance-
God is there! God is there!**

**Fatih seems small and, oh, so weak,
Footsteps tarry to walk on,
Still His Word hold this assurance-
God is there! God is there!**

**Then the morning light shines on me,
Gone the night of doubt and fear.
For He whispers to assure me-
“I am here! I am here!”**

– M. W.

RUTH

Debra Isenbletter

Ruth 3:8 – “And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.”

In this verse we see Boaz waking up, and his reaction. The time was “midnight” and this means “middle of the night,” i.e. “mid-night;” it is translated “half of the night” or “the division of the night.” Midnight was the halfway mark between one day and the next. Midnight speaks of a **time of change**, a **turning point**. A new day was starting for Ruth; her life would be changed from this day on!

In the parable of the ten virgins each had their lamps and each went forth to meet the bridegroom, some were wise and some were foolish, some were prepared and some unprepared, all slept. But at a certain hour something happened and everything changed. It was at midnight, “And at **midnight** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” (Matt 25:6). Midnight was a turning point, it proved and revealed the hearts of those waiting and showed those that were ready and prepared. The bridegroom had come unexpectedly! Ruth was ready and prepared; she was waiting for Boaz to notice her!

Jesus spoke of the **unexpectedness** of the master's return (Mk 13:32) and the master's words to his servants were an admonition to "watch" for the return of their master. His words were "watch and pray for ye know not when the time is." Brother Carson Richards said while teaching the Four Gospels that we "watch through the Spirit in conjunction with the word." Jesus went on to say that these servants would not know when the master of the house would return. He listed four times that the master could return and told them to watch. "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even (1st watch), or at **midnight** (2nd watch), or at the cockcrowing (3rd watch), or in the morning (4th watch)." (Mk 13:35). These times are a picture of the four divisions of the night, the four watches and "midnight" is listed. It is the end of the 2nd watch and the beginning of the 3rd watch. The four watches are: (1st watch: 6pm-9pm; 2nd watch: 9pm-midnight; 3rd watch: midnight-3am; 4th watch: 3am-6am). Ruth, a picture of the Bride of Christ watched and waited for Boaz to notice her.

Midnight not only speaks of a time of change, a turning point and a time of watching for something unexpected, it also speaks of a time of **trials** and **suffering**. It was at "midnight" that the Lord smote the firstborn in Egypt (Ex 11:4; Ex 12:29). Paul was in prison and it was at "midnight" that he and Silas "sang praises unto God" (Acts 16:25). The Lord "giveth songs in the night" (Job 35:10), even at midnight! I believe there was a song in Ruth's heart as she waited for Boaz! It was at "midnight" that the ship Paul was in as a prisoner "drew near to some country" (Acts 27:27)

during that storm. Prior to that, the Lord had told Paul not to fear, that none would be lost, that they would be “cast upon a certain island.” And at midnight, the darkest hour, they saw land; they were shipwrecked but all lived. Midnight may be a time of trials and suffering but it is also a time for our faith to be put to the test. Sister Mary Bodie writes:

“We pray for a closer walk; we pray that we may know Him better; we pray that we may grow in grace. Instead of the answer coming in the way we expect, it comes by way of deeper trials. We are sent to the feet of Jesus, to cling to Him.”

What was Boaz’s reaction? He was startled! “the man was afraid. The word “afraid” means “anxiety” or “to tremble.” The Amplified, NIV and New American Standard translate this as “the man was startled.” He wasn’t expecting anyone to be at his feet! What Boaz did was to investigate, to see who was there. He “turned himself” or “he turned over” or another translation is “he bent forward (so as to feel what was beneath his feet).” I like what Warren Wiersbe wrote:

“Life is full of rude awakenings!” a famous cartoon canine likes to say, and more than one biblical character would agree. Adam went to sleep and woke up to discover he’d been through surgery and was now a married man. Jacob woke up to discover he was married to

the wrong woman! Boaz woke up at midnight to find a woman lying at his feet.”

Boaz woke up and “behold a woman lay at his feet.” In chapter 2 we see Ruth at his feet when she “fell on her face” (2:10) overcome with gratitude at the grace he had shown to her. Now she is again at his feet, waiting to lay claim to and to experience the fulfillment of that promise of his grace, that wonderful grace she had a taste of that so stirred her heart with love. In chapter 3 of Ruth the word “feet” is mentioned four times (3:4,7,8,14). It is a place of waiting, a place of reward, it is a place that Ruth took and it is from that place she would be exalted. What a wonderful picture of the Bride of Christ!

To be continued



NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

***Nothing is impossible when you put
your trust in God.***

***Nothing is impossible when you're
trusting in His Word.***

***Hearken to the voice of God to thee:
“Is there anything too hard for me?”***

***Then put your trust in God alone,
rest upon His Word.***

***For everything, oh everything, yes
everything is possible with God.***

Power source

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Eph 3:20-21

HE IS ABLE: We notice this verse begins with “now” and ends, “without end.” Its focus is upon the glory being now and forever “unto Him.” It is never unto us, but unto Him who is able – of the power. It is so important to our faith that we realize that all things are possible with our God. He can do and does whatever He wants to do.

DO WE KNOW, HE IS ABLE? A child brought to Jesus had been deaf and dumb by a foul spirit from the devil. The child had suffered for some time by the devil trying to destroy him, often casting him into the fire and the water. The father plead with Jesus. “If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.” Jesus said, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” The father then cried out, and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help mine unbelief.” Jesus delivered the child and the devil’s work was again defeated, another proof that Jesus had come to destroy the works of the devil. Mk. 9:14-27. Sometimes in our unbelief we put limitations in our “ASKING AND

THINKING.” Jesus has made faith the key in experiencing God’s power.

In Mt. 9:27-30, we read of two men following Jesus, saying have mercy on us. Jesus said, “Believe ye that I am able to do this?” They said unto him ‘YEA, LORD.’ Then touched he their eyes saying, According to you faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened.” Jesus seemed to make their life a switch which must be turned on from the inside. He has placed his power at the disposal of our faith.

ARE YOU PLUGGED IN: God’s power plant is a mighty dynamo. The current flows to do exceeding abundantly above all. That current is to “work in us” as conduit clear and controlled. It is our privilege to be used as channels, vessels unto honour. He lives in us as unlikely power tools (weak, foolish, despised). I Cor. 1:26-29. With the Christ life treasure in these earthen vessels we are to always be aware that the excellency of the power is of God and not of us. II Cor. 4:7. We also need to be assured that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Phil. 4:13. Thus we are plugged in to the power source, and turned on, for the exceeding greatness of his power is to us-ward who believe. Eph. 1:19.

ASK: The Word of God that teaches us of his power, also instructs us to ask, and how to ask in faith. He also teaches us by his wonderful promises as to what to ask for. He teaches us to ask with a motive for His glory, and of course our good. We wisely come unto Him for the supply of our

need, from His great provision. It is important that we ask of Him being more focused on His ableness than occupied with our weakness.

THINK: It is so very important that we allow Him, his Word to influence our thinking. Trust Him to elevate our mind set, to perceive and apprehend His good pleasure. His desire is always for our best. This is not a matter of mind over matter, and yet as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. We are wise to allow Him to place His thoughts in our hearts Isa. 55:8-11.

As we listen to God's Word with receptive hearts, faith arises in us to expect of him according to his promise instead of our condition. Some of us when we hear his promises, do not allow them to penetrate our consciousness enough to allow them to be applied to us personally. There are those that will think, Oh, that's a wonderful verse, but that doesn't apply to my need. Thank God for other's who say, Oh yes, that promise is mine, I claim it by faith, the Lord gave it to me. Psalm 40:16-17.

Natural reasoning can get in the way of simply thinking according to God's powerful Word. Most of us are inclined to expect more of what the doctor tells us than what God's Word says. Even though we know they are making educated guesses. We seem to put more confidence in our symptoms than, "Thus saith the Lord."

I visited a woman on her sick bed some years ago, after a short visit and prayer I read some wonderful comforting Scriptures. These words were given by our Father to encourage and strengthen faith. I felt led to ask her if those scripture said something to her? She answered, well, I have heard them before, my Dad was a preacher. They didn't seem to mean much to her. Thank God His Word is still living and powerful to those who will believe.

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***Heavenly ecstasy
Will always be with me
My grateful heart
Forever will sing
God gives His Love to me
To love humanity
Obediently loving
And serving my King
And by His grace alone
God offers me a throne
As I join in
The heavenly race
Equipment God will give
This pilgrim life to live
A life of victories
Won by God's grace***