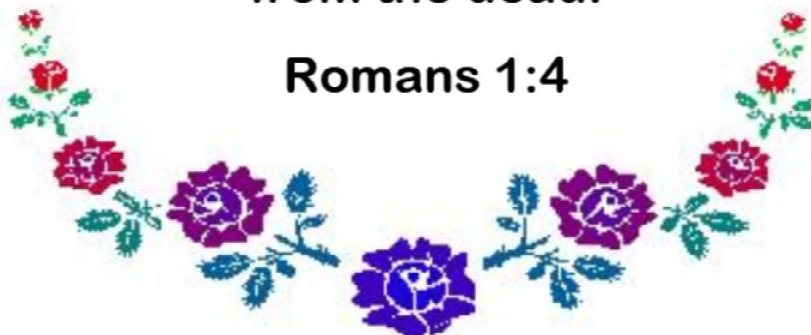


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Jesus Christ
declared the Son of
God with power by His
Ressurrection
from the dead.

Romans 1:4





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Perfect

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"The law of the LORD is **perfect**, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is **sure**, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are **right**, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is **pure**, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is **clean**, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are **true** and righteous altogether." **Psalms 19:7-9**

There are six things here that we learn about the Word of God and about the fear of the Lord that comes from knowing His Word.

Perfect – complete, whole, entire, sound 1e) what is complete or entirely in accord with truth and fact.

God's Word is complete and sound. It is all that man needs to come to salvation. It gives God's righteousness and God's grace and mercy in the most complete way. By it we learn our failing and God's provision for us.

When we understand our complete inability to rescue ourselves from our sinful nature, God's Word will convert (turn us around) to God who will save us. We find the simplicity of salvation here: **"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,**

and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Acts 16:30-31

Sure – confirmed, established, sure

God’s Word is established. He has proven it over and over again. He confirms it to us in our own experience with Him. The surety of God’s Word gives us hope. **“That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;” Hebrews 6:18-19**

While the world is certain they know how to gain wisdom, they will not find true wisdom as it is only found in God’s Word. If we will spend time in His Word and ask Him, he will truly give us wisdom. **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16 “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ”2 Timothy 3:15**

Right – uprightness, righteous, upright straight, level

We understand that God is righteous and He is upright. What God says and what God does is always right. The reason this rejoices our heart is because we recognize that we do not have to wonder if God will do the right

thing or treat us correctly. We may not know about other persons and how they will act, but we can always know how God will act. **"Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." Psalms 119:128 "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts." Jeremiah 15:16**

Pure – pure, clean, sincere (intention, the heart)

Purity is something we tend to strive for, but often is just not possible. In a world tainted by sin, purity is just hard to come by. When we come to God's Word, we find a pure light that is enlightening. **"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Psalms 12:6 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:105 "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalms 119:130**

Clean – pure, clean (ceremonially, physically)

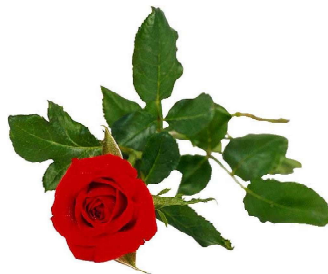
The fear of the Lord is what brings us to faith in Him which is the beginning of something very clean and pure as we put our trust in Jesus. **"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD [men] depart from evil." Proverbs 16:6. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1**

True – stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness

Truth is something that is very much missing today. It has become common to define as truth whatever a person wants to be true. This is why it is so important to understand the truth of God's Word. It is proven to be truth. It is not subjective. In God's Word we will find the truth about our sinful nature, as well as the truth about God's providence to free us from that nature.

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39. "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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12. "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." 1 Thessalonians 2:13

God's Word is all of these and more. It is all we need to guide us in this life. We can trust God's Word completely. I highly recommend reading, studying and knowing God's Word.



In loving memory of Anita Clark

We will certainly miss her, but comforted to know she is in the arms of Jesus her Lord and Savior. She went to glory March 13. She had called me just a couple of days before to tell me she had sent her April article for Glorious Gospel magazine. She was faithfully serving God to the very end, very active in being Pastor of Grace Chapel, Carbondale, Kansas and also several weekly Bible Studies at their locations, and writing articles monthly, also preparing recording to be sent out to others, etc. Although she had contributed articles in passing years, in May of 1990 my Husband Jack Davis asked her to become a regular monthly writer of Glorious Gospel. She wrote "The Last Days" article for years, followed by good teaching articles that everyone has enjoyed. I could say much more about her, I loved her. We will print the last article she sent for the April issue.

Earlene Davis, editor

SANCTIFICATION

By Anita Clark

The word "Sanctification" is only used in the New Testament four times by Apostle Paul and once by the Disciple Peter. It means, "separation, consecration, setting apart and to make holy and to purify."

In the Old Testament God called Aaron, Moses' brother, to be the High Priest. Aaron was of the tribe of Levi, whom God had ordained to be the priests and leaders for

the Tabernacle, and to be separated unto the Lord and His work- a picture of sanctification.

Two Phases of Sanctification - The first phase is God's Provision . The second phase is The Practical Side. Jesus said in John 17:19 - "His prayer to His Father right before He went to the garden of Gethsemane with the disciples." He prayed to His Father, "And for their sake (speaking of those who believed in Him) I sanctify myself that they might be sanctified." Did you know you are "sanctified." The word "sanctified" means "to be holy, purify, consecrate," also "venerate, revere, respect, glorify and honor." Our God "sanctifies" us.

Hebrews 10:5,9, & 10. - Verse 9-10 says, "Then said He (Jesus), Lo I come to do thy will, O God, ... By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of Jesus Christ once for all." The word "sanctify" means -"to make holy, purify or consecrate or sanctify." The penalty was paid by Jesus Christ's death, so in a Spiritual sense, sanctification is provided for all who believe. We have the spiritual life of Christ in us - a new birth, born again. Hebrews 13:12 states, "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify, the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." Romans 8:16 tells us, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Reading from I Thessalonians 2:13-14, Apostle Paul wrote, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Note this: "Before the foundation of the world, we were in His plan and mind." The word "sanctification" again means "separation, consecration and setting apart." Verse 14 tells us, "Whereunto He called you by our gospel (Apostle

Paul's teaching) to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." Benefits - of our believing = 1. Eternal salvation 2. Made new in Christ, and new life of Christ in us. 3. Set apart to God. 4. Positioned in Christ.

I Corinthians 6: 9-11 speaks from Apostle Paul concerning the "unrighteous" who shall not inherit the kingdom of God. In verse 11, he says, "And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord and by the Spirit of our God." We find everything in Christ! I Cor. 1:30 tells us, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification." This word means, "purity, purifier, or holiness."

BENEFITS of our believing - 1. Eternal salvation 2. Made new in Christ - New life in Christ 3. Set apart to God 4. Positioned in Christ.

Experimental Sanctification - Deliverance from the power of sin. Colossians 3:1-5 says "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth...;" To "mortify" our members on the earth, means "to deaden or subdue things in this life that do not exalt the Lord Jesus." Read the rest of this chapter from the Word of God - verses 10-17.

I Thess 4:1-3, & 7 "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God,

so ye would abound more and more." Vs. 3 -For this is the will of God even your sanctification..." Remember the word means, "purity, purifier, or holiness." How can we do what God asks of us? It can't be "self effort," but yielding to the Holy Spirit, submitting under the Lord's authority, casting ourselves on the Lord, not self effort or self endurance. A process is taking place daily as we yield our bodies to the Lord. Romans 6:6-14 states, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty." II Cor. 6:17-18.



Deeper, Deeper

Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus
Daily let me go;
Higher, higher in the school of wisdom,
More of grace to know.

Deeper, deeper! Blessed Holy Spirit,
Take me deeper still,
Till my life is wholly lost in Jesus,
And His perfect will.

Deeper, higher, every day in Jesus,
Till all conflict past,
Finds me conqueror, and in His own image
Perfect at last.

— C. P. Jones

Sacrifices that please God

Vicky Moots

What sacrifices please God? I would like to start out by giving an example of a sacrifice that did not please God. In Gen. 4 we find the story of Cain and Abel. Abel was a keeper of the sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. Verses 3-5 tell us this: "... Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock... And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect..." Why was God not pleased with Cain's offering? Because it was not a blood sacrifice. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. In v. 7, God told Cain to offer an animal for a sin offering, but he was angry and refused to do it. Instead he killed his brother Abel. He was disobedient.

All of the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament pointed forward to Christ. We don't need to offer animal sacrifices today because Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. He was the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world (John 1: 29). God was well pleased with and satisfied with the sacrifice of His Son.

So what sacrifices does God really desire? David wrote Psalm 51 as a Psalm of repentance from his great sin with Bathsheba. In vs. 16-17 he declares, "For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." David recognized that a burnt offering alone

was not sufficient to pay for sin. He realized that what God really wanted was the repentant and broken heart of the one who brought the animal to be sacrificed. This should also be our heart attitude when we sin, even as Peter when he went out and wept bitterly after denying the Lord. A broken and contrite heart will weep before the Lord and ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

Another sacrifice with which God is well pleased is the sacrifice of praise, as Paul informs us in Hebrews. 13:15: "By him [Jesus] therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." It is easy to praise God in the good times, but what about in the bad times? If praise is called a "sacrifice," then it implies that it is not an easy thing to do. Our lips do not always feel like praising the Lord. Sometimes we would rather complain about our circumstances than offer praise.

David, in Ps. 69: 30-31 compares singing God's praises in times of trouble to sacrificing a ram: "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or a bullock, that has horns and hooves. David didn't say that praising God with a song would take the place of an animal sacrifice, but that the Lord was more pleased with a heart full of praise and thanksgiving than someone who was merely fulfilling an obligation of offering a sacrifice.

A good example of a sacrifice of praise is found in Acts 16:16-34 which records the account of Paul and Silas being thrown into prison for preaching and casting a demon out of a young woman. Verse 23 states "And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison..."

Paul and Silas were now bruised and bleeding and in a great deal of pain. There seemed to be no hope for them. But then we read in v. 25 that a strange thing happened: "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." This was a true sacrifice of praise, a sacrifice that was well pleasing to God. God heard their praises, and He answered their prayers with a great earthquake which loosed everyone's bands and opened all the doors of the prison (verse 26).

Jesus is also an example of one who sang God's praises in His midnight hour, after finishing the Passover supper with His disciples. This is recorded in Matt. 26:30: "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives." He was on His way to Gethsemane to pray and to prepare to offer Himself as the final Passover lamb, and yet He offered a sacrifice of praise and song.

What about us? Is it possible for us to offer a sacrifice of praise in our midnight hour, in the midst of our darkest trial? Yes, it is, but not by our own power. The same Holy Spirit who empowered Paul and Silas to praise God at midnight will also empower us as we yield our bodies to Him.



***I love you Lord and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear.
Let me be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.***

My Garden

(Song of Solomon 4:16)

There are times in my life,
when winds begin to blow.
There are trials that shake me,
and there's no where to go.

But my life is the Lord's,
and though the north wind come -
I'm his garden enclosed,
and He is my sun.

His warmth and His light,
take away any chill.
And when the wind stops,
it is quiet and still.

Come blow on my garden,
so my Bridegroom may see -
The spices flow out,
for it's His life in me.

The winds of affliction,
being a fragrance so sweet -
When I yield to His grace,
and sit at His feet.

Come into my garden,
all my fruit yours to see.
Partake from my garden,
Your love satisfies me.

– Debbie Isenbletter

SOIL PREPARATION

Jack Davis

“Make this valley full of ditches”

God our loving heavenly Father has for us multiplied blessings in the realm of the Spirit. He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We are often found in poor condition to receive, and enter into the fullest enjoyment of them. The text for this prophetic command contains some instruction in type concerning our receptiveness to the Holy Spirit and His beneficial workings in our lives.

The kings of Judah, Edom, and Israel joined in battle against their enemy, the Moabites. Their seven day journey through the wilderness Edom, brought them to dire straits for they needed water. They decided to inquire of the Lord through the prophet Elisha. They found Elisha in a most disgruntled frame of mind toward the king of Israel, for they were an idolatrous family of rulers. It seems that Elisha could barely stand the sight of Jehoram. Yet because he stood before the Lord and had regard for the king of Judah, he got in the mood to receive this prophecy as the minstrel played.

He told them to make the valley that they were in, full of ditches; “For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink...” II Kings 4:16-17. This work was no big deal for Him, He also promised to deliver their enemy into their hand. The next morning water came, instead of running swiftly off that hard dry soil, the ditches helped retained it.

The Moabites saw the sun reflecting off the water and it looked like blood to them. They thought that all they had to do was walk in and take the spoil, that those

armies had slain one another. The Moabites were utterly surprised when Israel, Judah, and Edom rose up, smote them, and put them in flight.

Making ditches in the valley probably sounded like the last thing they would want to be doing with their enemy at hand. Many valleys contain rich fertile, productive soil, but if it has not been prepared to receive the God sent moisture, it will just run off. A dried up river bed can be a very dangerous place to camp, if a sudden rain was to come down from up stream.

How about the soil of our hearts?

“For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.” Heb. 6:7-9.

In this great salvation we are given exceeding great and precious promises. When God brings us to and through some dry hard lowland experiences, we are made to realize our need for the comfort of the Holy Spirit all the more. If our hearts are unprepared we can miss much benefit. Some hearts seem to be hardened by unbelief in those trying times, while others “drink in” and are refreshed, revived, even renewed.

God is faithful to remind

From time to time God reminded Israel of their attitude of heart. They were often told of His mercy and favor that should have softened their hardening heart. “For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem. Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah

and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings." Jer. 4:3-4.

"And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. Sow to ourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men." Hosea 10:11-13.

Soil conditions typical

In Matt. 13:1-23, we find soil conditions that express the differing measures of receptiveness in human hearts, and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit. The seed, God's precious Word tries the soil. Thank God we are born again, "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." In Matt. 5:1-12, I sense some blessings realized in divinely prepared soil. Jesus makes known that the poor in spirit, pure in heart, peacemakers and persecuted are by Him prepared for blessing. So also are those that mourn, and are meek, and are merciful. Praise God for those that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. Our God is just as willing to bring us into an awareness of our spiritual need, as He is ready and able to satisfy.

The hungry and thirsty are invited to ask

Jesus told the woman at the well, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, give

me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." John 4:10.

"Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water, (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:37-39.

Has He not said? "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon the seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses." Isa. 44:3-4. As in Isa. 55:1-3 it is those that realize their need that are urged to come and partake.

A place of rich deposit

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isa. 66:1-2. Has the Lord found in you a place to write His wonderful words of love, life, and light? Does the Word of God touch you thus? Does it humble you so it can lift you up? Are you ever smitten thereby? Can it make you shudder and shake in awe or in joy? Consider Psa. 34:18 and 51:15-17.

He can fill our ditches with more than drink and deliverance



The Eyes of the Heart

Time was when to read was a pleasure,
To search out the truth a delight;
Time was when my pen was my treasure
In practice both morning and night.

But though I can read no longer,
And though I can write no more,
Yet now I can think and ponder
As I never could think before.

What tho' light may fade from the vision,
And sound fall more dull on the ear,
If truth to the soul's intuition
Stands forth yet more certain and clear.

The letter of Scripture I've tested
Its grammar, precision and sense,
But now every line is invested
With spirit and life more intense.

The light of the Father there shining
In seen in the face of the Son,
The Spirit's effulgence combining
These radiant glories in One.

"I thank Thee, O Father," said Jesus
"For so it seemed good in Thy sight,"
And whatever He doeth shall please us,
For we know all His counsels are right.

Written by Thomas Newberry after his blindness

CONCERNING SPIRITUALS

Part I

W. J. Franklin

"The Word of Wisdom" & "The Word of Knowledge"

The general subject of I Corinthians 12 through 14 is that of spiritual gifts or the divine order or mode in which these gifts are to be exercised in the assembly. It is evident that many in the church at Corinth had been endowed with these gifts and were guilty of abusing them. In chapter 12, verses 12-27, the apostle states and illustrates the truth that the church is one body as the human body is one but has many members.

Summary:

Verse 1 – The Greek rendering of this verse is, "Now concerning spirituals," and the apostle continues with a discussion concerning the operation of the Holy Spirit and the mentioning of the nine gifts. Notice that he said, "I would not have you ignorant." This subject is of so much importance that it demands particular attention and care.

In verse 2, He calls their attention to their past life to make them to fully appreciate the mercies and blessings of God. The idea is, that they had been led in the past by priests of idolatry, to worship idols that couldn't speak. (Psa. 115:4-8) (Habakkuk 2:18-20). But now they worshiped the living God who could and would not only speak to them but also through them.

In verse 3 the apostle shows that the true Spirit of God

will exalt Jesus as Lord. (compare John 16:14) All who are under the influence of the Holy Spirit will love and reverence the name of **Jesus**.

The work of the Holy Trinity is seen in verses 5-7. **First**, administrations or ministries given by Christ. (note V. 28) (Eph. 4:8 & 11) Do not confuse these ministries with the gifts of the Spirit; **Second**, operations or works of the Father. His works are various. They are not all alike. Note all creation, however much it varies, everything is formed by the same Hand. **Third**, the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Notice it's given to every man! These various manifestations, nine in all, are listed in verses 8-10. We will discuss these, one by one, as to what they are and what they are not.

(I) The Word of Wisdom

Natural wisdom is the ability to apply possessed knowledge and experience. But this is not natural or human wisdom, but the supernatural Wisdom from God. This Wisdom cannot be developed because it is already perfect. The Word of Wisdom is the supernatural revelation, **by the Spirit**, of Divine purpose; The supernatural declaration of the Mind and will of God. The supernatural unfolding of His Plans and Purposes, concerning things, places, and people. Do not confuse the Word of Wisdom with deep spiritual insight in the Word of God; believers may have a revelation of the scriptures without possessing any of the gifts. This is not an unfolding of His revealed will, but of His unrevealed will. A gift of revelation but is always in line with the written Word.

In a sense, the Word of Wisdom is the revelation of the purpose of God concerning people, things, or events in the future so as to direct them in their experience, for

their safety, etc. While the Word of knowledge could refer to the revelation of past happenings or present events in the lives of people or concerning various things. Some scripture examples of the use of the Word of Wisdom will show how indispensable is the Gift to poor, ignorant and helpless mortals such as the best of us are.

- (1) Gen. 6:13-22 – God’s knowledge of future peril communicated in a supernatural way to Noah. This was future tense and had bearing upon the action of Noah –thus is Wisdom.
- (2) Gen. 41:16 & 28-44 – Here Divine Wisdom reveals God’s plans to these He is going to use, for the purpose of appointing a leader and saving a people.
- (3) Matt. 1:20 – a Word of Wisdom through a dream to instruct Joseph (compare Matt. 2:20)
- (4) Acts 10:9-16 – A Word of Wisdom in type, shattering the barrier between Jews and Gentiles, opening a Gospel door unto the outcast Gentiles. Notice this Word of Wisdom revealed the future plan of God.
- (5) Acts 13:2 – The command by the Spirit to separate Barnabas and Saul was a Word of Wisdom as to the timing of God’s will and had bearing upon their walk and experience.
- (6) Acts 26:16 – A Word which directed Paul’s life.
- (7) Acts 27:18-25 – Note verse 23 – a Word that directed his action.

The examples are too numerous for all to be included. For every telling before hand of events to come is an operation of this blessed gift. To treat this gift as a vocal gift and suggest that it is preaching and teaching is to rob it entirely of its supernatural and miraculous character.

(II) The Word of Knowledge

The Word of Knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the Mind of God. God keeps ever before Him in the storehouse of His Mind all the facts of heaven and earth. He knows every person, place, and thing in existence. He has them ever before Him; that is Knowledge. The Word of Knowledge is the revelation to man by His spirit. Of some detail of that "all-knowledge" (the revelation of the existence, condition, or whereabouts of some person, object, or place or the location or occasion of some event) **It is a gift of revelation, not a vocal gift.**

This gift is many times confused with natural ability, natural learning or enlightenment. If it were any of these, it would not be a gift, but an accomplishment. It is not natural, but supernatural. A few examples of the use of this gift in the scriptures will help to make this clear:

- (1) I Sam. 3:10-21 – a word to Samuel
- (2) II Kings 6:8-12 – used to warn a king of an enemies' plan.
- (3) I Kings 19:14-18 – to enlighten and encourage a discouraged servant of the Lord.
- (4) II Kings 5:20-27 – to expose a hypocrite
- (5) John 4:18,19,29 – to convince a sinner of the need of a Savior.
- (6) Acts 9:10 & 11 – used to point out a man in need. Notice this Word came in a vision.
- (7) Acts 5:3 – to reveal corruption in the church
- (8) Mark 14:3-15

Please do not confuse this with learning. Don't you see, this is a special supernatural revelation of facts given by the Holy Spirit.

Part 2 in the next issue

God of a Small Nation

Part 4

Suresh Manoharan – Hyderabad, India

The Return of Christ and the Millennium

Jesus will return to the earth, Antichrist army destroyed. Zech. 14:4, And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof." Zech. 14:9, And the LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one." Satan will be bound 1,000 years Rev. 20:2-3.

In the last days the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore – Isa. 2:2-4.

Jesus in the Millennium would rule the World from Jerusalem along with Saints of all the ages. The ruled would comprise the Jews and those Gentiles' who had accepted Him during the seven year tribulation and had survived it. Everything would pan out according to the prophecies of Scripture. The United Nations' Organization

birthed to bring about peace in the World – has miserably failed.

Before the Savior comes to reign, in this Grace age, let's invite Him to reign in our hearts first. Did He not say that His Kingdom is very near – Matt. 4:17. If we believe in our hearts that He has died for our sins and confess it with our mouth, His Kingdom enters our hearts – Rom. 10:8-9. Rom. 14:17 using the same word Basella..."Kingdom of God is righteousness (right standing with God), peace and joy of the Holy Spirit." Virtually, a foretaste of Heaven, Jesus promised elsewhere in the Gospel (Jn. 7:37-38; Jn. 10:10). Friends, rejoice in the living waters which would gush through your hearts.

Little Israel eh...Boy, it packs a punch in the spiritual realm! Do not we owe it a Savior, Salvation and Scriptures! Add to this fact that one of it's cities (Jerusalem) would be the future World capital. There is a ring of sanctity about this Nation. While for Jews the Kingdom of God is an expectation, for Christians it is an experience (enjoying ²⁴/₇ the righteousness, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit...a privilege. Come Lord Jesus, reign in our hearts first and then the World from Jerusalem very soon – Rev. 22:20!



"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!...For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" Rom. 11:33,36.

FORGET IT

If you ain't been treated right
Forget it.

Don't go looking for a fight,
Forget it.

There's no need to bear a grudge,
'Twill your happiness besmudge,
Anyway, you ain't the judge,
Forget it!

So you've been misunderstood
There's no need to pout and whine,
Sit around all day and pine.
Cheer up, neighbor, sing and shine.
Forget it.

So somebody slandered you?
Just make sure it wasn't true
Then forget it.

Needless grief will mar your life
If you let it.

No use nagging at your wife.
Forget it!

There's no need to be depressed
Tho' you've gone through' many a test
And you feel that you're oppressed
And by many cares possessed.
Tell the Lord, He knows what's best.
If you all your wrongs confessed
And you'll follow His behest
Then your soul will be so blest.

– Submitted by Martha Wainright



The Encouraging Word

"Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually." Psalm 105:4

"The Lord takes pleasure in those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy and loving kindness." Psalm 147:11

"Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer (life), being alert and intent in (your praying) with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2 Amp

"Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord!" Psalm 70:1

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

"You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone Lord make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

"Let your face shine upon your servant; save me for your mercy sake and in your loving kindness." Psalm 31:16

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