WHO IS THE SON OF MAN?

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We are going to deal with the reality of the Son of Man. My heart's

desire is that the Church, the Lord's Body, the fulness of Him who

filleth all and all, come to see that. The Church which is His

Body, not the Church which is connected to His Body. No - the

Church which is His Body - that's the definition of the Church. And

you realize that any definition of the Church has to start with the

HEAD. So the scripture says in Ephesians 1, "Hath given him to be

head over all things to the church, (which is defined as) his body,

(which is defined as) the fulness of him, (who is defined as) he

that filleth all and all." There is no definition of the Church

other than IN RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST. If you separate the Church

from the person of Christ, the Church loses Biblical definition.

That is in your heart, in your mind, in your comprehension, you can

not separate the Church from the person of Christ - a Head from His

Body and have any kind of expression of either one of them. He is

either figuratively our Head or He's the Head. Which is it? He's

either ceremonially the Head - that is His name is written on the

door somewhere, or He's the Head - period! That is what the

scriptures say, this is not the traditions of men. And we need to

say, 'Lord, open the eyes of my understanding.' How can you

separate the Head from His Body, which is the Church, and either

one of them have any kind of definition or expression? The Church

is to give visible expression in the earth of the union of Christ

and His Body - of that eternal, ongoing, union of Christ and His

Body. I don't believe that the Lord is a disembodied spirit,

seeking around whom He may devour.

I believe the Lord dwells in His own Body by His own Spirit. I

truly believe that he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit and

I believe there is but ONE BODY! He is the Head of that Body, and

consequentially Paul says that Body is to "grow up into him who is

the head in all things" in Ephesians 4. This is because you are

quickened as one with Him, raised as one with Him, seated as one

with Him in the heavenlies. Seeing this is so, then that you may

grow up into Him who is the Head in all things. He is given to be

Head over all things to the Church. I have a great abiding love for

the Church. I detest ignorance in any form. Because of ignorance

humanity fights wars and children starve. And because of ignorance

in the Church, saints of God are dying everyday spiritually, living

in 'la-la' land and playing games with God.

By ignorance we are separated from the reality of the Lord Jesus

Christ and we just follow figments of imaginations, fortify them

with tradition, and keep God's people so far from the reality of

Christ. The Church - the true Church - is the visible expression of

that One Body and its union with that One Head. The Church is made

up of churches, but not many bodies - ONLY THAT ONE BODY.

Therefore the Church is a living organism, not separate from Christ. By

definition it is impossible for the Church to be separate from

Christ since the Church is His Body, the fulness of Him. Shouldn't

then the Church know Christ? Shouldn't then the Church grow up into

Him in all things? This is what we're going to be talking about.

SON OF MAN - glorious title, but more than that - glorious

realization pertaining to the believer's union with the eternal Son

of God, with the eternal Christ of God. We will begin with the Son

of Man - the person of the Son of Man, the order of That Son, then

the ministry of the Son of Man.

When I go amongst the Lord's Body, I do not come with doctrinal

arguments in view - I go declaring the reality of Him! And all I

ask you to do is go to the scripture and search. The scripture

declares the reality of Christ - NOW! For those who seek Him! I

suppose you can go to the scripture and find some idea about most

anything. But Jesus said, " Search the scriptures. They are they

which testify of me." My desire for the Church is that we come to

know Him. So much so that it give Him His full expression in the

earth. That's what it is for. Now Matthew 16:13, "And when Jesus

came to the coast of Caeserea Philippi, he asked his disciples

saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?" Now the question

here is asked by the Son of God. We understand Jesus is the Son of

God - was, is and shall be. But why wasn't it asked who do men say

that I the Son of God am? No - the question is the SON OF MAN, and

it's never translated any differently in any of the other gospels.

And notice how He comes at this, because He doesn't really care

what men say. He already knows what men say! Interesting to me what

they were saying - John the Baptist - he's come back. Elijah, one

of the prophets. Some were probably saying Isaiah. There's a great

significance there. But the Lord pressed farther."Jesus answered,

But whom say ye that I am?" And that's the whole question. WHO IS

THE SON OF MAN?

Do you remember one time Saul was going along the road on his trip

to kill Christians? And he was encountered - smitten by the Lord,

blinded by the Lord, encompassed round about by the light of the

Lord. He heard this voice, " Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Well, who was it Saul was killing? He was killing Christians. He

was killing the Lord's Body. He was killing born-again, Spirit-

filled believers. Why didn't the Lord say, "Saul, Saul, why are you

persecuting my people?" Because that's Old Testament theology! They

are HIS PEOPLE in the Old Testament, they are HIS BODY in the New.

We haven't learned that yet. We are still the people of God instead

of the Body of Christ. I'm talking about a comprehension - not

terminology. It's the difference between being the Church and going

to the Church. To me that's not different terminology, that's

different comprehension. And it's not just terminology. Ignorance

goes deep and we've built a whole gospel around it. The Church

gathers, but it's that difference.

There are two covenants. Both of those covenants are given of God.

Not one of them is from the devil. Both are of God - but one is

complete, the other is incomplete. One is letter, the other is

Spirit. One can make perfect, the other cannot. One relates to

Sinai, and that's the one that says you're the people of God. The

other relates to Mt. Zion and that's the one that says you're a

habitation of God! There's a difference in comprehending that

you're a people of God and the very habitation of God. There's a

difference in understanding God owns you, and God lives in you, in

the person of His Son, by His Spirit. There's a difference in

comprehension, and it should make a difference in your life. And if

that comprehension is there, then everything you see, say and do is

out from that comprehension. Everything you do is either under a

first covenant, a first comprehension with God ... and the Bible

says the first is not spiritual, but rather the second. And

everything you and I do in relationship to God, therefore in

relationship to one another, to spiritual life - everything we do

is either under a first comprehending or a second, a first covenant

or a second. Both given of God, yet one is mediated by man and the

other is mediated by the Lord Jesus Himself, and that's the

difference.

And this is why the Lord did not tell Saul, "Why are you

persecuting my people? Why are you killing Christians?" In fact he

was doing just that. But the comprehension of the Lord came forth -

not the comprehension of Moses, not the comprehension of man - the

comprehension of the Spirit, the comprehension of the Lord came

forth - not speaking metaphorically, but speaking in REALITY.

THAT'S MY BODY! " Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou ME.?" So

much so that it startles Saul to the point that he said, " WHO ARE YOU

LORD?" Now we're right back to the question asked here. And it's

the question among Christians today - 'WHO ARE YOU LORD? Where

are you Lord? What are you Lord? I wish you'd do something!' Why do

we do that? Because we love the Lord. We believe in the Lord or we

wouldn't have the problems we have in wondering who, what, when and

where. We're faced with these questions because we're faced with

the love of God. We're faced with the reality of God - so we're

faced with the questions. And in the New Covenant, that answer will

always come in relation to His people, because HE ONLY SEES

HIMSELF IN RELATION TO HIS PEOPLE.

It's a shame God's people don't see Him that way. To most of us

He's far off somewhere. We try to pray Him down into the building,

down into the situation, instead of manifesting Him in the building

and expressing Him in the situation - we've got to talk Him into

coming. I'm not saying don't pray. But our comprehension of prayer.

It's a matter of comprehension, not academics. Paul cries out, "Oh,

that ye would with all saints come to comprehend what is the

length, the height, the depth, the breadth - the fulness of God in

Christ." When? NOW - now with all saints. " Oh, that I may know him

in the power of his resurrection." My prayer, Paul says, is that I

may comprehend Him as He has comprehended me. That's the original

translation. That I may know as I am known. He has received me in a

comprehending. What is the comprehending of the Lord about you?

It's that YOU ARE HIS BODY, AND THAT HE IS IN YOU, AND

THAT THERE'S NO DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO. That's His

comprehension. That's the way He deals. That's the reason very few of

us understand the dealing of the Lord. We can't figure out what in the

world He's done and why He's doing it! He deals with us in HIS

comprehension. He met Saul on that road in His comprehension. Jesus

could have said 'my people', but His comprehension demanded that He said,

"Why are you persecuting me?" There's a comprehension you and I need

to come to with regard to our relationship with Him. The Lord Jesus

says in the day of comprehension, which is the day of the Spirit of

Truth, you'll understand, you'll comprehend that I'm in my Father,

and you're in me, and I'm in you. What a comprehending!

And I'm telling you, He deals with you and I on the basis of that

comprehension. And if we're not on that level of comprehension with

Him, we're not going to understand His dealings. We're going to

misinterpret His dealings, misascribe His dealings - we're not

going to comprehend His dealings with us. This was Saul. Saul knew

who Christians were. And if the Lord had come on Saul's

comprehension - "Why are you killing Christians?" Saul would have

just stood there and argued with Him. " They're a sorry bunch and

need to die. They are blaspheming." But no, the Lord comes on HIS

COMPREHENSION. I'm going to tell you, when the Lord deals with you

in His comprehension, there's no argument about it. Some of us

would stand and argue with a sign post, but when it's the Lord's

dealings, there's no argument about it.

This is the comprehending I'm talking about. It all has to do with

this - WHO DO MEN SAY - BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

"WHO ARE YOU LORD?" Why did Saul say that? Because the Lord

said, 'Why are you persecuting me?' Immediately the thing became a

personal issue between Saul and the Lord. When will it be a personal

issue with us? We can backbite each other, blaspheme each other, go

behind our backs - and it never seems to be a personal issue between

me and the Lord. It's just an 'I don't like you' - but I love Jesus! And

we know that's the way it is in our hearts. We're quick to take

each other to issue because it's never personal with the Lord. We

can serve the Lord and hate each other. We can sing, "Oh, how I

love Jesus" with hate and spite and evil, jealousy in our hearts,

but I love Jesus. We don't even know who He is! We have a figment

of imagination about the Lord Jesus. Most of us think He looks like

some 18th century painting. There's no comprehension. See this

question is really to His disciples. He could care less about men -

it's His disciples. And He's coming to bring this same issue to a

personal issue with Saul. Friends, you and I need a personal issue

with the Lord other than something concerning our sin. About the

closest personal encounter most of us have had in a comprehension

with the Lord is some filthiness He took from us. But as far as

relating to Him in His holiness, relating to Him in His

righteousness - that's something else again. Because that's not

something we experienced in sin.

As we travel around the world in the Lord's Body, it kills my heart

that the utmost testimony in the hearts of most of God's people

relates to what He took them out of, rather than the fulness of

what He brought them into. They're thankful they don't do this,

that, the other any more. But having no comprehension of what

they're into - any relationship with Him at all that is eternal and

ongoing. And that hurts me because I don't think Great Salvation

has anything to do with great sin! Great Salvation has to do with

the GREATNESS OF THE LORD! Salvation isn't measured by how

much sinning you did. Salvation is measured by HIM WHO FILLETH

ALL THINGS! Because all have sinned and come short of the glory

of God. And sin there is coming short of the glory of the Lord. All have

come short of the glory of the Lord. That puts everybody in the

same category as far as sin is concerned. So, Great Salvation is

not measured by that, but rather by the greatness of the Lord!

What I'm telling you is you and I need to have a personal encounter

with Jesus over something beside sin. We need to have a personal

comprehension of Him IN HIS PERSON, in His life, in His

righteousness, in His holiness. We are His Body. That Body is not

for sin but for righteousness. That Body is not for death - it's

for Life! And you can understand why Paul writes the way he does -

look at how he got into the thing. He got into the thing in a face-

to-face encounter with the personality and person of the Lord! He

didn't come by religion. No - he came by a personal encounter with

the Lord. And upon what a tremendous basis he came. It's ME you are

persecuting. It's ME you are coming against. "Why persecutest thou

me?" " Who are thou Lord?" " I AM JESUS OF NAZARETH WHOM

THOU PERSECUTEST." Look at this. He didn't say, "I'm the Lord God

Almighty." He is that. I'm this, I'm that. No - "I'm Jesus of

Nazareth. I am Jesus of Nazareth whom thou persecutest." What a

comprehending the Lord has of His Body. What a comprehending the

Lord has of you and I. If we could only come to that same

comprehending of Him, we would never look at ourselves the same

again. We would never look to find our identity in a race, in a

creed, a kind, a color, a gender or a background. If we could only

find our identity IN JESUS!

Some say that is fanaticism, but should we say that Jesus lied to

Saul and that Paul's concept of the gospel is a lie? Should we say

that the revelation of Jesus Christ is something other than God

revealing His Son in and to be in a people? Causing that people to

come to comprehend their union with Him and walk in the divine

realization that His Body is something more than an organization?

That it is truly a Body made alive by Him! And though it

tabernacles in flesh, it itself is not flesh, nor race, nor gender,

nor creed, nor kind, but has one purpose, and that is to give Him

full expression in the earth. And the vehicle of that Body in the

earth is called the Church. That the Lord has personal identity

with the Church. HE COMPREHENDS THE CHURCH IN ONENESS

WITH HIMSELF. That's His comprehension. Oh, that the Church could

comprehend that - indeed, that we might know as we are known. That

ministry is given to the Spirit of Truth by Him. Well now, by the Spirit we've

clapped our hands, sang better and preached longer and run faster.

But His ministry goes beyond that. "In that day you will know..."

There's a divine comprehending. I don't mind how fast you run as

long as you run in knowledge. I'd hate to see you run ignorantly. I

think we ought to sing with the same knowledge we preach, and

preach with the same knowledge we sing in. By Him you shall know.

Not just know something. You'll know that I AM IN MY FATHER. You'll

know that YOU ARE IN ME. Think about that divine relationship. This

is the comprehending of the Lord. No man can know these things -

except God, except the Spirit show them. This is the Lord's

thought.

The first covenant is comprehended of man. It's written down in a

law; it's comprehended of man. It can't bring you into

completeness. The second covenant is written in blood, it is

administered by the Spirit, and it's comprehended by no man. But it

can bring you into the realization of the completeness of your

Salvation. Where you don't continue to live like a people separated

from Him. Where I don't continue to live white and you continue to

live black, or male or female; where you don't continue to live as

a people separated from God. But have a comprehending that goes

beyond all understanding. And this comprehension comes through the

revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul brought that whole Damascus

experience down to this statement - 'IT PLEASED GOD TO REVEAL HIS

SON IN ME'. Because you see that encounter started on the Damascus

road and it didn't cease for 14 years and certainly for 3 years in

the wilderness it was still an ongoing, personal encounter with the

living Christ. God revealing His Son in Paul. A whole lot better

than getting a basket full of sermons on love. The understanding

how we've got to do that to each other; I've got to understand

you're this and you've got to understand I'm this - and we just get

together and lie to one another. We've got to understand that the

Lord brought all of that to the cross and killed it! Understand

that none of that comes forth in the Resurrection! Now just think

with me - what if that comprehension filled the earth today?

Instead of ignorance. But there is a creation that is brought to

death by the cross ignorantly believing that it lives. What if all

were really presented the gospel by the Church and turned to find

themselves in Christ - not in religion - in Christ? Now you read

about that in the Bible. Do you think it's going to come down by

angels? It will either be administered by the people who are part

of it or it won't be administered. It will either be manifested in

the earth in the reality of Christ, or forget it!

We need to wake up and realize, 'My God, we're not just a bunch of

people here, but THE LIVING BODY OF CHRIST! Comprehending that -

how that will change individuals, corporate lives and expressions,

homes and cities. If that true comprehension filled our souls. And

I'm telling you that's the Gospel. This is the truth that we

encounter when Christ is revealed in us. Not fables, and it's not

just something to make you feel better. IT'S THE TRUTH. I don't

think the Lord cared whether Saul felt better or not. He was

confronted with the Truth. He confronted His disciples with the

Truth. The answer came through Peter, who had received that answer

through God.

"Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." But the Lord

immediately said, yes, and it is upon this realization, this divine

realization concerning who the Son of Man is, that I will build up

my Church. Build it up what? Build it up in the knowledge of me.

Build it up in the Head. Build it up in the fulness of me, that the

Church come to comprehend this understanding. He brought that right

into the foundation of the Church. Who is the Son of Man? That is

the question today, and that can only be revealed by the Spirit in

a personal encounter with Christ! I can show you in the scripture -

The Son of Man and all that term and title and realization implies

can not be known except Christ be revealed in you. In every case

the question is answered through the revealing of the Son. And in

every case it is the Father who reveals the Son and in every case

He reveals that Son in those whose hearts turned to truly see Him.

It seems like we have to be brought to a crisis before that time. A

lot of times a crisis demands honesty. If most of us would just get

honest, we'd immediately be in a crisis. We'd immediately be faced

with a realization, 'My God, I don't really comprehend all this. I

know my sins are forgiven, but what I comprehend of you Lord is

what I no longer am. I comprehend very little of who you are.'

I remember when I came to that crisis and it hit me like a bolt of

lightning. I not only don't know and comprehend what the will of

God is, I don't even comprehend that God has a will. That's a

preacher for you. I thought I knew until God brought me face-to-

face with a man who said everything that I am... "Paul, servant of

God, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God..." And then

began to define that will in the next 14 verses. And I looked and

said, My God, I don't understand that. And if I don't comprehend

that, then what I'm doing is not by the will of God - it's by

ignorance, it's by something else. But this man Paul, said my whole

servitude, my whole apostleship, everything is by the will of God.

We think the will of God is God's good intentions about something.

That has nothing to do with it. It's defined in those verses. We

come face-to-face with the will of God in the revelation of Jesus

Christ - and Paul did too. We're laying a foundation for the Holy

Spirit, because only He can reveal This Son. You and I can look at

each other until we get tired, and we won't see This Son. You only

see This Son when God reveals His Son. My Father hath revealed

this. God revealed His Son in me.

Let's lay a little pattern in the Old Testament. Isaiah 66. "Thus

saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne. The earth is my footstool.

Where is the house that ye build unto me? Where is the place of my

rest?" Now folks, let me just speak personally. In my travels

throughout the world, I've helped build buildings and built

buildings - church buildings, Bible school buildings, but I've

never built a church. I've just built buildings. HE BUILDS THE

CHURCH! I was born again under the ministry of a missionary, and

I've heard missionaries - built 30 churches, this one built 50

churches. What they've built is buildings. There's nothing wrong

with building buildings, but the building is not the Church! We've

built a lot of buildings. I don't know that there's much of the

Church. We've got a lot of Christians, but Christians are like

bricks. Until they're placed upon a foundation, they don't

constitute a Church - they just constitute Christians. That's the

reason the Church has a foundation, something that brings it

together. The Church implies something brought together for purpose

of sight, for purpose of view, for purpose of witness. I didn't say

you're not a believer or a son of God, but I'm not a Church and

neither are you. The Church is constituted by a gathering in the

knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Church is to be built up into the

Head in all things. There's nobody doubting whether you're a brick,

or a good brick, or the stuff you're made out of. But a good brick

is a poor substitute for a building. A lot of us are good rolling

stones, I don't mean we are not only grounded in a location, we're

not even grounded in a true faith. But foundation implies something

in which you are set - established.

That's what the Lord is saying here. "Heaven is my throne. The

earth is my footstool. What are you going to build me?" Anything

you're going to build, you're going to build it out of something

that I made. What is it that you're going to build me? The

disciples took the Lord out and said, 'Look at this temple. Look at

all these buildings. Look at this, Jesus!' They thought He was

going to get excited about that temple that was as empty as a tomb,

because He had just departed from it. He had just went out and

departed from it. Those are important Greek terms. He had went out

and departed from it and they were still excited about it - most of

us are too. It makes no difference whether the Lord's there or not

- we're just excited about it. It looks like a church, it's got a

steeple on it, Lord knows it cost enough - we just get excited.

See, they teach you in seminary, that if your people kind of get

slack, start a building program and get them involved. That is

taught! Get them involved, keep them busy. I'm not against building

anything, but to substitute that for KNOWING HIM - and to

substitute administrating for feeding the sheep - and then you and

I still have the gall to call that the Church? Shame on you!

So He's saying, what is it that you're going to build me? Now this

is God saying this. " But unto THIS MAN will I look." God looks to

A MAN. He always has. He always will. The end of God's view, the

end of God's vision is A MAN. The question is who is The Man, what

is The Man, where is The Man? But the point is - it is A MAN. Not a

flesh man, but a Man. More appropriately, a Mankind. Biblically,

scripturally, a Mankind. But what kind? UNTO THIS MAN. Something

of the nature of This Man is given there because His nature is the

nature of the Lamb. His birthplace is given there, because He's

born in Zion. So, something of The Man is spoken of, but the point

I'm making is, God says, what is it you're going to build me, where

am I going to find my rest, my completion, my habitation? No - UNTO

THIS MAN WILL I LOOK. And the word "look" there is tremendously

important. It's brought right over into the New Testament. " And to

you who look for him..." "Unto This Man will I look."

The word "look" is akin to the word "vision", to "sight". Look,

see. Abraham was told of the Lord, 'Now I want you to get out of

this place and I want you to go to a land that I will show you.'

That term is 'ra-ah'. It means that which God reveals. It means if

God doesn't show it to you, you can't see it. We think Abraham was

just out there stumbling around in the dark somewhere. That's not

it. He just walked until God showed him the land. How did the Lord

do that? Genesis 12 verse 7, And when Abraham had journeyed and

come to a certain place, the Lord didn't say, 'this is the place.'

The scripture says, "The Lord appeared unto Abram." "I will show

you a land - and the Lord showed Himself to Abram." You've got to

understand. That's the habitation. That's the land he saw, because

that's the land wherein the seed of God dwells. And that's the land

that is not measured - it far excels the sand or the stars - the

measure of that land is the measure of the fulness of the stature

of Christ! No where in the Bible has God just showed somebody

something - showed them a thing. I'm telling you, no where. He

shows Himself! Because He's given us nothing less than that. He has

brought us into union with nothing less than Himself.

"UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK.' He is the end of my vision. Do you

know I could say, behold the Salvation of the Lord - and I'm

pointing to This Man! Here is His Salvation! His Salvation is not a

thing that He does. It's A MAN! Yes, there's much to be said about

it, but I'm just establishing now it's a Mankind. God is a living

God. He's not after non-living things. So, it's a LIVING MAN. In

fact it's the only Man who truly does live. WHO DO YOU SAY THIS

SON OF MAN IS? That's the question. This is The Man. He is God's

point of view. In other words, everything God sees or thinks of, He

thinks of with This Man in view. So if God is speaking to you about

righteousness, He has This Man in view. If God is speaking to you

about holiness, He has This Man in view; fulness - He has This Man.

God receives nothing other than This Man.

Now the first man - Adam - fell short of This Man. This Man

represents the glory of God. So the first mankind, that which is

born after the flesh, fell short of the glory of God. He is in sin.

Why? Because he fell short of the glory of God. God can not look to

that man (Adam) and see Himself. God can't look to that man and see

holiness. He can't look to that man. That's why He put that whole

thing under a law, and said, thou shalt surely die, and kept it

under a law which could only condemn, not make perfect - until the

perfect should come! The end of the journey of this first man,

Adam, is the cross. One ends and the other begins. But God's view

remains This Man. So everything of the cross has to be seen in this

point of view. The cross is not just to kill the first man, the

cross is not just where some sins were taken away. There's more to

it than that. The cross in God's heart is measured by This Man. It

is an instrument for the producing of This Man. God's view never

varies. UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK - and that means to no other.

Unto This Man and no other. This Man is my view. Now all of the

movement of God then is towards This Man. All of His activities in

your life is toward This Man. It's not just for getting you

somewhere - it's toward getting This Man - for His glory! We've

stopped the journey too soon. All of the activity of the Holy

Spirit in every book of the Bible is that way - toward That Man.

Yes, in the one part in type and shadow, but in the New Testament

in reality of Spirit and Truth. All of the activities of the Spirit

are toward bringing forth THAT ONE MAN!

Here's where I come to a crossroads with Christians. Because if you

don't want to be part of That Man, I don't know what to do with

you. Because there's not another gospel, there's not a secondary

salvation, there's not a second road. It's not that way. God had A

Man in His mind, settled in His heart, and this is what He will

have. I can say now, in the person of Christ, this is what He does

have - in person. But we'll have to come to understand that This

Man doesn't just represent a person, it represents manifestation of

person. This is a tremendous Man - one seen of God, one created of

God, one purposed of God to give Him expression. It's not me in the

flesh, it's not you. No, No, No. This One is revealed of the

Father. But I'll tell you, THIS ONE IS SALVATION! This One is the

Redeemed of the Lord. This One is the end of God's view. UNTO THIS

MAN.

This Man is the end. He is the view of God. Consequentially, This

Man is the view and the end of all prophets and of all prophesy.

This Man is the end of all scripture. I didn't say throw your Bible

away. He is the end - the conclusion of all scripture. Scripture

does not go beyond This Man. Prophesy does not go beyond This Man -

He is the end. God has elevated from time to time, a ministry up to

His point of view both in the Old and the New Testament. In the Old

Testament it was largely figurative, but it was true. In the New

Testament it was by divine revelation of the indwelling Christ. But

God elevated ministry in order to keep the realization of This Man

alive among His people - the gospel alive. The prophets spoke

beyond their time, but they spoke of This Man. Now Paul did not

speak beyond his time - this thing was revealed in him, and he

declared the reality of it. But This Man is the end of all

prophesy. Prophesy doesn't go beyond this conclusion, This Man.

We could look at three prophets - Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, but

all prophets speak of this Man. It has to be that way, because look

at Acts 3 verse 19. What is my point? This Man is the end of the

view of God, consequently He is the end of all prophesy and

prophets. There are no prophets beyond Him either - why should

there be? " Repent ye therefore and be ye converted that your sins

may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the

presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ which before

was preached unto you, whom the heaven must receive until the times

of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of

all of his holy prophets since the world began." Since the world

began by the mouth of all of his holy prophets, God has spoken of

the times of the restitution of all things. All things where? All

things in Christ - for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the

deep things of God. The term 'restitution' here is akin to the term

'apokalupsis' which means the uncovering or the revealing and it is

used directly in connection with Paul saying God revealed His Son

in me. It's also used in Peter with the revelation of Jesus Christ

- the taking the lid off of something that is there. It means

specifically in the Greek - uncovering what is there so that it may

be seen perfectly - uncovering, unveiling. Everything is working

toward such an unveiling, such a restoring, such a comprehending.

This term also means "setting in divine order." The establishing of

heavenly order. A Man coming into the full order of the Spirit! And

all the prophets spoke of this. Then he gives an example. " For

Moses truly said unto the fathers, a prophet, (not a mere one among

prophets) shall the Lord your God raise unto you of your brethren

like unto me. Him ye shall hear in all things..." Here is the

restitution. " Him ye shall hear in all things, and it shall come

to pass that every soul (mind, heart) that shall not hear that

word, that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." I'm

telling you He's bringing forth ONE! His final Word, His final

Prophet - the One of whom all scripture speaks - His voice you will

hear!

The writer of the Hebrews says, " If they who heard him that spake

in the earth did not escape, but received just recompense, how

shall ye escape if you refuse him who speaketh from heaven?" Such a

One! Such a comprehending to come to the people of God through the

revelation of Jesus Christ, the ever living Word! The summation of

everything God has ever said being said in A MAN, being revealed in

a people, to be expressed in the earth. Not doctrines to be argued,

dear friends, CHRIST TO BE EXPRESSED, CHRIST TO BE

MANIFESTED, THE LIVING WORD OF GOD TO BE EXPRESSED!

But I want you to see the person of That Man - it is not me. Oh, no

- WHO ARE YOU LORD? "I am Jesus Christ whom thou persecutest."

Who are you Lord? " Thou art the Son of God, the ever living Christ."

Yes - all that's true, but in what frame of reference? After what

viewpoint? A MANKIND - revealed in a people, revealed in His Body,

That Body which must grow up into Him who is the Head in all things

that He might have fulness of expression and fulness of

manifestation! Folks, this is a great Salvation! The deliverance

part of it is great enough. " Who hath delivered you from the power

of darkness..." But go on with that. " He hath translated you into

the kingdom of his dear Son." That's a powerful word in the Bible.

That's something that can only be effected by the Spirit of God.

That's like taking you out from one creation and bringing you into

a totally new creation. Hallelujah! " Translated you into the

kingdom of his dear Son... who is the image of the invisible God,

and the firstborn..." Hallelujah - GREAT SALVATION!

BEHOLD THE SALVATION OF THE LORD! Moses' word to Israel

was " Stand still and behold the salvation of the Lord." They didn't do

either, did they? They couldn't stand still and see salvation, and they

died in the wilderness. They saw a lot of dead Egyptians, but

there's more to the Salvation of the Lord than dead Egyptians. As

great as that is, there's more to the Salvation of the Lord than

that. Salvation of the Lord was finally seen on Mt. Zion in Canaan.

BEHOLD THE SALVATION OF THE LORD! Why? Because you are

come to Mt. Zion for the purpose of beholding the Salvation of the Lord!

And that's The Man God hath made. He comes by death, and burial and

resurrection! He is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and

manifested in a people. BEHOLD THE SALVATION OF THE LORD!

Blessed be the Lamb of God! AMEN.

PART TWO

Let's turn back to Matthew 16 and the foundation we have already

laid regarding WHO IS THE SON OF MAN? About three years ago I was

praying as I was being dealt with of the Lord. And I prayed, 'Lord,

I want to know you in your coming.' And I just went on and talked

to the Lord. I said, 'I'm not talking about some more doctrines

about the coming of the Lord or a dispensational chart. Lord, what

I'm asking is to know YOU in your coming. I'm not asking about an

event or events. Lord, I want to know you in relation to your

coming. I want to KNOW YOU IN YOUR COMING!' That's the way the

Spirit of the Lord phrased it in my heart. I want to know you in

your coming. A few days after that, we were in a meeting, and a

good brother said to me, 'J W, something's been going over in my

heart for several days and I don't have a hand on it. But the

Spirit of the Lord just keeps dealing with me about the SON OF

MAN.' And it was just like a shot, and I knew the Lord was speaking

to me. And I said, that's interesting. And he said, 'I can't get it

off my mind, and I'm just determined to really begin to search the

scriptures in reference to that.' And so I didn't say anything

more, but from that time on the Lord began to deal with my heart

concerning the SON OF MAN. And as I began to look at the scripture

concerning the coming of the Son of Man, the thing that the Lord

began to deal with me about is - WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?

And it was as that the Spirit of the Lord just kept telling me, how

will you ever understand His coming until you understand His

person? WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN? In what relationship is Christ

seen, what frame of reference is this - It is Christ, but in what

frame of reference? In reference to what? In what point of view, in

what order is this Him? And it's taken a long time for the Lord to

deal with me about this because I had so many built in barriers in

my heart. Some of the things I began to see in the face of the Lord

I just absolutely refused to even say, because I have in me a fear

- an awe, a respect, a reverence for the Lord - a fear of the Lord

of falseness and perversion. I'd rather just say nothing, than give

vent to that. You see I didn't ask the Lord for sermons - no - I

want to know the Lord in His coming, and how that relates to me, to

the Church. I want to know Him in that realm of comprehension, and

have that exercised in me and unto me. And it was in all of that

the Lord began to deal with me about the Son of Man and is still

doing so.

We have dealt before with "The Evercoming One" and that is very

much in reference to the Son of Man. So this has come over three

years full circle back into my heart with great force. The Lord has

given me what it takes to share - the urgency of His Spirit to

share with the Body of Christ concerning this glorious identity

that Christ has with His people. And this glorious comprehension

that Christ has with those that are His. We dealt with this - how

He arrested Saul on the road to Damascus and the Lord dealt with

him according to the Lord's comprehension, not Saul's. And in doing

so, he was confronting Saul in a way that very few had ever been

confronted of the Lord -if any. I wonder how many of us have been

confronted of the Lord according to His comprehension? Think about

that. Because I tell you there's a new comprehension coming - a

broader, deeper, Spirit-given comprehension coming. To walk is to

comprehend - those words are the same. To grow up into Him who is

the Head means a comprehending of Him. Our walk is in knowledge -

not academic knowledge - the knowledge of the Son of God. Our walk

and our growth is in knowledge. Maturity is a thing of knowledge.

Not brain knowledge, but that knowledge that conforms the soul into

the image of the glory of God. That knowledge in fact, which Christ

Himself is - for He is the wisdom and the knowledge and the

understanding and the eternal Word of God! And it's God's desire to

reveal Him in you. Paul prayed this for you and I 2,000 years ago

when he said, "I would that ye would with all saints come to

comprehend what is the length, and the breadth and the depth and

the height, the fulness of God in Christ Jesus." And then he goes

on to say He is able to do this very thing. He is able to do above

and beyond what we're even able to think. And he prayed that right

in the same line with comprehending.

The scripture says concerning the people in whom He shall write His

Word and goes on to say, "In that day ye shall know that..." That's

a comprehending, you see. But you know most of us when we were

born-again, were confronted by sin. I would to God we had been

comprehended in the way that Saul was. Most of us weren't - we were

comprehended on the basis of sin. Someone preached us "under

conviction". I have no problem with that, but when we were

confronted, we were confronted with our state of sin, really more

than we were by the person of Christ. In fact, in many cases,

Christ was reduced from who He really is - the Living Christ - to

one who would just forgive our sins, wash our sins away. We

received Him as Savior. Is He not? Yes He is, but I'm talking about

a comprehension. He was preached to most of us on such a level that

the thing we were confronted with was a salvation that would get us

out of sin or forgive us for being a sinful person. But didn't

really confront us with much of life in Christ - a new life! So

that when we come to receive Him, most of us, in our comprehension,

what we received was forgiveness of sins. And that's true, but

that's what we really thought it was all about.

You see the Lord's confrontation with Saul wasn't over just

forgiving him for killing Christians - there was more to it than

that. He was brought right up in a confrontation with the Lord and

the Lord apprehended him in a comprehension and said "IT'S ME

YOU'RE PERSECUTING. Not Christians - ME!" The Lord brought

Himself right into the situation. Most of us, even in our comprehension

of salvation, was not presented with a gospel in which the Lord was

able to say 'it's ME against whom you're sinning.' We were brought

to a salvation that just condemned us over certain things we were

doing, that were wrong and we knew they were wrong - and we got

forgiveness of sin. But most of us never really see ourselves as

being transgressors against Him! Salvation is true, but it only

affects you according to your comprehension of it. For instance,

when you were born-again, you were also translated into the Kingdom

of His dear Son, but if you don't comprehend that - you may go out

the next day and not sin, but you won't go out the next day in the

understanding - "I'M IN CHRIST JESUS!" You'll go out and know I've

come to the Lord and something wonderful has happened to me, I feel

different, I feel clean, my sins are forgiven - and they are! But

what I'm telling you is there's a greater comprehension of

salvation than getting out of Egypt!

That was Israel - they comprehended they were out of Egypt. But

they could not comprehend Canaan. And Canaan was God's idea of

salvation - not getting out of Egypt. And because they couldn't, or

wouldn't comprehend - and the Bible says because of unbelief - they

would not comprehend - they refused to comprehend. And they all

died. They didn't die because they weren't delivered. They died

because they wouldn't go into Canaan. They didn't die because they

stayed in Egypt, they died because they wouldn't go into Canaan.

They didn't die because God's promise failed, they died because

they wouldn't comprehend the promise of God. There are Christians

today dying spiritually, and probably physically as well, and in

battles in their heart and soul simply because they do not

comprehend Great Salvation! The Lord would have us to come to a

comprehension of Himself! Not just what He's brought us from but

what He's brought us to. So that salvation would not just be a

continual ordeal of not sinning, but salvation would begin to be a

growing up into Him in all things. So that salvation would not just

be a people who don't do this or that, but salvation would be

represented by a people manifesting Christ! But I'm just saying

that most of us when we came to the Lord, came on that level of

comprehension, and we were dealt with more on the comprehending of

sins and sinning. I have been in Pentecost all of my life. I am one

who could fill an altar preaching against short hair and lipstick.

And people actually came and repented and said they got saved - and

their comprehension of salvation was not having short hair and not

wearing lipstick.

I'm not telling you that through repentance and the mercy of God

and the Spirit they weren't saved, I'm telling you when they got up

from there they no more comprehended salvation than they did when

they got down there. If something transpired in them, they had no

comprehension of it. People are in bondage in the Church today -

for many it's the greatest jailhouse upon the face of the earth. We

can't declare the reality of Christ to them, so we just keep

putting them into one bondage after another bondage. I'm not saying

they're not saved, I'm saying most people that are saved have no

Spirit comprehension of what it really means. Because it has been

relegated to these other things by people who presented what was

supposed to be the gospel to them. Now Paul said the Lord will use

anything. He said I know there's some out there preaching Jesus

just to contempt me - they're making fun of me. But he says, Jesus

is being preached one way or the other! But if God can really bring

a person to true salvation through that kind of foolishness - what

can He do with the TRUTH? A greater comprehension.

This is what the Lord confronts them with. He says, " Who do you

say that I the Son of Man am?" That's what it finally comes down

to. What is your comprehension of me as the Son of Man? And it is

interesting that He does not ask the multitudes that. He doesn't

ask the Pharisees that. He asks His disciples that, because the

question is concerning them and their relationship with Christ. He

asks the forerunners of the Church this question, and He brings it

right into the foundation of the Church as we saw - THE SON OF MAN!

We looked then at Isaiah 66, "UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK." And

we made the point that the end of God's view - how far does God see?

HE SEES TO THIS MAN! He looks to This Man. Does He look beyond

This Man? He does not look beyond This Man. The end of God's intention

is This Man. This is locked up in the word "look". It is God's line

of view. It is the apple of God's eye. It is God's desire and

divine intention. What? This Man! But the reference there is as my

place of rest, as my dwelling place, as the finality of all that I

have considered to do. Because the question was what is it that

you're going to build me on this earth? What house will you build

me? What work will you do for me? What can you do for me wherein I

can find rest? My hands have provided all things. No - UNTO THIS

MAN WILL I LOOK.

This Man is the finished work of God! The work that the Lord Jesus

said I come to finish the work my Father gave me to do. On the

cross He said, "It is finished." UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK. God

does not look past This Man. We saw the nature of This Man and his

birthplace. He's born in Zion - when Zion travails. This Man is

God's view. There are three words I will use - God's view, God's

vision, God's mirror. It has always been in God's heart to bring

whoever He dealt with into the view of That Man, because it is a

transforming view. It is a view of the Spirit. It is not something

you see afar off. It's something that the Spirit shows you. Is

salvation far off? Salvation is in you! And yet salvation is

something that only the Spirit can show you. Now the law can

convict you, but only the Spirit can show you salvation. The law

can convict you of sin, and what I'm saying is most of our

preaching is along that line. But the Spirit can show you

salvation.

What is the single command that should have gotten Israel from

Egypt into Canaan - without any other command, without Ten

Commandments, without Mt. Sinai, without any other? "Stand still

and see the salvation of the Lord." They saw a great deliverance

but they never saw the salvation of the Lord. A few days after they

saw a great deliverance they were all moaning, complaining, they

wanted to go back. If they had seen the salvation of the Lord that

wouldn't have happened. Salvation of the Lord was not visibly seen

until David brought Israel to Mt. Zion and unveiled the glory of

God in their midst. And was not for Israel that the end of the

journey? Did not their journey continue until David brought them to

Mt. Zion, named them the city of the King, brought them out of

their divisions into one house, and unveiled in the midst of them

the glory of God? That was the end of Israel's journey. And it

speaks of a tremendous spiritual reality and the writer of the book

of Hebrews saw that and he said, listen here, "YOU HAVE COME TO

MT. ZION!" You and I have been brought to the end of the journey. I'm

not journeying! I am not wandering! You are no longer pilgrims, you

are not longer strangers, but citizens of the household of God. I'm

not on a journey, Hallelujah! I've come home! Ye are in Mt. Zion.

You are in Mt. Zion. That's the end of the journey.

Now what happens there? God reveals His Man! God reveals His Son!

And it is in the view of that Son that Solomon represents that the

house of God comes together upon Mt. Zion and the glory of God

fills that house, beyond which any man can stand and minister. And

the nations come to the glory of it. Well you are come to Mt. Zion.

Then what's the next thing in order? The revealing of the Son! The

coming of the Evercoming One. The revealing of the Son of Man.

Solomon represents all of this. David represents a view of Christ

that brings you there. Solomon represents a view of Christ that

comes up in the midst. Solomon was born in Zion. UNTO THIS MAN

WILL I LOOK. Solomon was born in Zion. He is a type of That Man

that comes forth in Zion - that is revealed of God. Solomon twice

revealed of His father, David. Solomon came to sit upon the throne

of His father, not take it away from him, but perpetuate that

throne of His father. Solomon revealed in the midst of Zion and in

the midst of a people. Solomon who by wisdom, understanding and

knowledge brought the house, the temple of God together piece by

piece. Not by effort, not by might, by my Spirit saith the Lord.

Not a sound of a man's tool was upon the thing. I'm telling you

there's only one thing that's going to bring the house of God

together in Zion - and that's This Man being revealed.

It's you and I through God revealed in The Son come to see that we

are all One Man! And come to see The Man that we are by Him,

through Him, in Him, because of Him, in oneness with Him, for the

purpose of manifesting Him. And then you will have seen the

salvation of the Lord! Then you will have seen a greater than

Solomon has come, Jesus said. Thus He said speaking of the coming

of the Son of Man. Greater than Solomon. Greater glory because the

glory of This Man is the glory of the Lord! The glory of This Man

is Christ in you - the expectation of glory. This Man is not born

of woman. This Man comes by death, burial and resurrection. I'm

excited about the salvation of the Lord! I'm excited about the

creation of God in Christ Jesus!

So, unto This Man. Then God's effort of the Spirit has been to

bring every ministry and every prophet unto this view. Let's look

at some of them. My point is - He is the end, the view of all

prophets and all prophesy. We went to Acts 3:19-23 in our last

lesson. He must be received of heaven, retained. And it's speaking

there of the manifestation of Him being retained until order is

established, until perfect order comes, until perfect view comes,

until perfect comprehension comes. And the writer there says it's

what all the prophets have talked about. And then he gives an

example - Moses himself spoke of it when he said the Lord shall

raise up unto you of your brethren a prophet. I'm telling you This

Man is the final prophet of God. He's the final prophetic Word of

God. HE IS THE WORD OF GOD MADE MANIFEST! We're not talking about

two sons here - we're talking about One Son revealed in a people.

To the point that those people are virtually, literally by the

Spirit of God transformed into an expression of Him! Should not His

Body give Him full expression? If not His Body, then whatever

could, whatever will? THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN YOU CRIES OUT

RIGHT NOW TO BE REVEALED - to transform our minds, transform

our inner man, to work in you that very mind of Christ Himself. If the

Spirit of Christ is in you, the Spirit of Christ in you now cries out for

such a revealing! That's what makes His Body a living Body! Rather

than just an empty temple, an empty tomb that He's departed out

from. The very Spirit of Christ in you. Yes - because you are sons,

God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your heart crying out,

Abba, Father - God, my Father. He is in you - crying out to be

revealed!

Why should He not? You're the place of His revealing. You are come

to such a place. You are come to such a mountain - to be revealed.

Even Moses, he said, spake of such a One. And those who did not

hear such a One were defiled, they did not come to completion, they

were brought to ruin. Who don't hear who? Who don't hear HIM! Him

who speaks from heaven. We're so used to being spoken to in words,

and God speaks in WORD! In sundry times and time past He spoke in

words. He spoke in words to the prophets, but all the prophets

spoke words concerning This One Man - This One Word - This One Son

to be revealed. " But hath at the end of those times spoken unto us

in Son". That tells me that if the Son has not been revealed in me,

I have not heard the voice of God. If the Son has not been revealed

in me, all I know is words about Him, maybe good words, hard words,

strong words - but words nonetheless. Until the Word, The Son...

God has spoken in Son. He has a better way of speaking than through

preachers, than through prophets. He desires to reveal His Son. God

has spoken in Son! Consequently then, the purpose of ministry has

become not to speak about Him, but to declare Him. And bring a

people to hear Him and to see Him! Not substitute ourselves for

Him, but to bring a people unto Him.

My Lord - there's nothing like the living Word of the living God

being revealed. There's nothing like personal confrontation with

the Lord Jesus. Nothing like it! All the prophets have spoken of

This Man. Sure, because God has brought them to view him. Look at

Isaiah 6. We're looking at the Person of This Man. He is the end of

the view of all the prophets. " In the year that King Uzziah

died..." Uzziah represents everything that is not Christ. Uzziah

represents the flesh. He represents one who seeks to do worship,

one who seeks to make sacrifice, one who seeks to live in the

temple of God, that is not Christ. Paul brings that right over into

the New Testament and he says, " If any man defile the temple of

God, him shall God defile." What that really means is the same

thing he did to Uzziah. God will show him to be what he is, He will

bring him to ruin. There's another reference where one seeks to

stand where he should not. Uzziah represents that. So, how do you

defile the temple of God? Not with make up. Not with a ring or some

sort of a necktie. There are denominations that you can't preach in

wearing a necktie! Look what the scriptures say - "If any man

defile..." Do you know how you defile the temple of God? You defile

the temple of God by living in it. It's God's temple. Man defiles

it by living in it. Living my life.

No wonder Paul said, " It's not I, it's Christ that liveth in me."

That's a comprehension that doesn't fall off the roof and hit you

on the head. That's a comprehension that comes when God reveals

Christ in you, and brings you and I into that personal

confrontation - It's not me, it's Him! He lives in me! All of a

sudden divine order is established. He's the Son and I'm the

temple. He's the Head and I'm the Body - divine order is

established. Because He lives ye shall live also - divine order is

established. It's always the Son first - and last - and always. "I

AM CRUCIFIED." Paul came to that confrontation. It's the Lord who

liveth in me - not I. But see, right now we hear that bouncing off

of our eardrums, we hear it as a vibration of the words, not The

Word being revealed in us. But that very Son right now is crying

out to take His place in His temple. That very Son is crying out

right now to purge His temple and wash it with the washing of the

water of the Word, and bring it into a comprehending of Him. So

that very temple would go out of this place shouting and leaping in

a comprehension that it is not I that liveth - but Christ liveth in

me! That a divine comprehension would take hold of our hearts.

Uzziah represents everything that stands against that. "I'm king,

I'll go in here. I'll do this. I'll do that." The ministry of the

Spirit comes in and says, 'You don't belong here, mister.' He just

pushes that away. The Spirit of God deals with us every day about

things and in things. So we try to get rid of things. No - He's

dealing with you and I about you and I! We just substitute bad

things for good things. It's still me. He's dealing with me about

me. All Uzziah was trying to do was offer sacrifices and spiritual

worship. I mean he wasn't in there committing adultery. The whole

point was he wasn't supposed to be in there. He wasn't properly

clothed. He did not, you see, even in type, represent the Lord or

the Spirit of the Lord. He wasn't sanctified through death, through

the blood, as were the priests. He didn't belong there. Christ and

Christ alone lives in This Man! Christ and Christ alone lives in

This Creation! He comes by His blood, by His death, by His burial,

His resurrection. Nobody else lives here but Him! Everything here

lives by Him and because He lives, I live! If any man defiles the

temple of God, him will God defile. Him will God bring to ruin. God

will uncover his leprous condition. Uzziah died as a leper as a

result of that. Now see, all of that took place - now the Lord can

be seen! In the year that King Uzziah died. Up until that time

Uzziah was King, but in the year King Uzziah died - not old man

Uzziah - King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord high and lifted up

sitting upon HIS THRONE. The issue here is where? IN HIS TEMPLE!

I didn't just see the Lord. I saw the Lord in His temple, whose

temple ye are! See, that's the whole point, it's where do you see

the Lord?

Not in a figment of my imagination - no - I saw Him in His temple,

sitting on His throne, and His majesty, train, glory, His majesty

filled that temple! Now that's the revelation with which the book

and the prophesy of Isaiah begins. The thing it ends with is "Unto

This Man will I look." When the Lord is revealed, His habitation is

revealed. When He who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also

appear, as one with Him in glory. What I'm telling you is This Man

can't be seen until the Lord appears because all This Man is, is

the appearing of the Lord! No wonder Paul says we don't look after

the flesh. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation." And I'm

telling you, you can't see That Man. You can't see that creation

until the creator of it appears in the midst of it and gives it

visibility by His own appearing! There's no way you and I can

comprehend our relationship with Him until He's revealed in us. We

can comprehend our relationship with Him based upon sin - I don't

do this. But you see that's a small comprehension, a lesser

comprehension, that's comprehending me and what I don't do. That's

still not a comprehending of Him. That's not a comprehending of the

place wherein I now live. There's no comprehension of a new

creation in that.

And then what do we do without that comprehension? Well, we just

struggle all our life to stay out of the old one that we're out of.

So we fight the devil every day we live, we fight sin every day we

live, and most of our prayers are 'God help me to hold out to the

end before the devil catches me.' Paul was praying along these

lines, in one of the last letters he wrote before they cut his head

off - " Oh, that I may know Him and the power of His ..." Not that

I may stay out of sin, and that I may hold out and serve God - NO -

"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection." Still

being made conformable to His death - that Uzziah died. Still

enjoying Him in the fellowship of His sufferings. "For I reckon

that the sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be

compared with the glory that shall be revealed in me - in us."

Glory to God!

Isaiah saw The Man. He saw the Lord in His temple and the train

filled the temple and as a result of that the glory of God was seen

filling the earth. As a result of that, all ministry (Isaiah

representing that present day ministry) fell on its face and said,

'My God, I'm not even worthy to talk about this kind of salvation.

There's none in Israel that understands this kind of salvation.' I

find myself there continually. I look and say, 'My God, I can't

even say this. There's not a language made for man to say this.'

Because I'm not talking about me really, I'm talking about Him! And

yet you sound like a silly person. Paul did - he sounded like an

idiot. " I'm crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live, yet not

I..." Somebody said, make up your mind. Why doesn't he make up his

mind - he either does or he doesn't, it's just that simple. Well,

it isn't that simple, No sir, I live but not I. I LIVE BUT LIFE IS

HIM! I LIVE BY LIFE BUT THE LIFE BY WHICH I LIVE IS HIM.

HE HASN'T GIVEN ME LIFE MERELY - HE LIVES IN ME! He

that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

That comprehension comes. He comes out of the dark corners of the

universe and comes to confront you right where He is - within! And

we come to comprehend Him there. And I'm telling you there's not a

language among man that can explain that or speak of that. Every

tongue becomes dumb, every eye becomes blind, every heart and head

has to bow and say, 'Oh God, I can't say this. I don't have the

language to say this.' That's the truth. That's the reason there's

so much misunderstanding out of the preaching of this. One will

hear one thing, another will hear another. This is a Word that only

the Spirit of God can say, but it's shut up in my bones and I can

not be quiet, I must declare this Word. No - I can't reveal it, but

I must declare Him that is revealed in me. I see the prophets and

the scriptures speaking of Him and I must declare Him. If hearts

might turn to see Him and behold Him and be caught up in the

realization of Him - changed, transformed, and become an expression

of Him. Why? Because the Holy Spirit won't rest until He makes

Jerusalem a praise in the earth! If He won't accomplish that in you

and I, He'll accomplish that in somebody else. But it's going to be

accomplished because it's accomplished in Christ Jesus. And what is

accomplished in Christ is going to be revealed in a people and

manifested in the earth. Why? Because it's already done in Him! It

has to be revealed and it shall be made manifest! I'd just love to

be part of that. To me that's what salvation is. I know all the

other is involved, but salvation goes beyond that. I don't mind you

declaring some of that other to people that are still in it, but

why just beat saints over the head with it time after time. Surely

some time or the other a saint of God is ready to come to a

comprehending of Christ. My heart cries for such a comprehending.

Let's go to Ezekiel 1. This is so wonderful. "Now it came to pass

in the thirtieth year in the fourth month and in the fifth day of

the month as I was among the captives by the river Chebar..."

There's a great confession here in the heart of Ezekiel that I wish

would come into our hearts, and particularly the heart of ministry.

We in ministry think we know so much, and in fact we know so

little. Here is Ezekiel, a bonafide priest of God. He's not a

prophet yet, but he's as blind as a bird bat. The word 'captive'

according to Isaiah and other prophets means 'having no vision'. It

is said they are in captivity because they have no knowledge - they

have no vision. This verse does not say God gave me a vision. Many

of us have had visions and dreams. Those are listed among signs and

wonders and things like that. This verse is not talking about God

giving you a vision. This verse is the vision of God. There's a

difference between God giving you a vision and the vision of God.

There's a difference between somebody giving you a word from God

and The Word of God being revealed in you. And I have nothing wrong

with someone giving you a word until they substitute that for The

Word being revealed in you. Then I have a great deal against it.

The Word of God is Christ, the living Word. I may come and knock on

your door and say the Lord sent me to tell you, 'Thus saith the

Lord.' That's a word from God. But that's not The Word OF God. That

doesn't transform you, that doesn't change you. That doesn't bring

forth an increase of Christ in you. There's the difference. One

comes by a gift of prophesy. The other comes by the revelation of

Jesus Christ. And the Bible tells me the revelation of Christ, the

more perfect Word takes precedence over all that is in part. And

must have precedence over all that is in part because that which is

in part shall cease. When? When that which is perfect is come!

You see Ezekiel didn't get a vision from God, he saw the vision of

God. His confession was I was blind, I was sitting among the rest

of the captives. I was in captivity along with all the rest. I

would to God that ministry would spend some time on their face and

say to God - 'Your people are in captivity because I'm in

captivity. I'm right here with them. I need to see you! I need to

know you!' Rather than acting like everybody's dumb but me. A

spirit of confession needs to come into our hearts. Jesus said to

the Pharisees, 'If you'd just say you were blind I would give you

light. But you just keep calling your blindness light, and how

grossly dark it is. Because not only are you blind, you're also

deceived.' It's one thing to be blind and another thing to be blind

as a bat and think you can see - that's deception. The point is

Ezekiel had an honest heart before God. He wasn't deceived. He knew

he was a captive, and his heart cried out to God. And you can read

in other places how their hearts cried out, and God's answer to

them wasn't to take them off of the bank - they didn't move a foot.

God's answer was He opened the heaven! And that's His answer to

those who live in heavenly places. His answer is to open the heaven

and let you manifest reality right where you are. Now - that will

change things.

" The heavens were opened, and I saw..." The word is "ra-ah" #7200

in the Greek-Hebrew Study Bible. It means a thing revealed of God.

Ra-ah was also used in Genesis 12:7 - "And the Lord appeared unto

Abram." The same thing is happening here. I saw. I was blind, now I

see. Who is the sight? The Lord is the sight. "...I saw visions of

God." The Hebrew term here is vision of God - the one vision of God

- the "marah" of God. It means mirror, and in the New Testament

it's that glass that Paul is talking about that you look into and

behold the glory of God - and are changed. I told you - this

vision will transform you. "Marah" means the act of seeing. He saw

the mirror, the vision of God. What is being said is, until you see

this, you are blind. It's not seeing something, it's seeing Him who

is accounted as sight. 'Lord give me sight so I can see something.'

No - the Lord gives you sight in His appearing - and you see Him!

He is the light and the object thereof. Seeing Him is counted for

sight. Seeing everything but Him is counted as blindness. The

Pharisees were scriptural geniuses. Jesus said, "You're blind. You

won't receive me." God tells you and I, until you see This Man,

until you come to this view, you're blind! Now that struck me real

hard, but then I realized that everything I see I turn around and

look back here, and I see I'm no longer here and I was looking

backwards. But when I turned to see the voice that spake with me I

had to confess - I'm blind. And until I see you I'll be blind. It's

the act of seeing. God brought me to see. He brought me to sight.

"I SAW." Immediately Ezekiel was no longer a captive. He was still

over there on the river bank, but he was no longer a captive! The

vision of God came to him and set him free. Paul was in prison, but

he was no longer a captive.

The second thing "marah" means is the appearing of the one seen.

Those two meanings make up the vision of God. Ezekiel saw the

mirror God looks to when He wants to see the appearing of Himself.

We go to a mirror and see a reflection. But God has no reflections.

He is appearing in a people! He is being revealed in a people and

it's real. One scholar said this appearing is not and can not be a

figment of an imagination - but must have substance to it. It's not

you and I coming to a different idea. I'm talking about the Son of

God being revealed in you. God being revealed in you in the person

of His Son. I'm talking about the Son appearing. I'm talking about

you and I coming face-to-face with the vision of God. The act of

seeing and the virtual appearing of the one seen. God revealed His

Son in me! He didn't give me another idea about Him, didn't give me

another concept about Him, not another teaching about Him. No - He

appears. I saw the mirror God looks to when He wants to see the

appearing of Himself. UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK.

In Ezekiel Chapter 1, tell me what is being described there - the

four living ones, the movement of the wheels, the throne - what

does it all come to? " And their appearance was as the appearance

of A MAN." Verse 5, " And out of the midst thereof came the

likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance;

they had the likeness of A MAN." Verse 26, " Above the firmament

that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the

appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne

was the likeness as the appearance of A MAN above upon it." Verse

28, "As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day

of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This

was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And

when I saw it, I fell upon my face and I heard a voice of one that

spake." Ezekiel saw THE MAN! He saw The Man that is designed,

destined to give God His appearing, His visibility, His expression

and His manifestation. He saw The Man!

He saw the creation of God. He saw what God has created in Christ

Jesus. He saw the New Creation but he saw it in such a fashion as

to be the expression of God. He saw the end of the matter! He saw

The Man as He truly is! If you and I would come to see the

salvation of the Lord, it would transform your understanding,

transform your understanding concerning yourself, concerning

salvation, concerning your relationship to Him. It would transform

your inner man. He saw The Man! Here's the view of God and here's

the mirror. God is not looking for a reflection in us. He is

looking for His appearing in us! In a people - to reveal His Son in

a people. He's not after a bunch of people running around trying to

be like Jesus. No - He's after a people who manifest Jesus. There's

a great deal of difference in those two things. 'Well, He's making

me like Jesus.' No, He's not. He's bringing forth His Son, being

revealed in you and I. He is not after a reflection. I know we say

all these things with good intentions, but we're wrong. It has a

wrong comprehension to it. No, no, it's His Son being revealed.

It's His Son having an appearing. It's His Son being unveiled,

uncovered!

He brought His prophets to see that and everyone of them spoke of

it. Peter over here in Acts 3 says this is the salvation they were

talking about. This is it! Daniel sees such a One. He just calls

Him the Son of Man. And immediately he's seen an association with

the saints and the saints an association of the manifestation of

the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is not something you run

out and set up, it's a divine authority you manifest. It's a dominion

that is established in you. If dominion is not established in you,

you have no dominion. If you're not under authority, you don't have

authority! This Man is seen in association with the throne. The

throne is established. See, we're like the Jew, we're running

around looking for a Kingdom. When are you going to set it up? The

Lord said, wait, " THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS IN YOU!" To be

revealed in the person of the King. First taking dominion in you and

over you, then expressing that dominion, that nature, that character in

all the earth. The powers of hell can't stand against that expressed

nature! Couldn't get Him off the cross, how do you think you're

going to do anything else with it? No sir!

FATHER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACE AND YOUR MERCY.

THANK YOU FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT WHO HAS COME

TO REVEAL THE SON AND BRING HIM FORTH IN A PEOPLE. DEAL

WITH US BY YOUR SPIRIT ACCORDING TO THE VISION OF GOD.

DEAL WITH US BY YOUR SPIRIT ACCORDING TO THE VIEW OF

GOD. DEAL WITH US BY YOUR SPIRIT IN THE TRUTH OF

SALVATION I PRAY. THAT GOD MAY HAVE GLORY IN A PEOPLE.

THAT THE GLORY OF THE LORD MAY FILL THE EARTH AS THE

ATERS COVER THE SEA! AMEN.

PART THREE

You know that the cornerstone as taught in the scriptures

represents and in fact is the whole foundation. " Behold I lay in

Zion for a foundation, a stone..." The cornerstone is the

foundation. I had been thinking about this a while back when I was

really disturbed in the Spirit about false foundation in the

Church. You won't find false foundations in the world - there's no

foundation there at all. It seems we try to build a Church upon

everything except the foundation. Beloved, the foundation is

CHRIST, but it isn't Christ after a natural point of view. It isn't

Christ after a historical or even a theological view. It is Christ

revealed in you by the Father. That's the only thing upon which God

can build His habitation. Because the scriptures teach He builds it

up in the foundation. It's the very statement and realization Paul

says concerning the Body - "growing up in to Him who is the Head in

all things." The foundation is not just Christ as a subject, a

person, a theology - Christ revealed. Christ laid in Zion. Christ

revealed in the mount of God that you are. For you are come into

Mt. Zion, that is to be one with the city of God, the heavenly

Jerusalem. It is in that very mount that God lays the foundation.

It is in that very mount that God reveals His Son. It's in you that

the Spirit of God desires to reveal the Son - lay in you the

foundation, lay in you the realization of Him upon which and up in

which the whole building is builded together as a habitation of God

by His Spirit. Jesus is the cornerstone. He's the whole foundation!

Now we know the scripture that talks about being built upon the

foundation of the apostles and prophets, and people get off on

that. The foundation of ministry is the same foundation of the

Church. The foundation is Christ - the chief cornerstone. The

cornerstone spoken of in the Old Testament, " Behold I lay in Zion

for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a tested stone, a precious

cornerstone." The foundation is Christ Himself. So Paul says no man

can lay any foundation other than that which is laid, that

foundation which is Christ. Ministry is not the foundation,

ministry is to be involved in laying the foundation - not

substituting themselves for the foundation. You're not built upon

ministry. You're built in the Lord Jesus Christ. And the purpose of

ministry is to bring about that building - not to substitute

themselves for it. Let ONE be exalted in the Church and He is

Jesus. He is the Head. Let ONE be exalted in the temple and He is

the foundation thereof. Let all ministry serve that foundation.

Turn with me to John's gospel the twelfth chapter. You'll find this

same entry in Matthew 21:1-11 and Mark 11:1-11 and Luke 19:28-40. I

just want to bring this to light with what we're talking about -

WHO IS THE SON OF MAN? The reality, the understanding which only

comes by the revelation of Jesus. You can not separate the Lord

Jesus Christ from that in which He is revealed. You can't separate

the Lord Jesus Christ from the thing, the vehicle, the reality that

He's revealed in. If He's revealed in His people then you can't

separate the Lord from His people. You can't separate the Head from

His body. You can't separate Christ from those in whom He dwells.

Because He gives it all substance! If you separate the Head from

the Body then the Body ceases as a living thing to exist. Isn't it

interesting that you can cut off almost every member except the

head and still get along somehow or another. You may be maimed and

mauled and kind of stumble along, but you cut the head off and

you've pretty well done the deal. We have created all kinds of

protheses except a head. Even those things that are in the head are

most vital to the functioning of the whole body. You can't separate

the Son of God from that creation in which He is revealed - His

Body - or you destroy the whole.

WHO IS THE SON OF MAN? - this is the line of our consideration.

We've just dealt with the first part. He is the eternal view of

God. Isaiah 66 - " UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK." That is, set my

whole sight, set my whole heart, my whole purpose, my whole desire

- UNTO THIS MAN WILL I LOOK. For what? For my rest. For that

wherein I am complete! We brought This Man into a clearer focus in

the prophets - Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel. We found This Man, created

of God is the end of all prophets, the end of all prophesy and the

end of all ministry. Now in Ephesians 4 it speaks of where He hath

given ministry. For what purpose hath He given ministry? " For the

building up of the saints, the body of Jesus Christ..." Unto what

end? Til we all get to heaven? No, that's not the end of the

scripture. Getting you out of one place and getting you someplace

else is not the end of God's program. God's program is to have a

full revealing and manifesting of Himself in a people! The end is

unto the glory of God. God having glory in a people! God having

expression in a people.

The word "glory" in you Bible, both in the Hebrew and the Greek is

translated 'the self revelation of God in divine expression'.

That's what glory is. When you are brought unto glory, you are

brought unto that purpose, unto that fulfillment. You are brought

in Christ Jesus that God may have His revealing and His expression

in you. Mount Zion is unto the glory of God. You read it throughout

the whole scripture. But we have this idea that glory is some kind

of a feeling, or some kind of a halo. And while it may well in the

scripture have been testified to by all of that, glory itself is

God having expression. That's why Mt. Sinai was not full in glory.

That's why Moses could not see fully the glory of God, or see the

full glory of God, because Sinai represents the wrong mountain,

Sinai represents a position where God is one place and His people

are another place. But in Mt. Zion He has full glory, because Zion

represents the reality of God dwelling in His people. Ye are come

unto Mt. Zion. And that's not God's mount of visitation, that's

God's mount of habitation. He inhabits a people. And there the

glory of God is full. The purpose of that mount is that God has a

full revealing and a full expression in a people. So the end is

This Man who gives God glory! He's the end of all prophets, but

He's also the end of all New Testament ministry. He is the end of

all that.

Ephesians 4: " For the building up... til we all come in the unity

of the faith (it doesn't say to) which is the knowledge of the Son

of God, unto a perfect man (man full grown, completed) in the

measure of the stature (which means age) of the fulness of Christ."

A Man measured in the age... age implying maturity, the stature,

the age of the Lord. Such A Man is the end of the operation and

ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is come first to bring

you into a relationship with such a Man, bring you into such a New

Man, bring you into such a New Creation, and then by revealing That

Man in you, bring you to be a full expression of Him! That God may

have full expression in the earth. That in fact, the knowledge of

the glory of God fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. I

don't know how you and I have expected that to take place, except

in and through a people chosen, called, placed for such a purpose.

His Temple.

So then the Son of Man is the issue. Since He is the end of all

prophets, the view, the end of the operation of the Spirit, HE IS

THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL SCRIPTURE. All scripture finds its

fulfillment in Him. I want you to see your relationship, your

identity, as the Church with That One. I'd like for us to come away

from this having a different view of ourself, a different view of

the Church, and that view, that knowledge, be as a result of God

having revealed His Son in us; all things then are finding their

end in This One. We traditionally and theologically celebrate Palm

Sunday and even there this Son of Man is in view. He is the end of

that.

John's gospel the twelfth chapter, verse 12. " On the next day much

people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was

coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to

meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that

cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a

young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of

Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These

things understood not the disciples at the first..." When did they

remember these things? Well, when Jesus went down and explained it

to them? No. When did they remember these things? " But when Jesus

was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written

of him, and that they had done these things unto Him."

"Jesus answered..." Verse 23. He has come now. He has come in this

manner. " And Jesus answered them saying, The hour is come, that

the SON OF MAN should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you,

except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth

alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth

his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world

shall keep it unto life eternal." Verse 31, "Now is the judgment of

this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I,

if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Verse

34, " And the people answered him, We have heard out of the law

that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of Man

must be lifted up. WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?" Well, that's the

question we started out with. Only Jesus was asking it to the

disciples - "Who do you say that I the Son of Man am?" And now here

the people are asking - Who is this Son of Man that you keep

talking about, that you are bringing testimony of? It is not

someone other than the Lord Jesus. But it is certainly the Lord

Jesus in another comprehension. It's the Lord Jesus in a

comprehension that the people around Him at that time certainly are

not having. It's the Lord Jesus brought forth in a comprehension

that the disciples did not at that time, looking at Him with their

natural eyes, they did not have. When He questioned Peter about Him

He said, 'flesh and blood - looking at me sitting here in my robe

hasn't revealed that to you. Only my Father can reveal this

relationship that I have with my Church. Only my Father can truly

reveal the Son of Man.' And here, they are understanding the

connection with Christ. They say, the scriptures say Christ abideth

forever - how are you saying that This Son of Man should be lifted

up?

I'VE COME TO DIE! But if you notice He is linking this being lifted

up, the manner of His death - with the hour of His glorification.

And you'll notice the apostles are saying we didn't understand it

until after He was glorified. Then we understood what He meant when

He said what He said. But the question still is, even of Him coming

into Jerusalem and the pomp and all of that - look at what it ends

with. THE END OF THAT IS THE SON OF MAN BEING GLORIFIED!

And the people looking at the instrument of His glorification - which is

the cross - and they could not receive it. They could not believe

it. 'How say ye that the Son of Man could be glorified at the same

time you're saying He must die, He must be lifted up. What kind of

A Man is this that is glorified in death? What kind of A Man is

this that abideth forever yet must be lifted up? WHO IS THIS SON OF

MAN? What kind of A Man are you talking about?'

And most believers don't know today what kind of A Man He was

talking about. I noticed something here that relates to Psalm 24

verse 7. " Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be lift up, ye

everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." See this

is speaking of a living city. A living city of Jerusalem. This

whole thing is enacted over here in John 12, here in the literal

city of Jerusalem. That's the reason they couldn't get a hold of

this Son of Man. That's the reason they couldn't comprehend This

One of whom Christ speaks, This One that Christ specifically came

to bring forth through His own death, His own burial, and His own

resurrection. This One that He brings forth in the Resurrection, in

union with Himself. We're not talking about two Sons - we're

talking about the One Son being revealed in a creation. The One Son

being revealed in those that He brings forth in His Resurrection.

We're talking about One New Man! Just like here we're talking about

a living, everlasting doors. " and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord

mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them

up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come it. Who

is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

But the King of glory came in riding on an ass's colt - not carried

on the shoulder of slaves, sitting in a high chair. You'll not see

Him lifted up that way. The only way He's lifted up is on the

cross! And everything the cross stands for, because the cross

stands for death, and burial and resurrection. Where you're going

to see Him lifted up is in a people who have come by His death, His

burial, his resurrection and comprehend they have no life but Him!

You'll not see Him lifted up in the arrogancy of the flesh, and in

the carnality of the human nature. Whether it's found in sinners or

believers, you'll not see Him lifted up there. It's not in the

manner of the flesh that this King of glory comes. It's not after

the manner of flesh that this King of glory rules. HIS KINGDOM IS

IN YOU! Causing us in the natural to say, Who is this Son of Man?

Who is this King of glory? Who is such a One, who actually rules by

the laying down of His life?

I tell you, the Son of Man has to be revealed of the Father. What

has that to do with you and I? We are found no where except in This

Man! The very visible Body of This Man who is known only when the

Father reveals Him. He is so contrary to the first man, so totally

different in every way from the Adamic man. Notice something

further about this in I Kings 1. Solomon in the Old Testament was

the type of This Son of Man. Solomon, that son that is born in

Zion, revealed of the Father. Solomon, in whom, by whom, through

whom the whole temple of God is gathered together for the purpose

of giving God full expression. Solomon is that son who finishes his

work after the pattern given to him of his father, who finishes the

work. Solomon is that son of whom it is said he finished the house

unto the foundation thereof, unto the gathering together thereof,

and unto the perfecting thereof. It is This Son. It is This Son

unto whom the gathering of the people, the gathering up - gathering

what? Gathering in the knowledge of the Lord; gathering that He

might have expression.

I Kings 1:32, " And King David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and

Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came

before the King. The King also said unto them, Take with you the

servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon my own

mule, and bring him down to Gihon. And let Zadok the priest and

Nathan the prophet anoint him there King over Israel, and blow ye

with the trumpet and say, God save King Solomon. Then ye shall come

up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne for he shall

be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be ruler over

Israel and over Judah." Do you understand that it is in This One

that the house of Israel and the house of Judah becomes one house

again - One Body! We're speaking spiritually here, but we're

speaking reality here. It is in This One that everything is brought

together as ONE. And verse 39, " And Zadok the priest took an horn

of oil out of the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew

the trumpet; and all the people said, God save King Solomon." Now

I'm only going to say one thing about this, the realization here.

This son is the Son (back to our place in John 12) exalted only by

the Father, not of Himself!

I don't know why the Lord has dealt with me in such a way but I'm

compelled of the Lord in the setting of these scriptures - THERE IS

NO SELF EXALTATION IN THIS SON. This is The Son that is glorified

at the cross. "The hour is come the Son of Man should be glorified.

Except a corn ..." What do you mean glorified? Brought forth in

many, given expression in many. How do you do that? Except He falls

into the ground and dies, He will have no fruit. You mean

everything that He's done has brought forth no fruit? NO FRUIT!

These that I have chosen, He would say, sit here and do not

understand the word that I say. Nor can you with your natural minds

comprehend who I am - Christ in the flesh. How will you ever come

to comprehend me in you, which is the fulfillment of the Son of

Man! THE SON OF MAN IS FULFILLED IN TWO BODIES - ONE TO

DIE, WHICH CONNECTS WITH ADAM; AND ONE TO LIVE,

WHICH YOU ARE!

Do you understand that it's Christ, the Son of the living God,

that's who it is, but in connection with the body to die, it's the

Son of Man in His death. And in connection with His Body to live,

it is the Son of Man in glory; glorified! How comes This One to be

glorified? Through death, burial, through resurrection. He dwells

in His Body. Now just as real - more real - than He dwelled in His

body then. The body He had then was to die - it was made a little

lower than the angels for the purpose of suffering death. But the

Body He has now, is a Body of Glory. It's not the thing you see,

it's the thing you can't see! It's not black or white, male or

female, Jew or Greek - it's what you can't see. But it's real. It's

not off somewhere. It's right here represented, housed in

tabernacles of flesh.

So that these instruments be surrendered to it as servants of

righteousness. I've got a body and I am a Body. And the body that I

have must serve the Body that I am! Here's the Body that I now am.

Here's the Body that you are. And the only way you'll ever

understand That Man, That Body, is that the Son of God be revealed

in you! Not something aside from Him; not something other than Him.

It's His Body that can not be known, be recognized, except He be

revealed in it. You can teach it theology, you can give it

experiences, you can heal it - He did all of those things. And in

none of them was He glorified. In none of them did He bring forth

fruit. No sir. This is a glorious kind of Man - made glorious by

the Lord of glory! Who is this? HE IS THE KING OF GLORY! Open the

gates and let the King of glory come in! O ye heavenly city, O ye

heavenly Jerusalem. And the King of glory shall come in. At the end

is the Son of Man being glorified!

He came into that city that the Son of Man be glorified. That This

Man - Christ be revealed in Him. I say again - He is one exalted of

the Father, not of self. So He says - go, get me a little colt and

I'll ride him that it may be fulfilled that which is said. Can you

see that King Solomon was the most glorious King ever to come on

the face of the earth? The splendor of Egypt came to him, the

splendor of the nations came to him. Have we ever wondered why?

Because of the One of whom he speaks! He was glorified in the

temple that he built. Solomon was unusual because of the temple

that he built. It was the temple that was filled with the glory of

God. It was the temple wherein God found glory. And in reality the

temple and Solomon were one, and that's brought in the scripture

time and time again. Solomon was not separated from his temple. He

entered into it. It was speaking of One yet to come. So the Lord

Jesus when He speaks of the Son of Man says, " I tell you a greater

than Solomon is come." Why? Because He's going to bring forth a

greater temple. It's going to house a greater glory. It isn't going

to house smoke. It's going to house the very expression of the most

High God. He said a greater than Solomon is come, and He's speaking

of This One. But how does This One come?

I've heard of all of these ways He's going to come, but I'll tell

you - He comes by death, burial and resurrection. His name is I AM

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE! This Man cometh by death,

burial and resurrection. There is no self exaltation in Him. He is raised

up of the Father and He is revealed of the Father. Don't you see your

connection with Him? For ye are quickened together as one with Him,

raised up together as one with Him, seated together in heavenly

places in Christ Jesus, that you may be gathered together in the

knowledge, or the revelation of Him. That you as One New Man may

give God expression in the earth. God can not find His expression

in natural man. That's why This One is so good. There's no need to

exalt ourselves here - HE IS EXALTED! If this ever becomes more

than a teaching to us, as God reveals that eternal Son in you and

we find our relationship to Him as Son of Man - my God, what a life

changing, life altering realization that is.

One exalted of the Father, not of self, and One who comes by the

cross. Let's turn to the Revelation of Jesus Christ. How wonderful

that's the name of this book because the book concerns the coming

of the One in whom the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed, and by whom

the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed. Chapter 1 verse 8 deals with

"the one that is, and was, and is the evercoming one." And that is

not describing ages or days or dispensations, but the reality of

Him. It is describing Him. I am, saith He who is, who was... We're

not looking at a chronological timing here otherwise it would be

who was, who is, and is to come. No - who is - who is ever - who

ever is, ever was, and ever is to come - the evercoming one. And

then he turns to see who that voice is relating to. Where is the

Body of this voice, Lord? To whom is this voice related?

"I turned to see the voice." There's got to be a seeing. There's

got to be a revealing. There's got to be a manifesting. Glory

demands that. The very definition of glory demands that. God having

His self revelation - God having His expression. Not in a natural

thing, but in a supernatural thing, in a spiritual thing, a new

creation, a new mankind. " I turned to see the voice that spake

with me. Being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the

midst of the seven golden candlesticks, one like unto the Son of

Man." And he sees Him in perfection, he sees Him in completion. He

sees Him, as Paul says He must be - fully clothed, fully measured,

unto full stature - a perfect man. He sees the glorified Son. He

sees Christ glorified in His Church - in His Own Body! He sees the

resurrected, glorified One. That's who he sees. He is seeing This

Man that every prophet prophesied of. The prophets not only

prophesied of Him identified with Adam, the prophets lastly

prophesied of Him identified and living in a people as One New Man.

The end of all prophesy is This Man - CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE

OF GLORY!

My God, yes, He took one body and put that on to die, and brought

to death everything that falls short of the glory of God. But in

This Body that comes by His death, burial and resurrection, that's

quickened by His very Spirit - it is in This Body that He achieves

that glory! It is in This Body that He is glorified. And here we

see This Man standing in union with the Church - not other than the

Church - having His perfect expression in the Church and through

the Church. And we see the Church as an instrument, as a thing

grown up and full in Him. Seven golden candlesticks. And in the

midst of the golden candlesticks is the message to the Church - The

Word of God to the Church. I want you to know that HE is the Word

of God to you. He is the end of all prophesy to you. It is in Him

that the Father doth speak. Oh, the Father would bring you and I to

His own vision, just like He did to the prophets. And they saw it

in types and symbols; that He would bring you and I in Christ to

see Him face-to-face. Not in a type, not in a symbol, but coming to

know God has revealed His Son in me. Consequently knowing by

divine comprehension that it is Not I, it is Christ who liveth in me, not

as a verse of scripture, but as a divine comprehension.

" I turned to see the voice that spake with me." Now right there is

the end of that sentence. Now just come from verse 12 right over to

verse 17. I'm doing no harm here, but I'm just skipping the

description. " I turned to see the voice that spake with me ... And

when I saw him..." This is tremendously important. "WHEN I SAW

HIM." It wasn't seven golden candlesticks. That wasn't the end of

this view. The Church is not the end of the view, Christ revealed

in the Church is the end of the view. Someone came up to me after a

meeting and said, 'I've just come to see we're the Holy of Holies.'

I said, okay, but you know the Holy of Holies is as dark as a

dungeon until the glory of God was revealed. We're always trying to

make ourselves the end of the view. We're the heavenly city - yes -

but He's the light! We're the Body of Christ, but He's the Head! My

point is until He's been revealed in you, the rest of it is just

peachy, and you'll be the end of it. I've seen scores of people

teaching Kingdom messages and Sonship messages, but some how

we're always the end of it. Us being - us becoming - us, us. And then

you go off on that and you find that it just comes back a big piece of

ruined trash. It's so sad to see so many works that end in ruin.

There are so many buildings we build and works that we do that just

end in ruin - and it's sad.

It's a little like when Jesus departed from the temple and the

disciples were still all excited about it. And that temple that

Christ departed from became sad. It was sad to His heart. He said

there's not going to be one stone left. Why? BECAUSE I'M OUT OF IT!

Because I can't be revealed in it. Because I came to my own and my

own received me not. All I'm saying is - if He's out of something,

IT IS OVER! And all the good intentions don't help. If He's out of

it, it's over and done with. And all I'm saying is get your heart

out of it and get it in Him! And go on to know the Lord in the

fulness of Himself! And understand that a building is just a

building, but here (in This Man) is a building, here is A Man that

is eternal in the heavens, and He finds His expression not in

boards and bricks, He finds His expression in a people - a living

people who live by Him.

" When I turned I saw Him." I didn't see where He was. I saw Him,

who was there. The message is not the Church - it's Him. The

message is to the Church. Again, the foundation is not the

ministry, the ministry is supposed to participate in laying the

foundation. He's the foundation. The end of this thing is not me

and you, the end of this thing is Him - HE BEING REVEALED IN

YOU! " When I saw Him I fell on my face. When I saw Him I fell as a

dead man." You all know how to win the battle, and have the enemy fall

at your feet? EXPRESS TO HIM THE ONE THAT COMES BY

DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION! Not by self exaltation,

fighting, fussing and overpowering self egotism. No sir - but He who

comes by death, burial and resurrection. And your enemies will fall

at your feet. Glory to God!

Who are you? " Verse 18, " I am he that liveth, I was dead, but now

I'm alive forever more and I've got the keys to death and hell."

Why? Because I've already overcome it. I'm dead, buried and now

raised again! The Spirit of God was showing such a One to John to

show to the Church and the Spirit of God is still dealing with the

Church today to see such a One, that they may come forth in the

comprehending of Him. Having in our hand the keys through death,

burial and resurrection - What can touch me now?

So, even our Palm Sundays are for Him. He's the end of it. This One

comes to be glorified - death, burial and resurrection. This One to

be revealed in His Body, the Body that comes by death, burial,

resurrection. WHAT A SON! WHAT A MAN! It's there that you and I

have our whole entire being. May Christ be revealed in you, folks.

May the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, that we may know.

May, as Paul desired, may we desire, " That I may know Him in the

power of his resurrection. If that I might myself be found among

the resurrection." He's not talking about an opening of graves

there, he's talking about union with a person! Because he brings it

into an apprehending of This One as he has been apprehended of This

One. This One has apprehended Him a Body. Oh, that That Body

would come to apprehend Him in that same way!

WHO IS THIS ONE? In corporate fashion - BLESSED IS HE THAT

COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. This One cometh in the

name of the Lord. It's not in my name, it's not in your name. No - This

One cometh in the name of the Lord. Upon This One the nations wait.

AMEN.