

Glorious Holy *Doing Wonders*



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Dedication

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I thank my wife Amy, my daughter Elisabeth and my sons Jona and Michael for their hard work.

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Foreword

One of the most exciting things in our Christian walk is to get to know God for who He really is. Through reading the Scriptures about the attributes of God, we gain more knowledge about who He is. God's plan is that by reading the Bible and receiving revelation about God's word, through the Holy Spirit we will get to know God for who He is.

Through a mighty encounter in God's presence, I learnt that to know God happens by reading and studying His holy presence. Without understanding what the glory of God is, it will be hard to walk in a close relationship with God's holy presence. God's ways and God's being are at a much higher level than we, as people, think and live.

Today, preachers try to level this out, but this isn't correct. In the old-time revivals of Wales, Azusa Street and the Hebrides, God came down with His holy presence and sinners and believers would be in God's presence in awe and reverential fear for hours, days and weeks. God's ways are not our ways.

This book is here so you can learn about who the God of the Bible truly is and it will help you to know Him more deeply.

You will also learn how we have to come back to seek God with our whole heart and learn to worship our God in reverence, awe and godly fear.

In every chapter, we will also look into some old-time revival ministries and moves of God.

Chapter 1: His Glorious Holy Presence

Caught Up in the Glory

As I was preaching to students at a Bible School in Burma, God's Holy Spirit overwhelmed them. I was teaching them about what God had told me during a visitation of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had shown me that I had to study God's holy presence and how He moved through His holy presence in biblical days. This is how He will move in the Last Days just before His second coming.

Then, for a week-long, the Holy Spirit came in a powerful way upon the believers in a Baptist church in that same area. I preached about how God's glorious holy presence wanted to move in the Last Days as He did in the days of the Bible.

The people were overcome by the holy presence of God, as God moved day after day, while they were on their knees. Believers were caught up to heaven, received physical miracles, and were healed emotionally as they pressed into the glory cloud of God, which was in our midst.

Today is the day to press in, to experience and to learn about God's glorious holiness.

The Presence of God Moved the Sinners at Aimee Simple McPherson's Meetings

In 1922, the Baptist preacher Mr Miller went to see God moving through Aimee Simple McPherson. He first thought it was not of God as miracles were not part of the Baptist theology. However, as he saw God move in great signs and wonders, the presence of God overwhelmed him and he repented and became a revivalist himself.

The people were moved by the presence of God in Aimee's meetings. Before the service got underway, people were convicted by God's presence and cried out for mercy. The altars would fill up with sinners wanting to get saved because the holy presence of God was calling them to come. They were not just saying a sinner's prayer but they were cut to their heart by the presence of God leading to repentance of their sin.

Tears were running down their faces because of the glorious love of God's presence that was upon them as they surrendered their lives to Christ. Out of this holy presence in Aimee's meetings, the blind were seeing, the cripples were walking and the sick were healed. This was the testimony of Mr Miller's son who was there in those revival meetings. I heard Reverend Edward Miller speak about his account of what happened in these meetings of Aimee where God moved in glorious ways.

God's Holy Presence is the Highest Glory

God's holy presence is the highest glory of God.

Therefore out of God's holy presence flows the glory of God.

When I flew over Mount Everest in Nepal, God told me to proclaim that Zion is the highest spiritual mountain on Earth. He then taught me that if we want to see God move in His glory on Earth, we need to touch the highest realm of glory, which is God's holy presence.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

When we touch or live in God's highest glory, which is His holy presence, we will see great moves of God and great miracles and wonders of God released on the Earth just as in Acts 5 and at Aimee's meetings.

The Prophet Isaiah said that God is holy and out of His holiness the whole earth is filled with God's glory.

- ❖ Therefore holiness brings us into a deeper level of intimacy with God.
The deeper we go into the holy heart of God, the stronger the fire of His love will burn in our hearts.

This fire of love will purify us and we will be able to buy gold refined in the fire.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

God speaks through His glory and out of His glorious heart, where God's love is revealed to us.

- ❖ The more we become holy in our ways, like we already are holy by our position of faith, we grow deeper in our union with God.

This union or oneness will help us to be a true witness for our Lord. Through it, the world will believe for they will see the glory manifest through us.

God is calling us to grow up from children to sons. Sons reveal and manifest His glory. All creation is waiting for the manifestation of the Son of God.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

The Day of Pentecost

Apostle Peter and the other ten Apostles had walked with our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, for three years. On Ascension Day, our Lord said that they should wait and tarry in the upper room until the power of the Holy Spirit would come upon them. They waited in

prayer with one hundred and twenty other believers in the upper room and on the day of Pentecost, the fires of the Holy Spirit came down upon them.

Act 2:2-4 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Then Peter preached as a tongue of fire was on him and great conviction through the working of the Holy Spirit came upon the Jews.

Transformation Light

There is a great transforming light and transforming power in the baptisms of the Holy Spirit, for God's presence can then come into us as a great holy light.

The words 'face' and 'presence' are one in the Hebrew word paniym (Strong's H6440, number 25,26)

Psa43:3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

So we can read out of His presence comes light for God is light.

Apostle Peter was preaching out of this fiery presence of God which sent forth convicting light and cut the Jews to the heart.

Act 2:37 (AMP) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart [with remorse and anxiety], and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?"

Three thousand were saved on that day because God's presence was shining on them and showed that they were sinners.

This same convicting light of God's presence through the Holy Spirit was moving in Aimee Simple McPherson's meeting and many were saved.

Today God is calling us up higher so we can learn to live and minister out of God's glorious holy presence.

Throughout this book, we want to show you how the Apostles and our Lord Jesus Christ walked and ministered in great glory and power which all comes forth from our holy Father in heaven.

➤ Now we want to talk about the relation of the glory and holy presence of God.

1. We need to understand glory to grow in true holy character.
2. God's holy fire is needed if we want to minister in higher levels of glory.

The Glory and Holy Presence of God

Today God is revealing more and more of His glory to His children. The Bible says that in the Last Days the knowledge of the glory of the Lord is going to cover the earth.

Hab2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

It also says that the glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former house.

Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

The glory helps us to grow in becoming holy.

Without the knowledge and experiences of the glory of God in our lives, we can never become truly holy.

Why can't we become truly holy without the glory?

This is because glory reveals the heart, nature and power of God and God's holy presence is the total perfection of the nature and power of God and not just a set of rules, regulations and laws.

❖ God's holy presence is the highest glory of God

Therefore, God's holy presence is not legalism but it is perfect love, perfect peace, the fullness of joy and all the other attributes of God in its perfection together.

- ❖ God's holy presence is God in all His perfect divine nature, or attributes, together with all His power, honour, glory and majesty and all of this is sacred and morally pure.

1Ch 16:27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

Psa96:6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

Psa96:9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Holy, Holy, Holy

In heaven, the angels say holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Our modern mindsets have lowered this stand and we try to bring God down to our level, yet the Bible calls us to come up higher so we can see God in His holy splendour.

- ❖ In Aimee Simple McPherson's meeting, it was this holy presence of God that convicted the sinners and they cried out to this holy God to save them before there was an altar call done.

Before Charles Finney would reach the city, town or village, people came under great conviction of sin, at some places to such a degree that they would lay for hours on the street crying out for mercy.

Today, God wants to bring us back, as the glorious church, to this place where we are in awe and reverence of the holy God of the Bible. We are now called to come up in prayer and worship to the higher place where we see the angels and the saints in heaven worship the God of the Bible, who is holy.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

In this book we will see and read how Moses and the Apostles feared the Holy God and when they did, our holy God moved with great majesty, might and power. God wants to move out of his holy presence by His glory so that nations will be shaken and people will get saved, healed and delivered.

Holy Fire and Glory

In the glory, there are different levels and in our Christian walk, we can be on different levels. Later on, I discuss the seven levels and God's perfect plans for us to live on the holy level which is the highest level.

God is calling us higher today and also wants us to live in intimacy with Him, which helps us to remain in that first love. He is calling us to buy gold refined in the fire. Gold is a picture of the glory and the heart of God, which He wants to bring forward in our lives. The refiner's fire (or tried in the fire) is the holy fire of the Holy Spirit.

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Without the holy fire of the Holy Spirit, we won't have real glory move. We need to ask God to pour greater realms of His holy refiner's fire in our lives.

Azusa Street Revival

This will also open the eyes of our heart to see visions of God's holy presence on the throne. In 1906 in Los Angeles, at the Azusa street revival, the fire of God was seen many times on the top of the building. During the meetings, the glory cloud was seen as a holy smoke in the building. People repented of their sin and there were amazing miracles.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, it was prophesied that there would be an even greater move of the Holy Spirit. Now we have to prepare ourselves to be refined with that holy fire of the Holy Spirit so we can buy gold and grow in intimacy with God.

Living in His Love

We are called to live from our first love, out of our new nature, or new man, which has God's holy nature in it.

A great example of this is Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus.

God is raising up a glorious End Time church of believers who, like Mary, grow into deep intimacy and union as the bride of Christ. She poured out her spikenard over Jesus' feet as a token of her love for the Lord.

Joh 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

This amount of spikenard was worth about one year of wages. She was also sitting at the Lord's feet when He came to their house. She did this so she could grow in a deeper relationship with Him.

Luk10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

Opened Eyes and Intimacy

Our glorious Father wants to open our eyes so we can see Him in greater glory.
The Bible also calls our Holy Father the Father of glory.

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Mary and Martha's eyes were opened about this glory when Lazarus was raised from the dead. Our Father of glory wants to open the eyes of our heart or our understanding so that we will be enlightened. He wants to do this by giving us a spirit of revelation and wisdom so we can know Him more intimately.

The way to grow in God is to pursue growth in our first love. When we are in the realm of the glory of the Father of glory we experience deeper realms of love that will make us grow in our love for Him. Therefore, He wants us to be rooted and grounded in love.

Eph3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

When we grow in His perfect love, we are also growing in holy character.

A New and Living Way

Jesus Christ came through a new way and brought life to us from heaven to earth.

Heb10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

He came to bring the heavenly priesthood, the glory of God and the kingdom of God to Earth.

This new and living way and its priesthood are built upon the order of Melchizedek.

This king was first seen coming to Abraham who is the father of the promise and not of the law.

Therefore this Melchizedek priesthood releases God's glory on Earth through Christ as its high priest.

Heb 7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
Heb7:4 Now consider how great this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

King David says about the coming Messiah that He would come according to the order of Melchizedek.

Psa110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Temple in Heaven

There is a temple in heaven and people serve God in His heavenly temple.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

The glory of God is also seen and witnessed in the heavenly temple
The smoke of His glorious holy presence is there and His great power and majesty can be seen, heard and experienced.

Jesus Christ has opened up this holy place to us by His sacrifice on Calvary.

Heb10:19 Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

❖ The Bible teaches us that our position is in the heavenly places in Christ.

Eph2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

We need to understand that and take in our position so that when we are going through hard times, we can be refreshed as we touch the heavenly glory which is our inheritance. While we are on earth, our true inheritance is that we are called to walk in God's glory.

Seek the Things Above

Our Lord said that He came from above and brought the kingdom of God within our reach. Now Christ is back where He came from, however, He is still the Son of Man and The Son of God in glory with a glorified body.

Now in our new found position, we have to seek the things above.

The things above are where Christ is seated at the right hand of our Holy Father.

At Pentecost

Pentecost was the place and date the glorious church was born. The apostles were all baptised and filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit. They all received the fire of the Holy Spirit and all spoke with other tongues.

Lord Jesus had said that it would be the Holy Spirit that would comfort them and lead them in all truth.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Spirit would also convict the people of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of glory and helps us to grow in glory and holiness.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

To understand the glory of God and the holy presence of God, we need the Holy Spirit to teach us.

We can't grow in understanding and godly character by our strength.

We are called to learn to abide in God.

The abiding process is taught by the Holy Spirit which entails learning to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we learn to surrender to the will of Jesus Christ and abide in His will and we will bring forth fruit.

Joh 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth, gives us freedom, leads us in God's glory and makes us grow in holiness.

Yes, we need the Holy Spirit to grow in holiness and the glory.

Beholding His Glorious Face

Our position in Christ is that we are beholding His glorious face in the heavenly place.

Even a new born believer can behold His glorious face in the spirit.

The Bible says with an open face, we are beholding His glory; unbelief and dead religion stop us from beholding His face.

Religious unbelief says they don't have open faces, because they hold their veil of unbelief tight.

The Bible also says that we are beholding His glorious face.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Changed

As we behold Him, we are changed or transformed from glory to glory.
True transformation comes to us by the glory, fullness and holiness.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Now the Spirit of the Lord brings this change as He gives us the revelation of God's glory. Therefore the Spirit of the Lord brings us into the freedom of the glorious holy presence of God.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

We are therefore called to freedom from the world and the works of the flesh to live in peace, love and joy of God's heavenly kingdom. Our walk by faith is to behold His glory and His holy presence. As we behold Him in this way we will be changed from glory to glory and transformed into His image. His glorious holy light will also convict us where we are holding onto sin or bad habits. His blood will cleanse us as we surrender and let go of it.

When I preached about God's holy, fiery presence in Burma, the Holy Spirit moved with convicting power. One Evangelist repented of some sins and God filled him with this holy fire. The next week, he went to preach in other towns and the same holy fire fell on others and they were changed and transformed.

Chapter 2: Christ and the Beauty of Holiness

Isn't He Beautiful

King David told the people to worship the Lord God in the beauty of holiness.

1Ch 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

King David also longed to be in the houses of God to behold the beauty of the Lord.

Psa27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

When our Lord Jesus Christ ministered on the earth, He ministered out of the beauty of His holiness. Our Lord laid down His power when he came to earth but the Holy Spirit magnified His divine nature. The people saw His glory as He ministered and were attracted by the beauty of Christ's holiness.

Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ ministered out of God's three highest levels of God's holy presence, fullness and glory.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Today, many ministries haven't pressed into these higher realms and therefore the world is not impressed with the church.

The real salt of the gospel is in these three realms.

We are all called to learn how to grow up and minister out of God's holy presence, fullness and glory.

Dwelling and Abiding in the Father's Love

Our Lord Jesus was always abiding in Father God's glorious, holy presence and love.

His heart cry was to be one with the Father and Holy Spirit.

This heart cry was to be a dwelling place of God's love.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

As a young boy, He knew that He was called to do the will of the Father. Already then, He was busy pressing into the Father's business. He knew His body was the temple of the Holy Spirit and the heavens opened when He was baptised. He received the Spirit of the Lord without measure.

Jesus Christ was set apart to do the will of the Father, yet His parents didn't fully understand this when He told them.

Luk 2:48-49 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. (49) And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Jesus Christ ministered out of:

1. God's holy presence and the beauty of holiness
2. Fullness and glory
3. The will of the Father

Christ's Holy Authority

Our authority comes from the one we serve.

Jesus Christ's authority came from God who is holy.

Jesus served and obeyed as He ministered out of God's holy presence.

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one, as we *are*.

Therefore Jesus Christ's authority was pure and sacred.

Everywhere He went, He was doing good, healing and delivering for He moved with great authority.

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Many sick were healed because they were set free from the demons that made them sick. The root of many sicknesses is a sin because Christ was sinless and sent by the holy God, the demons fled.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

❖ One demon screamed out, 'I know who you are, you are the Holy One'

They recognised Him for Christ walked holy, was holy and walked in holy obedience.

Repent

Christ served the holy God of the kingdom of heaven.

In the Lord's Prayer, He taught that God the Father's name is holy.

He came to take our sin away and those who believed in Him and repented were saved so that they could enter the kingdom of God.

He also used miracles, signs and wonders as a tool to show Israel that He was the Messiah so that they would repent and believe in Him as He also released men's sufferings. His gospel message was repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom of God is righteous and therefore there is no place for sin or sickness.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

No True Repentance

Our Lord did great miracles in Israel so people would repent of their sin, believe and get saved. Yet there was no great repentance when the people saw the miracles. This led to Christ being upset, He wanted to see true repentance and true faith. So he rebuked the places where they didn't repent and warned them for the judgment to come, especially Capernaum, where He had His home base on the Sea of Galilee.

This should also be our heart desire as we minister to see people repent of their sin, believe and get saved.

Mat 11:23-24 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. (24) But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

He said that Nineveh had responded better than this generation of Israel for they had truly repented.

Mat 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Set Apart

As believers, we are called to be set apart from this world.

We are called to be a holy priesthood so we can bring forth spiritual sacrifices.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, we are sanctified and we are holy.

Heb10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all*.

Yet sanctification and growing in holiness is also a process.

The process starts by being set apart and becoming the light of the world.

Sanctification has two meanings, they are:

- A. Being set apart

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

B. The course of life befitting those who are separated.

1Th 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: (4) That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

1Th 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Sanctification is the path of holy making.

We are set apart to grow in holiness so we will be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. If we go for less, we will lose our salt and lose our light. Today, God is calling us to raise up this biblical standard of sanctification so we can stand for the Lord in the Last Days.

Sanctification in Christ's Life

In the life of Christ, we see a clear path of sanctification. It is seen when He fasted forty days in the wilderness.

Luk4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Sanctification, in the first place, is being set apart.

For forty days He set Himself apart in fasting and praying.

Jesus Christ was full of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit led Him to the wilderness.

Jesus Christ was tempted there by Satan but withstood him with the Word and this showed that Jesus Christ was standing in victory in His holy nature.

When He finished this time of the forty-day fasting and prayer as He had been set apart and waited upon God, He came out of the desert in great power of the Holy Spirit.

Luk4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

We are called to follow this example.

The Lord Jesus said that he also sanctified Himself for our sake.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

He sanctified and dedicated Himself to set a pathway for us as He is the truth.

So we have to learn from Him how to set ourselves apart in prayer and fasting while waiting on God and overcoming the works of the flesh and Satan's temptations.

His Lifestyle

Our Lord was a dwelling place of the glorious and holy presence of Father God when He was here ministering on earth.

He was always doing the will of the Father perfectly which is the hallmark of holiness.
He said that He came down from heaven to do the will of the Father who had sent Him.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Therefore, He spent much of His time in prayer and fellowship with the Father so He would see, by revelation, what the Father wanted Him to do and then He did it.

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

At the pool of Bethesda, He didn't try to heal all but just the one man the Father had shown Him, the one that the Father wanted to heal that day. Now all the people at the pool of Bethesda knew that God wanted to heal the sick through His Son.

As our Lord was waiting on the Father, He would hear what the will of the Father was and He would do as the Father had told Him.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Seeing what the Father wanted to do and hearing what the Father wanted to do was all part of Jesus Christ setting Himself apart or sanctification.

Another word for sanctification is dedication. Jesus Christ dedicated Himself to do the will of God the Father.

Growing

When I was twenty-three years old, I totally surrendered my life to God and followed the call of missions. I was trained in Youth With a Mission and was with them for five years, for two of those years, I was on staff in Ghana, West Africa.

After this time, I got married and in my prayer room, God spoke: "I want to make you ready for an End Time Apostolic revival ministry".

This was twenty-five years ago and the last seven years I have started in this ministry. God gave me the mandate to go to Jerusalem and from there God would open the nations.

I have been in nine different nations doing revival meetings and seeing hundreds come to Christ as God also performed signs, wonders and miracles. This is all just the beginning of the great things God has ahead for us. All of this would not have been possible if I hadn't allowed God to do a deep work in me.

Twenty-five years ago, He said, only if you will grow and surrender to Me will all these things happen.

Growing Pains

I had to go through a lot of growing pains, discipline or discipling of the Lord to come to the place where I would be able to stand in the ministry.

Heb 12:6 (AMP) For the Lord corrects *and* disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts *and* welcomes to His heart *and* cherishes.

As a young believer, I was very driven.

Being driven is of the flesh and lifts up self.

This is when we want to do the work of God in our strength.

God's plan is that we learn to grow in the heart of God's pure love and that He then leads us into His will and works that out through us.

Jesus said that His yoke is easy and He wants us to be yoked with Him and learn to work out of His rest.

Mat 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (30) For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Being in His rest stops us from becoming burnt out.

The process of progressive sanctification is the process of growing in holiness.

God wants us to grow in holiness.

Heb 12:12-14 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; (13) And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (14) Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

The Father lovingly showed me that I needed to learn to do things the right way.

I needed to make a straight path and break with sin and compromises.

My sins that God showed me were things like not loving my wife enough, dealing with my past hurts, pain and hidden bitterness.

The Lord set me free from much bondage in those days.

Set Apart

We are called to live in fellowship and a deep love relationship with God.

This deep love relationship and God's loving presence set me free from being driven.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are set apart from the world so we can grow in the love and heart of God and let go of sin and compromises.

As we learn to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, it becomes easier to let go of all, for by fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, the love of Father God is poured out into our heart.

We are set apart to:

1. Grow in our relationship and fellowship with God
2. Learn to fast and pray
3. Learn to wait on God
4. Learn to dwell in the glorious, holy presence of God
5. Grow in union with Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The Godhead

God is holy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is part of the godhead and is, therefore, He is holy.

The Father had also given to Christ all the fullness so that through Him we can be reconciled with God.

Col 1:19-20 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; (20) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Now we can become holy because Christ is holy and has given holiness to us through our faith in Him.

Our Lord was also full of the brightness of God's glory and ministered out of this while He was on earth.

Now He is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

By these scriptures, we can see that our Lord walked and ministered out of God's holiness, fullness and glory while He ministered on earth.

Ministering out of the Beauty of Holiness

Our Lord Jesus Christ ministered out of the beauty of holiness.

Out of the holiness of God comes the fullness of God and shines forth the glory of God.

Out of Jesus Christ's holiness, He ministered in the fullness and the glory which the Father had put upon Him.

Apostle John said it like this: "out of the life of Christ came forth the light"

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

His light shines and pierces the darkness.

Therefore His light was true and holy; this light shines upon all men to bring conviction that they need a Saviour.

Therefore God is the true light. His light is holy which means pure and perfect.
We are called, through our Saviour, to walk in fellowship with Him who is light.

John says, once he established the fact that Jesus Christ as the source of life and light of the world, that they saw His glory and His fullness.

At the Well

At the well in Samaria, Jesus met a woman. This woman could not see who he truly was at first. There was a deep cry in her heart for true love. The problem with her was that she had a religious veil because of her upbringing.

As our Lord was empowered with the Holy Spirit as He had been set apart (sanctified), He broke through the religious veil. He had supernatural insight into her life. The Lord said, in compassion, go and get your husband while He knew she had had five husbands and revealed that to her.

Joh 4:17-18 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: (18) For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

Then she asked Him about the coming Messiah for she saw that He was a prophet. He told her that He was the Messiah.

She was so convicted because of her past sin as she stood in the presence of her Lord and Messiah. She then went and told all the people in the city about the Messiah and what He told her. They came and believed.

Joh 4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

The glorious, holy presence of Christ touched them.

This is the power of the gospel of Christ.

Christ's glorious face was shining God's holy light on them.

This convicted them of their sin and they believed and were saved.

The Shining Ones

In Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya there was once a powerful revival where believer's faces would give off light during the night. This was a revival that centred on God's holy presence. As believers met, there came a deep conviction of the Holy Spirit upon sinners that caused sinful believers to repent. The more people who were saved, the more people gave off light in the night, out of the beauty of God's holiness. These believers were literally the light of the world.

Being a Light

We have to grow in the beauty of His holiness by walking on the way of sanctification. We need to learn to press into God by waiting on Him and encountering Him.

Yet we are not to stay hidden. We are called to shine our light by going into the seven mountains of society. We love the mountaintops yet we have to also go through the valleys where the fruit grows. Christ ministered out of the beauty of holiness, therefore, we are called to follow Him in the same way and learn to minister out of the beauty of God's holy presence. Jesus Christ said that He is the light of the world and also called us to be a light.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The deeper our fellowship is with the God of holy light, the more we will shine.

The more we shine, the more unbelievers will see the beauty of God's presence shine through us. Some wounds and bondages can stop us from moving deeper.

The next chapter will help you to know how to receive deeper healing and freedom so you will shine more.

Chapter 3: Reformation and Wholeness

Reformation

As believers in Christ, we are called to behold Him as in a mirror.

As we look upon His glorious face, as we seek the things above, we are changed from glory to glory.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The one we are beholding is our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who is our high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Jesus is seated on the throne of God at the Father's right hand in heavenly Zion.

We are called to be reformed from the things of this world and its religions, so we can be transformed into His image as we are made whole.

Hezekiah, the Reformer

There is a king in the Old Testament called Hezekiah, he became a revivalist and a reformer. In his day, as a young king, he received a bad spiritual inheritance from his father, King Ahaz. The doors of the house of the Lord were closed and idols were set up on the high places that were worshipped by God's people.

King Hezekiah became a revivalist for he opened the house of the Lord and re-established the worship of the God of Israel in the temple.

2Ch 29:3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

Hezekiah Sanctified God's Priests

God's people and God's priests are called to walk on the highway of holiness.

Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

Therefore the king called his priests to sanctify themselves.

2Ch 29:3-5 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. (4) And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, (5) And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites,

sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.

King Hezekiah preached revival to the priest and brought reformation.

- Revival because he called them back to the Lord and His presence.
- Reformation as he called them to clean the temple and to remove the groves (places of evil sacrifices under trees) and high places where idols were worshipped.
- He destroyed the idols.

2Ki 18:4-5 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. (5) He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

We are called to do the same thing, to remove all idols and sins and cleanse ourselves by the blood of Jesus Christ. Sin and its idols bring hurts and pain in our lives, we are therefore called to become clean and whole.

Restoration of the Tabernacle of David

King Hezekiah didn't stop there, he understood that he needed to come back under an open heaven as King David had lived under.

King David understood that salvation didn't come from the Law of Moses but through the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Through the Melchizedek Priesthood, grace has come to us, for the New Testament Covenant is based upon this priesthood.

Psa110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Only by that priesthood could we behold the glory of God as in a mirror.

Therefore, King David was instructed by God to put the worshippers in front of the Ark of the Covenant to worship the God of Israel by day and night.

1Ch 16:1 So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

1Ch 16:4 And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

David understood that Jesus Christ would come as the high priest according to the order of Melchizedek and redeem us so we could worship God before His throne.

King Hezekiah wanted to have that same glory and open heaven as King David once had. Therefore he ordered the priests to worship the Lord as King David had.

2Ch 29:25-26 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. (26) And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

Now, we are to live in these realms of glory as we worship the Lord for what He has done for us on the cross at Calvary.

Praise and worship should become a lifestyle as we thank Christ for what He has done for us as our High priest according to the order of Melchizedek. As we do this, we will behold Him and will be changed from glory to glory.

Growing in Wholeness

❖ We are not only called to just be saved but to let reformation happen in our lives.

Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we are called to clean our temple and become a worshipper just as King Hezekiah's priests became worshippers. Where our hearts are broken, the Lord wants to heal and restore us.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

He heals the brokenhearted through the Spirit of the Lord God.

Wholeness

When I had been saved for five years, I had been with Youth With a Mission doing ministry in different nations. After this, I planned to start a big ministry.

The Lord said to me that I was not ready to start in a big ministry of my own for He said I had a wounded spirit. He then gave me a scripture about it and put me on the road to wholeness.

Pro 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

Our spirit can be wounded, broken or fragmented through sexual, physical or verbal abuse or large traumas in our life. One of the ways of deep healing for my life was for me to spend much time in the love of Father God.

Another way was encountering the love of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. God also used Isaiah thirty-five and Hebrews twelve a lot in my life where it talks about God's glory and His healing power, the way of discipleship and holiness.

John Eldredge in his book "The Utter Relief of Holiness" says: "God's plan is to make you whole and holy."(Eldredge, 2013:30)

For years I have been praying Isaiah 35:3 and Hebrew 12:12, 13 over my life.

Heb 12:12-13 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; (13) And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Apostle Paul says to let your weakness of heart, soul and spirit rather be healed.

We are called to walk a straight path, yet we may not have the strength to go far on it if we are wounded.

Inner healing and deliverance are needed when we are wounded. Our wounds can be of the heart, soul or spirit.

Reformation and Cleansing

When he finally took the throne, King Hezekiah cleansed the temple. All filth and all darkness were taken out of the temple because he was a reformer and wanted to obey God and His word, true cleansing was possible.

The Bible says that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we are the salt of the earth. Now, everywhere the salt hasn't come into our lives, we need to let it enter and purify us so that the temple will be cleansed.

In my life, I had to deal with deep roots of bitterness and learn to make forgiving others a lifestyle. King Hezekiah also removed the groves, the idols and statues whereby they worshipped demons. As God cleansed me up from my wounds and traumas, I received a lot of deliverance of darkness and demons. My mind was renewed by God's word and all of this has brought reformation and wholeness in my life.

The Spirit of the Lord God

Our Lord Jesus Christ said that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him to heal the brokenhearted.

The Spirit of the Lord God is the main spirit of the Seven Spirits of God.

Isa 11:1-2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: (2) And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

I once had an encounter with the Spirit of the Lord God who, as I learnt through this encounter, manifests the presence of the Father heart of God.

Therefore the Lord Jesus Christ ministers out of the Father heart of God to heal the brokenhearted and set the prisoner free.

If you suffer in any way from a wounded spirit or soul or a broken heart, Father God wants to heal your condition by pouring out His love into you.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Our Lord Jesus' ministry was powerful in and out of the loving heart of God for He ministered through the Seven Spirits or fullness of God.

Wounded people wound others.

Whole people are a blessing to others.

It says in Hebrews twelve verse thirteen about being healed and then in the next verse, it talks about holiness.

Therefore the way to holiness is becoming whole.

Heb 12:13-14 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (14) Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Wholeness is the way to grow in holiness.

Radiant Face

Jesus Christ has come by the order of Melchizedek. By this one sacrifice, heavens gates are open and the veil is taken away.

Therefore we are called to come unto the throne of grace with boldness.

Heb4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

As we behold Him on the throne of grace as we walk on the highway of holiness our face will become radiant.

Psa 34:5 (AMP)They looked to Him and were radiant; their faces shall never blush for shame *or* be confused.

To behold Him in His glorious holiness is the way to wholeness.

On the highway of holiness, we will learn to live through the Spirit of life, and then shame and guilt will flee away.

For as we learn to behold Him, we will be changed from glory to glory.

Crystal

A lady who truly experienced beholding the glory of the Lord that healed her is Crystal McVea. As a girl, Crystal suffered much hardship, pain, shame, sexual abuse and tragedies. This led to her failing in her Christian walk in many ways.

She tried to be a good believer, yet would fall into deep sin that she did regret but could not stop. When she was older, a mother of four children, her body couldn't cope anymore and she was hospitalised. At one moment, she stopped breathing and her spirit left the earth as she had a near-death experience.

She saw the brightness of God. In this bright light, was pure love. In heaven, God showed her a little three-year-old girl who wore a frilly summer dress and had a little basket in her hand. When Crystal was three years old, she was sexually abused and all her real trouble started. The little girl who was in heaven was skipping, dancing, laughing and dipping her basket into the bright and loving light and filled the basket. The little girl would pour it out

and refill it and be full of joy. It touched Crystal so much and healed her heart and soul when the little girl filled the basket with the glorious bright light of the glory of God in heaven.

Then she knew that the three-year-old girl was Crystal herself, and God was showing her how much He loved her. She went back to earth, as her body on earth received healing and then she was able to be a strong believer. God had healed her broken soul in heaven and she then started to minister healing to other abused victims. One time here on earth, her face shone with a bright light as she was ministering and people were healed as they saw it.

Freedom

The Spirit of the Lord God brings freedom.

Our Lord Jesus Christ ministered through the Spirit of the Lord which is also the spirit of glory.

Our Lord set the prisoners and the captives free. The Spirit of the Lord God brings this freedom through the glory. As the glory increased through the Spirit of the Lord God so our freedom and healing increase for we are changed from glory to glory.

We are called to live with an open face before the face of God. Many believers live in condemnation and they fail to grow because of it. However, there is no condemnation in Christ and we are called to freedom to behold Him with an open face.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit works through conviction while the devil and false religion work through condemnation.

When the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, we deal with it and grow in more freedom.

The New and Living Way

We are called to live and grow on the highway of holiness by the new and living way.

Heb 10:19-20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

The new and living way is to live by the New Testament order which is built upon the order of Melchizedek.

This order says that Jesus Christ is the High priest forever and by one sacrifice we are all sanctified.

Heb6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Heb10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

King David and King Hezekiah understood this and worshipped God before the Ark of the Covenant to bring revival and reformation.
Therefore we can live in the glory realm today and become whole.

We Have Come to Heavenly Zion

The writer of Hebrews says that we have not come to Mount Sinai but unto Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem.

Heb12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

Heb12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

In this heavenly Zion and heavenly Jerusalem is where our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly mediator of the New Covenant, resides.

Heb12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

We have come to our High Priest Jesus Christ who is seated there and His blood has given us eternal life.

Life is in the blood and He laid down His life so we could be redeemed, justified and sanctified.

This so we could walk on the highway of holiness to grow in wholeness.

At Mount Sinai, Israel received the Law.

The Law shows that we have all sinned.

The book of Romans Apostle Paul also says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Yet Christ did not save us through the Law but grace so we can come and worship Him and the Father in spirit and truth.

❖ Now we can behold and worship Him with an open face without shame and guilt as He is seated at the throne in heaven and on Mount Zion.

Crystal in Heavenly Zion

This is the glorious freedom Crystal McVea experienced when she was in heaven.

She said she experienced a beautiful new way of receiving and sending love in the presence of God.

“I was completely infused by God’s brightness and intertwined myself completely with it.

I felt a miraculous closeness to God but wanted to feel even closer. This was the Creator of the universe, and I was in His presence! The sheer ecstasy of it! The beauty of it, the joy and the grace, the way my spirit soared and my heart burst – how I wish I had words to convey just how miraculous this was. It was the blessing of all blessings, and I knew that I was changed forever.

In the very same instant that I saw and knew and recognised God, I immediately confessed that He was my Lord and worshipped Him with all my might. The Bible passage that says, 'every tongue will confess and every knee shall bow,' and let me tell you, that's what this was like. A complete surrender to His greatness and an overpowering desire to praise and worship Him." (McVea, C, 2013:90)

Growing in Freedom

Growing in freedom is growing in wholeness and holiness.

As a young boy, I attended the Dutch Reformed Church. There, every Sunday, the Law was read to the people. When it was read, I always felt condemned because of the trauma I received from the death of my brother in front of my house by a drunken driver when I was five years old. I also was sexually abused twice when I was seven years old. Condemnation was written on my young heart and as I grew up, I ran away from it all. Now, as a believer, I know that Christ came to bring grace and truth.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

We are saved by grace and through faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came in the order of Melchizedek.

This order of Melchizedek priesthood, which Christ fulfilled, brings us into the throne of grace in heaven.

Heb4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

By growing in this freedom, which has come to me by grace through faith, the power of condemnation by which I grew up is slowly breaking off.

God is healing my heart more and more and because of this, I receive more and more a deeper peace, a greater joy and it gets easier and easier to live and walk on the highway of holiness.

As God has healed it more and more, my heart is established in grace.

A Kingdom of Joy

The Bible says that in the presence of God is fullness of joy.

It also says that the kingdom of God is a kingdom of joy.

Psa16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Why is it then that so many believers don't have much joy in their lives?

Apostle Paul warned us that we shouldn't go back under the law, rules and regulations.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

If we do go back under the Law, rules and regulations to receive salvation, we frustrate the grace of God.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

He told the Galatians that they were bewitched because they had gone back under the Law.

Gal 3:1-2 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

When you go back to the Law, you go back to condemnation and then your joy leaves for you have frustrated the grace of God.

This is why we need to anchor our faith in the grace of God and grow in this grace; even establish our heart in this grace.

Heb13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Through grace, we enter His throne and kingdom with boldness and then we receive the fullness of joy.

His joy and holy laughter will heal us and set us free of condemnation, depression and heaviness.

Wholeness comes as we break free of condemnation.

A Loving Father

Our God is a loving Father.

In love, He gave us His Son and in His love, He will help us grow to wholeness and holiness. He prunes us where we already bring forth fruit so we can bring forth even more. His intention is not to harm us but to build us up.

Our Father God knows where we are slumbering, staggering or not doing the right thing. Many believers suffer from a broken heart and the Father wants to heal that and put them on the straight road. He says that this road will bring reformation and wholeness.

God's glory is His manifest presence. Through the light of God, glory becomes manifest. The brightness of that light has transforming power in it for this is the holy light of God. This brightness can take us into the high ecstasies of God's pure love that Crystal experienced and that changed and transformed her. Out of this brightness comes the glory and God's goodness which can lead us to repentance.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

The bible speaks about this brightness, its manifestations and outworking in many ways.

God can come softly and lovingly as He did with Crystal or in a dynamic way as He did with Saul's conversion to Paul.

In worship, we can come into the courts of the Lord and let His glorious light overwhelm us, love on us and renew us.

This has happened in my life, again and again, it helps me to grow in the love of God and love for others.

Psa 84:1-2 To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! (2) My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Growing in Wholeness

My broken heart has healed and my spirit has grown in strength. Therefore I have been able to go and minister in ten different nations in the last few years. Many people have been saved, healed and set free as I ministered because of the grace of God.

As I grew in wholeness, I have also grown in holiness and been strengthened to walk on the highway of holiness. The way to grow is to listen to the Word of God and obey. Surrender as the Father takes you through the valleys of life. Be reformed by God's word and God's Spirit as you go through those valleys. As you grow in strength, you can become a reformer and a worshipper like King Hezekiah.

Chapter 4: The True Meaning of Holy

Dwelling in the Holy Place

In these Last Days, God is calling us to come and live in His presence constantly.

The veil has been taken away; we can behold Him from glory to glory.

We are called to tabernacle and dwell and be in union with God on His holy mountain.

Psa 15:1-3 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? (2) He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. (3) *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Most believers only see a glimpse of the glory but can't hold on to it. The answer lies in growing in purity. Those who grow in purity can dwell there. We see the same call in Psalm twenty-four.

Psa 24:3-6 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? (4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (6) *This is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

- ❖ Today, God is calling this generation to seek His face.
- ❖ This generation longs to be in the glorious holy presence of God continually.

Revelations

In Chapter 10 we will talk about how Apostle John had a revelation that the Lord God Almighty is holy. The angels proclaimed holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

In the New Testament time, Apostle John saw the same vision about God's holy presence as the Old Testament prophet Isaiah had seen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ ministered out of God's holy presence here on Earth and called His Father, holy Father. Therefore, we need to learn from God's holy encounters that these prophets had.

Isaiah

In the last chapter, we read how King Hezekiah brought revival and reformation.

In the Old Testament order, God raised prophets to speak to the kings and the nation and in King Hezekiah's day, it was Isaiah. The name Isaiah means the Lord is salvation. This prophet

prophesied in the period of the passing of four kings. Their names are King Uzziah, King Jotham, King Ahaz and King Hezekiah.

God called Isaiah to be a prophet to Judah during a period of great political and spiritual changes. To strengthen the prophet, God gave him a revelation of His majestic holy presence.

In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord seated upon His holy throne. Above God were seraphim's and they cried holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Live Coal

Isaiah saw God's holy presence and as the foundations of the threshold were shaken, his life was shaken. He cried out, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips." Seraphim flew with a lump of live coal off the altar and his lips were cleansed.

Isa 6:7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

He was then sent as a prophet to minister powerfully.

Deliverance Prophesied

God used Isaiah, the prophet who had seen God's holy presence, in a mighty way in the days of King Hezekiah.

In the fourteenth year of the reign of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, King of Assyria, came up against his kingdom. This evil man spoke against him and blasphemed the God of Israel. It looked very dark for the King of Judah, Hezekiah and his constituents.

King Hezekiah humbled himself before God and prayed to the God of Israel who is seated between the Cherubim on the Ark. This is a picture of the throne of God in heaven. God then spoke to Isaiah, His holy prophet, and he prophesied the destruction of Sennacherib's army. That night, God sent out the Angel of the Lord and he killed, 185,000 men.

2Ki 19:20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

2Ki 19:23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel.

2Ki 19:28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

2Ki 19:34-35 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. (35) And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and

smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

- ❖ God delivered His people through the word of His prophet who had a revelation of God's holy presence.

Healing under His Wings

There is healing under the wings of our Holy Lord God Almighty. King Hezekiah was going to die, yet he humbled himself and prayed. God sent Isaiah the prophet to the king and told him that King Hezekiah would be healed and live for another fifteen years.

Isa 38:1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

Isa 38:5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

As a sign that God would heal the king, the sun would go back 10 degrees, which it did.

Isa 38:8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

- ❖ Therefore, we can see that out of God's holy presence, He works miracles and brings deliverance.

Yet God's ways are higher than our ways because He is holy, and it was only when the King humbled himself and prayed that God moved.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

We have to be teachable and humble, we need to seek to learn and understand His glorious holy nature. As we pray and seek, we will be taught by the Holy Spirit and God's word and receive revelations about His holy nature.

My Holy Encounter in Lakeland, Florida USA

On the 8th of the 8th, 2008 God gave me an encounter to understand more about Him being holy and what it means. The number eight is the number of new beginnings and He wanted to give me a new understanding of our holy God. The old understanding was legalistic; the new one brought me great freedom.

In this encounter, I saw the great power of the Holy Spirit and I saw God's glorious holy light.

He told me and showed me that His glorious holy presence is perfect love, the fullness of joy, the fullness of goodness, fullness of mercy and full of life and all his perfection, beauty and majesty.

This encounter set me free from the places where my heart was bound in legalism and dead tradition. It also challenged me to grow in the beauty of being holy as was shown to me. Andrew Murray describes our holy God like this:

“The glory is that which can be seen and known of the invisible and unapproachable light. That light itself, and the glorious fire of which that light is the shining out, that light is the holiness of God. Holiness is not so much an attribute of God as it is the comprehensive summary of all His perfections.” (Murray, 2008: 394)

Understanding the Word Holy?

If we don't understand what holy and holiness mean how can we reach out for it?

Therefore it is important to study it.

According to the Bible, to be holy and holiness are of great importance.

When we came to faith in Christ, we received an impartation of His holy nature, yet we also have to grow in being holy in our lifestyle.

- ❖ The Bible says that we cannot see the Lord without a level of holiness in our lifestyle.

Heb12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Holy is:

Being full of splendour; majestic; brightness and glory

Exo 15:11-13 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who *is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders? (12) Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. (13) Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

The Hebrew Language and Holy

God revealed being holy in the Old Testament to the Israelite people who spoke Hebrew.

To understand the concept of holy, we have to study the Hebrew language and what God showed to them about being holy.

- ❖ The New Testament was written in Greek and the real meaning that God is holy is lost from its Hebraic foundation.
- In Greek, the word holy becomes the same as the word holiness and therefore has lost its true meaning.

This is why many people don't understand that our God is holy. They don't look to God's revelation of holy in the Old Testament where He revealed this to the Israelites in the Hebrew language. Apostle Paul also says that we are grafted into Israel, who spoke the Hebrew language, or the olive tree and therefore we have to study about God in the Old and New Testament.

Bar-Ilan University in Israel

We can learn from a study centre at the Bar-Ilan University in Israel how they see God. They say:

- ❖ Holy is a divine concept.
- ❖ Holy is above human comprehension.
- ❖ In Hebrew, the word holy is not the same as the verb holiness.

In an article by Dov Landau, it says:

"The Torah nowhere defines the concept of Kedushah, what we might call in English 'holiness' or 'sanctity'.

We tend to forget that holy is a divine (transcendental) concept, and therefore, like the concept of G-d, is above human comprehension." (Landau, 2014: 1)

Holy

Many people mix up the words holy and holiness.

There is a significant difference.

- ❖ Holy is what God is.

He is holy.

He is divine.

- ❖ Holiness is the way to become holy.

Holiness always comes from the word sanctification.

- ❖ Sanctification is being set apart.

It is separation unto God.

Sanctification is, therefore, the state predetermined by God for the believers into which, in grace, He calls them and in which they begin their Christian course and so pursue him. (Vine, 1981:225)

The Meaning of the Word Holy

What does the word holy mean?

The Hebrew word for holy is Kadosh.

Kadosh means morally pure, sacred and complete.

- ❖ Therefore our holy God is complete in all His glory and divine nature, morally pure and complete in all attributes.

Kadosh is associated with loftiness, with being raised or elevated (sacred).

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

- ❖ Kadosh (holy) is beyond comparison.
- ❖ Kadosh is awesome.

Andrew Murray says “He will carry on to perfection what He has begun, and make man, created in His image, in very deed partaker of His highest glory, His holiness.”(Murray, 2008: 378)

In the Hebrew language, they didn’t put the vowels in as the word was too sacred. They also used this principle for the word Yahweh or God.

The root word Kadosh occurs one hundred and fifty-two times in Leviticus. (Landau, D. 2015)

- The word holy is therefore who God is.
- Holiness is a word for being separated and growing in being holy in our character and daily walk.

Majesty and Glory

- ❖ Our Holy God doesn’t just exist on His holy throne in Heaven but in eternity above.

Kadosh or holy is above human comprehension, fervent and sometimes terrifying for the rebellious and sinners who don’t repent.

Isa 10:17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

Psa99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is holy.*

The Great Welsh Revival

1904 was the start of the great Welsh revival. An eyewitness of the Welsh revival said that the terror of God had fallen on the houses, villages and towns. The public houses (bars and

prostitute houses) all closed down because of the fear of God. The hardened sinners were terrified to even go out on the streets. They would go to the meetings and cry out for mercy and grace. Drunkards and criminals gave their hearts to Christ and the crime rate totally dropped in Wales.

The ponies that were used in the mines needed to be retrained for now the swear words they had been used to obeying were changed to praise words. As people would gather in the Church to worship, they would start weeping and great praise and worship would break out because of the open heavens that had come due to the intercession that was occurring. People were overcome by the Holy Spirit, convicted, saved and looked like drunken men, as the Holy Spirit filled them.

Today, when you hear about the Welsh revival, they don't tell you about these things, but this is the account of an eyewitness of the Welsh revival in 1904.

The Seraphim

The seraphim are the burning ones who live in the holy fear of God.

They see the Holy God and say: holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

These Seraphim have six wings.

With two of these wings, they cover their face as they see God's holy being.

Every time they say holy, holy; they receive more and more revelation of His:

- Completeness
- Purity
- Beauty
- Holy presence
- Majesty
- Glory
- Honour
- Power and splendour

Words connected to Holy

Holy Father

Our Lord Jesus Christ called His Father, holy Father.

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

You are the Holy One of God

Apostle Peter called Jesus Christ the Holy One regarding the Messiah for He is the holy God come in the flesh.

Joh 6:69 (Amp)⁶ And we have learned to believe *and* trust, and [more] we have come to know [surely] that You are *the Holy One of God*, the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God.

Other words associated with holy are holy covenant, holy prophets, holy place, holy city, holy angels, holy mountains and holy name.

The God of the Bible is Holy

The God of the Bible is holy.

❖ For the Lord God says about Himself that He is holy.

Lev 19:1-2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

❖ Then God says that His name is holy.

Lev 22:32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

❖ Then the angels also say that God is holy.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

There is no one holy like our God, no one lifted up as Him.

1Sa 2:2 *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither is *there* any rock like our God.

He is our Creator and we are the clay of the potter.
We are called to exalt and worship Him as the holy God.

Psa99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for* he is holy.

A Holy Priesthood

Pride will say we can be as God and exalt ourselves above God.

Through pride, Lucifer fell.

We have received God's divine nature and our true new nature will tell us that we have to grow in humility for our Lord is humble of heart.

We are called to humble ourselves and to draw near to God, then He will exalt us in His time.

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

We are also called to draw near to God, for God wants us to grow in being holy so we become a holy priesthood.

We already see this principle in the Old Testament.

Lev 11:45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

- ❖ Apostle Peter uses this scripture and says that a New Testament believer is also called to be holy.

1Pe 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

- ❖ Therefore God is holy and we as believers receive His holy nature when we are born again and are called to grow in being holy in our daily walk and our character.

Yet remember there is none holy as the Lord.

The Pathway

Holiness or sanctification is the path of holy making.

We are a holy priesthood and a holy nation who are to worship the holy God.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Remember God is holy and He has put us on the path of holiness so we grow in becoming holy on the outside as we are already on the inside.

- ❖ Holiness is sanctification and sanctification is holiness.
- ❖ They both mean we are set apart.

We are set apart from the world so we can grow up to become a holy priesthood and a holy nation.

God set the nation of Israel apart from the other nations and its people so they wouldn't be involved in the evil practises the other nations did. Those people sacrificed their children to idols and worshipped their idols.

God also has set us apart from this world so we won't follow the practices of this world.

The main reason we are set apart is so we can be with God who is holy and grow in being holy through the process of holiness or sanctification.

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

The Holy Spirit

The most frequent use of the word holy in the New Testament is God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

I love what Phillip Monatoph says about the Holy Spirit, he says His first name is Holy.

The Holy Spirit has imparted His holy nature in us when we were born again and helps us on the road of holiness or sanctification which is holy making in our daily affairs and character.

- ❖ The Holy Spirit is the spirit of holiness.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is the spirit of glory.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is the spirit of grace, faith, life and freedom.

Rom 1:4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

The Work of the Holy Spirit

The Bible shows us that the Holy Spirit has many job descriptions.

It says He is our teacher, our comforter, our helper, our healer and through Him we are changed from glory to glory.

He doesn't condemn us, only Satan and religious people do that.

His job, however, is also to convict the world and the believers of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Joh 16:8 (Amp) And when He comes, He will convict *and* convince the world *and* bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

The Holy Spirit wants us to grow in all that is associated with what is holy.

The word holy means morally pure, sacred, complete or perfect.

Therefore this means that in God's holy perfection there is perfect love, perfect peace, the fullness of joy, goodness, kindness, mercy, truth, righteousness, justice and all the other attributes.

This will make us into holy people who learn to walk in godliness.

1Ti 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1Ti 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

We are not only just called to enjoy the exciting things of the Holy Spirit but to go through the purging fire of the Holy Spirit. This is so we can learn the deeper things that are on the heart of our holy Father God.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

The natural man doesn't understand it, therefore the holy fire deals also with our motives and purifies them.

He calls us to go deep with Him so we can judge all things spiritually.

1Co 2:15-16 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Andrew Murray says in his book, Holy in Christ that we need the Holy Spirit to move in us to become holy. **(Murray, 2008: 442)**

He goes on and says, at times of revival, as among the Corinthians and Galatians, He may indeed come with His gifts and mighty work, while His sanctifying power is little manifest. However, unless that sanctifying power is acknowledged and accepted, His gifts will be lost. Let us, therefore, press on to know the Lord.

Chapter 5: A Bright Light

A Bright Light Converts Apostle Paul

In this chapter, we are going to see how Apostle Paul was converted by God's holy, bright light.

God's power comes forth out of His brightness.

Before we read about Apostle Paul's conversion, we first want to talk about God's holy presence and His names wherefrom this glorious power comes.

Around the Throne

If we want to know God more deeply and intimately.

If we want to please Him, we have to look into His highest good.

His highest good is that He is gloriously holy.

The Seraphim angels are around the throne and they reveal that our God is holy.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

These Seraphim angels each have six wings, they are constantly receiving deeper revelations about God's holy nature.

We are called to come up into this holy place through faith and by being changed from glory to glory into His holy image.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

As believers on Earth, we are His temple. The Bible says that the temple is sanctified or made holy by God's glory.

Exo29:43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.

Throughout the Bible, we see God's holy nature and God is revealed as being holy.

The One on the throne is Holy.

True Ministry Comes out of the Holy Presence of God.

For the eternal purpose and godly eternal values, it is of most importance that a ministry is built upon God's holy presence and the biblical foundational truth that God is holy.

❖ God even says about Himself that He is holy.

Lev 21:8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy.

❖ In the Old Testament, the Hebrews knew that God was holy.

They had seen Him on Mount Sinai as a consuming fire.

They had also seen His acts of power when He delivered them out of Egypt.

God said to them: "I am holy".

Lev 11:44-45 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (45) For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy.

Watered Down Gospel

Bringing God down to our level waters down the gospel, but we are called to come up to His holy mountain.

Psa24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

In the Bible, it says that out of God's holy presence, the whole Earth is filled with the glory of God.

When most ministers today talk about the Old Time revivals, they bypass how God's holy presence convicted the people of sin and corruption.

By not telling the people about what really happened, deception can take place in how God's power works.

David Pawson

David Pawson said the following on GOD TV:

There is too much focus, in this day, on God's love.

This is a sentimental gospel.

This is not a scriptural gospel.

A.W. Tozer, John Stott and Mike Bickle are saying the same thing.

Yes, the Bible says that God is love, yet it says in many more places God is holy.

Love is a part of the holy presence of God, yet not all of God's holy presence is love.

- ❖ Out of God's holy presence, God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to save the world.
- ❖ Out of God's holy presence, He has to send the unbelieving sinner to hell for He is righteous, just and pure in His holy presence. For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

This book is here to bring us up to the level where our Lord Jesus Christ ministered from. He ministered out of the glorious holy presence of God which we can also call the fullness. He also ministered out of the names of God.

Your Name is Holy

The Bible says that God's name is holy.

Psa103:1 A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

As God's name is holy, He is holy and His divine nature is holy, therefore we are called to worship Him in a holy way.

Psa99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Psa 99:3-4 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is holy*. (4) The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

We are called to worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

Psa96:9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Therefore our Lord Jesus calls us to worship God in spirit and truth.

The truth will keep us on the highway of holiness.

Our Lord Jesus declared the holy Name of God unto the Jews.

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

Now the Hebrew name of our Lord is Yah-shua HaMasiach which is connected to our holy God.

- ❖ Yah-shua means Yahweh is salvation.
- ❖ HaMashiach means the Ideal king anointed and empowered by God (Yah) to rescue His people from the enemies and establish His righteous kingdom.

Through faith in our Lord, the power of the names of God work for, in and through us.

Like a Diamond

In the Bible, all of God's different names together is like a diamond.

Holy means pure, complete.

Therefore His names are like a perfect and complete diamond.

Every name is like a facet of that diamond.

We need the full revelation of God's glorious holy presence. By studying the different names of God, our faith will grow and we will learn to minister more fully out of His fullness.

In the bible, the names of God and the being of God are closely related. This is similar to the ancient idea of what a name signifies.

The Apostle John said that He that sat on the throne was like a jasper and a sardine stone.

Rev 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

He sent forth a rainbow around the throne because of the glorious light of God's glorious holy presence.

The different names of God are revelations of the different facets of His divine being. In 1998 God revealed to me that in the Last Days, the names of God are going to be very important in our warfare. He showed me a vision of a banner with some of His names. We made this into an actual banner and we use it during our prayer times.

Through the name of Jesus Christ and by His blood, we have access to the names of God and can proclaim His names over nations, our lives and ministry, etc.

The Holy Names of God

Let us look at a few of His names:

1. El – found in the bible 200 times means strong, commander.
2. Elohim – found 2500 times in the bible, means the creator, the Lord intense and extensive glory.
In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the Earth. Gen 1:1
3. El Elyon - means the highest, uppermost or ruler
Gen 14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:
4. El Shaddai – means all-powerful, all-sufficient and the God who nourishes.
5. Adonai- means Lord.

Exo33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

The God of the Bible is a different God than the God of Islam.

God's names are many facets that make up the total revelation of the God of the Bible.

El Shaddai shows the loving God of the Bible which Islam does not have.

Redemptive Names

The redemptive names show that our God is our saviour.

In the redemptive names, we see how God wants to help, heal, deliver us and give us peace.

Firstly there is Yahweh which means the name of God. This is used 6 823 times in the Old Testament.

1. Yahweh Tsidkenu - my righteousness
2. Yahweh Rophi – my healer
3. Yahweh Shalom – my peace
4. Yahweh Nissi – my banner
5. Yahweh Jireh – my provider

6. Yahweh Rohi – my shepherd
7. Yahweh Tsebahoth – the Lord of hosts (or of angels)

In these names of God, we see the glorious, holy nature of God and how He is high and lifted above His creation.

God proclaimed His name, Jesus Christ proclaimed His name and we are also to proclaim His name to the lost.

Grafted In

As believers in the Messiah, who is a Jew, we are grafted into the Olive tree.

Rom 11:17-18 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; (18) Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

The Olive Tree is Israel.

If we reject the Olive Tree root, into which we are grafted, we can easily be deceived. Also, we will not see the great power of God which comes forth out of His holy presence.

We are called to bless the natural offspring of Abraham, which is Israel and its seed. We are called to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Our Jewish Messiah's (Yah-shua; Jesus) ministry was totally built upon the holiness of God. He even called His father: Holy Father.

In 1948, when Israel became a nation again after 2000 years, everybody could see that holy God wasn't finished with Abraham's natural seed. There is false teaching called the replacement theology that teaches that all Israel's blessings are only for the church, which so-called replaced Israel. Therefore this denies that we are grafted into the Olive Tree.

With the event that happened in 1948 (when Israel became a nation) and the event in 1967 (when Jerusalem again became the capital), we see that the Biblical promises are both for the offspring of Abraham and the church. For we are grafted into the Olive Tree and serve the holy God that brought Israel out of the bondage of Egypt through our holy Saviour, Jesus Christ.

When we believe we are grafted into the Olive Tree we, therefore, serve the God of Israel. He reveals Himself to us as holy in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Then we can receive and walk in the miracles of Jesus Christ and through Him also those of Moses, Elijah, David and Daniel.

So we need to renounce the false replacement theology.

A Bright Light

The God of glory thundered, this means that God can use His soft voice as he did with Elijah on Mount Horeb or He can use a loud audible voice.

When our Lord Jesus Christ talked about the hour that was coming that the Son of Man would be glorified, the voice of God was heard in such a powerful way that others thought it had thundered.

Joh 12:28-29 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again. (29) The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Therefore God doesn't always work gently.

Yes, our Lord is gentle by nature but we shouldn't limit His power in that way.

Apostle Paul

Before his name change, Paul was called Saul. He was one of the most dedicated Pharisees in his day. Many of these Pharisees were not really following the teachings of Moses but were then already a part of a mystical sect that was in secret worship of the brazen serpent.

This was why Jesus Christ called them a brood of vipers and children of the devil. They were worshipping in the synagogue of Satan which is also spoken about in the book of Revelations.

Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan. Saul was an extreme Pharisee who was killing many Christians because of his extreme ideas. He was then converted in a powerful, strong and overwhelming way.

God can speak softly or can come strongly; with a loud voice.

The voice of God can come as thunder.

Psa 29:2-3 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (3) The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

God can come and powerfully convict sinners as He did with Saul.

As Saul was on his way to Damascus to kill more Christians, God came to him as a bright, blinding light and because of it, he fell to the ground and became blind for three days.

Act 9:3-5 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: (4) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

God dealt strongly and powerfully with the man that was killing believers.

Apostle Paul surrendered and became a believer.

The holy brightness releases God's convicting power of sin unto Paul.

- ❖ This bright light is the manifest presence which is the glory of God.
- ❖ Apostle Paul says he was converted by the glorious intensity of the brightness of that light.

Act 22:11 (AMP) And since I could not see because [of the dazzlingly glorious intensity] of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and [thus] I arrived in Damascus.

- ❖ Out of God's holy presence, there come forth great moves of revival and the great miracles, signs and wonders.
- ❖ The Bible says that out of God's holy presence, the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Therefore, Apostle Paul was struck by the power of God's glorious light that comes out of God's holy presence. Apostle Paul was a Pharisee and was born of the tribe of Benjamin. He knew that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the holy God. He knew that God's name is holy. Yet his religious zeal stopped him from seeing who Jesus Christ really was.

After his encounter, he saw Jesus Christ as the pure bright holy light and He surrendered to Christ's lordship for he saw Christ's holy presence. Our holy Messiah and our Holy Father are one.

Revival, Reformation, Transformation and Habitation

God wants His children to learn to constantly live in a place of personal revival. Today, God is teaching us how to get there and what the keys to revival are. We see a major key to revival in the story of the conversion of Apostle Paul.

- ❖ The major key is the encounter he had with the brightness of the holy light of God.

Act 22:11 (AMP) And since I could not see because [of the dazzlingly glorious intensity] of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and [thus] I arrived in Damascus.

Today, God is calling us to not only be revived but to be reformed, transformed and to live in a place of continual habitation of God's presence.

Therefore, God is raising up revivalists, reformers and ministers who know how to bring transformation and raise up physical places like churches, prayer and worship houses that they will be a place where God's holy presence dwells. Yet the most important temple for God is our heart, He wants to inhabit our lives as His temple.

A Cross of Light

One day, William Branham was working in his mother's garden, something extraordinary happened. Suddenly, he heard the sound of a wind blowing in the top of the tree. He jumped up to look and noticed that the wind was not blowing in any other place.

Stepping back, he looked up into the tree and a voice said, "Never drink, smoke or defile your body, for I have work for you to do when you get older." He went his own way, yet through an accident, he started to look for God. Finally, in desperation, while in the shed, he prayed. Suddenly a light came and shone on the wall of the shed in the form of a cross. Branham believed in the Lord and was born again.

A Fire Ball

In the early 1900s, there was a baptism service by the Ohio River; four thousand people were in attendance. At the service, they witnessed a great glory fireball coming down from heaven and filling William Branham when he was baptised.

In June 1933 he held his first major tent revival in Jefferson. When he baptised the seventeen converts, another supernatural event took place. A whirlwind came down from the heavens above and a light was shining on them; they were very shocked. Many of the four thousand who had seen the light on the riverbank also fled. Some remained and fell in worship.

When Branham ministered many would see a light around him. The words of knowledge he would have were amazing. He would know people's names, ages, sicknesses and then they would be healed.

There is a prophecy that says that in the Last Days, God is going to raise 10 000 believers who will minister on this same high level as William Branham ministered on.

Revival out of God's Holy Presence

There are only two places in the Bible where the word "revival" is used.

In both of these places, we see the kingdom keys that help us to get to the place of revival, reformation transformation and habitation. The first one is in the book of Habakkuk.

Hab3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

The prophet prays for revival and we can learn from his spiritual insight on how God sees revival.

The prophet Habakkuk knew what had happened on Mount Sinai. He knew that Moses' face had been shining with the glory of God. As Moses encountered the radiant brightness of God's glorious holy light, he was beaming like a shining star.

The prophet reveals what happened.

Hab 3:3 (AMP) God [approaching from Sinai] came from Teman [which represents Edom] and the Holy One from Mount Paran [in the Sinai region]. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! His glory covered the heavens and the earth was full of His praise.

God came to the Sinai Peninsula in His glory. God came with His holy presence on Mount Sinai. The difference between the sweet presence of His glory and His holy presence is that out of the holy presence the mountains will melt like wax.

Psa 97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

- ❖ In these Last Days, God is going to release revival, reformation transformation and habitation out of His holy presence.

It will consume our sin, bondages and darkness and the fear of God will come back into His house.

The Hiding Place of His Power

Do you want to know where God's power comes from?

Well, the prophet reveals the hiding place of God's power.

Hab 3:5 (AMP) And His brightness was like the sunlight; rays streamed from His hand, and there [in the sun-like splendour] was the hiding place of His power.

- ❖ It says that in the sun-like splendour (brightness like a sun) was the hiding place of His power.

The sun-like brightness is the hiding place of God's power.

- ❖ This is the same holy bright light that shone unto Apostle Paul and he was converted by it.
- ❖ God's highest power comes out of the light of His holy presence.

Yet there is more.

Out of this bright light the Ten Plagues were released upon Egypt.

My friend, this is the same power whereby God opened the Red Sea.

This is why nations were terrified of the God of Israel.

Psa 99:1-3 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved. (2) The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. (3) Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it is holy.

The Difference between Glory and Holy

Today, it is important to understand that there is a difference between the realm of His glory and the realm of His holy presence.

The importance is that if we stay just in the love of His glory and aren't changed by the fire of His holy jealousy, we can be deceived.

Many believers want only to feel good as believers, however, they don't want to grow up as disciples.

Yet discipleship means also discipline and correction.

We can't separate God's glorious presence from His holy presence, yet there is a difference in the outworking of glory or holy.

- ❖ Kabod is the Hebrew word for glory and it means a heavy weight.

2Ch 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is good*; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

- ❖ Kadosh is the Hebrew word for holy and it means pure, complete and sacred.

Psa99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*

When we experience God's glory, we experience His love, peace and joy, as well as see His miracles, signs and wonders happening. When we experience God's holy presence, we start to worship Him in reverential fear and awe, then the fire of His love starts to consume us and transformation takes place.

Through His holy presence, we are changed into His image.

When we are transformed, God will do the greater signs and miracles through us, as He can trust us.

- ❖ All God's judgments come out of the brightness of His holy presence.

The enemies flee and people get saved. King David also understood that God's holy brightness was terrifying for the enemies and that it keeps the believers on the narrow path to life.

Psa 18:12-13 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire. (13) The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

King Solomon experienced God's glory yet ended in sin.

King David experienced God's holy presence and the fear of the Lord, this led him to repent from his sin.

The author Andrew Murray puts it like this:

Holiness is not so much an attribute of God as it is the comprehensive summary of all His perfections. (Murray, 2008: 394)

The Transfiguration and God's Power in Action

When we read about that our Lord was transfigured on the holy mountain, His garment became white as light.

The region they were in was one of the darkest and most demonic regions in Israel. The Greek word for brightness is Photeinos and it means bright light also said of a cloud or a lamp. This is what happened with Christ's clothes, they started to shine.

Mar 9:3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

Our Lord was shining and out of God's holy bright light, great power was released. When they came down from the mountain the other nine disciples were casting a spirit out of a possessed boy. Yet they were not successful. Then the Lord, who was full of the holy power of the Holy Spirit, cast out the demon.

Mar 9:26-27 And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. (27) But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

In this story, we see that out of God's holy presence comes great power.

When the New Heaven and the New Earth has come, our Lord is going to shine bright as a sun on the whole Earth to give it light.

Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Chapter 6: God's Holy Bright Majestic Presence

Elijah

In this chapter, we will see how God's holy fire came down in the ministry of Elijah. Elijah brought revival to Israel. However, because King Ahab and Queen Jezebel refused to repent, reformation was unable to come. The preaching of God's kingdom has the power to bring reformation and that is what Christ preached.

Before we talk about Elijah, we are going to show you that there are seven different levels we can live on as a church or as a believer. God's desire for us is to walk on the highest level, which is the level of His holy presence where His holy, bright light shines from.

His Holy Throne

As we saw in the last chapter, Apostle Paul was saved by the encounter of the dazzling glorious intensity of the brightness of God's light. This was Christ coming as the holy God to reveal to Paul that he was doing evil by killing Christians and that he was a sinner needing salvation.

Act 9:3-5 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: (4) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (5) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

In the gospels and the book of Acts, we see God moving in power out of His holy throne in a holy way. Today, especially in the Western Church, the gospel has been watered down. God wants us to come back to our first love and learn to minister out of the fullness of God whereby the Seven Spirits of God move in power. This is the fullness of the Holy Spirit which is the second level.

A vision in 2004

In 2004, I was in a worship service in Perth, Western Australia where I received a powerful vision.

The vision used picture language by which the Lord explained to me that many believers live their lives in a compromising way.

They have settled for less.

In the vision the Lord gave me, I saw 7 levels.

In the Bible, God has a standard set for us. His standard for us is to become holy.

The first level of the vision is God's standard for us, which is to live and minister out of God's holy presence, which releases us to minister out of His fullness, glory and anointing.

Our God, who is holy, is also the God of love

One of the Hebrew words for holy is completed, therefore, in God's completeness, He is radiant, burning love that is gentle in nature.

God showed me that many have lowered their standard and camped around a lower level.

God's plan for the body of Christ is that they live in the standard of being holy, without compromise.

God gave Isaiah, Apostle John and Ezekiel a vision about who God is.

It says God is holy.

We see this in revelation 4:8

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

I put this vision above my bed and prayed about it for many years. God gave me understanding by the Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that now, in this book, we call you to come up to God's standard revealed in His holy word, so that we can stand in these Last Days.

A disclaimer:

These 7 levels are not a teaching but a vision to call you up to God's holy standard.

His standard is to be holy as He is holy.

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

The vision of 7 Different Levels

1. God's holy fiery presence!

Christ ministered from this level.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.



Christ ministered downwards



2. Fullness and the realm of the Seven Spirits of God

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.



3. The glory realm

Heb 2:10 For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.



4. In the anointing

Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.



5. In the blessing of God

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.



6. In Christian traditions

Mar 7:3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

Mar 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.



We are called to come up higher



7. In a cold or dead traditional church

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

God's Holy Bright Light

❖ God's holy bright light comes forth out of His holy presence.

This is what the angels see in heaven and that is why they say "holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts".

God's name is also holy because God is perfect which is what the word holy means.

In this illuminating holy bright light, our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Apostle Paul and he was converted and became blind.

Act 22:11 (AMP) And since I could not see because [of the dazzlingly glorious intensity] of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and [thus] I arrived in Damascus.

God had a very important ministry for Apostle Paul for he was called to evangelise the heathen world in great power as well as write most of the New Testament. Many believers start strong but lose their first love. Apostle Paul moved out of God's holy presence, walked in it and dwelt in it, just as our Lord Jesus Christ had walked in it. He lived in Arabia where he encountered the Lord many times and was taught the scriptures by the Lord in these encounters.

Gal 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:16-17 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (17) Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Apostle Paul said he did not go to Jerusalem and let men teach him for God taught him. When we read Apostle Paul's writings in the New Testament we can learn how to live close with God. When you do you will live and walk in the holy brightness of God's light and His holy presence.

I have encountered that light on many occasions and it totally changed and transformed me.

2 Cor 4:6 (AMP) For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty *and* glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of *Jesus Christ* (the Messiah).

This bright light of His holy presence will bring:

1. Revival in our hearts
2. Reformation in our mindset
3. Transformation in our lifestyle
4. The habitation of His holy presence in our hearts, homes, churches and nations.

Psa 85:9 (AMP) Surely His salvation is near to those who reverently *and* worshipfully fear Him, [and is ready to be appropriated] that [the manifest presence of God, His] glory may tabernacle *and* abide in our land.

Two Different Levels of His Presence

There are two different levels of His presence.

In the Bible, we see and read much about the love and goodness of God.

Then, at times, we also see God move in a severe way, which brings judgment.

Why does God move in these different ways?

- ❖ He does because God, in His holy love and goodness wants to lead people to repentance. Yet because He is holy, they need to truly repent or they will come to meet God's severity one day.
- ❖ For no sin can be in the presence of a holy God.

Therefore we see two different levels of His presence in the scriptures.

1. The holy, bright majestic presence of God.

Eze1:4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

2. The glorious loving presence of God.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Out of the holy, bright majestic presence comes forth the glorious loving presence.

As I studied the Bible, I saw that the holy, bright majestic presence brings not only blessings but also judgment fire upon the idols and idolatry.

Psa 18:12 (AMP) Out of the brightness before Him there broke forth through His thick clouds hailstones and coals of fire.

Today, many preach only about the glory lovingly yet they have to understand that holy is the highest level of glory and that idols and God do not mix.

The Holy Spirit is here to write God's law in our hearts.

2Co 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

The first command is "you shall have no other gods (idols) before Me".

Exo 20:3-5 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfil the Law, yet He didn't destroy the Law for the Law is good.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

You say, O well, I can do what I want, for I am under grace.

Well in the New Testament, in the book of Galatians, it says that no idolaters, drunkards, adulterers or murderers will enter the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, (21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Now through grace by faith, we are born again and have the power of the Holy Spirit not to live in sin.

For we are called to live in the spirit.

When we live in the spirit, godly fruit will grow in our lives.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The Protestants

The Reformation and the Protestant movement was started by Martin Luther.

He was preaching from the bible that the righteous shall live by faith.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The Protestant movements protest was against the idols and idolatry of the Roman Catholic Church. They understood that the Law or Ten Commandments are still here even when we believe and live by faith. Today, the Roman Catholic Church still worship idols, therefore the protest against the idols and idolatry remains. The shortcoming of the Protestant Church or the traditional levels is that they don't live through the moving of the Holy Spirit whereby we overcome the works of the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

When we live our faith out by the Law, we will feel condemned.

God's plan is to live our life by faith through the Holy Spirit who gives us joy, peace and righteousness and helps us not to sin against God's commandments.

The Holy Bright Majestic Presence of God

In the Hebrew language, the word for the presence of God and the face of God are the same.

In Numbers, it says "Out of His Face (or Presence) shines His light"

Num 6:25-26 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: (26)
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

- ❖ The word presence in Hebrew is Paneh, it means face, countenance or appearance.
- ❖ Out of God's holy majestic presence or face comes the brightness of His holy light for God is light.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- ❖ Out of this holy majestic light of God's presence comes for the glorious light of the gospel

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Out of the light or brightness of God's holy presence, He has also brought forth judgment upon His enemies.

2 Sam 22:13 (AMP) Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth.

We are called to seek His face or His presence in the first place.

Psa27:8 *When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.*

When we do so, His light will start to transform us into His image.

When we seek God's face, He will also move on our behalf in power through His right hand.

Ezekiel and God's Light

Ezekiel saw God's bright radiant pure light.

Eze 1:26-28 And 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. (27) And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. (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 was looking at the throne of God here, he was seeing Him who sits on the throne. This revelation shown to him teaches us that our God is a God who is ablaze with fire wherefrom the light shines.

When God comes to a person or a place with his bright majestic presence, unbelievers are convicted of their sin.

This is what happened in meetings of Finney, Wesley and Apostle Paul.

Our holy God consumes sin, darkness, idols and evil. When we preach and minister like that we will see true repentance, reformations and transformation. Then people will really walk in the first love and be carriers of the presence of God for they learnt to make their life a habitation of His presence. The Bible says a fire goes before God, this is because God is a consuming fire and we are also called to be on fire.

Psa99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is holy.*

Our God, in His holy presence, is also the God of love, yet he is also righteous, just and a God who has to judge evil. His throne is established on righteousness and judgment. Christ, by grace, took our sin, yet if people don't truly repent, judgment has to come. We can't be a Christian and an adulterer or idolater at the same time. This is why a fire goes before him and burns up all His enemies, the mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord.

Psa99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*

Preparation for Revival

When Reverend Edward Miller was a boy, he was in the meetings where sinners would run to the altar to cry out for mercy during the services of Aimee Simple-McPherson. He later became a missionary in Argentina.

God told him to pray for eight hours a day. After six weeks of this, he experienced God's golden light and he was being taken up in the heavenly realm. He then gathered with other believers at night and God started to move. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Rivers of Tears

He was then told to lead a Bible School. He told the students to come together for weeks of prayer. One night, a student(who used to be a criminal) was praying outside and a light shone on him and read his bible by this light. Later, he looked where this light came from and it was a big angel who was standing behind him. He ran into the school building and the angel did the same, all the students were shocked by it.

The angel would write the sins of people on a piece of paper and they would repent. Rivers of tears flowed for weeks at this place, they were the groanings of intercession for Argentina.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Students were sent to different places to intercede in Argentina and they would groan, travail and weep for the nation. The streams of tears went on for several months and then the Holy Spirit said that the prince of Argentina (the demonic spirit over Argentina) had been broken.

God's Light

Reverend Miller rented a building where believers would come together to pray. God's light would shine upon them in those meetings and people would start to repent as the Holy Spirit would get hold of them.

Two young ladies were outside and didn't want to come in for they didn't want to repent. One of them looked into the building and God's holy fire fell on her. She started to weep uncontrollably and started to repent.

The Holy Spirit also said that from this time, great outdoor gospel campaigns would bring revival.

Revivalist

One man used in the early days of the revival in Argentina was Tommy Hicks. The biggest stadium became too small for the crowds. God did great signs, wonders and miracles, masses of people were saved and many Full Gospel or Pentecost churches were started.

These days Carlos Anacondiais being used mightily by God in Argentina. I saw him minister and he stood strong in his authority as he cast out dark devils and demons of sickness. Then he prayed for the people and casts the devils out. He sees great results as many are saved, healed and delivered.

Elijah

❖ The name "Elijah" means Yahweh is God.

Elijah was brought up as a prophet of God in the darkest period of the nation of Israel. King Solomon had not ended his life well, for he started to follow after the gods of his 700 wives and 300 concubines.

1Ki 11:7-10 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. (8) And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. (9) And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, (10) And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

God was angry with King Solomon because he set up idols and God gave ten of the twelve tribes to Jeroboam and two tribes to his son Rehoboam after his death.

1Ki 11:31-32 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (32) (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

God showed that judgement would come on Israel as they worship foreign gods.

Yet the kings after that didn't listen and set up more idols, groves and shrines.

Some generations later a very evil king reigned, he was called King Ahab. He married a woman that was even eviler than he, called Queen Jezebel. She was a Phoenician woman who came from Cartago where they made daily sacrifices of many babies to Baal.

She was a daughter and princess of the Sidonian King Ethbaal who was also a Phoenician.

1Ki 16:31-33 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. (32) And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. (33) And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

When they married, King Ahab set up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal. This evil marriage made that King Ahab came under the control of this evil Baal spirit and Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal was able to control the affairs of the kingdom. During this dark day, Elijah was raised up by God to be the true prophet and true voice of God to challenge the darkness.

Destruction of God's Prophets

The first strategy Queen Jezebel made was to stop the voice of God in the land. There were many prophets in those days for Samuel started schools of the prophets when he was alive and they were active. The true prophets had the voice of God, therefore, she sent the soldiers to arrest and kill the prophets.

1Ki 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

❖ Then she replaced the true prophets with 450 false Baal prophets of the groves.

❖ She also set up a false priesthood.

These priests were priests of Baal, yet the false prophets of the groves ate at the Queen's table.

1Ki 18:19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

Therefore Elijah was in grave danger. In his day, to be a true prophet could cost him his life. This had happened to many of the prophets. Ahab and Jezebel set up groves and houses for Baal. The Baal priest would do rituals of cutting themselves accompanied by such things as

frenzied dancing. Cult male and female prostitution would be performed in the open Baal houses and child sacrifices were made. These children were sacrificed on the burning hand of Molech. Today, we have abortions and secret satanic societies that do the same.

God Answered By Fire

In these circumstances, Elijah was sent to confront King Ahab and all the evil that happened in his day. He had to say to Ahab that there was going to be no rain or dew on the land until Elijah said so.

1Ki 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

God first sent Elijah to the brook of Cherith where he would be fed by the ravens.

1Ki 17:2-4 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, (3) Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. (4) And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

Then he was sent to the widow of Zarephath where God did a miracle of multiplication whereby the barrel of meal and oil gave supernatural abundance.

1Ki 17:14-15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. (15) And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

Three years later, Elijah was sent back to see King Ahab.

He tells Ahab the drought had come because Ahab didn't obey God's commandments and followed and worshipped Baal.

1Ki 18:18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

Then Elijah tells Ahab to gather all the people, the false prophets and the false priests at Mount Carmel. He asked, "how long will you be double-minded and be between two opinions? Let the true God answer with fire."

Why does he say that?

He knows that fire goes before the holy God of Israel to burn up all its enemies.

Psa 97:2-3 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne. (3) A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

Then the contest begins between the false prophets and priests and Elijah.

When the Baal prophets and priest pray, nothing happens.

When Elijah prays, the God of Israel answers with fire.

1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

Yahweh is God

God is holy and when people keep worshipping idols and statues and don't want to repent, one day, God's patience is going to run out.

- ❖ Out of His holy majestic presence, when God judges, God's consuming fire is released.
- ❖ On the day, Elijah prayed God sent forth this consuming fire and the sacrifices were consumed.
- ❖ The people saw that the God of Elijah was God, for out of the holy majestic presence of God, a fire had come forth.

Then revival broke out.

Therefore all the people started to say that Yahweh is God.

The meaning of the name Elijah is, Yahweh is God.

Therefore the people of Israel were proclaiming that the God of Elijah is God.

After that, Elijah prayed for rain and the rain came.

Yet, still, King Ahab did not repent, if that had been the case, they could have sent the queen witch Jezebel away or they could have stoned her. The Law of God in the Old Covenant said that a witch or false prophet needed to die, which is the judgment of God. This is the reason why they put the false prophets and false priest to death.

1Ki 18:40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Here we see that Elijah brought revival to Israel, yet reformation didn't happen.

Reformation didn't happen because King Ahab didn't truly repent and therefore things stayed the same.

Baptised with Fire

One thing we all see through the Bible is that the God of the Bible answers with fire.

As the God of the Bible is holy, He has to consume with fire anything that rises up against Him.

Out of His glorious, holy, majestic presence, God is patient, kind, gracious, loving, merciful and truthful.

God's heart is good but He can't let evil keep on going, therefore, we see the God of the Bible always answered with fire.

Exo24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

In the Old Covenant, we see Him consume His adversaries with fire.

We see this in the life of Abraham, Moses, King Solomon and Elijah.
In the New Testament, we see God baptising the first Church with fire on the day of Pentecost.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

God's Holy Spirit fire cleanses and purifies us from sin and its power.
John the Baptist who came in the spirit of Elijah said that Christ would baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Mat 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: (12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

God's fire was used in Elijah's ministry against his enemies, the false prophets and priests and their sin.

This is why Christ would baptise us with the Holy Spirit and with fire so He could receive a pure bride.

Elijah was taken up by the chariot of fire for out of God's bright light and majestic presence comes fire.

Chapter 7: The Fullness and The Shekinah Glory

Apostle Peter, Fullness and Shekinah Glory

In this chapter, we are going to teach how fullness operates. We will see how Apostle Peter moved in the fullness as the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord worked through him. This brought forth the move of the Shekinah glory in the first church. Multiple people were healed as they were touched by the manifest presence of God.

Moving Toward the Fullness

When the Lord Jesus Christ was walking and ministering on the earth, He ministered out of God's fullness.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

The fullness comes out of God's holy, majestic presence where the Seven Spirits of God are in operation.

In this glorious holy presence is where the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord is in operation.

We are called to live in the fear of God, yet the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord is a higher level of the fear of God and it opens up the prophetic in a higher way. It can bring purifying fire and also judgment.

A Strong Encounter in the Fullness

In 2005, when Amy and myself were fasting and doing warfare on Mount Tamborine, I had a very strong encounter with God.

A bright holy light was in front of me, which was God's holy, majestic presence.

He spoke to me and called me to come up into the higher levels of His holy presence. He also said that we can make an idol of the ministry in the glory, yet if we are focussed on and learn to live in His holy presence, all impurities in our lives will burn up.

In this higher level of God's glorious holy presence, we receive the baptism with fire for the seven spirits are burning before the throne of God.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

God said that the holy presence of God is where the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord will be central; it will bring forth the Last Days End-Time revival. He also said that His holy fire was going to fall as in the days and ministry of John Wesley. Earlier on, God had told me to study

the Bible from the viewpoint that God is holy. He was preparing me for this encounter and to teach about this topic.

The Bosom of the Father

Christ came from the bosom of the Father and through the Holy Spirit, He was filled with the fullness of the Father.

Joh 1:16-18 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. (17) For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

The Father revealed this fullness or glory of grace and truth and His loving-kindness when He revealed His glory to Moses.

These realms of glory or visitations are your inheritance as you come into the bosom of the Father.

This is your inheritance in Christ.

Eph1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

We have to be hungry to receive all the Father has for us.

The more we believe and hunger for the fullness the more we will experience His fullness in our lives.

Our Inheritance

From the Father's fullness we can receive:

Joh 1:16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

1. Grace upon grace
2. Spiritual blessings
3. Favour upon favour
4. Gifts heaped upon gifts
5. Divine perfection
6. Power
7. His attributes
8. Divine presence

Col 1:19(AMP) ¹⁹ For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him ^[P] permanently.

What is fullness?

Fullness is

- the richest measure of His divine presence.

Eph 3:19(AMP) [That you may really come] to know [practically, ^[e]through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses ^[f]mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] ^[g]unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and ^[h]become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Mountains Melt Like Wax

Covenant's change but God doesn't.

Therefore to know who God is we need to study the Old and New Testament.

The fullness is the richest measure of God's divine presence and the scripture shows us the acts and revelations of His divine presence.

The greatest demonstration of God's divine presence coming down to earth was at Mount Sinai where they saw His glory burning like fire.

Exo24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

The Bible says here it was a devouring fire, this was confirmed in the Psalms.

Psa97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Therefore fullness is God's consuming fire in our lives burning up all our sin, weakness and character flaws so that God's morally pure love can fill us in fullness.

Eph 3:17-18 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

To grow in this pure love, we have to walk in God's glorious holy presence, whereby the fullness of the Seven Spirits of God will be poured out in us.

- ❖ When we surrender more and more to God's glorious holy presence we grow in fullness.

First, we are ankle-deep, then we go knee-deep, then up to our waist until finally, we learn to fully surrender and learn to swim and let the river of God take over our lives.

Growing in Fullness

In the fullness, God's love, discipline and judgment are at work.

Therefore He calls us to lift up our weak hands and knees that they may be healed. We also learn to make a straight path.

Isa 35:2-4 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. (3) Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. (4) Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.

These verses teach us about discipleship, Hebrews 12 also uses these same verses for us, as New Testament believers, to use today. God disciplines us in this way so that His glory will be poured out and signs and wonders can happen. For it says that when our heart is strong and our hands are made strong that blind eyes shall be opened and the deaf be healed.

Isa 35:6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

The most important thing for us, in the fullness, is our character growth and that we learn to walk in the ways of God.

This is why we have to learn to live in the bosom of the Father and live in our first love as well as let God discipline us as a loving father does.

The consuming fire of God is also in the fullness.

Ananias and Sapphira were struck by this consuming fire as were the two sons of Aaron.

This is where there is a difference between God's intimate glorious presence and His majestic holy presence.

Seven Flames Burning

There are three levels of the Holy Spirit fire:

1. Baptism with the Holy Spirit
2. Baptism of fire
3. Seven spirits burning with fire in us

In the book of Revelations, we read that the Seven Spirits of God are burning before the throne of God.

Therefore the seven spirits of God are the seven flames of God in the fullness.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Many believers are filled with the Holy Spirit yet many of them still need to be baptised with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

When we are baptised with the baptism of fire in the Holy Spirit, there are still higher levels of fire we can receive. This we can then receive by letting the Seven Spirits of God burn in us. Each flame will bring us deeper into the heart of God and each flame will equip us with the greater levels of the higher gifts which are released by each of the Seven Spirits of God.

Seven Spirits of God

In the book of Isaiah, we find the different names of the Seven Spirits of God.

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

1. Spirit of the Lord
2. Spirit of Wisdom
3. Spirit of Understanding
4. Spirit of Counsel
5. Spirit of Might
6. Spirit of Knowledge
7. Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

The next verses show us that our Lord Jesus Christ walked and ministered in these levels on earth.

1. It says that the Spirit of the Lord would rest upon Him.
2. It says all seven spirits rested upon Jesus Christ.
3. By this, we can know the secrets of how Jesus Christ walked, lived and ministered.

This is why we all have received from His fullness, grace upon grace.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Seven Spirits Come Forth Out of the Glorious Holy Bright Presence of the Father

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

In my book on the glory realm, I talk about the deep love relationship these seven spirits release in our lives. As I said earlier, we can go ankle, knee, waist or shoulder deep as they are released more to us as we surrender more.

- ❖ In this book about the glorious holy, I want to show you how important the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord is.

Many ministers work with the glory or even a level of fullness whereby the miracles, signs and wonders happen.

- ❖ The important thing is to be consistent in growing in godly fear and mature godly character.

Apostle Peter blew it a few times, yet he grew up into a godly and God-fearing apostle. As he grew, he was used spectacularly as the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord worked through him, which released the Shekinah glory in his ministry to heal the sick. Our Lord Jesus Christ had shown him the way for it says that God creates a quick understanding of the fear of the Lord because Jesus ministered through the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.

Isa 11:2-3 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; (3) And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

- ❖ As the apostles progressed in the book of Acts, more and more of the Seven Spirits of God and the fullness started to manifest.

Prayer and Brokenness in the Welsh Revival

The great Welsh Revival of 1904 was born through the intercessory prayer of Evan Roberts. He prayed mightily for over ten years, many hours each night. When the revival or awakening happened, he was still praying and being sensitive to the working of the Holy Spirit.

One writer declared:

It was not the eloquence of Evan Roberts that broke men down, but his tears. He would break down, crying bitterly for God to bend them, in an agony of prayer, the tears coursing down his cheeks, his whole frame writhing. Strong men would break down and cry like children, women would shriek. A sound of weeping and wailing would fill the air. Evan Roberts, in the intensity of his agony, would fall in the pulpit while many in the crowd often fainted. **(Bartleman, F. 1982: 37)**

Azusa Street Revival

Frank Bartleman was one of the pioneers of the Azusa Street Revival. This revival loosened the Pentecostal movement and the baptism of the Holy Spirit worldwide. Before it all started, Frank and Brother Small had all night prayer meetings. They were inspired by the Wales Revival

Frank and Evan Roberts (the leader in Wales) were in contact by letter and thousands in Wales prayed for the revival to hit Los Angeles in the Azusa street mission.

Then God started to move with the little beginning in 1906 in a few places in Los Angeles and the Azusa mission became the centre of it all. God asked Frank to fast and pray for ten days so that God could use him. Then the great earthquake hit San Francisco and 5000 people died on 18 April 1906. Frank then said I felt a deep conviction that the Lord was answering our prayers for a revival in His way.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The next day, on 19 April 1906, Los Angeles was hit by a small earthquake. That night, Frank spoke at the Azusa Street Mission where Bother Seymour was the minister. Frank found that the earthquake opened many hearts. After the service, he was told by the Lord to make a gospel tract with a message of God that the earthquake was God's judgment on the sin of San Francisco and California.

Standing in the Fear of God

He distributed 75000 gospel tracts with the message God gave him, to call men to repentance. Frank said that God showed him how all hell was being moved to drown His voice in the earthquake. The message that God had given him was to counteract the influence. Men had been denying God's presence in the earthquake, now He would speak. **(Bartleman, F. 1982:48)**

Frank was standing in the fear of God and he even stood when there was much opposition. The result was that after the earthquake, God started to move in a mighty way in the Azusa Street revival. Frank said, 'the San Francisco earthquake was surely the voice of God to the people on the Pacific coast. It was used mightily in conviction for the revival the Lord graciously brought after. From around the world, they came and took this Pentecost experience back to their nations.'

Frank said that in this revival, God's love was flowing like a mighty river in their midst. Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and were speaking in tongues. Great miracles, signs and wonders were taking place. At the same time, there was deep repentance and cleansing of sin in believers and unbelievers happening in their lives. The conviction power of God was falling even two blocks away from the meeting place.

Apostle Peter and the Shekinah Glory

In Acts two, the apostles were baptised with the Holy Spirit and they were baptised with fire. Again in Acts four, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they receive a greater measure of boldness or the spirit of breakthrough.

- ❖ Then, in Acts five, Apostle Peter moves in the fullness which is triggered when he confronts Ananias and Sapphira when the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord is upon Apostle Peter.
- ❖ Through the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, he knew the secrets of their heart and then allowed them to repent.

Apostle Paul explains this phenomenon to the church at Corinth.

1Co 14:24-25 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: (25) And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Apostle Paul states that through the gift of prophecy the secrets, or sins, of the heart of men are revealed. This gives the trespassers time to repent. Yet Ananias and Sapphira both hardened their heart and didn't repent.

In the fullness and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, there is also judgment when people don't repent. They both died as the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord was moving in that place.

Act 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Then great fear came on all the people who heard about it and upon the church.

Act 5:11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

First, the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, which is one of the Seven Spirits of God burning before the throne, came upon Peter and he obeyed. It then came upon the whole church. This event became the tipping point whereby the Shekinah glory started to overshadow Peter.

Timor's Revival and the Fear of God

Later in the book, I shared how revival started in Indonesia, on the Island of Timor when the sound of a mighty wind came in a church and flames of fire were on top of it. God then said, through a young believer, that the laymen (the common believer) were going to preach the gospel everywhere and as they went, great signs and wonders would work through them.

However, before they went, God first started to deal with their sin in a powerful way to prepare the vessels. Mel Tari says, 'to many the Holy Spirit gave words of knowledge to reveal sin.' A woman, by the word of knowledge, said to a man in the church, 'you have committed adultery', yet he denied it. Then she gave the exact date and the name of the woman involved. Finally, the Spirit of God fell on this man and he confessed his sin.

Also, many people had witchcraft items in their homes and did not want to confess it, so the Lord would tell some other brother in the church the exact person and the place where they were hiding their fetishes. They would repent, burn it and were set free of its demonic bondage.

One man had liquor hidden in his house. He kept denying it over and over again. The Lord told the people that were ministering to him that if he didn't repent, he would die in 24 hours. The next day, when he was in the meeting, he still didn't confess his sin and they pleaded with him, yet exactly 24 hours later, he fell dead in the church.

In the Indonesian revival, confession was one of the characteristics, for the Lord wanted them to be set free from the demonic power, cleanse their hearts so that they could live holy lives. All over the church, people confessed their secret sins and the Lord cleansed their lives of all those sins. He made the people ready to be used in His service. After this, God enabled them to preach the gospel. When they went out, they could see the power of God moving. **(Tari, M. 2011:31-33)**

Healed in Peter's Shadow

When the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord was on Apostle Peter and the church, the supernatural power of God was released in a greater way.

It says that the sick were healed in Peter's shadow.

Act 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

- ❖ What it means is that Apostle Peter had started to walk in the fullness or the Seven Spirits of God.

Therefore Apostle Peter was overshadowed by the Shekinah glory cloud.

And anyone who came under it was healed.

We see this overshadowing take place in the ministry of Jesus Christ when He was transfigured and He was overshadowed by a bright cloud.

Mat 17:5-7 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. (6) And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. (7) And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord was also present in the bright cloud at Christ's transfiguration, for Peter, James and John were fearful.

- When Apostle Peter spoke to Ananias and Sapphira, he spoke from the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord which loosened the fullness
- After this incident, Apostle Peter was ministering in the fullness and was being overshadowed by the bright Shekinah glory cloud, multitudes came to see, were saved and became believers.

Act 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Wherever Peter then walked, the Shekinah glory cloud moved, whoever was near Peter was being overshadowed by the Shekinah glory cloud and healed, delivered and set free.

They believed because they saw God's glory at work as God healed the sick and set the demonically oppressed free. They all wanted to be touched by the Shekinah glory.

Act 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Great Deliverance in the Fullness and God's Glory

- The greater levels of healing and deliverance are in the fullness which is in the higher levels of God's glory.

Healing, deliverance and the greater miracles come through the releases of the Seven Spirits of God when they are in operation and manifestation. We behold these manifestations as the glory of God. The glory is the manifestation of God's divine nature and God's power.

- God's great love, mercy and goodness are released through His servants when the Shekinah glory manifests.
- Also, God's healing and deliverance power is released by His servants when the Shekinah glory manifests.

We see this in action by Apostle Peter when he was ministering under the Shekinah glory cloud and healing and delivering the sick.

Act 5:16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

The Fear of the Lord in Burma

On a mission trip to Burma, during the first meeting that I did, they did a cultural dance in the church to welcome me. The dance that they did was a ritual dance with a sword; the whole dance did not honour God. The Lord had told me before the meeting that I would have to come up against the tribal idolatry. That night, I brought the message that the Bible says that he that kills with the sword will fall by the sword, then I linked this with the idea that the sword dance had not honoured God.

I had to choose to fear man or fear God, so I spoke out against that evil dance with the sword.

The way was opened for the Holy Spirit to move in a mighty way in the next week because I had come up against their idolatry and its demons.

So fear God and not man.

The man who had put on the dance that night was an important leader that was offended, yet on the last night, he was healed of a mouth problem the doctors even couldn't heal.

Revival in Burma

The next day I ministered in a Bible School and preached that our God is a consuming fire and that God came down on Mount Sinai with fire. I preached about His holy presence as God had taught me to preach in the holy encounter that I had. Then the fear of the Lord came upon the students and they started to repent.

The Holy Spirit was poured out in the church that evening as well when I preached about God's holy presence of consuming fire on Mount Sinai and the fullness that Jesus Christ walked in. The glory cloud came upon the believers there. They were taken in visions and visitations. People were healed and on their knees repenting of their sin, broken in the holy presence of God. The church became too small as more and more people came to the meetings. For seven days I stayed there, as God's holy presence didn't leave. This was a foretaste of the coming End Time revival.

Reverential Fear

If we want to live in or minister out of the holy manifested presence of God, we have to learn to worship God in the reverential fear of God.

Zion is the place of worship and in Zion, God is holy.

Psa 99:1-3 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved. (2) The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people. (3) Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is* holy.

In the meetings in Burma, when God's holy presence moved, we were softly singing, "I surrender all". Deep weeping and cleansing of hearts were taking place as God's holy presence was sweeping through the place.

In Frank Bartleman's meetings, in 1906, he said the atmosphere was heavy with God's presence. The atmosphere was almost too sacred and holy to attempt to minister. "Such a divine weight of glory was upon us that we could only lie on our faces." Therefore, we have to learn to worship the Lord in the reverential fear of God if we long to live in and minister out of His holy presence.

Psa 25:14(AMP) The secret [of the wise counsel] of the Lord is for those who fear Him, And He will let them know His covenant *and* reveal to them [through His word] its [deep, inner] meaning.

Psa89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

This is why Christ said that we are called to worship the Father in spirit and truth. The word for worship in Greek is Proskuneo, which means to bow down in reverence.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Fullness and Abundant Life

- ❖ When we breakthrough in fullness, we are breaking through in abundant life.

Our Lord promises that through Him we will receive abundant life.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Teachers have taught that abundant life is natural things or temporal blessings.

If you are only believing for this, then you have been robbed of the real abundant life.

Light of His Presence

- The true abundant life comes through the light of His life or out of the light of His presence.

- ❖ Abundant life is therefore an abundance of His presence.

Out of that abundance of His presence, God also gives us temporal blessings.

The Bible shows that God's life comes first.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Out of His life (or presence) comes His light.

This light can come to us as bright holy light, such as converted Apostle Paul.

Jesus Christ calls this the light of life.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Therefore Jesus Christ gives us pure or holy eternal life. He gives it more abundantly so we have an abundant life. This abundant life comes as rivers of living water and it flows from our innermost being. This abundant life has great power in itself.

Joh 7:38 (AMP) He who believes in Me [who cleaves to *and* trusts in *and* relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs *and* rivers of living water.

Out of this life or river of life, shines the light. As we abide in God's life and light, we are constantly in fellowship with God.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

When we live in this deep union with God in His light of life, we are walking in personal revival. There will then be the revival power in us to awaken sleepy Christians and unbelievers.

Chapter 8: Revival, Reformation, Transformation and Habitation

Jacob and Apostle Peter

In this chapter, we will learn about Jacob's second encounter with God and how God protects his people from these enemies.

We also see how Apostle Peter grows from being a revivalist to a reformer and a transformer.

All of this can happen as we let our lives be a living sacrifice in the holy presence of God. Therefore we will first look at how to live as a living sacrifice.

Holy, Holy, Holy

To make us understand who God is in His purest form, we will look at how He revealed His holy presence in heaven to two men from the Bible.

- The first account of God's holy presence is in Isaiah.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

- The second account of God's holy presence is in the book of Revelations.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

At different times both men saw the same worship going on in heaven.

The angels, in both instances, said 'holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty'.

His Attributes

We know that God's attributes are love, kindness, goodness, merciful, righteous, just, jealous, slow to anger, patient and many more.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

All of God's attributes make up His holy being for one of the meanings of holy is complete.

All of God's attributes are morally pure and therefore holy.

This makes God's definition of holy as being different from the human race for we are a fallen race.

Holy Morals, Values and Absolutes

Out of God's holy presence, the earth is filled with His glory.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Out of God's holy being comes forth His holy presence whereby His glory, which is His manifest presence, is sent to the earth to give us true meaning in life.

At Mount Sinai, God gave Israel and mankind morals, values, ethics and absolutes.

At Mount Sinai, they saw God's holy fire on the mountain.

At Mount Sinai, they received the law and way of atonement, therefore, the way to live was revealed to them.

Jesus Christ became the Lamb of God to atone for our sin so we can live.

Much of Western society's rules and regulations in the court of Law come from Judean and Christian morals and values that started at Mount Sinai. For hundreds of years, this has brought common sense, great stability and prosperity to many Western nations and other nations around the world. God had already laid right and wrong in man's conscience at creation and the laws given at Sinai show the truth about right and wrong.

Rom 2:14-15 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (15) Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

In Christ, or when we were born again, we received God's holy nature and God's law is now written in our hearts.

In God's holy nature within us, lies moral purity and we are now living in His holy kingdom.

2Pe 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Yet many Christians today have gone from living in Christ or in the spirit to living in the flesh. They have moved from moral purity to immorality.

Shall we then sin because we are under grace? Apostle Paul says, 'God forbid that it should be so'.

Gal 5:18-20 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

In Christ or in the spirit, we are not under the Law or under condemnation for we are under grace and in Christ, there is no condemnation. Yet the sins that are mentioned in Galatians 5 are the same sins that the Law tells us not to do. Therefore, today, we need to call believers back to see that our God is holy and we are called to be transformed into His holy image.

The Cross and The Altar

In 2013, when I was in New Zealand, God showed me a vision of a cross on an altar.

This truth will bring transformation to many.

I asked a friend to make a cross on the altar so we could pray there and take it to meetings.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- Therefore wherever it talks about an altar in the Old Testament, we can see the cross of Christ.
- Everywhere its talks about the cross of Christ in the New Testament, we can see an altar.

Abraham, Jacob, Moses and Elijah all made altars, yet even for them, true salvation comes through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

A Living Sacrifice

We are called to be living sacrifices as believers.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

How can we be a living sacrifice without an altar?



- Therefore, where the cross is, is the altar and where the altar is, is the cross.
- Where there is an altar, there is also fire.

Many believers are lukewarm and not burning for God because their flesh has not been put on the burning altar.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The Holy Spirit is the life given to us as a new creation; He also put us on fire. Therefore the Holy Spirit brings the fire and power of God in our lives for service, yet at the same time, He is also our purifying fire on the altar.

A Holy Priesthood

Today, as believers, we are called to be a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Without the burning fire of the Holy Spirit on our heart, we won't be a good priest. Our Lord Jesus Christ is our example of a true priest. Christ is the high priest according to the order of Melchizedek and we are also priests according to this order.

Heb 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

In Christ's ministry on earth, every day He was in prayer, intercession and communion with the Father. The Holy Spirit was burning in His heart and out of that holy fire, He would pray and cry out.

Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane was prayer at God's altar.

Heb5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Today, God is calling His glorious church back into this place of deep prayer at the burning altar.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is now our intercessor in heaven, as our high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Our prayers here on earth, go up to heaven and come to heaven's altar of incense.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Blood and Fire

There is a double meaning in the message of the cross.

1Co 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

This meaning lies in blood and fire.

Most Christians are believers, born again and many now know who they are in Christ.

This is the first side of the cross, which we call salvation. This comes to us by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The other side of the cross is the side where we grow in holy character and become the holy nation.

This can only come by being a living sacrifice on a burning altar with hot fire.

The two sides of the cross are:

1. Salvation

2. Holy

- ❖ Many believers know who they are in Christ and know how to get the blessings of God in their lives, yet are not on fire and are not growing in holy character for many believers focus is only on the blessings.
- ❖ This holy transforming fire can only come and stay burning in our lives if we press into the holy presence of God.
- ❖ We have to learn to live in this place where the angels say holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
- ❖ This is the place of revival, reformation, transformation and habitation.
- ❖ This is the place where we see the Lord in His holy glory and where the angels bring fiery coals from the altar whereby we are changed from glory to glory in our character and conduct.

Isa 6:3-6 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. (4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. (6) Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

The foundations in heaven were shaking or trembling when God's holy presence was manifested. When His manifest glory comes in our midst we will tremble.

Living in Holy Fire

The seraphim are called the burning ones, they are living in the holy fire.

Only by living out of the message of the cross and daily dying at the cross, can we live in and experience His holy manifest presence.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Through brokenness of self and self-life at the cross, we can grow deeper and deeper in His holy abiding presence to become a burning one.

Dan 7:9-10 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Frank Bartleman, from the Azusa street revival, wrote what Martin Luther had written.

❖ “When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ says repent, He means that the whole life of believers be a constant and perpetual repentance.

Frank and other pioneers of the revival were just doing that in prayer as the spirit of burning was upon them.

Then suddenly, the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to them, a heaven of divine love filled and thrilled my soul, burning fire went through me.

In fact, my whole being seemed to flow down before Him, like wax before the fire.”

(Bartleman, F. 1982:17 emphasis mine)

Howard Pittman

Howard Pittman had a near-death experience. He was a pastor and a former police officer and thought he was doing well in the eyes of God. God thought differently about this, He looks to our hearts and not to appearance. Howard’s spirit was waiting just outside of the pearly gates where God’s voice came to him. God was not pleased with Howard’s ministry for he showed him that Howard was not walking in God’s perfect will and in God’s perfect way. His motives were not right. Now he wasn’t living in sin, yet in God’s sight, he was a lukewarm preacher. Howard repented and then God told him his mission was now to live as an on-fire preacher. **(Pittman, H. n.d.:67)**

A Living Sacrifice

We are not called to traditional dead faith or dead sacrifices, no, we are called to be a living sacrifice.

Through Christ’s blood, we are made a new creation and out of this divine nature, we are called to shine.

Our faith has to be living faith and therefore we do our good works out of our faith.

Eph 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The Holy Spirit's fire will work through our faith so we will be able to present our bodies as a living sacrifice for God.

- ❖ Only by living the crucified life so that true transformation out of the holy presence of God shaping our lives will allow us to grow as disciples.
- ❖ The preaching of the cross for daily repentance and the fire of the Holy Spirit is the only true sources whereby the church can grow into the glorious End Time church.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Jacob's First Encounter at Bethel

In the last chapter, we saw how the fear of God fell on the church in the book of Acts. This same fear, and even terror, of God, fell on Jacob's enemies when Jacob obeyed God. We will see this as Jacob received a second encounter with God at Bethel, which established him and his family as the nation of Israel.

Let's look first at the first encounter that he had at Bethel and then look at the second encounter that he had.

Jacob's first encounter at Bethel happened when he had to flee from his brother Esau.

- ❖ God opened up the heavens for Jacob and he saw angels ascending and descending on a heavenly ladder or stairway.

Gen 28:12-13 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. (13) And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

God spoke to him in this dream and gave him a promise for the future to bless him and make him into a great nation, to give him this land as his inheritance. I have written the full story in my book on the glory realm.

Angels awaited Jacob

When Jacob left his uncle Laban and took his family back to his promised land, angels were waiting near the border crossing.

Gen 32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

He was about to go into his inheritance and the Lord of Hosts showed that he was with Jacob.

Gen 32:2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Jacob's Purging and Preparation

Jacob was afraid of his brother, Esau and made a strategy to survive. Then he helped his family to go over to the brook called Jabbok.

Jabbok means wrestling.

When Jacob went through the Jabbok brook himself, the angel of the Lord wrestled with him.

This was a time of purification in Jacob's life.

Gen 32:26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

God touched Jacob's hip, which became a sign of his surrender to God.

He had to be broken and surrendered where he was:

- A liar
- A deceiver
- A manipulator

He overcame his weakness and God changed his name from Jacob (supplanter or deceiver) to Israel.

Gen 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

He was now a prince with God and the father of the nation of Israel.

God's Terror on His Enemies and Jacob's Second Encounter at Bethel

When Jacob and his family had come back to the inherited land, after a while, trouble happened. His daughter was abused or defiled and his son's killed the whole town in revenge. Jacob was in fear that the inhabitants of the land would kill all of them. Then God spoke to Jacob to go to Bethel and dwell there, to make an altar unto God.

Gen 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

Jacob's was obedient and knew that God was the Almighty God and that they should purify themselves by throwing away all their idols and gods.

Gen 35:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

Jacob and his family went on their way to make an altar unto God.

- ❖ Where the altar is there is the cross and there is victory over the darkness.

As they were travelling, the terror of God came upon the cities and therefore, no one came against them.

Gen 35:5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

El-Beth-El and Being Established

- ❖ Then, as they came to Bethel, they made an altar, they called it El-Beth-El.

Gen 35:7 And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

El-Beth-El means God, the house of God.

In other words, God is the God of the houses of God.

This is the message for today.

God wants to be God of the church.

Jacob spoke as a prophet to Israel and his family, 'You have to give up all your idols and gods and then God will be God in our family and our nation'.

Then he made the altar.

This is the message for us today, we have to give up all other gods and make Jesus Christ Lord in our lives as our lives are on the altar. This is when Jacob received his second encounter with God at Bethel and God established His promises to him.

Gen 35:9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.

Gen 35:11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Gen 35:13-14 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. (14) And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

From Revival to Habitation

God wants our lives, houses and churches to be a place where He dwells.

This will only happen as we learn to live as a living sacrifice and burn with His fire and His passion.

- ❖ All the idols in our lives need to be burnt up.
- ❖ We are then called to go from revival to reformation and transformation.

Then we will have God's holy presence dwell in our lives, houses, churches and nations.

Reformation

- As mentioned earlier, God wants to bring us from revival to reformation, to transformation and then to habitation.

Now we want to study this and see what the outworking of this is in Apostle Peter's life. Earlier in the book, we talked about revival, so now we move on to reformation.

Reformation means:

- A. Making straight
- B. Restoration

John the Baptist was a reformer and brought reformation to the nation of Israel.

It says of him that he would make God's path straight.

Therefore, he brought a strong message of repentance to bring the people and society back to God and God's holy ways.

Luk 3:3-4 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; (4) As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Martin Luther was a reformer and society was changed as people received living faith and its outworking was that in Europe there came a freedom from religion.

Martin Luther as a reformer told the people to leave the crooked ways of the Roman Catholic Church to walk through faith, on the straight road of Christ that leads to life.

Heb 9:10-11 *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation. (11) But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

In reformation, we call people to:

1. A lifestyle of repentance
2. Let go of the idols which bind them to commit sin
3. Living at the altar and the cross
4. Let the altar's consuming fire burn in them daily

Transformation

In the Greek language, the word for transformation is the word for metamorphism.

This is the word that is used for the process of a pupa which becomes a butterfly.

We were sinners, now we have become saints.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- The word transformation means undergoing a complete change.

We were in the kingdom of darkness and have gone over to the kingdom of God's light. The change is that we have God's divine glory in us and we are changed from glory to glory.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

This same image means that we have received and are growing in Christ, in all His moral excellence.

Moral excellence is being pure or holy.

- Therefore through true transformations, we are growing up in being glorious holy.

In transformation we call people:

1. To live in the first love
2. Being changed from glory to glory
3. Letting the glory deal with the idols of their heart
4. Living in God's fire of His holy jealousy

Habitation

Habitations mean being a dwelling place.

We are called to be a dwelling place of the Lord.

God also wants to inhabit a town or region but this can only come through the fear of the Lord.

Psa 85:9 (AMP) Surely His salvation is near to those who [reverently] fear Him [and obey Him with submissive wonder], That glory [the manifest presence of God] may dwell in our land.

Only by us surrendering all, living in brokenness and living in the fear of the Lord through the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord will we experience a greater presence of God in our lives.

To live in habitation we need:

1. Live in reformation and transformation
2. Surrendering all
3. Living in daily brokenness
4. Living in the fear of God
5. Have a heart of worship

Herrnhut

Herrnhut is a town in Germany near the Czech Republic. In 1727 this town had a modern-day Pentecost experience. The story starts with Jan Huss, whose followers were called the Hussite's, in the 15th Century.

Jan was burned alive, as he was a true believer in Jesus Christ, for which the Roman Catholic Church issued the death penalty. He died on July 6, 1415.

The Hussite movement became the Moravian Church. This is so because God's Spirit moved mightily on the citizens of Moravia. The movement gained support in the Bohemian Crown Lands. There was constant persecution in this era, yet God's fire also burned among the believers. In 1722, a small group of the Bohemian brethren from Northern Moravia arrived in Germany under the leadership of Christian David.

A nobleman, Count von Zinzendorf, who had an estate called Berthelsdorf, allowed them to stay on his land. The refugees established a new village called Herrnhut about three kilometres from Berthelsdorf.

First, there was disunity but when they truly learnt to love one another, the breakthrough came. The Holy Spirit was poured out like on the day of Pentecost. People lay under God's power for days. The Holy Spirit moved on the whole region and transformation took place. God's presence dwelt there, it became a dwelling place for God's presence. I was there in 2003 and experience the closeness of God that still dwelt on the land.

100 Year Prayer

The impact of the great outpouring caused them to come together for prayer. The first known continuous prayer was the hourly intercession of the Moravian brethren in Herrnhut, Saxony.

At the beginning of 1727, the prayer continued 24 hours a day, every day, uninterrupted for over 100 years. Then they became the first modern-day sending church. Along with the Royal Danish Mission College, the Moravian missionaries were the first large-scale missionary movement. Within 30 years, they sent hundreds of missionaries to nations far away. John Wesley was saved under their ministry and came to study here in 1738.

Today, there are still many Moravian churches in nations that the missionaries went to, the largest being in Tanzania. The main scripture used in Herrnhut is Psalm 46:4

Psa46:4 *There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*

Through this outpouring and 100-year prayer, God's presence still dwells in that town and area.

Christ in You

Many know who they are in Christ, but who is Christ in you?

In other words, how much of your life have you surrendered to Him so that more of the Spirit of God has come upon you and remained?

Jesus Christ was totally surrendered and received the Spirit of the Lord without measure and therefore the Spirit of God remained on Him.

Joh 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

This led to the great signs and wonders that happened in His ministry.

Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

God wants to baptise us with greater levels of the Holy Spirit but these greater measures only stay when we don't grieve and quench the Spirit of God.

Peter as Disciple

Now we want to study and see this glorious pattern of revival, reformation, transformation and habitation in the life of Apostle Peter. As a disciple, Peter showed much faith. He was the only one that walked on the water together with our Lord. Yet there were weaknesses in his life and when the greater test came, he denied his Lord.

Christ, in His love, restored Peter.

Joh 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

As Peter repented and was restored, he was ready to be used as a revivalist.

Apostle Peter as Revivalist and Reformer

On the day of Pentecost, Peter was used as a revivalist.

On that day, suddenly there came a sound from heaven and all were filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:2-3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Then Peter rose up and preached as a revivalist to all the people who had gathered and 3000 were saved.

Peter also preached as a reformer for he preached a straight message of repentance of sin.

It said that Peter's preaching cut them to their heart, for he preached a straight reformer's message.

Act 2:37-38 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Transformation

Once Ananias and Sapphira had fallen dead because God's Spirit killed them so that the Holy Spirit would not be grieved in the first few years of the church. This led to a great fear of God on the first church.

Act 5:11-13 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. (12) And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. (13) And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

Then, because of the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, transformation glory started to move in their midst. God's holy presence was changing and transforming them. The Shekinah glory was overshadowing Peter whereby the sick were healed.

Habitation or Dwelling Place

Apostle Peter had become a dwelling place of God's glory.

He didn't grieve or quench the Spirit of God.

God used him again in more revival where reformation, transformation and habitation took place because of this.

One of these revivals took place in the house of Cornelius in Caesarea.

While he was still preaching, the Holy Spirit fell.

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

- ❖ Peter was a dwelling place of the overshadowing of the glory of God and where he went, miracles happened.

He also went down to the Plain of Sharon where Isaiah had prophesied that it would see the glory of God.

Isa 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

There was a man named Aeneas who was paralysed and God healed him through Peter.

Act 9:33-35 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. (34) And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. (35) And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

It says that all that was in Lydda and Sharon turned to the Lord.

Sharon had seen the glory of the Lord and was reformed, transformed and became a dwelling place of God's glory.

We can also learn from Apostle Peter, how to grow up and how to become a revivalist, reformer and transformer.

To learn how to live in the Shekinah glory presence of the Lord God.

Chapter 9: Habitation and His Abiding Presence

Apostle John, The Special Messenger

Apostle John is a very special messenger, he is called the apostle of love for he was frequently lying on the bosom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

John showed his great love and loyalty to Christ, as Christ was dying on the cross, by standing there as Christ suffered.

No other apostle dared to do this.

Joh 19:25-27 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. (26) When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! (27) Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

Jesus Christ then told John to take care of His mother from that day forward.

This was a very special blessing from Jesus to John.

A Special Dwelling Place

When you read the letter of John 1 and 2 you can see the depth with which John understood the love of God.

John was in Christ when he wrote these letters.

- ❖ He understood that it is not just for us to dwell or abide in Christ but that Christ wants to abide or overshadow us as we surrender more of our heart and life.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Apostle John was not just a believer who was in Christ but he became a dwelling place for the abiding glory of God.

He had seen the fullness in Christ's life and he also wanted to manifest the fullness and its glory.

A Dwelling Place of Holy Love and Revelation

Apostle John became a dwelling place of holy love and holy inspiration.

The word abide means to pitch a tent over you which is a tent of the glorious habitation of the Spirit of the Lord God.

We have the Holy Spirit on the inside because we are in Christ.

Abiding means not only having the Holy Spirit on the inside but also upon you and around you.

The Holy Spirit comes upon us and around us more as we press into prayer in a greater way, fasting and surrendering more of our heart and life to Christ.

Then Christ, through the Holy Spirit, dwells in a greater fullness upon us. Greater power and ministry will then work through us.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This great glory only stays as you don't grieve and quench the Holy Spirit of God. Apostle John was in such a great realm of holy love and glory that he was caught up in the visions of God.

The Book of Revelations

The more we surrender and humble ourselves and live in God's pure love, the more revelations we receive.

Apostle John lived just like that and received the book of Revelations as a vision. He saw the glorified Jesus Christ in heaven.

Rev 1:13-14 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. (14) His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

In his vision, Apostle John saw the Almighty God who is holy. He knew this as he saw the four living creatures saying holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Apostle John had received the baptism of fire of the Holy Spirit so his eyes could be enlightened.

The Holy Spirit fire is holy fire for the Holy Spirit is holy.

We see later in this chapter that at the dedication of King Solomon's temple, there were two movements of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ One with glory and one with holy consuming fire.

Abiding

We are all called to learn to abide in Christ yet there are different dwelling places in Christ where we can dwell.

The Lord said that in His Father's house there are many dwelling places.

It is up to us how near we want to live to His heart.

Joh 14:2 (AMP) In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

Many believers have learnt who they are in Christ; this is our position we have to stand in.

- ❖ Yet there is another mystery we have to learn and that is who Christ wants to be in us.

Abiding is a Double Stream

In this day, the Lord wants to teach us the mystery of the double stream of abiding.

First Stream

1. We abide in Christ

The first stream of the Holy Spirit works when we, through our position of faith, abide in Christ.

Second Stream

2. Christ abides in us

The second stream of the Holy Spirit is where Christ abides in us depending on the amount we are surrendered and yield, through brokenness, to the abiding presence of the Spirit of the Lord God.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

If we want to see God use us here on Earth and be fruitful, we have to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Jesus Christ said, in the first place, He was in obedience to the Father and walked in His position of faith and yet He said it was the Father's presence abiding in Him who did the signs, wonders and miracles through Him.

Joh 14:10-11 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (11) Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

We have to learn to walk in the abiding presence of the Father through the Spirit of the Lord God if we want to see these great signs and wonders happen.

We are called to have a burdened heart for the lost. A great tool for this is the supernatural.

Out of our great love and hunger for His abiding presence, we will come close to His heart and win the lost with supernatural signs, wonders and miracles.

The Father Abiding in Me

The Lord doesn't only want us to behold Him; He also wants us to be filled with the fullness of God.

In the first chapter, I showed, from scripture, how our position is to live before the throne of God.

Heb4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

That is our position of faith. However, God the Father also wants us to be filled with His abiding presence while here on earth. Jesus Christ didn't say that He was only in the Father but that the Father was also in Him.

Joh 14:11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

He was walking in union with the Father in heaven and the Father was walking with Him in union on earth.

This is why the greater miracles happened. Jesus Christ lived in union with the Father in the glory while He was on earth.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

The Holy presence and the glorious presence of God change us from glory to glory so we can learn to walk in union with God.

In Christ, we are holy, yet we need to also become holy in our daily walk and see God's abiding presence increase in our life.

We are set on a path to grow up into a holy people, that path, in English, we call holiness.

Heb12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Another word for holiness is sanctification.

Sanctification means holy making.

Sanctification is three-fold.

Sanctification

There are three different parts to sanctification or holiness.

1. Positional Sanctification

This means that by our position of faith, Christ has made us holy by one sacrifice.

Heb10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

2. Progressive Sanctification

We grow in our sanctification daily as we draw near to God and deal with being double-minded and the sin in our lives.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

3. Perfectional Sanctification

This is when we have overcome our weakness and character faults to grow to perfection which most of us will only receive in heaven.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

There is a great promise that as we grow in purity, sanctification or holiness that our spiritual eyes will be opened and we will see God more easily as the impurities are being removed.

Mat 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

The Mountain in Heaven

By faith, our spirit is already on the mountain of the Lord.

By faith, and even in visions and encounters, our spirit can see the face of the Lord on the throne in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Heb 12:22-23 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

We are justified and made righteous through the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross so that we can behold His glory in the Spirit.

At the same time, the Father's or the Spirit of the Lord's abiding presence may be on our lives in a small way. Why? Because we have to grow in holiness through the crucified lifestyle.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

On many occasions, we step back into the works of the flesh and we stop living the crucified life. When we go and live in the sins of the flesh, we have to repent and start to bring those areas to the cross and put them to death so we can grow up on the path of sanctification or holiness so our lifestyles become holy. When we grow in the way of holiness, we will experience a greater realm of God's glorious abiding presence on us.

The Mountain of the Lord on Earth

The Psalm writer was not born again of the kingdom of heaven, yet he wrote how we can please God here on earth. In his day, there were three mountains where God revealed Himself. These were the three dwelling places of God on earth.

Three mountains of God's dwelling place are:

1. Sinai
2. Zion
3. Moriah (or Temple Mount)

King David desired to live on the top of the holy mountain of the Lord.

He also knew how we could grow in holiness for he knew what pleased the Lord.

Psa 15:1-5 A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? (2) He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. (3) *He that* back biteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. (4) In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not. (5) *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

Psalm Fifteen shows us what God is pleased with and displeased with.

The works of the flesh stop us from becoming a dwelling place of the abiding presence of the Lord.

This is why King David prayed, “Lord don’t take your presence and Holy Spirit from me”.

Psa 51:10-11 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (11) Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

King David was a believer and asked that his heart be cleansed from sin.

He knew that sin grieves the Holy Spirit, he desired to be a dwelling place for the Lord.

Transformation

God’s desire for us is that we are being transformed.

Being born again is of the spirit, yet our soul needs to be transformed from the inside out as well.

Our Lord said that out of our inner being or spirit, streams of living water would flow.

This stream needs to reform our soul and soulish lifestyle.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Our heart or soul needs to be transformed through the work of the cross and the work of the Holy Spirit’s resurrection life.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

In this, we need to be let the holy presence and glory of the Lord transform us from the inside out.

We also see this principle back on the earthly mountain of the Lord.

Psalm Twenty four shows us that only the ones with a pure lifestyle can stand on the holy mountain of the Lord.

Therefore, we are called to grow in holiness which brings us on the pathway of purity and a holy lifestyle.

Psa 24:3-4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
(4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.

It says as we seek Him in this way, the King of glory shall come in.
In other words, as we grow in His glorious holiness, old habits will cease, darkness and
depression of the soul will leave and we will be changed from glory to glory.

Our Surrender

If we want to grow in having more of the Father's abiding presence in our life we need to
allow Him to prune us.

In one translation of the Bible, it says pruning, in another, it says to purify us.
Purification comes through the work of fire and therefore the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 15:1-2 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (2) Every branch in me
that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that
it may bring forth more fruit.

God prunes or purifies us so we can bring forth more fruit.
He doesn't condemn us for there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.
His delight is that we will have a greater abiding presence in our lives.
The result will also be more fruit-bearing.

Fullness

The word shows us that Jesus Christ had the Spirit without limit.
He walked and ministered out of the fullness.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

God's plan for us is that we grow more and more in Him and receive more of His fullness.
When we see the ministry of Apostle John and Apostle Peter in the book of Acts, we see
them grow in the fullness as they press on in God.
Apostle John and Apostle Peter became more and more open and hungry for more of God's
fullness in their lives.
Apostle John, in the fullness, received the greater realms of revelation as we can read in the
book of Revelations.
Apostle Peter, in the fullness, moved in the Shekinah glory with great signs, wonders and
miracles.

Being Sensitive to the Holy Spirit

As believers, we are called to live and walk in the Spirit.
There is great freedom and fellowship with the Holy Spirit as we follow this path.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who
walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

As we grow and press in we will experience more and more of the fullness of God upon us. This is His abiding presence in our life. When we go back to old sins and sinful ways we are grieving the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit". When we grieve Him and don't repent, His abiding presence starts to leave. We are still a believer, yet not on fire. Grieving the Holy Spirit is quite obvious, yet we can be deceived and not see it.

Eph4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We can also quench the Holy Spirit, this is not always easily recognised.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

We have to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, when we are sensitive then we will more easily sense that He has drawn back from us. Quenching the Holy Spirit partly stops the flow of the river of God in our life; as we repent of our sins, faults or shortcomings, He will flow mightily through us. In a service or meeting, the more we follow Him and honour Him, the greater the flow of the Holy Spirit will be there.

Different Dwelling Places

There are a lot of similarities between the glory of God and the holy presence of God.

- ❖ Through God's holy presence we grow in sanctification and we grow in His glorious attributes.

Exo24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

- ❖ The glorious presence of God is His attributes like love, peace and joy which bring healing, when we look with God's holy presence, His fire of love, joy and peace will purify us.

These principles of God's cleansing fire and His glory realm are in the story of the dedication of Solomon's temple. In Solomon's temple, which was built on Mount Moriah, two different tabernacles came together. One was the tabernacle of Moses and the other was the tabernacle of David. Today, Mount Moriah is called Temple Mount.

In Psalm 84, we read, "How lovely are Thy tabernacles or dwelling places, O Lord". These three places (Mount Sinai, Zion and Moriah) were the dwelling places of the Lord, yet there was only one Ark of the Covenant that had been in all three places.

As believers, we can live in different churches and different moves of God, yet it is only by faith in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross that we can be saved, redeemed, and sanctified.

A Temple for the Lord

We are a temple of the Holy Spirit and God wants to abide in us in a greater way. Our Lord Jesus taught about this and we want to understand the different words used in the Bible and their meanings.

The first word our Lord used is abiding which also means dwelling, for we are a dwelling place for the presence of the Lord.

God's plan for us is that He will spread His tabernacle over our lives.

His plan is not only to be in us but also around us.

Rees Howell

Rees Howell was born in Wales. He had a powerful new birth experience in the USA. He saw Christ dying on the cross for him in a vision, this led Rees to give his heart to the Lord.

In 1904 he moved back to Wales, and this was the year of the great Welsh revival. In a short while, the whole country was aflame. The Spirit overpowered people as on the day of Pentecost, they were counted as drunken men.

Rees Howell had experienced all these moves and infillings of the Holy Spirit, and then he has an encounter where the Holy Spirit told him that He totally wants to live and abide in Rees. This shows us that there are greater levels of indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit then dealt with Rees, his self-nature, self-will and weakness and then came into Rees' life in a greater way. For days, Rees was in awesome glory. It was a greater glory that had invaded him with rivers of joy. He became a mighty intercessor and later on, he started a bible school. This was the school that Reinhart Bonnke, who became a great revivalist in Africa, was also trained. Therefore, we can go from glory to glory in the Holy Spirit and have greater indwellings of the Holy Spirit.

Different Words for a Dwelling Place

1. Abide:
 - a) of a place
 - b) in time
 - c) of qualities (like Christ's love, peace or goodness)

The Greek word for abiding is Meno; it means to dwell, endure, remain, stand, to tarry, abide in My love

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

2. Love: Greek word is Arapao; it means agape love, which is God's love.
We are called to abide in His love.

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

3. Rest: Greek word is Eskenao; it means to spread a tabernacle over.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

On the day of Pentecost, as the disciples remained in one place and tarried there for the abiding presence of God come, they were filled with the Holy Spirit on the inside and the outside.

The speaking in tongues came from the infilling on the inside and the fire of God was on their head on the outside.

Act 2:3-4 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

God's abiding presence was upon them as they were abiding in Him on the inside.

The Glory Cloud at Solomon's Temple

When King Solomon dedicated the temple, two different supernatural events occurred. The first realm of glory that was released was the glory cloud or the cloud of His glorious presence.

2Ch 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The musicians were worshipping in one accord and God was pleased, therefore His glorious presence came as a glory cloud.

The priests could no longer stand because of God's glorious presence. In today's meetings, when people receive prayer, they often cannot stay standing as they are touched by God's glorious presence. His glorious presence fills people with the Father's love, mercy and kindness. Healings, deliverance, and miracles take place as God's glory touches people.

Going for Fullness

When we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, we always need to press in for more of God's glory. For there are higher levels of glory and power still available.

Recently, in a meeting of a Spanish Evangelist by the name of Epi Liminana, He told us that when he was baptised with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, no real miracles happened through his life. He was a pastor for twelve years.

One day a fireball of the Holy Spirit hit him and he received more of the fullness. From then on, he was and is used by God to do great signs, wonders and miracles.

Many preachers who are used in the supernatural power of God have similar stories. Therefore we need to let the glorious presence of God touch us so we can grow in His heart of love and be used in the glory of the Lord.

The Fire Of God in Solomon's Temple

❖ Our God is a holy God, a God of love and a consuming fire.

In the second supernatural event at the dedication of Solomon's temple, the consuming fire fell.

King Solomon was going to sacrifice thousands of animals.

They had already put some of the animals on the altar.

❖ As the King finished his prayer, the fire came down from heaven and burnt the offering and the sacrifices.

Therefore we see here a higher level of glory come down.

2Ch 7:1-3 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (2) And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. (3) And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is good*; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

The fire that came from God's holy and glorious presence was a consuming fire.

The effect was that the glory of the Lord had filled the temple so much that the priests could not enter the temple. The book of Ezekiel reveals that the throne of God's glory in the spirit realm had come to abide in the temple.

Eze10:1 Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

Eze10:4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.

Our God is holy, which means morally pure and perfect.

He wants to live in a clean and pure house.

Therefore He will come with purifying fire.

Pruning

As we saw earlier, the Father wants to prune, purify or purge every fruit-bearing branch.

Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

It is a good thing when He prunes, purifies or purges us.

For out of God's holiness comes the river of fire.

Many believers only want the glory so they can feel His love and have happy feelings.

They don't want the purifying fire that comes out of His glorious holy presence into our lives.

Yet the fire of God's glorious holy presence consumed the offering at Solomon's temple.

If we receive more and more of His purifying fire, we will grow in a deeper union with God and His abiding presence increases in our life.

Chapter 10: The Kingdom of Holy Light

John the Baptist, Jesus and Elijah

In this chapter, we are going to talk about the preaching of the kingdom of God and the reformation and transformation power that it has. God's kingdom is a kingdom of holy light.

John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Christ both preached the gospel of the kingdom. We also talk about Elijah, the fulfilment of His ministry in Elisha and King Jehu and how Elijah is going to come back.

John the Baptist received the spirit of Elijah, let's see how that came about.

Gabriel and the Presence of the Lord

Zechariah, who became the father of John the Baptist, was the high priest of Israel in his day. When he went into the holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, the angel Gabriel was sent to him. Gabriel had a message from God that John would be born. Zechariah and Elizabeth were of advanced age, so he didn't believe it. This upset the angel, for he was also under authority. He said, "I am Gabriel and stand in the presence of God".

When God comes with His holy presence or sends angels like this, there can be consequences to disobedience. The angel said you shall not be able to speak until John is born, for John the Baptist's ministry was a serious one.

Luk 1:19-20 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. (20) And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

When John the Baptist was born, Zechariah was able to speak again. He told them that his son's name would be "John".

John's Ministry

John had a forerunner ministry to prepare the way of the Lord.

Luk 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

John was looking forward to the coming of the kingdom of God, a new heaven and a new earth.

He was preparing the way for the King of this coming kingdom.

He called all to repent for the kingdom of God was at hand.

Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

He called people to repent of their sin, ways and evil deeds.

His eyes were on the coming of the King and the kingdom, where there would be no sin, no violence and stealing.

Therefore, he said to the soldiers who came to him, do no violence to man, to tax collectors, don't take extra from the public.

- ❖ He said to the multitude, flee from the wrath to come and bring forth fruit worthy of repentance.

Luk 3:7-8 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

A Kingdom Reformer

- ❖ John the Baptist was a kingdom reformer.

He didn't just look for how many he could baptise but he looked for the fruit of repentance.

He had a message or gospel of salvation and also how to change society.

The perfect society will be the kingdom of God society.

He was a revivalist, a reformer and a transformer, he lived in constant habitation of God for all Israel came to see him.

Mat 3:5-6 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, (6) And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

They were confessing their sin for the presence of God was on John the Baptist.

- ❖ He came preaching the way of righteousness for he preached from God's holy presence and righteousness is an attribute of God's being.

Mat 21:32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

His lifestyle was simple and he called people to live simply.

Luk3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

The greatest act that John the Baptist was asked to do was to baptise Jesus Christ.

Mat 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

He made the way for the coming King, just as Elijah had made way for Elisha and King Jehu.

Elijah

A few chapters back, we saw how the fire came down in the ministry of Elijah and how it consumed the sacrifices. The Baal priests and Baal prophets were put to death, yet Jezebel remained living. A lot of Christians think that Elijah failed, yet he didn't fail.

The one who failed was King Ahab, who should have repented, for he saw the God of Israel send forth fire, which consumed the sacrifices. One of King Ahab's failings was that he didn't repent and so the witchcraft of Queen Jezebel continued. She used the witchcraft she practised against Elijah.

1Ki 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

Witchcraft can be very powerful and therefore we need to learn to hide in the secret place of the Most High at these times.

Psa91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

A Forerunner

Elijah was a forerunner, just as John the Baptist would one day be.

In the day of Elijah, the nation of Israel was in deep darkness and it was needed for a king to truly repent to bring the nation into the light of God.

Elijah was hunted down by the demon spirits which were released against him by Jezebel's witchcraft.

Elijah was affected by them and therefore came under an attack of depression.

God, who knew that Elijah was a forerunner, had His plan ready, only Elijah didn't know it yet.

The Angel of the Lord came to strengthen Elijah.

1Ki 19:5-7 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat. (6) And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. (7) And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.

Then Elijah went to the mountain of the Lord, which was his secret place, where God spoke to him God's plan for change in Israel.

1Ki 19:8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

God's Strategy

When Elijah was in the secret place of the Most High on the mountain, God showed His strategy to him.

God said he was to anoint Jehu to become king and Elisha to be the next prophet who will receive your mantle.

1Ki 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

To change Israel, God had to change the King and Queen who had led Israel to sin.

1Ki 21:20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

God was even to go and use Israel's enemy by anointing Hazael to be King over Syria.

1Ki 19:17 And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

Then Elijah prophesied that Jezebel would be eaten by the dogs and the houses of Ahab would be killed.

This all came to pass when Jehu became king.

2Ki 9:30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

2Ki 9:36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, *This is* the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

Forerunners

Elijah and John were both forerunners.

Elijah made the way for Elisha and King Jehu to deal with the remaining problems.

John the Baptist said that he would decrease so that Christ could increase. He laid down his life as a martyr.

John was beheaded and again an evil queen was behind it.

Elijah didn't die, for he was taken up in a fiery chariot and Elisha received a double portion of his anointing.

2Ki 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

The similarity between John and Elijah is great.

Elijah is going to come back on the earth to be one of the two End Time witnesses.

Before Christ's second coming on the Mount of Olives, Elijah is going to do great signs, wonders and miracles on Earth and in Jerusalem.

Rev 11:3,5,7 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (5) And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. (7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

I believe that in that day, there will be a great End Time Army of the Lord who has learnt to walk in the Shekinah glory light and do great miracles so that many will be saved.

Yet the end will be that Elijah, who is one of the two witnesses, shall be killed just as John the Baptist was killed.

After three days, the two witnesses will be resurrected and caught up into heaven, the world will then be amazed.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

End Time Revival in Indonesia

In the 1960s in Indonesia, God moved in a mighty way, displaying his power, as it will be in the End Times. The fire of God fell on top of a Presbyterian Church yet it didn't burn. Mel Tari said, "As we were praying, suddenly the Holy Spirit came as on the Day of Pentecost."

They first heard the sound of a mighty rushing tornado in the Presbyterian Church in Timor. Normally the believers would take turns praying, now they all started praying together. All the 200 in attendance heard the sound of the mighty rushing wind. Then the town fire bell started to ring. It was ringing because the church was on fire.

When the firemen and the villagers came to put out the fire on the church, they were amazed for there were flames everywhere but the church was not burning. So they went inside and saw the believers speaking in languages they never learnt, like English, German, French and heavenly languages. At once, due to the fire alarm, there were 1000 people in the church and many received Christ that night for the first time.

Many went home to get their witchcraft materials, fetishes and porn material and they burnt them that evening. Then that night, God told them to send out the laymen to go out and preach the gospel the next evening. The next three months, seventy groups of laymen went out to preach the gospel from village to village. As they did, great signs, wonders and miracles followed them and it started a great revival.

They went out to preach the gospel and walked on the water. They saw the dead raised and in the night God would send a great light in front of them so they could walk through the darkness. This all happens as the holy, bright majestic presence of God is in our midst.

Mel Tari, who was used in this revival, has now been sent to the USA to tell believers to rise and shine.

Isa 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (2) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. (3) And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

A Kingdom of Holy Light

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of holy light for God is light and He is holy.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

It says there is no darkness in this light at all for God is pure, holy, unaltered light.

In this light is pure love.

When you hate your brother, you are not in the light but the darkness.

For in God's light is His love.

1Jn 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

When we dwell in this light, we are dwelling or abiding in love, for God is love and when we dwell in God we dwell in love, we are spiritually alive in Christ.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

Out of this great love and light, God's compassion flows and when we are moved by this compassion, God heals the sick and raises the dead.

From Darkness to the Kingdom of Light

When we were living in sin, we were under the power of darkness and our heart was dark.

Now we have received an inheritance as saints in the light.

We are now taken from the kingdom of darkness and put into the kingdom of light, where God, who is pure light, reigns.

Col 1:12-13 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

His Fire Shines

Apostle John, who was the beloved one, saw the risen King Jesus.

He said that Christ's face was shining as the sun.

Rev 1:14-15 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Apostle Paul had that encounter with the dazzling, glorious intensity of the brightness of the light and became blind and converted. He then heard the risen Lord speak to him. When He was walking on Earth, Jesus Christ, said that He is the light of the world.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

This light has transformation power in it for Christ is pure and holy light.
In this light is eternal life.

Kingdom Transformation

The kingdom of heaven brings revival, reformation and transformation.

Where the kingdom of heaven comes, all other kingdoms will be challenged.

John the Baptist preached the kingdom and our Lord Jesus Christ also preached the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Through the King of glory, the light of the world, our Saviour, we receive eternal life which brings us into this eternal kingdom.

Therefore this kingdom is full of the light of life, health, freedom, joy, peace, righteousness and provision. All of this will reform and transform us. Jesus said that if by the Spirit of God demons are cast out, then the kingdom of God has come to Earth.

For the greater kingdom has come to rule over the darkness.

Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Kingdom Saints

Our Lord preached the gospel of the kingdom everywhere He went.

Through this kingdom gospel, people would be saved and become part of this kingdom.

The coming together of these believers is called the church.

➤ **The kingdom and its King rule over the church!**

When this is turned around, then the real reformation and transformation power is diminished.

For the kingdom of God is to rule over the church.

Jesus Christ is also called the King of glory and therefore is the head of the church.

Psa 24:7-8 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. (8) Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

- ❖ When we learnt to live under the King of glory and the kingdom, we will live under an open heaven.

We will then live in the kingdom realm where the supernatural miracles, signs and wonders and the outpourings of the Holy Spirit will be normal in our lives.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

- ❖ When we put the church above the kingdom and the King of glory, much of the supernatural stops.

Then people start to look to a man, and if he is very controlling, true worship can't flow.

An Open Heaven in Azusa Street

In the Azusa street revival, they had an open heaven and revival for they were totally led by the Holy Spirit. In the revival in Wales, the Holy Spirit moved feely in the churches and the leaders didn't try to stop it. In Los Angeles, the churches where the Holy Spirit started to move resisted it.

The saints that wanted God to move rented an old closed down church building that was used as old lumber and construction materials shed. The Holy Spirit moved mightily and Brother Seymour would hide his face under a few boxes when the glory would come down so God would get all the glory.

Frank Bartleman says, 'Brother Seymour was recognised as the nominal leader in charge but we had no pope or hierarchy, we were brethren. We had no human program; the Lord himself was leading. We had no priest or class, nor priestcraft. God broke strong men and women to pieces and put them together again for His glory. All obeyed God, in meekness and humility. All worship was spontaneous. We had real testimonies from heart-experiences. Someone would get up with an anointed message. All seemed to recognise and gave way. It might be a child, a woman or a man. The meetings were controlled by the Holy Spirit from the throne.

Suddenly the Holy Spirit would fall upon the congregations, people would rush for the altar and seek God. The scene often resembled a forest of fallen trees. The meetings went on for 24 hours a day and people were laying in the presence of God for hours.' **(Bartleman, F. 1982:56,58)**

Christ's Motives and Healing

To walk in the kingdom and the supernatural realms, we have to learn to walk in the holy light and glory of God for our Lord said to His Father, holy is Your name.

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

- ❖ When we learn to walk this way of the kingdom and its power and glory we have to learn to do the will of the Father.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

- ❖ Jesus Christ walked in the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord and did the Father's will all the time.

The sick were healed and the demons cast out because our Lord Jesus Christ walked in the realms of the holy bright light or shekinah glory.

Where this holy, bright light, (which is released by the fullness that Christ walked is no sickness and no disease can remain. There were places that Christ ministered, where all were healed and it says, for there was the power to heal. In those places where people had faith and Christ moved in the fullness which released the Shekinah glory, all were healed just as we saw happen with Apostle Peter when he was overshadowed by the Shekinah glory.

Luk 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

Mat 8:16-17 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick: (17) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

Christ and the Glorious Will of God

Christ walked in these higher realms of the glory of the kingdom and its healing power for He did the will of the Father.

- ❖ Therefore the Holy Father did His healing through Christ.
- ❖ The Father's holy presence was abiding upon Christ and doing His healing through the Spirit through Christ's life.

Joh 14:10-11 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (11) Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Doing the Father's Will

One of the important things as a son of God is learning to abide in the holy presence of God and to do the will of God.

There are three levels of the will of God:

1. The perfect will of God
2. The acceptable will of God
3. The permissible will of God

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

By studying scripture, we can know about God's moral will, God's standards and the ways of God.

- ❖ Our Lord Jesus Christ always walked in God's perfect will and spoke out of and lived from God's moral will, uplifting the kingdom standards.
- ❖ He also walked in and demonstrated to us the ways of God and His motives were pure and holy.
- ❖ Jesus told us that He came to do the will of the Father.

Joh 6:38-40 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (39) And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. (40) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

- In prayer, Jesus was always seeking the Father's will.
- He was hearing the Father speak His will to Him as He was seeking Him.
- He spoke and ministered out of what He heard.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

- ❖ When He ministered to the sick and healed them, or did signs and wonders, He did what He had seen the Father do.

Joh 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

- ❖ In all of this, Christ was seeking the glory of the Father, not His own glory.
- Not His own honour, but the Father's.

Joh 7:18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Joh 8:15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

The life that Jesus led here on Earth meant that God the Father could move with great power through Christ and the sick were healed.

We are now called to follow Christ's example.

The Everlasting Kingdom

The everlasting kingdom is going to rule on the Earth when Christ comes back on the Mount of Olives.

Daniel prophesied about this.

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Now, before the coming of Christ, the glorious church is going to be raised up whereby the true believers are going to put the kingdom and the King of glory above the church.

The false harlot will do the opposite, she will put her religion and structure above its followers.

The End Time glorious kingdom saints are, in all the coming trouble, going to demonstrate the power and supernatural miracles of the kingdom of God.

A great harvest of souls will come.

Chapter 11: Holy Fire

Holy Fire

In this chapter, we are going to see that our God is a holy God whose fire is holy. For a true believer, this holy fire purges him of his sins and sets him free of bondage and darkness, then releases light, life and fullness of joy in his life. Yes our God is a consuming fire.

The greatest manifestation of this is seen in the time of Moses.

- On the day the Law was given, 3000 died as God's fire was on Mount Sinai!
- On the day of Pentecost, 3000 were saved by the fire of God!

A big part of it is how we perceive God's consuming fire to be.

The people of Israel were fearful of the consuming fire while Moses went into this fire for forty days and his face shone with radiant light.

Exo 24:16-18 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. (17) And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. (18) And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

By grace, we are saved, through His mercy, and God has a good plan for us. He wants to let His holy fire work for us.

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:

Therefore we need to press into this holy fire and let it change us, and then we will become the radiant light of the world.

2Co 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

As we live in the kingdom of Heaven, under an open heaven, we can behold this glory and shine it forth.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

God Doesn't Change

Covenant's throughout the Bible change but God never changes.

- ❖ The God of Elijah is the same as the God of John the Baptist and Apostle Peter!

- ❖ Moses saw God's glory on Mount Sinai and Christ ministered in that same glory as was revealed to Moses.

Therefore covenants change but God doesn't change.

Two Covenants

There are two major covenants in the Bible.

1. The Old Testament Covenant
This testament worked by the Law of Moses and through works.
2. The New Covenant or New Testament
This works by grace and truth.

Moses was used by God to bring the Law to Israel in the Old Covenant.

The New Covenant is different; it works by grace and truth which Jesus Christ has brought to us.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

How They Work

In the Old Covenant, the Law showed the people how to live, yet they failed most of the time.

God also set a priesthood order in place and a system of animal sacrifices so that people's sin could be forgiven, for the law condemned their sin, so they could stand clean before our God.

The New Testament is built upon God's grace whereby Jesus Christ has become our blood sacrifice.

When, through grace, we believe in Him, we are saved by faith.

Eph2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

In the Old Covenant, the Law convicts of sin. In the New Covenant, it is the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin and writes God's law on our hearts.

In the New Covenant, we are made holy by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ and receive a new nature. We are then also called to grow in becoming holy in our daily walk.

- ❖ Therefore, we are called to be saved and to be holy.

Two Spiritual Biblical Mountains

We were looking at two covenants in the Bible, yet there are also two spiritual biblical mountains.

Let us take a look at the two biblical mountains of great spiritual importance on Earth.

1. Mount Sinai.

The first mountain is Mount Sinai, where God came down in consuming fire and where the Law or the Ten Commandments were given. This Mount Sinai is a picture of the first covenant, which still keeps us in bondage for it shows how we fall short.

Gal 4:24-25 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. (25) For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

2. Mount Zion

Mount Zion is the place where King David pitched a tent in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

- ❖ This is symbolic of worshipping the Lord, through grace, before the throne of God.
- ❖ Therefore Mount Zion is the place of grace, where we go from the Levitical priesthood to the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Heb12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Therefore Mount Zion is connected with the second or New Covenant of Christ which is a covenant of grace, it is also connected to the heavenly Jerusalem, which is free.

Gal 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Therefore, we are now free in Christ, we do not have to come under a yoke of slavery, nor do we have to go back to living in the flesh and thereby sin. We are now to come with boldness to the most holy throne of grace in heaven for the veil is rent and our sin is taken away.

Heb 10:19-20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Moses' Two Encounters

Moses had two great encounters with God on Mount Sinai.

1. When God's glory was revealed to him
2. When God's consuming fire was on Mount Sinai

His prayer was, 'show me Your glory.'

Exo33:18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Mount Sinai is the place where God made the Old Covenant with the nation of Israel. This is also where they received the Law.

The Law shows us that we are sinners, yet Moses asked God to show him His glory.

- ❖ As a prophet, Moses, just like King David, understood that our Lord Jesus was one day going to take our sin away by God's grace.

Therefore under the old covenant, they had to sacrifice animals to shed blood as an atonement for sin.

Remember, covenants change but God does not change.

God was going to show Moses His goodness, kindness, mercy, etc.

Which is part of the glory nature of God that is part of the second covenant.

The gospels are filled with the goodness and glory of God in this way.

Yet in the Old Covenant, we see God manifested in many different ways in different places.

Moses' prayer was answered and God showed him His glory.

Exo 34:6-7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (7) Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

Moses brought the Law yet saw the coming grace, mercy and lovingkindness that Jesus Christ was going to bring from heavenly Zion where He lived and encountered the Father. He was also one with the Father there.

Christ, the Fear of God and Hell

Our Lord Jesus Christ walked out of the highest level of God's holy presence on Earth. He stayed in it always and was therefore full of the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.

- ❖ Many times in the Bible, Christ warned us about heaven and hell.
- ❖ Christ Jesus said do not fear man who can kill you, but fear God who can kill you and throw you in hell.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Hell is named three hundred and thirty-three times in the Bible.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Christ came to redeem us and save us from hell and God's eternal punishment for sin. Therefore we have to work out our salvation with fear and trembling and do the works that are set before us so we can grow in Christ-likeness and holy living.

Consuming Fire in the New Testament

Remember, covenants will change but God doesn't change.

- ❖ The writer of the book Hebrews who says we have come to Mount Zion, the mountain of grace, finished off by saying that if we don't listen, we will come under judgment for our God is a consuming fire.

Heb 12:28-29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

Jesus Christ came as a lamb but is coming back like a lion.

The Holy Presence Encounter

On the fifth of October 2006, Amy and I were doing warfare over a dark region. We were called to fast for three days and were blowing the shofar while waving the praise flags. Then God's holy presence, as a light, surrounded me. God warned me by saying that we can make the glory into an idol.

God's glory is good, yet our focus can become corrupted.

He then said that we are called to focus on His holy presence for He is holy.

The more you worship Him for being holy, the more you will change to be holy like He is holy.

Psa99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*

He showed me that John Wesley preached and moved from God's holy presence and that is how the Holy Spirit is going to move in Australia. He said that a great revival of His holy presence would, one day, sweep over Australia. On that day, people all over the nation would repent of their sin, He would get hold of them. In towns, villages and cities, people would come together as God would move with the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord over those meetings and across the nation. I then started studying the difference between God's glorious presence and God's holy presence.

- ❖ I learnt from the scriptures in the Bible that in God's holy presence, the mountains melt like wax. Therefore there is a greater intensity in God's holy presence than in God's glorious presence.

John Wesley

John Wesley was born in 1703 and he started as an Anglican minister and theologian. He later founded the Methodist society where out the Methodist Church came forth. His work and writings also played a leading role in the development of the holiness movement and Pentecostalism. Wesley was truly saved under the ministry of Moravian ministers in London.

Wesley felt that the church failed to call sinners to repentance, that many of the clergies were corrupt and that people were perishing in their sins. He believed that he was commissioned by God to bring about revival in the church.

Wesley's Oxford school friend, George Whitfield, asked him to preach in the open air on a field when Wesley came back to England.

From then on, it became a normal thing for him to preach in the fields to big numbers of people.

John Wesley often said, "I put myself on fire so that the world can see me burn."

God's Power

He warned the people not to climb into the trees during the open meetings for when God's holy power would come down, they would fall out. Yet they would not listen and as God's holy fire would fall on the multitude so strongly that they would fall. The believers in the trees also fell.

In his preaching, Wesley called for personal and social holiness.

In those meetings, God's holy, fiery presence would come down and set the sinners free.

God's miracle power was demonstrated in his ministry as lame people walked and sickness and diseases healed.

The Holy Spirit would fall on believers to give them love and joy and on the sinners and unrepentant believers, a great conviction of sin.

Unbelievers would, at times, be struck as if with lightning and fall to the ground. They would be in agony for their lost soul.

Some would see the horrors of hell and be in agony for hours until they were in a place where salvation by faith in Christ would give them eternal peace.

One evening, while John was declaring that Jesus Christ had given Himself as a ransom for all, three persons in the audience sunk as dead almost immediately.

All their sins were set as an array before them.

After some time, they knew their sins were forgiven and they were saved.

Divine Interventions

At John Wesley's meetings, mobs were sent in to disrupt the meetings.

Many of these rioters were stopped by the hand of God so that they could not do much harm.

Some of these hardened men who wanted to continue in this evil died within a few days.

John said that he preached at Darlaston on April 2, 1751, it was late and there was a "den of lions" there (a group of fierce rioters)

But most of the fiercest of them God called away by a train of amazing strokes and those that remain are now as lambs.

I share this about John Wesley as God has shown me that the same sorts of things will happen when God is going to come down with the revival of His holy presence.

God came down on Mount Sinai with Holy Fire

We first discussed the heavenly and earthly Mount Zion, let us now look at what happened at Mount Sinai.

- ❖ God came down on Mount Sinai with fire while Moses had gathered the people there.

Exo 19:17-18 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. (18) And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

It says that the Lord descended in the fire.

- ❖ Here we see the proof that the God of the Bible is a consuming fire.

We find the proof of this is also in the Psalms for it says that the mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord.

Psa97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Why is our God a consuming fire?

- ❖ This is because He is holy.

Isa 6:3-7 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. (4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. (5) Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. (6) Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: (7) And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Through this holy fire of the altar, before the presence of a holy God, Isaiah's lips were cleansed by this holy consuming fire so that he could be a holy prophet sent to the nations. Holy means that God is perfect, morally pure and sacred and therefore anything else burns up in His holy presence.

God showed me in a vision that the cloud of God's darkness and the fire was very large and covered the whole top of the mountain.

The people of Israel were trembling at seeing and experiencing this.

Deu 5:25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

The Fear of God

Why did God come down as a consuming fire?

He did this to show us the truth about eternity so that we would fear Him.

The people saw the thundering, the lightning, the noise of the trumpet and the mountain on fire.

This is also what Apostle John saw when he had a glimpse of eternity, which he describes in the book of Revelations, he saw the throne of God in heaven.

The people said to Moses, "Let God not speak to us for we might die."

Moses said to them, "God has come to prove you."

Then he said, "His fear may be before your faces so that you do not sin."

Exo20:20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

Two-fold Fear of God

1. Indeed, the fear of the Lord is here so we may know Him more intimately, and therefore we do not want to sin.
2. Yet here it also clearly shows that part of the fear of God is not to sin otherwise you will face eternal judgement in hell for our God is a consuming fire.

In other words: Turn or burn.

Jonathan Edwards

Today many preachers preach about the love of God, yet most people in the world have ignored this message. Also, a lot of believers who only listen to this one-sided gospel are lukewarm and many don't go to church or home-fellowship groups anymore.

As you have just read, there are two different sides to the fear of God. The first one we can preach and call people to repentance out of the love and God and out of the goodness of God. We can also preach out of the severity of God or out of the judgment and anger of God for sin and hardened sinners. This is how God used Jonathan Edwards in His message, 'Sinners in the hands of an angry God' which is the second side of the fear of God.

In Enfield, the USA on July 8, 1741, Jonathan preached this strong truth of the gospel. As he was preaching this message, he was interrupted many times before he finished by people moaning and crying out, 'What shall I do to be saved?' The Spirit of God was at work through the life and vitality of Edwards' preaching'. **(Edwards, J. 1997:10)**

Many today don't understand the message that Jonathan brought, yet we will understand it when we see that the second part of the fear of God is that we don't want to sin for the wages of this is death and eternal punishment.

In this message, Edwards said to the unconverted sinner, 'Below you is a dreadful pit of the glowing flames of the wrath of God. Hells mouth is gaping wide open and you have nothing to stand upon nor anything to take hold of. There is nothing between you and hell except thin air. It is only the power and mere pleasure of God that holds you up.' **(Edwards, J. 1997:33)**

He also said, 'For sinners deserve hell'. **(Edwards, J. 1997:19)**

As on-fire believers, we are in Christ, yet we do have to understand that Christ's sacrifice for us covered us (the propitiation) from the wrath of God because all have sinned. As on-fire believers, we are still called to live out our salvation in fear and trembling for our God is a consuming fire.

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Jonathan also said, 'God has had it on His heart to show to angels and men, not only how excellent His love is, but also how terrible His wrath is. **(Edwards, J. 1997:52)**

In the meetings of Edwards, Maria Woodworth-Etter and John Wesley people saw the flames of hell and the glory of heaven as the Holy Spirit gave them a deep trance or vision. Many would get saved, yes, radically saved. You can criticise this severe side, yet it is still God's love, mercy and goodness to shake hardened sinners and sleepy Christians awake so they can escape eternal judgment.

Unholy Priest

God set up the priesthood to be holy so that the people would be a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore priests were to walk in a holy way and God, from the burning Mount Sinai, warned that the priest should sanctify themselves lest they be judged when they came near God's holy presence.

Exo 19:20-22 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. (21) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. (22) And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

One day, the two sons of Aaron put strange fire in the censers, and this was supposed to represent God's pure Holy Spirit fire.

They went into the tabernacle to offer the sacrifice as priests at the Ark of the Covenant.

They were indifferent and thought they could do what they wanted, just like many preachers today. Some live openly in sin.

The fire of God consumed the two sons.

Why? Because they didn't worship God as the Holy One with this strange fire.

Lev 10:1-3 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. (2) And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. (3) Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Only by and through Christ's holy sacrifices can we stand in God's holy presence.

Consuming Fire

In the bible, there is a story of “turn or burn” literally happening.

Three men stood up against Moses’ leadership in Israel.

They were Korah, Dathan and Abiram, and they gathered 250 other men with them.

Moses said that they would come in the morning and stand before the Lord’s presence with his censer and fire in it and see what God says about the whole situation.

As they did so, God spoke to them.

Num 16:19-21 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation. (20) And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, (21) Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

God said that He would consume all the people for they were rebelling and using strange, unholy fire.

Moses prayed for God’s mercy and was a type of Christ here.

God said that He had heard Moses’ prayer and told them to separate the congregation from those rebellious men, which they did.

Then Korah and the others died as the earth split open.

Num16:32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

The consuming fire came from God and all the men that had the strange fire were burnt up.

Num16:35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

God’s heart is for salvation through His priesthood and therefore the congregation, as they turned away from the rebellious, were saved.

God is holy and has to punish sin.

Only by the priesthood of Christ, His blood and the fire of the Holy Spirit can we become holy and stand clean before the holy God.

The Old Testament priesthood was a symbol of Christ.

Strange fire is not the way to God.

Yesterday, Today the Same

The greatest sin of the modern-day church is that they make the people believe that the God of the Old Testament is different from the God of the New Testament.

Heb13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

In today’s church, they act as if God does not have any power. Well, the God of the Old Testament and the New Testament is the same God, full of power and grace and is a consuming fire.

Apostle Paul says that the Old Covenant is a warning for us who live under grace to not go back to live in sin.

If we do, judgment can follow.

1Co 10:4-9 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. (5) But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (6) Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. (7) Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. (8) Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. (9) Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

Seeing Hell at Maria's Meeting

In the late 1800s during the ministry of Maria Woodworth-Etter, God would bring hardened sinners into a trance where they would see the horrors of hell and the glory of heaven.

Many of these people would be gloriously saved in those meetings. The book written by Roberts Liardon tells her story.

“Once an elderly man who had travelled the world was visiting an area where Maria was ministering. He was a religious man, so he decided to attend one of her meetings out of curiosity. As he witnessed the meeting, he made some joking remark to his friends concerning the display of power. Filled with pride, the man boldly headed for the platform to investigate. But before he reached the pulpit, he was struck to the floor by the power of God and laid there for over two hours. While in this state, God showed him a vision of heaven and hell. Realizing he had to choose, he immediately chose God and was born again.

The only thing this man could say once he came out of the trance was that he regretted having spent sixty years lost in religion, never knowing Jesus Christ personally. Still, newspapers and unbelieving ministers warned others to stay away from the meetings. They said they ‘would make a person insane’. Nevertheless, thousands were saved, many being ‘struck down, laying as dead men’ even on their way home. It is said that many people also fell under the power in their homes, miles away from the meetings.

What are ‘trances’? They are one of the four ways God manifests in a vision. The first type of vision is an ‘inner vision’. The picture you see in your inner man, or spirit man, will benefit you greatly if you heed it. Secondly, there is the ‘open vision’. This vision comes when your eyes are wide open. It’s like watching a movie screen open up in front of you as it displays a scene God wants to show you. Thirdly, is the night vision. This is when God gives a dream to make you aware of a certain thing. The last type of vision is the ‘trance vision’. In this vision, natural abilities are frozen so God can minister whatever is needed. When people came up from a trance vision in Sister Etter’s meetings, they told of seeing both heaven and hell.” (Liardon, R. 1996: 52)

Eternal Flame of Intimacy or Jealousy

God is calling us to His eternal flame of intimacy.

He has given us the free will to choose to come to this flame.

Son 8:6-7 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which hath a* most vehement flame. (7) Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

God's fire is a fire of jealousy!

We have to choose if we are going to live eternally in the love of His jealous fire or the torment of His jealous fire.

- HEAVEN IS THE PLACE WHERE SAINTS LIVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD'S FIRE.
- HELL IS THE PLACE WHERE SINNERS LIVE IN THE TORMENT OF GOD'S FIRE.

An Awakening

We are called to come and live in the holy presence of God.

In this day, we are called to live holy and pray that God will come down in His holy presence on the Earth, not only to bring revival but an awakening.

- ❖ Revival is for the church.
- ❖ An awakening if for a sinful nation.

Revival in a church brings the backsliders back to God and awakening convicts and converts a sinful nation. Then a nation can go from awakening to reformation, transformation and then to habitation. Such a revival and awakening took place in the Hebrides in 1948 – 1952. I heard a cassette tape of Duncan Campbell, who was used in the move of God in the Hebrides when I studied in Lausanne Switzerland with YWAM.

On this tape, he said that holiness comes before true power.

The Revival

The Hebrides revival was from 1948 to 1952. The Hebrides is a small group of islands on the west coast of Scotland. God poured out His Spirit in response to a handful of praying men and women. The effect was so great that at night-time, sinners would wake up and feel God's conviction power upon them. House after house, the same thing happened. People came out of their houses into the street to start wailing and mourning for they were not right with God. In the church nearby, Duncan Campbell would be preaching and they would go there as word spread. Then they would hear the gospel and many would get saved. Once they were saved, their misery would leave as they received the joy of salvation.

The Police Station

This is an account of the revival from the book written by Kathie Walters about the Hebrides revival:

“As the meeting was closing, someone excitedly hurried to the preacher, Come with me! There is a crowd of people outside the police station, they are weeping and in great distress. We don’t know what’s wrong with them but they are calling for someone to come and pray with them. The minister described the scene outside the police station. ‘I saw a sight I never thought possible. Something I shall never forget. Under a starlit sky, men and women were kneeling everywhere, by the roadside, outside the cottages, even behind the peat stacks, crying for God to have mercy on them. Nearly six hundred people making their way to church suddenly experienced the power of God falling upon them in great conviction, and like Paul on the road to Damascus, fell to their knees in repentance.” **(Walters, K. 2006:11)**

Once these people were saved they experienced God’s great mercy, love and grace in their lives, because of that many songs were made about God’s great love.

Chapter 12: The Ways of God

The Ways of God

In this book, we talked about revival, reformation, transformation and habitation.

But how does this all come about?

Before revival, there has to be a lot of prayer and intercession, for revival is born out of this. The Holy Spirit brings revival and by this believers are put back on fire.

- ❖ We have to aim further than revival, and pray, believe and prepare for reformation and transformation.

To see this happen, we need to know and understand the seven ways of God.

- ❖ The seven ways of God can bring a substantial revival and reformation whereby the churches, cities and nations can be totally transformed and whereby God's presence abides in that place.

Moses and the Ways of God

Moses was not satisfied with just the miracles of God, he wanted to know God in a deeply intimate way. God had used him to throw his staff down so that it became a snake and to release the ten plagues on Egypt. He also had to lift his staff and God opened the Red Sea. He had been seated in the house of Pharaoh, who was also seen as a god and knew him but that didn't satisfy him for his hunger was to know the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He knew how God had dealt with these forefathers and had blessed them.

- ❖ He understood that to know God is a deep and intimate way we need to know the ways of God.
- ❖ Therefore, he prayed at a critical time, 'Teach me your ways O God that I might know Thee'.

Exo 33:13-14 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. (14) And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

The ways of God bring:

1. Reformation and transformation
2. Intimate knowledge of God
3. A deep relationship with God
4. A great presence of God in our lives
5. Great grace
6. Rest
7. Christ-like character and great blessings

Eph1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

After Moses prayed to know God's ways so that he may know God, God promised Moses that His holy glorious presence would go with them.

Exo33:14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

Not Just Miracles

Miracles are not an end in themselves.

God was using Moses in great miracles, yet out of his wisdom, he prayed, "show me your way that I may know you."

God uses miracles, signs and wonders so that the unbeliever can repent and believe.

Joh 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

Healing and miracles are here to heal the people who are suffering, to set the captive free and bring release in difficult situations.

Today, there is a trend that it is all about the supernatural and they make this an end in itself, this is wrong. God wants to use His supernatural power to bring miracles and transformation in all of our lives so we become Christ-like and true disciples.

The supernatural realm of the Holy Spirit is here to:

1. Bring salvation
2. Bring repentance
3. Know God in a deeply intimate way
4. Learn to walk in the ways of God
5. Let the believers grow up godly
6. Grow the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives
7. Know and do the Father's will

Moses Knew the Ways of God

As Moses had humbled himself before God, he then learnt the ways of God.

Psa103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Moses knew the ways of God, therefore he was very close to God and humble.

We are called to be disciples for disciples learn the ways of God. Disciples are not just satisfied with miracles but they want to know God in a deeply relational way and therefore they learn to walk in the ways of God.

In the desert, the Israelites rejected the ways of God and did not enter the Promised Land in the time of Moses.

We can have revival in our lives as we are on fire for God.

- Yet reformation and transformation deal with the idols of our lifestyle, culture and heart.

We can't be reformed, transformed and enter God's rest to live in the Promised Land if we don't let go of the idols.

Psa 95:10-11 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: (11) Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Under Joshua, they believed and walked in God's ways, they were able to go into the Promised Land and conquered and possessed it.

God wants us to enter our promised land by believing, entering into His rest and walking in the ways of God.

The ways of God bring true reformation and transformation in our lives so we can live in a deep habitation of God's presence.

Ways of God versus Way of Evil

❖ There are the ways of God, yet there is also a way of evil and evil ways.

Pro 2:11-13 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: (12) To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; (13) Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

There is a battle going on for men's souls. The devil wants the world to walk on his evil way and systems. He deceives believers so they leave God's ways.

Pro 1:15-16 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: (16) For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

The ways of God keeps us from the way of evil men and women and its demons, devils and darkness.

Psa27:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies We need the fear of the Lord to help us not to be deceived and get trapped on the evil way. For the fear of the Lord helps us to walk in the ways of God.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

The Seven Ways of God

The seven ways of God are:

1. The way of righteousness
2. The way of life
3. The way of holiness
4. The way of truth
5. The way of judgment and justice
6. The way of peace
7. The way of wisdom and understanding and the seven spirits of God

In the next few pages, I want to give some understanding of the ways of God, yet every one of these seven ways is a big subject on its own. I can only show you the beginning. Also, know that there are more than seven ways of God in the Bible but these, I believe, are the seven most important.

1. The Way of Righteousness

The way of righteousness brings reformation and transformation, therefore righteousness brings reformation in our lives.

❖ Reformation means making a straight way.

John the Baptist was called of God to be a reformer in Israel by calling them on the straight path, to call them from sin to righteous living and Isaiah had prophesied about this.

Isa 40:3-5 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (4) Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: (5) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Therefore reformation starts with true repentance.

Reformation also puts us on the path of daily repentance.

Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

All of Jerusalem and Judea went out to see John the Baptist and they repented of their sin for he preached righteousness and rebuked the crooked paths of the Pharisees. He called sin, sin and preached righteousness would lead to the way of peace and life.

Mal 3:1-2 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (2) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

He baptised them unto repentance as he said Christ would baptise them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed the secret of John's ministry for Christ said that John came preaching in the way of righteousness.

Mat 21:32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Therefore the preaching of John brought the moving of the Holy Spirit in a way of revival and reformation to prepare Israel for the coming of their Messiah.

Reformers

Christ was the greatest reformer and called all to repentance.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

True reformation, repentance and righteousness deals with sin, wrong motives and idolatry. In the Old Testament, there were a few kings that were reformers, two of these names are King Josiah and King Hezekiah. In the New Testament, Christ, Peter and Paul are all examples of reformers.

John Huss was used to destroy the reign of the Dark Ages. He was a spearhead to break the darkness over Europe. They burnt him on the stake. His followers in Prague and Czech were called the Hussite's. They were used to start the fires of revival in Moravia. Then they became known as the Moravian Church.

After the Dark Ages in Europe, the reformer Martin Luther arose, others followed and righteousness through faith was preached. Luther's main scripture was that the righteous shall live through faith.

Rom 1:17(AMP)For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, *both springing from faith and leading to faith* [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it is written *and forever remains written*, "THE JUST *and* UPRIGHT SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

In Christ, we are therefore justified and made righteous.

The way of righteousness brought the church out of the Dark Ages and today God calls for the End Time reformers to arise.

Charles Finney Revivals

Charles Finney was also used to bring in a great awakening in the USA. When Charles Finney would preach, the heavens were usually open and people would fall to their knees repenting. Once he was asked to come and preach in a village where there was deep darkness. The Lord gave him this verse, which said, "Up, get you out of this place, for the Lord will destroy this city." (Sodom) He then preached this word and the sword of the Spirit fell with all might.

An instantaneous shock seemed to fall upon the congregation; the word seemed to cut them like a sword. The power from on high came down upon them in such a torrent that they fell from their seats in every direction. In less than a minute, nearly all the congregation were either down on their knees, on their faces or in some position prostrated before God.

Everyone was crying or groaning for mercy for their souls. They prayed in agony over their sin until Christ broke through in their hearts. They had called this sinful town 'Sodom' and

the old man who had invited Charles, Lot, yet Charles hadn't been aware of it so all glory belongs to God.

Transformation

Reformation can lead to transformation.

- ❖ When we see and understand the great truth about the righteousness that comes through faith, we go from reformation to transformation.

With our hearts, we believe and receive the great revelation that we are now made righteous.

Through this revelation and understanding the scripture that we are made righteous, we are being transformed.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The whole butterfly is already in the cocoon or pupae (transformation here comes from the word metamorphism), and then as we believe who we are in Christ, the butterfly appears and starts to fly. Therefore it is from revival to reformation to transformation. This can take place in individuals, families, a church, a city or a nation.

2.The Way of Life

On the day of Pentecost, Apostle Peter said that our Lord Jesus Christ had opened the way of life.

Act 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

He then compares the way of life with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:32-33 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

The river of life overflows from the inside to the outside when the Holy Spirit moves in our lives. When the apostles were drunk of the Holy Spirit, this was the manifestation of the way of life. The river of life that flows through us comes from the throne of God, from the heart of Abba Father.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

3.The Highway of the Holy Presence of God

One of the ways of God is the highway of holiness.

The highest level of the seven levels we can live on is the holy presence of God. For it says in the Bible, holy is the Lord and out of it, the whole Earth is filled with glory. To learn to walk on the highway of holiness is of great importance.

Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

In Christ, we are made holy, yet, many of our ways and some of our characteristics are not yet in line with the Word of God. What we see written in Isaiah thirty-five, we see explained to us in Hebrews twelve.

Hebrews twelve adds to it and says to make a straight path for your feet.

To make a straight path is to bring reformation in your life and war upon your crooked ways.

Heb12:13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

For us to walk on the highway of holiness, we need to let the way of righteousness transform us.

It says in Isaiah 35:3-5, that after we strengthened our weak hands and the feeble knees, then the blind will see, the lame shall walk and the highway of holiness shall be there.

Isa 35:3-5 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. (4) Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. (5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Holiness Releases the Presence of God

The highway of holiness will bring the presence of God in our lives, home, family, church, city and nation. For this highway releases, the fear of God and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord in our lives.

Pro 16:17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

- ❖ This is what happened in Acts five where Peter discerned the evil that Ananias had planned, yet as judgment fell, the greatest Shekinah glory was released in the church.
- ❖ The way of holiness releases the abiding glorious presence of God.

Psa85:9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

We first received revival, reformation and transformation on the way of righteousness, eternal life and the highway of holiness, Gods abiding presence in our lives.

My Testimony

Once, for ten days, the hand of the Lord was heavy upon me. In a dream, an angel had spoken to me that I had grown up halfway as a believer. Therefore, there were still ways of the world in me, like not truly loving my wife the way the Lord wanted me to. I sought in the Bible for deeper answers on how to live as a true believer and found them. I repented of my shortcomings and pressed into the ways of the Lord He opened to me. Then, as time went on, a greater presence of God was released in my life.

4.The Way of Truth

Truth is a person and His name is Jesus Christ. He says I am the way, the truth and the life.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The Father God is the Father of truth and the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth. We see this in the glory encounter that Moses had, that God also says I am a God of truth.

Exo34:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

Our Lord also says in John's gospel, that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth who leads us into all truth.

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Truth is in Us

Christ is the truth.

Therefore the truth is a person and is one of the ways of God.

Psa119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

Therefore the truth is also in us.

2Jn 1:2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

As a believer, we receive eternal life by God's grace and are filled with the truth which is Christ and also the Holy Spirit.

Our heart then becomes established in grace and we are being rooted in love. Then the Holy Spirit starts to lead us on the way of truth, so we grow in truth and discernment, then the truth of the word sets us free.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Walking in the Truth

When we are living in the way of truth, we also are called to walk on the way of truth.

2Jn 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

Living and walking in the truth protects us from deception and the spirit of the antichrist.

This is also the doctrine of Christ that will keep us.

2Jn 1:6-7 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. (7) For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Being a true believer means you love the truth and you are a lover of Christ who is the truth.

❖ For the truth is a measuring rod or plumbline of the kingdom of God.

Living In Revival

The life, the light and the truth are all one in God.

There is a secret to revival and to living in the revival, reformation, transformation and habitation.

This secret is to live and stay in God's light and His truth. This will keep us living in God's holy presence and God's holy mountain where from the river of life flows.

Psa43:3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

The seven keywords to revival are:

1. God's life
2. God's light
3. Truth
4. Love
5. Fellowship
6. Joy
7. Knowing Him intimately

These seven words or seven keys to revival, reformation, transformation and habitation are all found in 1 John 1 and 2.

5.The Way of Judgment and Justice

In John seventeen, the way of truth and the way of holiness come together as Christ says that He sanctifies Himself.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Now, out of the way of truth and God's holy presence comes forth judgment.

Psa119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

We see this in the book of Revelations, where the sword or Word of Christ comes out of His mouth and He that is faithful and True makes war. (Rev 19:11,15,16)

Our Lord brings judgment and justice to the Earth from the path or way of judgment and justice.

The Greek word that is translated as righteousness includes God's faithfulness, His righteousness and His justice all in one word.

Pro 8:20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

When we are following the Lord with all our heart and seek Him in spirit and truth, God's justice and judgments work for us and the world.

Isa 26:8-9 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. (9) With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Through God's judgments, we will all learn about God's righteousness.

This leads us to the way of peace which comes to us through God's righteousness.

6.The Way of Peace

John the Baptist preached the way of righteousness and prepared the way for the King of Peace to come. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy.

The way of righteousness brings the way of peace to us so we can live and walk in peace.

Luk1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

Luk1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Righteousness is also a peaceable fruit and this prepares us for the way of wisdom where peaceable fruit grows.

Pro 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

7.The Way of Wisdom

True wisdom is heavenly and peaceable, it is not crafty, demonic or earthly. Therefore the higher realm of wisdom come from the Seven Spirits of God and is called the Spirit of

Wisdom. First, let us look at the way of wisdom. Through the way of wisdom, we will get instruction and by it, we will keep our lives here and eternally.

Pro 4:11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

The length of days, riches and all the ways of her path is pleasant. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord and therefore all the ways of the Lord lead to His holy presence. When we walk on the way of wisdom, we will understand righteousness, judgment, justice and every good path.

Pro 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

Pro 2:9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

Wisdom will keep you and make you grow as a son of God.

When we love the way of wisdom, then we will love the fear of God and hate evil ways. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

For wisdom will deliver from:

1. The way of evil

Pro 2:12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;

2. The way of darkness

Pro 2:13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

3. The alien woman

Pro 2:16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

The higher levels of wisdom and the fear of God are found in the Seven Spirits of God. True sons of God who are going to manifest the glory in the Last Days will keep pressing into the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. Their lifestyles will be full of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. They will see great signs, miracles and glory happen for they will understand what the inheritance for the saints is all about.

The Sons of God

When we keep pressing into the glorious, holy presence of God, we will do signs, wonders and miracles.

Exo15:11 *Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*

We are all called to be true sons of God.

❖ True sons manifest the likeness of Christ in their lives.

We taught about the seven ways of God, yet we have only touched the tip of the iceberg of these seven ways.

The book of Proverbs is a whole book on the way of wisdom.

Christ is the truth and God is holy, yet truth and holy are both ways of God.

I encourage you to really press into all these ways. By studying them in the Bible, you can grow up as a mature son of God.

❖ We need the supernatural elements of the gospel so signs, miracles and wonders happen, yet the result of it all is that we grow up in Christ's likeness as sons of God who bear the fruit of the kingdom and the Holy Spirit.

Mat 7:16-17 *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (17) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

According to the Apostle Peter, the fruits of the Spirit and godliness are the way into heaven. These come by true faith in Christ and true Christian growth.

In his second letter, Peter also says that some qualities and virtues will keep us safe from false teachers and false prophets.

2Pe 1:3-7 *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (5) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

When this is established in our lives, then we are ready to bring forth much fruit in the kingdom of God.

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Our God of the Bible is a God full of majesty, awe and splendour. An Angel told Apostle John to come up higher so he could see the glorious God on the throne in heaven.

Today, God is calling us to come up higher, so we can get to know God for who He is. God is calling us to know Him more intimately. This will only happen as we come near Him and learn to know Him for who He is.

The Bible shows that God is a God of glory and that the greatest glory lies in that He is holy.

In this book, I write about how to come close to God's holy presence, how to grow in His glorious holy heart. I also show that the greatest revivals come from God's holy presence and that out of them, great signs, wonders and miracles happen.

God is going to move by End Time revivals out of His holy presence and wants to use you.

Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.