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# Dedication

This book is dedicated to our  
Little angel, Errita. We are so  
proud to have you

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# First Words

*Therefore let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one should seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, “As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest”, although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has thus said somewhere concerning the seventh day, “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; and again in this passage, “They shall not enter My rest” ...For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself rested from his works, as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience. Heb. 4: 1-11 (NASB)*



# I ntroduction

Something is happening in the spirit realm in this season. The force of the Beginning is again at work within God.

The mystery that initiates new processes is again stirring within the realm of the Almighty.

What we are right now beholding are the embers of a dying world. We are witnessing the last hours of a passing day. An age is being shut watch it go! It is receding where the others have gone, and out of the womb of one called The Morning, comes forth a glorious new reality. It is the seventh day. It is the day of our Lord. The day of man has at last expired.

There is only one place to be on the Lord's Day. It is written right there in the book of Revelations, the first chapter: *"I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a voice like a trumpet"* (Rev 1: 10 11) NRSV

"In the spirit" That is where to be. The Day of the Lord is a day when men ought to walk habitually in the spirit. It is a day of extreme spiritual activity.

It all looks like a dream, this world. Look about you and see the world the way it is. It was *built* by men. It was built for

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men. Men run it. It has the best of men. It is the work of men's hands. The day of man is drawing to a close in the natural it is. But in the spirit it already has.

There is usually a disparity between both worlds, natural and spiritual; and especially in their timing systems. The former is always lagging behind the latter, but it has not always been so. There once existed synchronization between both worlds. It was sin that tilted the earth off its original course. But heaven is fast closing in on the earth. That disparity will be seen no more. For One stands right now in the earth, and with Him many, who have been elected to bring about a reconciliation of *All Things*.

These are the greatest moments in all annals. Heaven is aghast with excitement. And the earth quivers in anticipation. *What will the new day look like?*

Kings have arisen in the earth, and kings have fallen. Nations have arisen and nations have fallen great and small. Times have come and times have gone. But what the world is now about to behold, yea, partake of, eyes have not seen.

Across the pages of the Holy Writ are images of it. Types and shadows spot the entire Book, but the reality itself has been abstracted until now.



# Chapter One

## Creation

In the dateless past God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became without form, and void. And darkness was upon the face of the entire deep. The earth remained in this condition for a while until divine clock struck 'genesis' and the cycle of Beginnings was initiated.

The Holy Spirit began fluttering over the surface of the waters and brooding over it. Then God said, "Light be!" And that thing found its way into existence. Thus by His spoken words did the Lord God create things both visible and invisible. Day after day He continued in this manner until five days of creating the material world was over.

Whenever God finished working at the end of each day He took a good look at all He had created, and said with a deep-spirited sigh, that it was good. God felt completely satisfied. What He saw totally pleased Him. There was no gap the picture and the creation held within His soul, which has spawned the act of the creation and the very manifestation of that revelation. The two were in perfect harmony. Both were the same. Nothing more could have been added. The work was perfect. His will His internal desire had been fully revealed

and manifested.

“And on the seventh day God ended His work, which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work, which He had done.” (Gen. 2: 2)

Thus it was only after His will had been expressed that God entered into His Rest. True rest is the result of one being in total harmony within oneself. When one's outward realities match his internal configuration a counsel of peace is established. Rest ensues. Absence of rest is actually the result of the presence of conflict a conflict like say, discontentment. But God, after He had ended His work, rested.

God did not rest because He got tired and exhausted and needed to replenish His strength. It was not that type of rest. It was cessation from His work. The work had truly finished. The program had executed. He had inserted a period at the end of the whole sentence.

That period was inserted there on the sixth day. That period was the crown of all creation. It was the finishing stroke. Without it the entire drama of creation would have appeared hollow and empty, like a beautiful piece of painting that lacks meaning.

When God put that final stroke purpose surfaced. The reason for creation was laid bare. The picture was made complete. That period was red man. That crown of perfection was Adam.

For six days God had been working. Now that the work had ended there was only one thing left for God to do Rest.

It was the seventh day, a day quite unlike all the others. The

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force of the Beginning had wrought its full work, and now it had abated. Explosions of His Almightyness had marked off each day as realities, which previously existed only as images in the visions of God, broke forth into tangible matter. Now these explosions had stopped. The ear-splitting shouts of celestial spirits, together with the chorus of the morning stars had come to an end. (Job 38: 7)

A new kind of day had come forth. Angelic minds quizzed over what this new day might bring. What would this *matrix* unfold? Had they seen all of God? Had they seen the best of Him? Would He bring forth a higher revelation of Himself? What did the new day hold in stock?

Day seven. God rose up as in other days. Only He did not create as in the other days. He considered all of the finished work and broke forth into a deeper revelation of His nature. A newer dimension of His person began arising from deep within Him. It was a reality He knew was there, but which had never before manifested. A new name broke forth that day: Lord of the Sabbath; Lord of the Rest.

Peace was footloose that day. It transcended the highest cadre of understanding: and defined itself beyond the borders of reasoning and logic.

That which was the core of Jehovah had at last been brought forth.

On this note God entered into a state of rest. And once there He opened His mouth and began pronouncing the blessing of Rest. He blessed the seventh day passionately and hallowed it. Hence forth the seventh day would teem with blessings.



# Chapter Two

## The Sixth and Seventh Days

Red man was created on the sixth day. From then on, that day was branded. It is the day in which man was brought forth. The atmosphere of the sixth day was conducive to the manifestation of man.

When Adam gained consciousness and looked about him, what He saw was God's finished work. He saw an already completed universe. He saw a full expression of God's will. He was brought right into the will of God.

Adam was brought into finished work. God did not desire Adam to create any world of his own, nor did He require him to create the trees or the animals or light he would make use of. God's only expectation of man was that He interacted with the finished work.

Henceforth whatever Adam did would be based on the finished work; a work he had no idea when it was accomplished or why, a work that predated his existence, a work that was therefore not dependent on anything he had done, or would do. It was a work, which only depended on Him who works All Things in accordance with His Will.

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This was the sixth day.

By the end of the sixth day God stood before Adam and charged Him concerning the finished work. Thus ended the sixth day.

### The Seventh Day

The first full day of Adam's life was the seventh day, the Day of The Lord.

It would appear that God created man into His finished work and into His Rest. Was this why Jesus said in Matt. 2: 27 that, "The Sabbath was created for man?"

Everything in creation of which Adam was part, existed according to a hidden Order called the will of God. Apostle Paul calls it the Mystery of His will.

Way back then the Will was being done. Nothing stood in opposition to it and nothing was in rebellion. God was resting. He had brought man into His eternal Rest. Man was learning about the righteousness of God. Man was getting to understand that his standing with God was not a product of his toil; rather, it was grace at work. Man was getting to realize that everything he was and possessed existed because something within God was pleased to have it that way. That thing is His Will.

Adam would discover that it is impossible to comprehend the why of God's will, for it is a mystery. He, like us would not be able to find out the reason why God chose him, of every possible alternative available to God.

Adam would just have to love the Lord, enjoy His goodness and be content. That contentment would be the result of trust. It would be based on an informal knowledge of God's goodness. Reason is because after each stage of creation God

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evaluated what He had created using this measure His goodness. He matched everything with His goodness and said, “It is good.” He did not say, “It is holy, or righteous or beautiful.” His goodness was the yardstick for all measurement.



# Chapter Three

## Spiritual Patterns

Before God brought man on the scene, not only had God furnished the earth, but He had also planted a garden for man to reside in. Then only did God make man and usher him into His Rest.

By so doing God was establishing a spiritual pattern that revealed His desire for man. God's desire for man was (and still is) that man would abide in His Rest.

Adam walked in that consciousness for a while until he believed a serpent and took it upon himself to remake himself. God was angry and said to him, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' “cursed be the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you...”  
(Gen 3: 17-18) NIV

That was the beginning of man's journey into the realm of struggle.

Oh, how God's heart bled to see man living a life of toil. How

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God suffered to see this spirit live like a man of the earth. God did not however, give up on that desire to see man abide in His Rest.

Hundreds of years later a people groaning under hard servitude cried out to God from the Egyptian deserts. God sent them a deliverer and made them a promise that He would bring them into His Rest.

God said He would “bring them into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; a land where they would eat bread without scarceness, not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills they could dig brass.”  
(Deut 8: 7- 9) KJV

In promising to bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey God was speaking of a spiritual reality which had a physical parallel. But Israel only saw the physical promise. Years later God made good His word by empowering Joshua to bring them into Canaan, but deep within God's Spirit He wept still because He knew they had missed the message. The land that Joshua brought them into was not the Rest God had in mind.

Why were they always missing the mark? Years earlier Moses had brought them the tables that contained the Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment said they were to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. They were not to do any servile work on that day. It was meant to be a prophecy of the true Sabbath that would come later, but they did not quite get it. They made it into a meaningless tradition.

The people never saw the Law as a prophecy to be fulfilled.

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They did not understand all the purpose of the Law. The Law was given to them for righteousness but beyond that it was also prophecy. Being a shadow of things to come every aspect of the Law pointed to a reality in Christ that would be fulfilled at a later date. Scriptures said that the Law and the prophets testified about Jesus and that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10)

Jesus sought to bring the Pharisees into this understanding of the Law by telling them that “the Law and the prophets prophesied until John.” (Matt. 11: 13) Elsewhere Jesus said, “Verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” (Matt. 5: 18) KJV

The Law was meant to be fulfilled. Now you understand what Jesus meant when He said, “I have not come to break the Law but to fulfill it.” If language means anything one does not 'fulfill the law', one 'keeps the law.' It is prophecies that get fulfilled.

### The Sabbath Law

The Jews did not quite like Jesus, and never could come to terms with His claim to deity. Though some of them believed He was a prophet, very few thought He was the Messiah. The Pharisees thought nothing good of Him. They called Him heretic. Why?

Pharisees had a strict adherence to the letters of Moses' Law, so whenever they saw Jesus healing or doing miracles on the Sabbath day they just could not stomach their resentment. They could not understand why Jesus repeatedly broke the Sabbath law. Blinded by religion and tradition they could not look beyond the physical rituals to true revelation of spiritual Sabbath.

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The physical Sabbath only spoke of a higher reality.

Someone has referred to the Sabbath law given by Moses as the 'abridged version.' It was Isaiah who presented a clearer understanding of what the Sabbath truly meant. Hear what he said in Isa. 58: 13-14:

“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

The true Sabbath is a day when men will cease from doing the things that gratify the flesh, and start doing the things that please God. It is a day when men will find delight in yielding to God's control. It is a day when men will honor God by not walking in their own plans, purpose and pursuits. It is also a day when men will not speak their own words but the words of God; that means men will be prophetic. It is in fact the Lord's Day.



# Chapter Four

## Four types of Labor

In Matt 11:28-29, Jesus made one of the most remarkable statements regarding the issue of rest. He said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (NKJV)

We have been taught this scripture from an evangelistic perspective. We have told sinners about their need to have rest in Jesus, but it was a different sort of rest we were referring to. It was not the Sabbath rest of God. We have never fully understood the issue of spiritual Sabbath, and so we have never felt the need for it ourselves. Now the Holy Spirit is shedding more light in that area. We are getting to know better.

There are many good believers who labor, who are weary, and who are toiling under the yoke of the Law. They too need rest. They need to cease from their own works and enter into God's Rest.

There are four types of labor: the first is human toil. It is the

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hard servitude that Satan has placed men under. The second is toil that the spiritually immature are engaged in. It is the type we usually refer to when speaking about works versus grace. The third type is a labor in the word. It is what is referred to in Hebrews 4, where it says, "labor to enter into that rest." The fourth type is the labor of rest which one might also call the labor of love.

Let us briefly consider each of these types of labor.

### The Human Toil

The man who is yet unsaved is under the curse of the fall. To him the earth remains cursed to this very day. It is in toil that he eats of it. Thorns and thistles are the fruits he garners into his barn. Apart from that Satan has placed a yoke of Sin upon him. He is a slave of Sin. He cannot overcome his sin habits. He cries under its yoke, but he has no means of freeing himself. Philosophies of Babylon have taken him captive. He needs the rest that Jesus gives.

### The Labor of works

Many people are spiritual infants. The Bible calls them babes. Elsewhere, they are referred to as children. They cannot differentiate between the Law and Grace. They still practice religion. They live by commandments, codes of conduct and formulas. They know nothing of the Holy Unction. They have never mastered the art of being led by the Spirit. Much of their Christian walk is based on rigid law. Christianity is toil to them. They find the yoke sometimes too difficult to bear. They fast and pray, and study the Bible according to strict schedules. They have never come to know the rest that walking in the Holy Unction brings.

Job is a typical example of this type of believer. He was a man who feared God and eschewed evil. He was upright and

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blameless in his ways but he walked in the realm of works.

He offered sacrifices to God on a regular basis, on behalf of his children because he was motivated by fear. God loved him and desired to bring him into His Rest, so He orchestrated situations that would break Job's self-righteousness. In the account of Job we see that the way God corrected this spiritual condition was by making Job see how powerful and how so very detailed God is.

Many of us struggle in our strength to get things done in our life because we do not know for sure that God is interested in every aspect of our life even in the mundane issues. We make plans and scheme our way through. We do not fully let go and let God. Casting our care upon Him is not yet a practical reality to us. We say religious prayers to God, and then we go ahead to contemplate a plan B. Our estimation of God is wrong.

Like Job we need to come into greater revelation of God's greatness. Once we see how powerful and how totally committed He is to the minute details of all that He has created, we will realize how useless our scheming and our fear-motivated plans are. Our fears would immediately be broken; we would become carefree!

### Labor to Enter into His Rest

Hebrews 4 says to 'labor to enter into that rest'. Then it goes ahead to tell us that the promise was first given to the children of Israel, but that they had failed to possess it because they did not believe. They did not engage in the labor of faith. The labor of faith is what you are doing right now. You are feeding on God's word. And it is bringing your soul gradually into rest. One layer of revelation after another is getting you there. One level of obedience after another is situating your soul in the dimension of His Rest.

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When we enter into His Rest it is not that we cease from working altogether. It is that we are to cease from our own works, and enter into the finished work. We stop being smart in our conceit and begin to tap into His wisdom and ability. We are assured of the finished work. We do not struggle to obtain the thing that is already ours.

One day Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath day and was challenged by the Pharisees. They demanded to know the grounds on which He had broken the Sabbath Law. *“But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I too, must be at [divine] work.” John 5:17 (AMP)*

But did not the Bible say in Hebrews 4, that the works had been completed before the foundations of the world? So, which work is the Father still engaged in?

We call it the labor of rest. It is the unfolding of the scroll so that the believer who is connected to Him can work in the reality of the finished work. Jesus said the Son could do nothing on His own initiative, but did whatever He saw the Father do. The Father had already done all of the works. What He is now doing is revealing it to the Son. The responsibility of the Son is to allow these works flow through Him.



# Chapter Five

## The Mystery of His Will

### The Will defined

When one thinks about the depth of God's wisdom and the surpassing greatness of His power, when one for one brief moment considers in deep meditation, the opulence of God's majesty as expressed in creation, one cannot but ask Himself, “just who is this God, and from where did He get all of this wisdom?”

Prophet Isaiah, one fine day, found Himself in such a position. Overcome by the overwhelming sense of God's vastness and majesty, he cried out in deafening rage, “*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, [who] measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? [Who] Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him...?*” Isaiah 40:12-14a (Parenthesis added by me)

The answer is “Nobody!” right? Wrong.

The Lord never did a thing in creation without counsel.

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He was counseled. He was instructed. He was directed. Some force drove Him. That force is Himself. That thing of God that marshaled creation is a deeper part of God, known as His Will.

The Will of God is the very crux of God. It is what makes Him God. It is His very core. It is the reason for everything He does and is. It is His reality. Apostle Paul says of God in *Eph. 1: 11*, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

He does all things according to i.e., in conformity with the structure and reality of Divine Will. The twenty-four elders in Revelation 4: 11 said “For you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.” All things were an expression of the will. All things originated in the will, and could not otherwise have been. The Will is the reason for it all, as well as the meaning of it all.

Jesus, in the teaching His disciples to pray, said they should say, “Your kingdom come, your will be done...in the earth.” God's Will is the seat of His sovereignty. It is the center of divine choice. It is the highest authority of God's righteousness. In issues relating the Will, God is not subject to any known law or authority. Once God says, “I want this or that because my Will desires it” or when He says, “I will...” that settles it. The divine Will cannot be denied, and should not be denied. The will is everything. It owns everything. Everything consists in Him, and anything that does not fit has no reason to be.

The will is the center of His pleasure. Psalm 103: 21 says, “Bless the Lord O ye His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. The word for pleasure there is the Hebrew word, 'ratson', and it means 'will' or 'goodwill'. Eph. 1: 5 says,

“Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Christ Jesus to Himself, according to (in agreement with) the good pleasure of His Will.” Again, Eph. 1: 9 says, “having made known to us the mystery of His will, [which is] according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.”

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At the core of His will is the purpose of God. God's will does not function arbitrarily. God's dealings are guided by divine purpose. Eph. 1: 11 reads, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.”

God's purposes underlie all of His actions. In other words, God's Will is vector quantity, having both value and direction. His purpose is the direction. You can see now that we cannot just hold on to cold letters of the word of God, as the will of God. Only when divine breathe comes upon it so that it is quickened, does it becomes His will indeed. It is the injection of purpose in the letter that makes it live.

Again, Eph. 1: 11 reads: “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.” (NKJV). The NIV says, “...having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity to the purpose of His will.”

His purpose is His secret plan. It is what fosters His actions and utterances.

### God's Pleasure

Men will be judged in relation to whether or not they have displeased God in their conduct and being. In much the same way men will be rewarded depending on whether or not they

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have pleased Him.

The essence of true worship is pleasing God. The question we ask is, "Is what I am doing ministering pleasure (full satisfaction, delight, enjoyment) to God? Jesus said in John 18: 29, "I always do those things that please Him." No wonder, during Jesus' baptism, and twice elsewhere, God cried out of Heaven, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Apostle Paul says to the saints in Thessalonica, "you [have] received from us how you ought to walk and please God." 1Thessa. 4:1. (Paraphrased by me)

The Bible says that God was not well pleased with many of the Israelites in the wilderness. It also says that Enoch was translated because he had this testimony, that he pleased God. The theme of pleasing God recurs throughout the entire pages of the Holy Writ.

God's pleasure defines His will. And His Will is Himself. The Son watches over the Father's will to perform it. Through our comradeship with the Son God's will is made known to us. And through the action of the Holy Spirit within us we are enabled to do His will.



# Chapter Six

## The Mystery of Divine Choice

One of the most revealing scriptures I have found is John 1: 6, “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.” How utterly suggestive it is. If this man were sent from God that implies he was with God before the sending. Is this true? Ecclesiastics 12: 7 says when a man dies his spirit returns to God, who gave it. “Who gave it” implies that it was at one time in God's custody. Does this apply to all of us, or is it just applicable to John?

Paul refers to God as “the Father of spirits.” Does God have a place in heaven where baby spirits are kept, awaiting dispatch to the earth? Where do we come from? Where is the place of our origin? Did our existence begin at birth? What was our first embryonic form like? And where did it exist?

The seed of our creation did not originate in a sperm cell, but within the thought of God. Your origin is God. You are His offspring. The first womb that cradled you is the mind of God. You are because He willed you. You are a product of His will. You are His will brought forth. Can your mind take that? You first existed in the thought of God before you came here.

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Though you pre-existed as photons in the vision of God, you were no less tangible. The reason being that this physical world is not more tangible than the realm of God's thoughts. God said to Prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Jere. 1: 5. How is this?

God illustrated this truth to me several years back in a way I can never forget. I have this friend called Henry, who is an artist. Coming into his studio one day, I saw a piece of a tree trunk right there. He was actually sitting on it, so I thought he was using it as a seat; but somehow, my curiosity kept stirring, so I asked him about it.

It was his answer that opened up this truth to me. He said, "I was walking along the road one day where men were felling trees. They were felling the tree and sawing them into little bits like this one. As soon as my eyes fell on this one I saw inside it a woman breast-feeding a child, so I paid for it and decided that one of these days I am going to carve out this woman and her child."

Mmmh! I took another look at the piece of wood. It did not look nearly as useless as it did previously. Henry had taught me how to look. I looked at it to see if I could see that woman; and yes, I did. I saw her. Only that the woman I saw was not breast-feeding a baby. She was carrying the baby on her back. Then I asked myself why I had seen differently than Henry. Sure, both women were there in that trunk. In fact a policeman could have been there as well. It all depends on how one looks at it. The real question is, "what made us see differently? What stimulated the visual cortex of our minds to see differently? The thing is not in the wood but in us. It is possible for one to see a wide range of possibilities there; it would then depend on preference to determine which to chisel out. Whatever the case, power resides with the artist.

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This is exactly what happened to God, or so I presume.

Romans 8: 29-30, says, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined... Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called..." Ephesians 1: 4-6 gives us a clearer picture: "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...having predestined us ...according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted IN the beloved."

How the soul thrills at the sound of this. This revelation should produce a paradigm shift in you. A whole new expression of Christendom could be built on the light of these Pauline revelations.

The facts are laid out: God foreknew us before the foundations of the world. Way back then He already knew us. So the elect were chosen before the foundation of the worlds? Chosen from where? From among which lot were we selected? The answer is right in there. We were in the beloved, in Christ. To this agrees the words of Moses in the ninetieth psalm, "LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you have formed the earth and the world."

When God looked into Christ, He probably saw millions of people, but it was your picture that found favor in His sight. On what grounds were you elected, since it could not have been based on what you did?

It says there that the choice was in harmony with the good pleasure of His will. In other words, His will was pleased to choose you, by courtesy of His grace. You fully, matched an aspect of His will. And that portion of The Will became your destiny. It was that day bequeathed to you. You are naturally a God-pleaser.

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Knowing and doing the will of God would no longer be a struggle to you once you realize that you were born as God's will. Your pitiful struggle to be other than you truly are will cease when this truth gets a hold on your spirit.

The futile attempts to remake ourselves that we engage in only betray our ignorance of the divine agenda. It shows that we have become somewhat disconnected from God. It shows that we have strayed from our position of rest. Only when we do that do we experience that painful discontentment that plagues a greater part of men. Only then do we plunge ourselves into the sea of restlessness, unhappiness, dissatisfaction and anxiety that most men live in all the days of their life.

You will be at rest, and will spread your wings like the morning when you realize that you are His will begotten. Doing the will would then be a matter of your true reality (in God's reckoning). Christianity will no longer be a struggle to you. It will pass from the realm of religion to the realm of life. There will be no demarcation between spiritual activities and secular. You will be living in the true Zion order Melchizedek.



# Chapter Seven

## Living by The Book

A little drama ensued in a little Palestine town one day. Jesus walked into the synagogue that morning, as was His custom. He walked forward and took up the scroll, as was His custom; and began to scroll through the entire parchment, searching, it would appear, for a particular portion as His custom was.

When He had found a place that was written about Him, He raised His voice and began to read: “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because He has anointed me to preach...” (Lk. 4: 18)

When He had finished reading, He lifted up His eyes He looked about with an air of seriousness and finality. Pin-drop silence filled the room. Then Jesus continued, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your midst.” This was contrary to His custom.

Never had they heard a man speak with so much audacity. But for Jesus it was more than just bold speaking. He was showing them how to live off the volumes of The Book. He was pointing to The Book. He was re-enacting the proper order whereby men ought to live their life as a fulfillment of

prophetically discerned intents. “Lo, I come as it is written concerning me in the volume of the books!” This should be the cry of every spirit, every soul.

Man is an eternal spirit. He was created to function in Eternity (a higher order of life). It was part of the original design. His eternal nature does not manifest only after he is dead, but even now. By attuning his soul to eternal frequencies he may participate in eternal activities.

Many people merely exist in the earth. What does this mean? It means they have been disconnected from the eternal order. Much of their life is not controlled from above. In a sense they are squandering a lifetime wandering in the arid planet called earth. The sum total of their life's accomplishments amounts to zero when weighed on the scale of life. They are colossal waste. They are living dead.

It does not mean that they are not engaged in any activity at all. What it does mean is that they are preoccupied with meaningless activities.

What makes an activity meaningful?

The only thing that makes an activity meaningful is the breath (or life) of God. Only activities inspired by God i.e activities originating in the Book of Life have any meaning in the true world.

An activity may seem good, helpful, profitable and even beneficial in many regards but it is meaningful only to the degree that it is found written in the Book of Life.

All our life we have merely existed. We have done things based on convenience, emotion, necessity, fear etc. Very little of our activities in the past were guided by knowledge of divine

purpose and will.

We have never been taught about the Book of Life. Even those of us who have inklings of it were never taught how to walk in it. We saw the book from an entirely religious perspective. We thought the Book of Life was a register containing names of Christians. How pathetic.

What is The Book of Life?

As a young boy growing up in a traditional evangelical/Pentecostal church, I was accustomed to seeing sinners come up to the 'altar' to accept Christ every Sunday. Part of the rhetorical prayer they were led to recite said, "Lord, blot my name from the book of hell and write my name in the book of life..." This phrase led one to believe that The Book of Life was a sort of register, containing the names of every saint. You can imagine how thrilled I was when I came across Rev. 20:15: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (KJV)

It says, "whosoever" not "whosoever's name". There are scriptures that refer to names, but this one speaks of people. We ought to be found in the book. Our life as well as the things we do should be found written in that book. Jesus said, "Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Ps. 40:7-8) KJV

King David put it this way, "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." (Ps. 139: 16) NLT

Do you see it now? We should live our life as fulfillment of prophecies. That means we would have to have a knowing of which portion of scripture refers to us. But does that mean we have to memorize the entire Bible? No. All we need do is learn

how to walk by the Holy Unction. (Read my little book, “The Holy Unction” to get to know more about this)

The first two chapters of the book of Matthew tell of a series of events that happened in fulfillment of prophecies told years back. Jesus fulfilled 44 Messianic prophecies; as part of the 354 Bible prophecies He fulfilled. And every day He lived according to eternal principles undergirding the realm of truth. It is interesting to live this way. That is what it means to be prophetic; this is what it means to live an accurate life.

### A New Gnosticism

God created man complete, but man in his wisdom, has sought for himself many inventions. The inventions of fools will destroy them. Surely!

The hidden conspiracy which underlies man's inexplicable drive to seek a higher consciousness and create a better future apart from God is steeped in a secret pride that man is a maker of himself and the architect of his future; possessing a sort of sovereignty in deciding the affairs of the planet, this world. He clearly denies God in his entire operations having bound himself with a system of thinking that is exclusive of God.

The subtle conspiracy of the Aquarian Age proponents is that man is God. That is why the Human Potential Movement does nothing but point men to themselves, with a promise that the solution to all of men's problems lies somewhere in the discovery of self.

The simple and undiscerning are set on a wild goose chase to find something, which does not exist. Man can never know himself until he acknowledges his source.

The Darwinian conspiracy has long existed. When Charles Darwin refused to trace the lineage of man to the bowels of the

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Almighty, the theories were born. The theory of evolution seeks to obscure man's identity by re-routing his ancestry to inanimate entities, which could not have existed in the first place, without a creator. The Bible starts on this note, "In the beginning God..."

Philip Emeagwali, one of the brightest minds of the information age, had this to say in a keynote address, in a meeting in Augusta Georgia: "Without realizing what we are doing, we are determined to redesign ourselves. Our compelling urge to redesign ourselves is deep-seated and will remain so. We have embarked on a self-propelled evolution in which we are both the creator and the created."

But where is all this leading us? Doubtless, to the evolution of a species that is totally in rebellion to the order of God. A specie that is incapable of godly fear. A beast you might say.

Believers have been called to live a life that contradicts the course of this age. While the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience is causing men to recede further and further into a dimension of independence (separation from God) under the guise of self-sufficiency the Spirit of Christ is moving us into a place of greater submission to God, and more dependence upon Him.

God desires that we embrace the system of life where He is fully in control; a type of life where God is all and in all [the initiator as well as the 'perfecter' (or performer) of His every desire in life.

We are talking about a life that begins in God and culminates in Him.

God is calling us into utter union with Him. He is calling us to cease, and let Him be. The New Testament is yearning to break

forth in us. The spirit-controlled life is seeking to gain ascendancy.

The New Testament is about to be born in us. Christ is seeking re-appearance in the flesh only this time in our flesh.

Many folks do not yet understand the concept of the New Testament, and so they operate it with an Old Testament mentality. Folks think that when the law is written on tables of stone that makes it the Old Testament and that when it is written on paper (Bible) then it is the New Testament.

There are those who think of the Old Testament as everything contained in the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Malachi, and the New Testament as everything between Matthew and Revelation.

Folks who think like this have missed the whole point.

Here is the real deal: whereas the Old Testament comprises laws that the people were required to memorize and live by, the New Testament is spirit. It is an unction released into our heart.

The laws in the Old Testament represent demands from God. The people were required to know what these demands were, and to do them. The emphasis was on doing.

Under the New Testament dispensation however, one's spirit is remade. It is constituted of the very substance that extruded as the Law the word. Here one's nature is the will of God constituted. See how Apostle Paul puts it: "Therefore if any man is in-Christed there is a new creation. Old things cease to exist, behold they are now new; and all these (new) things are from God" (2Cor. 5: 17-18a paraphrased by me). The emphasis is on 'being'.

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The word 'testament' means 'will' or 'covenant'.

For the law was given to Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (John 1: 17) KJV

The New Testament is called 'grace and truth.' Elsewhere it is referred to just as 'grace'.

Grace means more than just 'unmerited favor'; it is what you get on the other side of the finished work. It is the package delivered by the finished work of Christ. It is what God gives you when He brings you into His Rest. It is God's ability let loose in you; it is heaven's resources shared with your spirit. It is the spirit of Rest.

Revelations 19: 10 declare that the testament of Jesus is a prophetic unction.



# Chapter Eight

## Knowing God's Peace

Humanity is plagued with a deadly disease. It is a nervous disorder that produces restlessness. People, especially these days, are so full of restlessness. Regrettably none of us was around when Adam first walked the Rest of God, and so we have no clue what it means to walk in God's Rest. The lifestyle of Rest has long gone into extinction that all we see around us, and in fact all we have seen since we were born is a restless world men struggling and toiling under the curse of The Fall.

We have never been taught to rest. We have never mastered the art of allowing the peace of God rule in our heart. We do not know for sure that every aspect of our life has been planned to minute details. There is no place in our modern philosophy that teaches our mind to depend solely upon God. We say "Heaven helps those who help themselves." And so we try in our strength to help ourselves. We do not know that God is in charge. We have heard that preached in church. We have even mentally assented to it, but it has never been a working conviction that drives our practical life.

We have often heard preachers say, "Let go and let God." We say it ourselves, but we have never been able to practice it as a

lifestyle.

We know how to worry. We were born into an atmosphere that is so full of it. Anxiety has enthroned itself in our lives; we think it is natural to be anxious. We have never really considered the words of the master, "Be anxious for nothing!" We always have to be anxious, and when we are not in anxiety we worry about not being anxious.

We pride ourselves in thinking we are in charge. There are numerous books in our bookshops with titles like, "Take charge of your life" and "Take charge of your finances". This has formed the core of our modern philosophy. "Is there anything wrong with taking charge of one's life?" you may ask me. On the surface it seems there isn't. But there is. And that is the reason for this book. More than enough evidence abounds the world over to convince us that whenever man is left to run his life apart from God chaos results.

There is a natural life that men know. And there is a supernatural life that Jesus lived. The former was invented after men fell, but the latter is how men ought to walk. It was launched at Resurrection.

We should teach our children that God is already in charge. We should whisper into their ears late every night and early in the morning, 'Relax child, God is in control.' We must not let fear reign in our heart.

Some Facts about Rest

Only when we get to our wit's end do we usually experience God's ways. When we truly stand still and put our trust in God He unleashes His greatest force in us.

Adam began his life where God ended His work. The converse is likewise true. God begins where man ends. When we let go

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we let God! When we thrust ourselves upon His everlasting arms we activate the economy of God. When I say 'economy' I am not talking about the means by which the kingdom is financed, rather, I am speaking of a system a complete system by which God uses His divine resources of wisdom, knowledge, power, favor, grace, mercy, wealth, time etc. to accomplish His will thus establishing peace.

Why are we so restless?

By the time God created man on the sixth day He had put in place everything man would need in his lifetime. When God released the charge into Adam's soul that evening the seed was sown for the labor of rest. Adam was thus empowered. On the grounds of this command Adam would be engaging God's ability whenever He went about to fulfill that divine mandate.

The first full day of Adam's life was the seventh day, the day of God's Rest. Adam was ushered into God's Rest and would have continued there until this day. His offspring would have been born into it and a different order of life would have ensued. But that was not to be.

A carefully guided arrow found its mark. It was programmed to erode the very foundation upon which the lifestyle of rest was predicated.

The archer was a fallen angel man's archenemy; and his bow was the tongue of a serpent. The serpent had a little chat with Mrs. Adam, and by the time he left at least two things had been accomplished: something had been killed and something had been instilled.

Firstly, God's character was assassinated in Adam's heart. The revelation of God's goodness that Adam had was brought under attack. Adam now questioned God's goodness. He became suspicious of God. Trust was thrown out of the

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window. Adam no longer trusted God's intention or words.

Secondly, pride was resurrected in man. Man who was created out of nothing; man, who was mere dust...he suddenly felt the need to better himself. But worse than that, he took the duty of remaking himself into his own hand. 'Self' gained ascendancy. And without knowing it a major shift had taken place. Man had relocated his soul from the order of the Seventh. He had vacated the realm of Rest. Henceforth he would walk a cursed earth, a restless wonderer and a vagabond, like Cain, until his inner fires consumed him.

### The Peace of God

The mind never ceases to wonder at the razor-sharp accuracy of Prophet Isaiah's messianic prophecies. He spoke of the birth of Jesus as well as the effect of His ministry. He spoke of the death of Jesus as well as the effect it would have on the nations. Here is one of those prophecies:

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government shall be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of His government and peace  
There will be no end...  
(Isa. 9:6-7)

Notice that the prophet says, "His name" and not "His names". What Isaiah saw was a dimension of wonder. What he saw was the spirit of counsel putting on the entire mantle of fatherhood. But the whole thing spoke of peace and government. It must have been very challenging trying to capture all he saw with words.

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What Isaiah saw was what the patriarch Jacob saw hundreds of years earlier as Judah stood before him to receive the patriarchal blessing. Leaning on a staff Jacob stepped into his prophetic office, peered into the spirit realm, and saw Him. Then lifting up his voice he said of Judah, “the scepter shall not depart from Judah nor law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh comes, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.”

Shiloh, that is His name: the bringer of peace, the tranquilizer, or as Isaiah called him, “the prince of peace.”

Peace is more than just being restful and calm. Peace is a strong spirit. Peace has hair as white as wool, feet as burnished brass, eyes as flames of fire; His voice is as a multitude of waters (Rev. 1:14-15). An imperial majesty is He. In His hands are the reins of dominion; in His mouth is rebuke. To be at peace is to be possessed by God. To come into His peace is to employ the strongest force in the universe.

Whenever I get into a situation where I should be anxious, I remember peace. I know that if I step into panic I would be stepping outside the garrison where God's power works. I would be vulnerable to the enemy. I would be disconnected from the place where God has legal grounds to intervene. Panic does no good, it only defeats you.

I know that if I could just step into that place where peace resides, I would marshal the greatest forces against the undesirable situation; I would unleash a miracle; I would get God on the scene.

I have been taught about the place of peace. I call it the Omni Hill, the mountain of All Things. Ever so often I am drawn into that place of unity and feel the tremendous power resident there. Here is how I picture that place:

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It is the center of All things  
It is the eternal origin  
Peace satiates this place  
A principality resides here  
Shiloh is His name  
It is the nexus of All Things  
It is where All Things are held together  
And can be controlled  
It is The Nucleus  
It is here that all forces resolve  
It is cold, it is hot, it is calm  
It is zero center and zero gravity  
It is white  
It is Unity  
It is one

### Overcoming Our Fears

One of the greatest enemies of mankind is fear. We put on fear like a mantle. We allow it to rule us. We have been slaves to our fears; we have lived most of our life in them. We use them as crutches, we have made them part of our life. We consult them as one does a medium; we receive counsel from them daily.

How many decisions have been made based on one fear or the other? How many things have been left undone because men conceded to fear? Our fears stand as strong gates to hold us back in the limited realm of the ordinary. O how successful this adversary has been. Can you imagine your life without fear? Many failures would become successful. Many sick folks would immediately get well. This world would be a different place altogether.

When we gain victory over our fears we will know true rest. Until fear is dethroned every of our decisions will always be

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tainted by it. Until the oppression of fear is broken we will never be able to walk in true rest. Fear is the parent of anxiety, worry, and care.

Fear can, and will be broken in this new day, Amen.

Let us enter His Rest.



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