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# The Day of the Locusts

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*Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And **rend your heart, and not your garments**, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. **Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar**, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: **wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?** Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.*

*Joel 2:12-18*

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My message begins with an event that happened in one of my tent revivals, over forty years ago. It was in April, of the year, 1970. I had set up my tent on the south side of Houston, Texas, in a suburb called Sunnyside. We had been having services in the evenings for less than a week, when a young militant from the original “*Black Panther*” party gave us a visit. At the time, the Black Panthers had been making news for several weeks, perhaps months, going into a number of large traditional churches in the Houston/Galveston area and causing commotions. In one Catholic Church, they had overturned the images. In another, they had desecrated the altar. In every instance, probably about a half a dozen, they ended by passing the offering plates and receiving an offering for themselves. In those churches, there had been several of these militants working together because of the large crowds. In our services we were having about fifty to sixty people each night, and there was only one of the young militants sent to disrupt our meeting. I supposed he was in his early twenties; a huge, muscular man who wore his hair in a large afro. He came under the tent just as I was beginning to preach. I still remember the text I was preaching from, **Galatians 3:16-29**, which ends with the words, “*And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*” He came inside and walked to the front of the tent, where I was. He picked up a chair from the front row, then came upon the platform and sat down facing the congregation, right next to where I was preaching. I didn’t know who or what he was, but I knew there was going to be a problem. I decided to ignore him and kept on

preaching. He leaned back in the chair, took a huge knife out of his pocket, and began cleaning his fingernails. Instantly, he had far more attention from the congregation than I had, so I stopped preaching and said to him, “*young man* (I was only thirty years old at the time, and weighed only about a hundred and fifty pounds), *you are welcome to be here, but you will have to sit with the rest of the people.*” He answered me, “*I only wanted to sit where I could hear you.*” I assured him that he could hear my large P.A. speakers very well. He asked me where he could sit, and I told him he was welcome to sit anywhere in the congregation. There was a young lady in my church that lived with, and took care of her uncle, who was a paraplegic in a wheelchair. The militant pulled a chair up close to the young lady and sat down. After a few minutes, he leaned back in his chair and put his arm around the young lady, who was obviously annoyed and very frightened by this. I stopped preaching again to address the young man. I said to him, “*you are welcome to be here, but you cannot bother the young lady.*” He answered saying, “*I thought you said I could sit anywhere I wanted to.*” Then I said, “*You can, but do not touch the young lady.*” It was at this point that he stood up and started talking to the congregation about preachers that came into the black communities and took the people’s money. Only a month before, a well known minister had rented a large auditorium and had about three services with what he called his “*Gold Book*” prosperity plan. According to the young man, he had taken around \$50,000.00 in those three services, and hadn’t even preached to the people. I realized that he was accusing me of being like that preacher, whom I knew to be a charlatan. He said to the people, “*We are not going to let that happen again,*” and he looked straight at me when he said it. For just a moment we had eye contact, and I said, “*You are a child of the devil.*” His answer surprised me. He said, “*Yes, I know. Satan lives in me. When I speak, it is Satan that speaks through me.*” I still had eye contact with him, and said, “*Satan, I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ, and I command you to sit down, and not disturb this service again.*” He sat down as meek as a lamb, and

amazingly, I was able to preach my message about the promises to Abraham concerning his “seed,” which is Christ, and those who belong to Him. We had an altar service and prayed for the sick, and when we dismissed, the young militant was still there. I asked him if we could talk for awhile, which he agreed to do.

*After the service that night, I talked with the man for about two hours. He was a member of a militant black*

Editors note: the following paragraphs which I have italicized were written in 1970 and published in our “Streams from Calvary” publication of that day.

*power group, and he began to tell me about their plans for revolution in America. He said that his desire was to tear down, and destroy this country. He said they would someday own America. He told me of all the ways that the black man has been mistreated in the past, and you could see the hatred working in him as he spoke. He hated the white man. He hated the colored brothers who were working with me. He admitted that he did not have control of his actions but that Satan within him was doing this work; but he did not want to be set free. (He told me his father was the pastor of a church, and that he would rather keep what he had than to have what his father had.) The work of Satan is to kill, and destroy, and to take life, and he is being revealed in people today. This young man knew the scriptures better than most Pentecostal Christians. He could quote the Bible from one end to the other; any place you could mention, he knew the scripture. Don't ever think that Satan doesn't know the scripture. Satan used scripture to tempt Jesus and he will use scripture to deceive today; therefore, we must ever stand by the rightly divided Word of God. This man used scripture to say that America must be burnt with fire. He said that America is the Babylon of Revelation and that it would be burnt with fire. He also said that the merchants of the earth will weep over her (**Revelation 18:18**). He said his militant black power group is ready to burn America and are only waiting*

*for the right time. The man was big and strong. He said there is nothing that he or this group is afraid of; they are not afraid of the law, the police, or anything in this country. He also said that he is ready to die for revolution. He then told me something that all America needs to hear.*

*He said there is no man, black or white, that he is afraid of; but continued, **“the only one that I am afraid of is Jesus Christ.”** Praise the Lord, the devil knows that he is defeated in Jesus. He then pointed his finger at me, and said **“If you are real, then I am afraid of you.”** (Then he added these words. **“None of us have the power to hurt anyone that has what you preached tonight.”** I truly believe that it was the devil in him that confessed that truth.) *He was afraid of Jesus, and all those that are genuine in Christ. Brothers and Sisters, the only answer for America is Jesus. The only thing that is going to stand in this last day is the kingdom of God. In this conflict between the races, neither party is right. Only those found in Christ are true. The **ninth chapter of Revelation** tells of the bottomless pit being opened, and creatures coming out of the pit with power to hurt men. The Bible says they could hurt **ONLY those who had NOT the seal of God in their foreheads.** Praise God! There is a seal for the people of God that will keep them in these troublesome times, and Satan knows he cannot hurt those who have that seal. Even now, God is sealing his people; not with doctrine, or denomination, but with the Holy Ghost. When the time of great trouble comes, religion and churches not found to be true will suffer the most. All else will fall, but God will keep his people. This militant man told me that if I was what I preached, he could not hurt me. Then he said, if I wasn't what I preached, they would destroy me. (He actually said that I was his target that night, and if he found out that I was not what I had preached, I would not have enough equipment left to pull off of the tent lot.) Brothers and Sisters, in this last day, more and more, it pays to be real. Satan may hate me,**

*but he can't hurt me as long as I am in Jesus Christ. Great trouble is coming to America; worse trouble than anything we have yet seen. Riots will again spring up, and there will be more bloodshed in the near future. Early this spring, God gave me a vision of the trouble in America. In this vision, things got so bad, that the government had to stop all free travel between the states, right here in America. Anyone traveling from one state to another had to get a special travel permit to cross state lines. No permits were given for religious purposes. (This vision has not fulfilled at this time. It could well happen in the very near future, as the problem of terrorism increases in America.) Religion was almost cut off, but the real people of God were willing to suffer to carry the gospel. They suffered much at the hands of man, but the gospel was still carried; even more than before. Satan cannot stop the true and the genuine. Christians, we must carry this gospel. Whatever the cost to ourselves, we must run with the gospel, to preach it to the world. (End of quote)*

There were many things this young man told me that I did not feel free to publish in 1970, due to the fact that he said I was his target. He told me of their plans to burn the cities of America. He said “*We built them, and we will burn them.*” He said, “*The black man mixed the mortar, and pushed the wheelbarrows to build the cities, and we will destroy them.*” He told me that, at that time (April, 1970), militant groups like his were already in every major city in America. He said they had all the weapons and ammunition they needed, and they were just “*waiting for the signal.*” He said when the time came they would kill anyone that moved against them; whether man, woman, or child. I have no way of knowing if everything he told me was true, but I certainly believed that it was at the time. He said that Houston, Texas was going to be the first city they would take over. It would be a “*test case.*” If they were successful in Houston, the “*signal*” would be given, and riots would break out in every city in America on the same day. He said, “*We're*

*not afraid of the law, the police, or any man living.” He continued, “The only one we are afraid of is Jesus Christ.” Then he put his finger against my chest and said, “...and you, if you have what you preached tonight, we are afraid of you. None of us have any power to hurt anyone that has what you preached tonight.” We talked for over two hours, straightforward, with no threats from either side. He demonstrated his physical strength by holding a tent rope in his right hand and letting three men try to pull his arm down. They couldn’t do it. When it was finally time for him to leave, he turned to step out of the door of my trailer, but stopped with his hand on the doorknob. He turned around, and in a moment of time, everything had changed. A moment before he had been bold, feeling that he was in control of every situation. Now, he was a terrified young man. I have never seen such fear on the face of any man. He said, “Preacher, pray for me; pray that I get home safe. I’m scared! I don’t know what I have done. Pray for me.” I put my hand on his huge bicep and said, “You know a lot about black power, but you know nothing about the power of God.” He answered, “I know it; oh, what have I done. I’ve touched something that I should not have touched. Please pray for me.” I tried to get him to repent and receive Jesus, but he said, “No! My father is the pastor of a church; I’d rather have what I’ve got than what he has.” With that, the young man went off into the darkness, terrified at what he had tried to do.*

In the summer of that year (1970) the militant group he was part of, marked off a square mile (sixteen blocks) of the third ward in Houston and warned the Houston police not to enter their territory. They put their own men on the streets to patrol the third ward and keep order. This continued for several weeks until the night of July 26, 1970. The police secretly placed men on the roof of a church across the street from the militant headquarters. When several of the young militants came out, a gunfight occurred, leaving the leader of the group dead and four others wounded. I have always wondered if the young man who came to my tent service that night was among them.

## The Seal of God

I have never forgotten the words of that young man; *“The only one we are afraid of is Jesus Christ; and if you have what you preached tonight, we are afraid of you. None of us have any power to hurt anyone that has what you preached tonight.”* Whether the young man knew it or not, he was confirming the word of God in **Revelation 9:4** concerning the “locusts” that will swarm over the face of the entire earth; *“And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but ONLY those men which have NOT the seal of God in their foreheads.”*

I was visiting with a pastor who was talking to me about “eternal security” and “being sealed by God.” He referred to the scripture in **Ephesians 1:13**, which says, *“...after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.”* He told me that people must have the “security” of knowing, that when they sin, they do not lose their salvation because they are “sealed” when they are saved and nothing could ever cause them to be lost, because Jesus said, *“I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand” (John 10:28).* I believe this man is a man of God, but I know he is mistaken in what he believes the “seal” to be. When Paul reminded the Ephesians of when they were saved, he said, *“In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise...” (Ephesians 1:13).* Notice that Paul speaks of two separate works of grace which the Ephesians had received. First, they “trusted” in Christ and “believed” the “word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.” Next, they were “sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,” which is “the baptism with the Holy Ghost.” Notice these words of Jesus to the believers on the day He ascended to the right hand of the Father. **Acts 1:4-5**, *“And, being assembled*

together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the **promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence.” It is by these words of Jesus that we know the “*promise of the Father*” is the “*baptism with the Holy Ghost*,” hence Paul labels the “*Holy Ghost*” as “*the Holy Spirit of promise*.” In the **nineteenth chapter of Acts**, the record is given of the day the Ephesians were “*sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*.”

**And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.**

#### **Acts 19:1-7**

Notice that Paul asked these disciples, “*Have ye received that Holy Ghost since ye believed?*” When he reminds them of this event in **Ephesians 1:13**, he says, “*...after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*.” It is obvious that the baptism with the Holy Ghost is an experience that is received subsequently to salvation. It is also obvious that it is the Holy Ghost that seals the believer “*unto the day of redemption*” (**Ephesians 4:30**). We should pay particular attention to **verse six of Acts 19**; “*...the Holy Ghost came on them...*” The word “*on*” in this verse is translated from the

Greek word “*epi*,” which means “*superimposition*.” They were “*filled with the Holy Ghost*,” just like those on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit was “*in them*” and they were “*in the Spirit*.” The “*evidence*” Paul offers is in the **same verse**; “*...they spake with tongues, and prophesied*.” My question to those who believe they are “*sealed*” and cannot miss heaven when they die, even though they continue in sin in this life, would be this; “*have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed*.”

## Manifestations of Truth

The “*Holy Ghost*,” which Jesus calls “*The Spirit of your Father*” in **Matthew 10:20**, comes into obedient children of God (**Acts 5:32**) to “*work in them*” according to His “*GOOD PLEASURE (Philippians 2:13)*.” In **Luke 12:29-32** Jesus says, “*...seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s GOOD PLEASURE to give you the kingdom*.” In **Luke 17:20-21** there is a discussion between Jesus and the Pharisees concerning the kingdom of God; “*And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you*.” The Holy Ghost (the Spirit of God) comes to work in us the things of the kingdom of God. It is “*within us*” that our Father “*gives*” the Kingdom of God.

In the **seventh chapter of Revelation** we see the hundred and forty four thousand servants of God who are “*sealed in their foreheads*.” In the **fourteenth chapter of Revelation** we see these same ones standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion “*...having His Father’s name written in their foreheads*.” Paul says in **Ephesians 1:13**, “*...in whom also after that ye believed,*

*ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*” In **Ephesians 4:30**, he says, “*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*” Please follow this closely. It is the Holy Ghost that seals us, and the Holy Ghost is “*the Spirit of our Father*” (**Matthew 10:20**). Those who are “*sealed*” are sealed in their foreheads (**Revelation 7:3**). The name of the Father is written in their foreheads (**Revelation 14:1**), thus, the “*Spirit of the Father,*” the “*seal of God,*” and the “*name of the Father*” are all one and the same, and are all manifested by the working of the Holy Ghost in the children of God.

Many years ago I received a vision from the Lord that explained what it meant to be “*crucified with Christ.*” I had been saved for a number of years, and it had always been a wonderful thing to me in the early days of salvation to understand that Jesus had died on the cross for me. I could see Him in my mind’s eye, hanging on the cross, with his hands outstretched and nailed to the cross for me. Several years had passed, and that picture in my mind had grown dim. I found myself struggling with things I had once been free from. I fasted and prayed for sanctification and crucifixion, but found only temporary relief; not deliverance. One night I received the vision of Christ-crucified that delivered me. I saw Jesus hanging on the cross and dying for me just as I had in times past, but this time something was different. Superimposed over the body of Jesus was my body. My hands were stretched out over His hands, my feet over His feet, with the nails piercing both my hands and His hands, my feet and His feet. Everything they had done to Jesus they had done to me. I awoke from the unusual vision understanding what it meant to be “*crucified with Him*” (**Romans 6:6**). I have preached that experience, where I died with Him, as the finished work of Calvary; and it has kept me for these many years since, just as it has kept many others who have received the same understanding. Today, however, I want to bring another “*revelation*” understanding concerning the Spirit of God.

**The Spirit of the Lord is *upon* me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

**Luke 4:18**

The word “*upon*” in this text, which I have italicized, is translated from the Greek word “*epi*,” and means “*superimposition*.” Of course the Spirit of God dwelt “*in*” Jesus, but He was also “*superimposed on Him*.” This is the reason Jesus could tell Philip, “*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*” (**John 14:9**). Jesus continued in the verse that follows (**John 14:10**); “*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*.” The Father was always with Jesus and in Jesus, but it was when the Holy Ghost came upon Him that the mighty works of the Father were performed. When the Holy Ghost is upon a person, that person is a manifestation of God in the flesh. As the Holy Ghost works in the man or woman who is “*renewed in the Spirit day by day* (**II Corinthians 4:16**), that man or woman is transformed into a “*manifestation of the truth*.” The apostle Paul spoke of this in **II Corinthians 4:2-3**, “*...but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost*.” The apostle had become a “*manifestation of the truth*” he preached. He understood that the gospel cannot be preached in word only and be expected to produce what Christ died to give. The unbelieving world cannot hear the gospel; they must see it in the ministers of God (**II Corinthians 3:2-3**). Paul understood and expresses this in **verse three**; if he (the minister) is not a manifestation of the truth, then the gospel is “*hid to them that are lost*.” This is the “*seal*

of God” that alone will keep the believer in the day of the locusts.

I recall an incident that happened in my life about thirty years ago. Every night for about four or five nights I had a recurring dream. Each dream was different, yet they were the same. The setting of the dreams was in a factory or warehouse where I had been hired as a night watchman. In each of the dreams, I came upon a thief in the night. In each case, I was unarmed, but the thief was always armed with a gun or a knife. Of course, I was afraid, but each time the thief would try to attack me, I would shout, “*Satan, I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ.*” Immediately, the thief would be paralyzed, but only for a very short time. When he would come at me again, I would again shout, “*Satan, I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ,*” and he would again be paralyzed until such time as I could disarm him. I had this same dream with some variations four or five nights in a row. I knew that God was telling me something, but I did not know what it was until the day that a certain incident happened.

Almost immediately after those dreams stopped, I was put in a position where I had to confront a man about something I am not free to talk about even unto this day; because it had to do with the control he exercised over a young lady that was not his daughter. The situation was so severe that I prayed earnestly before leaving my house to go see the man. I asked Jesus to go with me, and protect me in this matter. When I confronted the man about what he was doing, he went into a rage. He screamed out, “*Jesus Christ Himself cannot come to my house and say the things you are saying to me.*” He said, “*I will kill you,*” and when I looked down, I saw that he held an open knife against my stomach. I cannot comprehend the calm that came over me. I said, “*Mister, you sure said the right thing. Before I left my house, I asked Jesus to come with me, and He did.*” Then I looked right into his eyes and said, “*Satan, I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ, and command you to drop that knife.*” The man literally began to tremble and quake. The knife fell from his hand and the man said, “*Who are you? I’ve*

*never been scared of anything in my life, but I'm scared to death right now."* That was the second time in my life and ministry I had seen this same thing happen; the first time being under my revival tent that night the "*Black Panther*" attempted to take over the service. I tell you again, the Holy Ghost will keep you in the evil day.

## **The Locusts**

**And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but *ONLY those men which have NOT the seal of God in their foreheads.***

### **Revelation 9:1-4**

The entire world is in turmoil. The insurrections that are taking place in the Muslim nations of the world have dominated the news for several months now. The same spirit of insurrection is working in America where tens of thousands of people are demonstrating in the streets against the rule of government. All of Europe is in grave danger of its entire culture being overthrown. Catastrophic changes are coming to almost every nation on earth. America is teetering on the brink of losing its constitutional government and being dragged into the abyss of a totally controlled society; along with a socialistic economy, caused by the huge national debt we have amassed, and which we can likely, never repay. It is the sins of the western world in rejecting Jesus Christ that has brought us to this brink. For many years this ministry has cried out against the sins of both America and the American church, warning of the things that have now come upon us. A decade ago, we warned that the

administration of George Bush was a “*space for repentance*” for America to return to God. Such repentance had to begin at the house of God, because God has said, “*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land*” (**II Chronicles 7:14**). The “*space for repentance*” ended in 2008. We warned that, if America did not repent, the things coming on America would be “*too horrible to imagine;*” and America has not repented.

## **A Third of Mankind Slain**

**And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. AND THE FOUR ANGELS WERE LOOSED, WHICH WERE PREPARED FOR AN HOUR, AND A DAY, AND A MONTH, AND A YEAR, FOR TO SLAY THE THIRD PART OF MEN. AND THE NUMBER OF THE ARMY OF THE HORSEMEN WERE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND THOUSAND: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.**

### **Revelation 9:13-18**

For a full decade we have lived in the days of the **fifth trumpet** and are even now in the beginning of the **sixth trumpet**. Mohammad himself established that Islam is the “*locust army of God* (see last month’s message ‘*O America, America,*’ under the heading, ‘*The Locusts*’).” In this year, 2011, the “*locusts*” have reached the “*swarm stage,*” as we see the entire Islamic world in turmoil. Many believe this to be a good thing. They believe that the young people of these nations are seeking to throw off

the tyranny of dictators to live in freedom, peace, and harmony with the rest of the world. That would certainly be good if it were so. It is the belief of this writer, however, that the end result of these insurrections will be something entirely different. There are radical elements of Islam that have been subdued for many generations; first by the Ottoman Empire, then by Great Britain, France, and other colonialist powers of past generations, and finally by numerous “*strong men*” that have ruled with dictatorial powers over the Muslim nations since World War II. The youth are yearning for freedom, but even as dictators fall, the way is being opened for something much worse to gain control. The goal of groups like “*The Muslim Brotherhood*” is to create theocracies in every Muslim nation that will rule the people by “*Shariah Law*,” a law very much like the Old Testament Law of Moses. Israel will be surrounded by Islamic republics that will be dedicated to the eradication of Israel as a nation, and the Jews as a people. Treaties will mean nothing as Egypt and Jordan join the ranks of those Islamic republics that hate Israel and America. The “*drumbeat*” for the annihilation of the Jewish state in Israel will increase on every side, until the entire world is brought into the bloodiest war the world has ever seen; and will only be ended by the return of Jesus Christ to the earth.

The apostle John tells of seeing four angels being loosed that were bound in the great river Euphrates. The scripture says these “*angels*” are prepared “*for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.*” John continues, “*And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand.*” That’s an army of two hundred million warriors. No single nation on earth can field such a vast army; nor could they supply it. Only Islam can do this, because every man, woman, and child is a potential warrior. John said the warriors would have “*breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone.*” This is a perfect description of the “*suicide belt*,” but it was given hundreds of years before the invention of explosives. The four angels are

most likely to be the angels of specific nations or peoples. One of them is surely the “*prince of Persia* (Iran),” a wicked angel that caused much trouble in the days of the prophet Daniel (**Daniel 10:12-13**). That great army of two hundred million, as great as “*locusts*” in number, is gathering today in the Muslim countries. It will become worldwide, and it will continue for three and a half years; and during that time, one third of all mankind will be slain. During that time, “*only those who have the seal of God in their foreheads*” will be safe from their destruction. We are quickly running out of time to seek God for the fullness of His Spirit, before these things transpire. So please, Brothers and Sisters, do not delay. Seek God as you have never sought Him before, until He once again pours out His Spirit as He did on the day of Pentecost.

In the September 2001 issue of “*Behold the Lamb*” I wrote a letter of exhortation to the reader to seek God for an outpouring of the Spirit in America. This was written and published within two weeks before America was attacked on 9/11.

*“Let this message be a call to enter your secret place of prayer, and in secret call upon Him who said He would reward us openly. Accept the urgency of this hour. Daily prepare your hearts in prayer and supplication until God “pours out of His Spirit” into and upon you as He has promised. It matters not if you may have received the Holy Ghost years ago; we must have an outpouring of His Spirit in this present time. **Without it, our nation is doomed.**”*

Remember that this exhortation and warning came only days before the “*pit*” was opened in New York City on the day the towers fell. I feel the same urgency today that I felt then. It is too late to “*warn America;*” The things that are coming are set in motion already. The prophecies will be fulfilled, and they are imminent. There is time, however, to warn your friends and loved ones who are not saved. Almost everyone is aware that something is very wrong in America and the world today. Millions of people are being prepared to listen to men and women who understand the truth of God and speak it with love

for the people. In fact, they will begin to search for those who know the answer for the times we live in. The only answer for the lost is to *“repent and believe the gospel,”* just as Jesus says in Mark 1:15. Seek God diligently for the baptism with the Holy Ghost, which is the *“promise of the Father”* to everyone who believes.

We will see revival in the midst of the coming time of trouble, but right now is the time to prepare for the move of God. God is so ready and so willing to hear and answer the cry of His people that there is no church that cannot be completely transformed in a few weeks time of seeking God daily for daily renewal in the Spirit. In II Corinthians 4:16-17 Paul says, *“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”* It is in a time of trouble, which Paul calls *“our light affliction,”* that the children of God are driven to the altars of prayer. Paul spoke of *“being renewed day by day.”* I have found this *“daily renewal”* to be the answer for the command to *“walk in the Spirit.”* Many people have lived their life trying to *“die daily,”* which is actually very foolish, because they still cannot *“live”* as Christ has purposed and purchased for us. Paul told us to *“reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:11).”* If those who understand this *“death and resurrection with Christ”* will begin their day, every day, diligently seeking renewal in the Holy Ghost, they will very soon enter into a walk in the Spirit they have never believed possible. Come before God as a *“beggar,”* understanding our abject poverty of Spirit if He does not fill us day by day. You may begin your day as a beggar lying at the threshold of the throne, but before the day is over, you will be lifted up to sit with Christ in His throne. This is what it means to be *“renewed day by day.”*

## I COUNT MY SOUL BLESSED



**BE WATCHING for  
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Many of the things the Lord did in the early years of the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost were passed down to the children. There were two preachers, led by the Spirit, who rode horseback through the rugged mountains carrying the gospel (no roads but the dry creek beds), being led to those who had never heard the Good News. Being late in the evening, they saw a light in the window of a mountain cabin, and they asked the family if they could

spend the night. When they bowed their heads to pray over the simple meal, the family was almost afraid, thinking “was this the Lord visiting us?” The Dad of the family was lying in bed and coughing up blood from tuberculosis. His little teenage daughter was blind. After supper, the preachers went up in the “holler” and prayed all night. When they came back down in the early morning, the little blind girl was carrying in wood for the cook stove, **TOTALLY HEALED!** Her Daddy was **HEALED AND RECEIVED SALVATION**, and became one of the pioneers of Pentecost.

You may say, “Oh, we heard things like this before.” If you have, how fortunate you are, for there are millions in America’s churches who have never seen or felt the real presence and power of the Lord.

I count my soul blessed to have known the dear saints who loved us, prayed for us, and prayed for the lost families as if they were their own. They were like great trees whose roots went deep into that spiritual world, and we were sheltered under the great branches of prayer: where the Sabbath was truly an holy day; where the family Bible was the infallible

**Word of God and Jesus was all in all; where revival would go on for weeks, sometimes until after midnight; where the altars were filled with sinners crying out to the Lord, their sins washed away in the blood of Jesus. The multitudes, saved and hand in hand, waded out into the clear mountain water to be baptized as friends and neighbors watched from the creek side Oh, what a wonderful Sabbath day!**

**“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thine soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up”**

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7.**

**Praise the Lord for true men of God who are on the battlefield in our Nation, standing strong, proclaiming the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from me, saith the Lord”**

**Isaiah 54:17.**

**Until He Comes,  
Sister Betty Jean Robinson**

**Editor's note:** *The following letter is from an inmate in the Texas Prison System. I was amazed at the understanding of the truth this brother possesses. I look forward to the day he will be free to carry the truth God has given him to a world that is bound by both sin and religion. I believe his letter (and message) will be a blessing to you as it was to me. LS*

It has been in my heart and spirit to write for several weeks now. That “*nudging*” has been growing in intensity for the past week. Without going into the reasons for (or should I say my excuses for) my procrastination, I will say that I now stand rebuked and corrected by the Spirit after receiving the February issue of “*Behold The Lamb.*” How often we wait for some “*confirmation*” to motivate us to do what we know we have already been instructed by the Spirit to do. I apologize for my procrastination.

I too see the truths of the scripture as you see them. In the time I have been studying the Word I have only encountered two or three others who also see the truth. After reading through the commentaries on Romans and Ephesians I rejoice that others see the extent of the promises in the Gospel. I was beginning to think **all** had been deceived, not understanding the power God has given us through the Gospel.

Sadly, Paul's prophecy stands true. The vast majority of Christians, while having a “*form*” of true Christianity, have denied the full power of Christ's work and missed the truth (II Timothy 3:1-7). They have been taught that we have to wait until after death and/or Christ's second coming to receive our “*glorified*” bodies and be changed into Christ's image. The multitudes have believed it. They are exactly where Israel was, at the border of the Promised Land, poised to receive the inheritance God had prepared for them. Because they doubted God's word, they were unable to enter and died in the wilderness. Only Joshua and Caleb believed that God would

give them victory over the inhabitants of the land. Of the twelve spies sent, only two had faith.

The report of the ten unbelieving spies is still being proclaimed and believed today. The inhabitants of the land (the flesh) is viewed as too hard to overcome. These modern-day unbelieving “*spies*” report that we (believers) are sinners and will continue to sin as long as we live in our human body. They claim we are “*in the flesh*” as long as we live on Earth. Because of this misconception, the multitudes are unable to enter into His righteousness.

The question we must ask is “*how can we still remain sinners if we have been made righteous through faith in the Christ’s work on the cross?*” God’s truth is absolute. We are either righteous (in Christ) or we are a sinner. For anyone who is supposedly in Christ to proclaim themselves to be a “*righteous sinner*” or a “*sinful righteous man*” shows themselves to be a “*double-minded*” man (James 1:6-8). Is it any wonder they cannot receive and enter into the promise? They have been deceived and believe they are still sinners. Brother Keith spoke about “*stopping points*” in his message. One of the biggest one of these is, “*I’m just a sinner saved by grace.*” So many are stuck there. What’s more, they use scripture to rationalize staying there. In the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14), the Tax Collector humbles himself before God, confesses his sin and asks God’s mercy while the Pharisee proclaims his own works and righteousness. Because of his repentance and confession, the Tax Collector returns to his house justified rather than the other (vs. 14). Their rationale being “*if we claim righteousness, we are prideful liars.*” Unfortunately, “*I’m just a sinner saved by grace*” is used to rationalize and justify (self-justification) sinful behavior and/or as a license to continue living in sin.

We **are** saved by grace, but it is **through** faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8). It is also **through** faith that we obtain the promises. Hebrews 11 speaks of the faith of the Old Testament saints and the things they received and did through faith. Verse

39 says they received a good report, yet they did not receive the promise. However, in verse 40 we see “...*God having provided some better thing for us.*” What they could not obtain, we can.

That “*better thing*” is all that Christ has provided for us through His work on the cross. The promised empowerment of the Spirit. It is the “*glory that follows*” (1 Peter 1:10). Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica that we are “*called by the Gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (II Thessalonians 2:13-14). Yes, we are saved by grace **through** faith; however, it is **continuing through** faith that we receive the promises.

Where the “*I’m just a sinner saved by grace*” crowd stumbles and stops is at justification. However, God’s plan and purpose for His people continues. We are **predestined** to be conformed to the image of Christ. We have faith in this. We hear the **call**, respond in faith and are **justified**. We continue in faith and are **glorified** (Romans 8:29-30). This is made possible because we are no longer in the flesh because of the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us (Romans 8:9), contrary to what those who say, “*We are ‘in the flesh’ as long as we dwell here*” try to make us believe. This glorification is not something we have to wait to receive in Heaven. Of the actions of God in verse 30, every verb is past tense. This is a past and present work. What a marvelous thing the Lord has done!

Christ did not suffer and die on the cross merely to save us from the **penalty** of sin. He died to save us from the bondage of sin. This is the message of the Gospel. He became sin (**suffered**) that we might be **made** the “*righteousness of God*” in Him (II Corinthians 5:21). No wonder Paul is not ashamed of the Gospel. Its power is shown through the righteousness of God being revealed from “*faith to faith*” (Romans 1:16-17). The righteousness of God is being revealed in **us**, through faith because of Christ’s work. II Corinthians 3:18 tells us we **are** changed (**not will** be changed) into the same image (Christ’s) from “*glory to glory*” by the Spirit. From faith to faith. From glory to glory.

Let's go back to our question. How can we still remain sinners if we have been made righteous through faith in Christ's work on the cross? The answer should be obvious. Christ's work is much, much more than just forgiveness and pardon from the penalty of sin. It is not just a "simple" salvation. It is a GREAT salvation, not to be neglected (Hebrews 2:3)! We neglect it if we stop at justification and do not continue **in faith** to glory. Christ provided everything we need. He sent the Spirit to guide us into all truth (John 16:13) and knowing the truth frees us from the bondage of sin (John 8:32). Freed and empowered to overcome sin through our new life in the Spirit (Romans 8:1-13). Free Indeed! (Now, this is usually where we say, "Praise God!" Instead, let us embrace what He prepared for us, follow Him and **BE** to the **PRAISE** of His glory.)

Thank you for bringing faith to the truth as you have been. I am comforted knowing there are other like-minded believers out there. I look forward to hearing more from you. I pray the Lord grant you abundant grace and power for your tasks ahead.

J.B. Edinburg TX

**Editor's Note:** *It is a great blessing to us to receive letters and messages from those who have received understanding of the truth from God. I look forward to hearing more from this brother and from others of like precious faith. We encourage you to write a letter or message concerning that which God has made precious to you. We cannot promise to publish every letter or message we receive, but we will read them and publish some as the Spirit leads. While we would like very much to honor those men and women of God who are presently incarcerated, we will not publish their full name with their message. It is enough for this time that God knows who are His. "Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).*

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