

# Kingdom News

The Kingdom is Yours; the power is Yours and the glory is Yours, forever... (Matt. 6:13)

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## *Motto for the year of 2011*

Render therefore unto God ... **the things that are God's.** (Matthew 22:21 KJV)

### The Chief Cornerstone



#### Kingdoms (Within and Without)

Before we leave Matthew's telling of the Gospel accounts, we will have heard expressions of and references to the "Kingdom" more times than you can "shake a stick at."

- Repent ye: for the *kingdom* of heaven is at hand<sup>(1)</sup>
- Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching ... and preaching the gospel of the *kingdom* ...<sup>(2)</sup>
- ... for theirs is the *kingdom* of heaven<sup>(3)</sup>
- ... he shall be called the least (or great) in the *kingdom* of heaven<sup>(4)</sup>
- ... Thy *kingdom* come<sup>(5)</sup>
- But seek first the *kingdom* of God ...<sup>(6)</sup>
- ...Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the *kingdom* of heaven;<sup>(7)</sup> )
- That many shall come ... and shall sit down ... in the *kingdom* of heaven<sup>(8)</sup>
- ... he that is least in the *kingdom* of heaven, is

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#### God Siting

It's interesting to think about the concept of miracles. As Christians, a number of us (or some of us) have read several of the books of the Old Testament. In these books we learn of many of the miracles that God performed. We know about the plagues of Egypt and the deliverance of the Israelites from Pharaoh's hold on them. We are familiar with the parting of the Red Sea and how the Egyptian army drowned.

There is also the story of how God destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah and delivered just Lot and his family. We know his wife didn't make it fully to safety because she looked back when she was told not to. We've also heard of the story of Noah and how God destroyed the entire earth and saved only Noah and his family to start over.

There is the story of Sampson and how God gave him super-human strength to defeat the enemies of God's people. We also know about how God destroyed the prophets of Baal in the days of Elijah.

We could go on and on citing some of the miraculous things God did in the Old Testament. But, doing so gives rise to a question that many believers and non-believers alike struggle with. "Why doesn't God do miracles today?"

Where is God? Is He dead, on vacation, retired, or out on sick leave?

As Christians, we are leaders in our communities. So, when non-believers ask us these kinds of questions, we should be prepared with an answer that is true and that pleases God. Sadly, though, many believers don't themselves know how to respond to these types of questions.

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## Son of My Wisdom



### The Pathos of God

During this present series we have discussed the *Ethos* of God, the *Logos* of God, and we now come to discuss the *Pathos* of God.

Remember: *Ethos* is comprised as “character and authority;” *Logos* is comprised as “thought, word, and deed;” and *Pathos* is comprised as “experience and emotion.”

Now, I find it a bit of a daunting task to speak of the experience of God, that is, what or how God experiences. I find it most helpful to speak firstly (and maybe mostly) of how *Ethos* is related to *Logos*, and *Pathos*. First I’ll lay some groundwork, and then I’ll start putting up the frame, and such.

So then, we know that the *Logos* of God expresses the Ethos of God. That is to say, the Word of God (thoughts/words/deeds) expresses the character and authority of God. Put in scriptural terms, no man knows the way, truth, or life of the Father except by (and more specifically in) the Son. Wherefore Jesus says, “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”<sup>(John 4:16)</sup> Even again, “no man has seen God at any time, the only begotten Son...hath declared Him.”<sup>(John 1:18)</sup> Now, to the degree that we understand that Jesus is the *Logos* manifested in this world,<sup>(John 1:1, 14)</sup> we know that the *Logos* (personally seen as the Son) reveals the *Ethos* (personally seen as the Father.)

Now, as we see the Ethos of God (in the Father), and the Logos (in God the Son), we also see the Pathos of God (in the Spirit of God). First let’s talk something about the experience of God, and then we may thereafter speak of what the Spirit of God has to do with the experience of God.

Considering that there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight, all things are experientially known to God. That is, He always has experiential knowledge of all of creation. That being the case, we need to narrow the focus of what experience of God we’re talking about. I will focus on two elements of the experience of God: the *fullness* of God, and the *poverty* of God, and these two seem to stand in paradox to one another, though not in



## A Journey to Intimacy

### Seed to the Sower

#### And Bread to the Eater

It’s an interesting thing how we socially distinguish types of people.

The “haves” and the “have not’s”  
The “givers” and the “takers”  
The “rich” and the “poor”

Well ... the scripture does a bit of distinguishing of its own. The Lord said to Isaiah that when He gives rain and snow upon the earth, by it He provides seed to the “sower” and the bread to the “eater.”

While talking with one of my colleagues the other evening, the Lord gave an astonishing illumination regarding this scripture. The gracious revelation that He shared, was along these lines:

*For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not ... but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater...<sup>(1)</sup>*

God gives rain and snow to the earth. Both are types of water. “Water” often symbolizes the Spirit of God (as either the *presence* of God or the *work* of God). *Water* comes in the form of *rain* when the temperature is sufficiently above freezing. *Water* comes in the form of *snow* when the temperature is at or below freezing. The temperature of a place is indicative of some particular “climatic” state. In our lives there are both warm and cold seasons, and every degree of variation in between. Nevertheless, God in His loving kindness gives water to the soil(s) of our life. In all of the seasons of our lives, God is either “present” or “working.”

Now the reason that the Lord gives water to the soil of our heart is for the specific purpose of encouraging it to bring forth a harvest. The “water” or the *working of God* in our hearts is intended to create just the right environment for the seed of the Word to germinate, to grow and to bring forth “much fruit.” The Word of God is given and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for

## Precepts in Practice



### An Attitude of “Crumbs”

Many of us are aware that if we are going to rise up in life and do great things, our success will largely depend on the attitude we espouse. Often situations come about that are not pleasant to deal with. Some of us have experienced having our car stop on the side of the road. Or, while we are at work, we spill coffee on our white shirt or blouse (just before an important meeting).

It seems like no matter how careful or cautious we are, events will happen that we’d rather not have to deal with. That said, I have a story.

My family and I went on a short road trip a few weeks ago. We stayed overnight at a hotel and returned home the next day. All seemed to be as it should be until two days later when I was out doing my grocery shopping. I needed to replace my curling iron because the spring in the handle had broken (not to mention the coating had completely worn off).

I stood in line for a bit and right before I reached the counter to pay, I heard God say, “You should get your debit card out to be ready to pay.” So, in obedience, I pulled out my checkbook and reached inside for my debit card. To my surprise, it was not there.

I quietly stepped out of line and checked my entire purse. Sure enough, it was missing. You can imagine the flood of thoughts that came into my natural mind (i.e., somebody has probably stolen your identity by now; surely they’ve emptied out your bank account, etc.).

I had to push these thoughts aside and make a decision on how I would handle this. I put the \$30.00 curling iron back and went across the street to my bank and reported the card lost. The bank representative checked my account and let me know that the last transaction made was when I paid for the hotel a few days ago.

I was delighted that no fraud had occurred. I was able to cancel the card, order a replacement, and withdraw enough money to do my grocery shopping that day. What is interesting to note is that I found a similar curling iron in the grocery store for \$15.00. I purchased the lower priced curling iron (that works wonderfully) and I received my replacement card in the mail one week later

## Love and *The Truth*



### The Secret Life of a Christian III

#### *This World and the Next*

In the last article [The Secret Life of a Christian II]; the LORD really set the groundwork for this one. Let me readdress a few points before we proceed. Our primary material was Matthew chapter 6. We saw that we were not to “pray, fast, or give” in order to be seen of men, or such that we have glory from men. We saw that were we to live for the glory of men, we would have our reward. That is, if they glory in our living we have our reward which is the temporary and empty glory of men. Furthermore, even if we didn’t receive the glory of men, we would have our reward, namely nothing. For, that is precisely what the glory of men amounts to.

So then, “lay not up earthly treasure” because earthly treasure is essentially corruptible. However, “lay up heavenly treasure” because heavenly treasure is essentially incorruptible. But, what exactly are heavenly treasures, and in what sense are they incorruptible?

Well, we can start with the beginning of the sermon in Matthew 5. Poverty of spirit; mourning; meekness; hungering and thirsting after righteousness; mercy; purity of heart; making peace; suffering for righteousness sake, and for Christ’s sake are all the things in this sermon which are called “blessed.” However, the ‘blessed’ of chapter 5 and the ‘reward’ of chapter 6 are the same. If, in addition to praying, fasting and giving alms humbly, we conform to the heavenly character of chapter 5 we will be rewarded heavenly as in chapter 6. The Lord has given us a pattern of the Holy.

Heavenly treasures are personal in nature. That is, they are developments of character, or personality if you will. The be-attitudes are all elements of character. This is also in what sense they are incorruptible. So long as we will abide in the character of chapter 5 we are becoming “perfect as our Father which is in heaven [secret] is perfect,” <sup>(Matthew 5:48)</sup> and are being conformed unto the heavenly.

No one can take your poverty of spirit from you, nor your meekness, nor your willingness to suffer for



## Boot Camp

### Public Enemy #1 - *The Flesh*



#### Part 4 – The Relationship between the Soul and the Flesh

Throughout the balance of this series, we intend the following (in no particular order):

- ❖ We will revisit the relationship between the *soul* and the *flesh*
- ❖ We will receive illumination on the *human spirit* and its relation to the *Spirit of God*
- ❖ We will expose the relationship between the *human spirit*, the *soul* and the *flesh*
- ❖ The Lord will teach us how He intends for the *human spirit* to mentor and lead the *soul* (you will NOT want to miss this topic)

Last month we rediscovered the *human spirit*. We learned some things that were helpful to know about the human spirit, especially how it differed from the human soul. It seems reasonable to restate the imperative nature of our need to know the difference between the *human soul* and the *human spirit*. This month, let us cast our gaze a bit outward (if I may reference it this way) to revisit the relationship between the *soul* and the *flesh*.

Allow me to collect excerpts from “yesterday” that will set the foundation for “today’s” discourse. Also going forward, it would be helpful to envision the *flesh* as a “person.” Somehow it makes it easier to see how it employs its strategies or how it is deployed by the enemy to subvert our efforts. It is vital that we set ourselves at odds with, and set ourselves over against, the flesh. Time out for being “chummy” with the *flesh*. This is war!!!

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“It may be quite disconcerting to find that our real enemy is much closer than we originally thought. You’ve heard the old saying “keep your friends close, but keep your enemies closer.” In this case that is not optional; your enemy is closer.

Now, let’s take a quick detour and discover anew the definition of the word “enemy.” On the one

## Living Waters



### The Life the Yields “Ten Cities”

A simple conversation yields such explosive revelation:

A gentleman left for a journey and gave portions of resources to his servants. Upon his return, he scheduled a one-on-one accountability meeting with each of them. He wanted to know how they had handled his resources.

*Then came the first, saying, Lord, your pound has gained ten pounds. And he [the master] said unto him [the servant], Well, you are a good servant: because you have been faithful in a very little, you now have authority over ten cities.<sup>(1)</sup>*

Hear, very clearly, the wisdom of the servant. He said, “Lord YOUR pound has gained...” He didn’t say (what all too often we tend to say, albeit in not so many words), “Well, look at me; *I* increased Your resources a 100-fold. What a brilliant servant I am.” The servant not only exercised wise and profitable stewardship; he also gave ALL the glory to his master.” A hint to the wise is sufficient....

And to the wise servant Jesus says, “Thank you for allowing My pound to gain others. Thank you for allowing My resources to express a 100-fold return.” Perhaps the wise servant knew what we should know; that one may plant and another may water; but it’s God who gives the increase.<sup>(2)</sup>

In this same scripture, another sparkling jewel stands up before me. The first servant hinted something to me as he spoke. He said, “Lord what You gave me has brought increase .... ” Can you imagine that. May I say it this way? The apportionment of resources that the Lord has assigned to you, in this life, is already predestined to grow and increase. All you have to do is “hear God and obey Him.” Within the tiny mustard seed is a very large plant; all the servant has to do is plant it; invest it; share it. If, on the other hand, the

## Away with Me

Buds preparing deep within  
As sunlight rides on waves of wind  
Close winter, fasten all its doors  
As spring its spirit on us pours

When new folks came into this space  
They awed at views from every place  
And spoke of carpet's colour deep  
And how from here to "M" they'd leap

But me, I saw no point of work  
All to myself I laugh and smirk  
Because I'm in the windowsill  
Writing, reading, feeling still

Planning fast my healing track  
How to Japan I will fly back  
And soon desert this city's horns  
Shaking off its fists and thorns

They don't know my time has come  
So soon my work's completely done  
To home I go to purge and pack  
Taking down my clothes from racks

Staring at the river brown  
In it all my worries drown  
From it sprout the stems of dreams  
Hopeful, bursting at the seams

This time I won't stop or cry  
When to all this I bid goodbye

Island moving down the shore  
What worlds are you off to explore?

Kids ride roller coasters free  
Like there's no law of gravity

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Christ. Nobody can take your personality from you. Furthermore, if your character is born of the Spirit of God and sealed thereby it abides continually even as the Spirit himself abides. So, the primary difference between earthly treasure and heavenly treasure is this: heavenly treasure is *who you are*, whereas earthly treasure is simply *what you have*.

So another secret of the Christian life is that God uses "what we do,"<sup>(Matthew 5)</sup> to transform "who we are."<sup>(Matthew 6)</sup> If we continue in the way of the spirit, we are being conformed unto the spiritual. If we continue in the way of the flesh, we are being conformed unto the carnal, which is earthly. Therefore, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

It is as if we could read Matthew 5:45 this way, "Be ye therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect, and ye shall be heavenly too." For, whereas in Matthew 5 are heavenly character perfections; Matthew 6 is the means to that end. It is the Way of Sanctification. For if our treasure is in "Matthew 5" living and in "Matthew 6" disposition, so shall our heart be also. Our life, therefore would issue forth from such a character.

We have more to endeavor here. The Lord, as far as I understand, will be revealing a more substantial vision of where this all leads. This, I expect to be in the coming months. -LATT-

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## Colossians 1:9-15

We do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature...

greater ...<sup>(9)</sup>

What does the Lord want us to understand about the Kingdom?

Well, a few points of importance are: that He is Lord of a vast and eternal Kingdom. Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end.<sup>(10)</sup> And within His Kingdom are many smaller kingdoms. And we are joint-heirs, with Christ.<sup>(11)</sup> so, let's look a little closer at the concept of our joint-inheritance with Christ, shall we.

Is that a smile, I see on your face? I know ... we like to talk about the idea that someday, all of this will be over; and we will receive wealth, power, esteem, etc. don't we? Now before we get excited about that, let's see if we can arouse excitement over a few more near-term matters regarding the "Kingdom."

Our Lord's brilliance is ... frankly ... overwhelming!!!!

He is preparing us to reign with Christ in His Kingdom,<sup>(12)</sup> as a nation of priests and kings.<sup>(13)</sup>

Now here is a very interesting and vital truth:

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.* (Revelation 11:15)

In the end, all the kingdoms of this world will be rolled up under our Lord and God. This just blesses me. Because if we look very carefully at how the Lord is preparing us and working to conform us into the image of our Lord Jesus, we'll see that He is teaching us how to reign over kingdoms. Right here in this present world, we have kingdoms "within" and kingdoms "without." He is preparing us to reign with Him. He's giving us a head start.

**WARNING:** Cover your ears, if necessary; but keep your eyes WIDE open on this one. Certainly the Lord is presently teaching us (in this life), how to reign. However, the Kingdom Training Course (KTC) is the way of suffering; the way of self-denial; the way of humility.<sup>(14)</sup> And one reason we know this, is because this is the course our Lord took en

route to His Kingdom, by way of the Cross.<sup>(15)</sup>

**GLOSSARY:** To "Suffer" in this context means to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ; it means to permit the sacrifice or loss of things where the Lords so ordains.<sup>(16)</sup>

In the realm of humanity, there are kingdoms "within" and kingdoms "without."

While these kingdoms are somewhat different they are also very similar

- **External Kingdoms** - material, tangible and temporal abilities and resources that have been assigned or entrusted to us. All such resources that come under our dominion or jurisdiction
- **Internal Kingdoms** – the heart (the mind, the will and the emotions)

We think that we will give to (or give up for) God our external kingdoms: money, houses and lands. But the truth of the matter is that if we do not give Him our internal kingdoms two things are true:

- 1) If we do not give Him our *internal* kingdoms; we won't, I repeat won't, (as in "W-I-L-L N-O-T") give Him our *external* kingdoms; and
- 2) If we do not give Him our *internal* kingdoms; He doesn't want our *external* kingdoms

Why is this?

This is true because the kingdoms "within" govern the kingdoms "without." 1 Corinthians 13:3 says it best. With slight modifications, it reads:

Although I would sacrifice my body (an external kingdom) to the flames; but have not, as yet, given over the kingdoms of my heart to God, I've essentially done NOTHING.

You'll recall that "the *payoff* is in the *personal*." So allow me to get really personal. If we will not love, honor and obey God, nothing else we do will matter. Not here, nor in the worlds to come. Give Him the kingdoms "within" and He'll have the kingdoms "without" by default. Remember the kingdoms "within" govern the kingdoms "without." <CC>

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- (6) Matthew 6:33
- (7) Matthew 7:21
- (8) Matthew 8:11
- (9) Matthew 11:11
- (10) Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:33
- (11) Romans 8:17
- (12) 2 Timothy 2:12
- (13) Revelation 5:10
- (14) Philippians 1:29; 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 5:5-10
- (15) Matthew 16:24; 22:44; Mark 8:34
- (16) Matthew 5: 39-42; Philippians 3:7-10

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If you will allow me, I'll have us dive into this somewhat elusive topic. Hopefully, we will be able to extract a nugget or two of divine revelation that will reconstruct the way we see God.

Before we go there, I need to point something out that I've noticed. "Back in the day" when I was growing up in church, we were made to read and discuss the entire Bible. In Sunday school and at home, my siblings and I were mandated to learn the scriptures "like the backs of our hands." As a result, this practice of reading and "studying" the Bible continues as a natural activity for me today.

As an adult, I've met many Christians (that have been Christians for years) who have not and do not read the Old Testament. Or, who do not engage in routine Bible "study."

There are also Christian leaders today teaching that the Old Testament is no longer relevant. As a result, many Christians have never even read any of the books of the Old Testament. Those of you who have grown up in the "old church" are probably gasping at this news (if you didn't already know it). Now, some of you may be wondering what Old Testament knowledge has to do with answering the question, "Why doesn't God perform miracles today?" Well, in a nutshell, it has EVERYTHING to do with understanding the question and addressing it accurately.

First, let's start with a reality check. The Old Testament law did not go away when the New Testament came into being. In a very real sense, the dispensation of the Law and the dispensation of Grace co-exist today. The difference is that in the Old Testament, under the dispensation of the Law, the law was on the "outside" of the believer. It was written on tablets of stone and paper.

In the New Testament, under the dispensation of Grace, the exact same law is on the "inside" of the believer. It is written in our hearts (Hebrews 10:16; KJV paraphrased). "Where" the law is located is a primary difference in these two dispensations. Another difference is that the sacrifice for our debt (we were sinners and according to the law, we deserved to die), has already been paid by Jesus Christ. Therefore, the dispensation of grace says that we have been forgiven and now we can have a solid relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Let me mention two more key details before we address the question. In Matthew 5:17 (KJV paraphrased) Jesus told the crowd that he did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. Then, Paul turned around in Romans 8:3-4 (KJV paraphrased) and told believers that because we have the Holy Spirit inside of us (the Law) "We" have been equipped to walk out the "righteousness" (good) of the law.

Now, with this information you can see that it would be very helpful for believers to read and study the New and Old Testaments. Since the dispensation of Grace is a fulfillment (not replacement) of the original law, we should have some knowledge of what the original law says. And, since we are expected to live out the good and positive (life-giving) features of the law, it would serve as a guide for us.

You could look at it this way. The New Testament tells us what we gained because of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. It lets us know that we are in an amazing covenant with God. We have an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. And we have access to all of the kingdom treasures.

The Old Testament tells us "*how*" we are to walk out the "good" of the law. Where the New Testament says "love your neighbor;" the Old Testament says, "don't sleep with your neighbor's wife." Where the New Testament says, "have faith in God," the Old Testament says, "Abraham went to a land that he'd never heard of because God told him to go." This was counted to him for righteousness (his faith in action pleased God).

Are you starting to get the picture? Yes, there are cultural dynamics in the Bible, but when we really study the word of God (all of it) and prayerfully seek Him, God will reveal to us the hidden Kingdom principles that we can extract and apply in our lives today.

So, now we will finally address the question, "Why doesn't God to miracles today?" **My answer is that He DOES do miracles today.** God performs miracles every second of every minute of every day. He does it in the lives of people all over the world (believers and non-believers alike).

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I hear somebody saying, "Wait just a minute, I haven't seen God do any miracles in my life lately." To this sentiment, I will start by asking you to forgive me for what I am about to say. Now, I'll say it. God is performing miracles in your life even as you read this article. He performed miracles for you and your loved ones while you were sleeping. And, He will continue to perform miracles as you put this newsletter down and move on to other tasks.

Here is the problem we are facing...blindness. There is an epidemic of blindness in the Christian community (as well as in the non-Christian community). Let's go back to Old Testament versus New Testament. We said that in the Old Testament the Law was "External." This meant that virtually everything God did had to also be external to the person just so they could "see" what He was doing.

In the New Testament, under the dispensation of Grace, the law is "Internal." This means that the miracles God does today are visible to the "Spiritual Eye" (not the natural eye). Think about the scriptures that say we walk by faith and not by sight. Why does God say this? It's because what used to be seen in the natural can only be seen in the spiritual now that we have the Holy Spirit (the Law).

Let me give you a personal example.

A dear friend of mine just lost a high-paying job. When she first got the news, of course, she was devastated. On the contrary, however, when I heard the news I could see that it was God doing something bigger than what we could see in the natural.

God reminded me of a conversation I'd had with Him about this young lady. God let me know a couple of months prior to the event that she needs to be a part of the work He is doing with our agency. I remember specifically saying to God, "Father, I cannot afford to match the salary she is receiving." So, I went on.

Recently I was chatting with one of my other trusted friends and shared this information with them. My friend responded, "Now, you can match her salary." I told this to the young lady and she agreed that it had been in her heart to get involved with our agency's work. She had talked about it for some time, but didn't know how it would happen. She will begin working with us in the next few days.

Can you see that this was a miracle for both her and for me? I wanted her to come and she wanted to come, but neither of us knew "how" it could happen. God made it happen and He has fully provided for all of her needs during the transition. If this is not a miracle, I don't know what is!!!

God performs miracles like this every day and in every person's life. Our challenge is that we would benefit by asking God to help us see the situations in our lives through our spiritual eyes instead of our natural eyes.

As we prepare to close, I will recommend how you might answer the question, "Why doesn't God do miracles today?"

God never stopped doing miracles. The only thing that has changed is the "LENS" we use, to be able to see what He is doing "right under our noses."

Be blessed! ~LL~

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## You and Me

In marriage there is me and you  
Although I did not understand  
Now I have learned to pray for two  
To move while walking hand in hand

I used to fear, I used to fret  
That on my own I'd toss a bet  
But how could I so fast forget  
That you would be here if I let

Let us move out beyond our caves  
Box up our fears, toss unused things  
Let's bury past in deep cold graves  
And take up on adventurous wings

To healing let us fly within  
Soothe our spirits, bodies, others  
Again let's go and new begin  
See how our fear joy quickly smothers

Like kids do back flips without looking  
We, too, travel not by booking!

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contradiction. It may surprise you a bit for me to speak of the *poverty* of God, but I'll enlarge upon that later.

For now let's try to handle the *fullness* of God.

- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son <sup>(John 3:16)</sup>
- God is love <sup>(1 John 4:8)</sup>
- In Him was life <sup>(John 1:2)</sup>
- ...that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God <sup>(Ephesians 3:19)</sup>
- In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. <sup>(Colossians 2:9)</sup>

These are but few of the many places where the fullness of God is expressed. I'm sure we all readily think of the Omnipotence of God, or the Omniscience, or the Omnipresence of God. That God is full of power of various types is evident.

What stands in paradox to the *fullness* of God, again, is the *poverty* of God. Now, whereas the *fullness* of God is most clearly seen in the power (or authority) of God, the *poverty* of God is most clearly seen in the *character* of God.

- Not the power of God; but the *character* of God is in focus when He, as the Son, disrobes of His eternal glory, and puts on flesh.
- Not the power of God; but the *character* of God is in focus when He, of pure grace, sacrifices himself for a sinful race.
- Not the power of God; but the *character* of God is in focus when He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.
- Not the power of God; but the *character* of God is in focus when He endured the cross, despising the shame.

The *character* of God is in focus when He, as a man, says "Nevertheless not My will, but Thine be done." In fact it is the *poverty* of God's *character* that is the central theme of the Gospel. The fact that God is willing to empty Himself, as He did, is the point therein. There is the experience of the *fullness* of the power of God eternally within Himself. However, there is also the eternal experience of His *poverty* of *character*.

Remember, the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world; the sacrifice of Christ was eternally present to Him experientially. So that the affliction of the

cross, and the abundance of resurrection life are both eternally experienced by God. I do not say that he **had** resurrection life, for Christ says He **IS** the resurrection and the life. Wherefore, we ought to behold clearly the poverty of *character* and the power of the authority of God in the Gospel. For, in them we are led to an idea of what His experience is. Here we see the *Pathos* of the Living God.

You will note that most of what I spoke of in trying to illustrate the *Pathos* of God is in terms of what He has done (*Logos*), and His character & authority (*Ethos*). **This is because out of the *Logos*, and the *Ethos* flow the *Pathos*.** Scripturally both the Father, and the Son send the Holy Spirit according to John 14:26, John 15:26, and John 16:7. The Spirit does not testify of Himself.

Now it may seem a bit difficult to see the implications of this, but most of this will be more applicable when we study man. In God, we see much of the "that." We see "that" such and such a thing is, or is not. But when we begin to study these same components in man (*ethos*, *logos*, *pathos*) we will learn the "therefore." Said comprehensively, "Given "that" by God a thing either is or is not; "therefore" man has a resulting obligation either "to be or not to be."

For the time being just be sure that the Father and the Son, both, send the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, *Pathos* comes forth from both, *Ethos* (character/authority) and *Logos* (thought/word/deed). -SOMW-

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## Isaiah 61:1

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

instruction in righteousness. <sup>(2)</sup> If it is “received” with joy, then we hide it in our heart; to keep us from sinning against God. <sup>(3)</sup>

**Quick Sidebar:** Now while we’re talking about “earth, soil or the ground” of our heart, you’re probably reminded that the scriptures teach (in another place) that as seed is cast forth, some falls on stony ground; some among thorns; some along the wayside; and some on good ground. <sup>(4)</sup>

Again the purpose of the “water;” the purpose of the presence of God; the purpose of the work of God in our lives is so that we may bring forth a harvest. Now let’s talk a bit about the harvest.

The concept of “harvest” stimulates various things, and provokes a broad range of responses in the hearts of people.

- If you are a “reaper,” then perhaps the harvest is a signal that a great deal of work laid ahead.
- If you are a “sower,” then perhaps the harvest is an indication of accomplishment, increase or the favor of the Lord.
- If you are an “eater,” then perhaps the harvest is a delightful forecast of the bread that is forthcoming.

You will notice that the Lord said to Isaiah, that He gives the rain and snow so that the earth may give “seed to the sower” and “bread to the eater.”

Sometimes after we’ve read a scripture over an elongated period of time; or heard it expounded 6-7 different ways, we begin to take some things for granted. It is our nature to do so. Today, let’s take note of the following:

The Lord didn’t say that He gives “bread to the sower” and “seed to the eater.” Why not? Perhaps one reason is that our God is very “enterprising.” He always (and very judiciously so) seeks “maximum return” on all of His investments. When He wanted to *reap* a population of people in the earth, He *sowed* Adam. When He wanted to *reap* sons in His image; He *sowed* Jesus Christ, Who is the “first fruits of many more just like Him.” <sup>(5)</sup>

So the Lord gives in such a way that the “sower may receive seed” and so that the “eater may receive bread.” Still asking the question, “Why?” The answer is quite simple actually: because *sowers sow* and *eaters eat*.

If the “eaters” are given seed, they will eat it; they will consume it. “Eaters” do not yield a harvest to God, they yield a harvest to themselves. What they get, they “eat.” By way of harvest, that does not bode well for an enterprising “Householder,” like our God.

On the other hand, if the “sowers” were given bread, they would still sow or share it (such is the nature of a “sower”). But I believe that we all know that to sow “bread” has a very limited ROI. This type of transaction will only go so far (minimized opportunity for a “bumper crop”).

God gives to “sowers” the resources to keep sowing. Please be cognizant of this one trust, that “sowing” is not simply something that is done with the hands. “Sowing” is a posture of the heart. So in the life of a sower, you’ll see doors swinging open left and right. In the life of an “eater” God provides daily bread.

In the Heaven, you will find “eaters” in the kingdoms of “sowers.” But you’ll not likely find “sowers” in the kingdoms of “eaters;” because “eaters” don’t inherit kingdoms.

God is presently “watering” the earth, are you a “Sower” or an “Eater?” \*ITI\*

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<sup>(1)</sup> Isaiah 55:10)

<sup>(2)</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>(3)</sup> Isaiah 12:3; Psalm 119:11

<sup>(4)</sup> Mark 4:4-8

<sup>(5)</sup> Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:20

## Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

(just in time for my next grocery run!).

Now, on the day that I discovered the card was missing, later that evening I made it a point to thank God for the event having happened. I know this runs counter to how we think we should respond, but I have come to know that God is always protecting me.

I'd like to attach this story to a principle God shared with me recently. He told me that I need to be comfortable with whatever He does with and in my life. He said he wants me to have an attitude of "crumbs."

As believers we know that Jesus is our "Bread of Life." We know that we can ask God to do specific things in our lives. We can do what the "old folks" used to sing about. They instructed us (in song) to "Call Him up and TELL Him what you want!" And, for a long time, I followed this advice.

I knew I was God's child and He provides me with my daily bread. What I also found out, is that I'd begun to expect Him to provide bread just the way "I" wanted the bread. If I wanted it baked, toasted, or with jam, I expected God to do what "I" thought He should do for me.

In the last several years, however, I have found that there is another attitude that benefits me more than seeking "bread" from God. It's an attitude of excitedly accepting "crumbs" from Him.

That's right, I said I'm learning to look forward to God's crumbs instead of His bread (in terms of my attitude). Now, I'm guessing somebody is getting their "panties in a bunch" over these statements. Well, hold on to your "wedgie" while I clarify this concept.

I'll use a Canaanite woman to help me. In Mark 7:24-30, we learn about a woman who came to Jesus and requested that He heal her daughter. Now, keep in mind that she was not Jewish AND she was a woman. She had two strikes against her. Still, she approached Jesus with her request. At first, Jesus told her, "...it is not good to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs."

At that statement, even the bravest of women would have turned back, but not this woman. She shot right back at our Lord and said, "Yes, Lord, yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." As a

result of her faith, patience, persistence Jesus granted her desire. Her daughter was healed that same hour.

So, you are wondering what this has to do with me adopting an attitude of "crumbs." The principle I was able to extract from this scenario is that Jesus had already determined to heal her daughter. He indeed knew who she was and knew that she would come to him before she arrived.

Jesus' conversation with the woman had less to do with who she was and more to do with the posture of her heart. This same event is recorded in the book of Matthew and it says that when Jesus denied her request, she bowed herself and worshipped him.

She never left His presence. She didn't say, "I'll be back tomorrow." Jesus said, "No;" and she got on her face and worshipped Him. Her demeanor spoke volumes. She told Jesus (with her actions) that He didn't have to give her what *she* asked for. She would, however, not leave His presence until He gives her what He determined **HE** wanted do.

I mentioned earlier that I used to tell God to give me bread. I'd let Him know if I wanted Him to bake it, toast it, and what kind of marmalade I wanted with my bread. The trouble with this attitude is that when God says "No" (and He does so often), I would pout and walk away.

This behavior was immature and ungrateful. I have found that when I take the position that I will approach God with my requests and I will stay and worship (NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS), my heart and my circumstances are ALWAYS made whole.

I've basically decided that I don't have to have bread of any particular kind. All I need are crumbs. In this sense "crumbs" reveal the posture of my heart. "Crumbs" say that I will always come to my Heavenly Father. And, I will always make my requests known to Him. And, it does not matter what He does or does not do. I am there to worship. I am there to receive whatever He has determined is best for me.

This is the attitude of "Crumbs." I come, I stay, I worship, and I excitedly accept whatever the Father gives. When my debit card is lost, *I worship*. When my car stops on the side of the road, *I worship*. And, when I spill coffee on my white blouse right before an

important meeting ... *I worship.*

God determines what is best for me and I determine that I will worship Him.

Crumbs! -PIP~

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hand: A *friend* is someone who has “your best interest at the heart of everything they do for you, or to you. Contrariwise, an “enemy” has his/her own best interest at heart. Even gestures of kindness are suspect and are not to be trusted. You’ll remember the scriptures teach us that “faithful are the wounds of a friend but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”<sup>(1)</sup> The *flesh* is not our friend, it is our enemy.”<sup>(1)</sup> Therefore even its acts of “kindness” are deceitful.

“In the New Covenant, we see another expression of the *flesh*. In addition to the term “flesh” meaning human body; the *flesh* also typifies the *fallen human nature*. This “new” use of the term *flesh* is not indicative of the physical body; it is not the whole of mankind. The *flesh* represents the fallen nature that governs the faculties of the *soul* (*when the soul is out of fellowship with God*). When Adam was created, he was created a *living soul*. And as such, how he related to this world was quite different, prior to the Fall. **The *flesh* is the immoral state of existence into which mankind fell (that fateful day in the Garden).** It is the *flesh* that drives the *soul* to choose sin either transactionally or as a way of life.”<sup>(1)</sup>

In the January 2011 edition of this column you heard it said (perhaps for the first time) that “the *flesh* came into existence within the heart of man, as a result of our inappropriate liaison with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”<sup>(1)</sup>

The *flesh* was not created, *with* man, nor was it created *in* man. It is there, in Genesis 6, that the Lord tells us something important about the flesh.

“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh ...”<sup>(2)</sup>

### Quick Illumination

Again, when we were created, we became a “living soul.” After the Fall, the *human spirit* was “dethroned and lead captive” and soul

received a new “husband:” the *flesh*. You’ll recall in Genesis 2:7 that at creation, man was (on a certain level) capable of communing with the Living God; a *living* soul in communion with the *Living* God. Beautiful, just beautiful!!

Then in Genesis 3:6-7, man fell from this lofty position (no longer a *living* soul; now a *dead* soul); “dead” essentially meaning to be “cut off from Life.” The soul of man was “cut off from the Life of God” (no longer able to commune with God).

Later in Genesis 6:3, 5-7; when the natural progression of this now “dead soul” had littered the earthly landscape with wickedness, the Lord said, “Enough! My Spirit shall not continually strive with or adjudicate for man.” A cry goes up from the earth ... “Lord, why not?!” From Heaven the reply comes, “Because whereas man was once a “living soul,” he has now become governed by the “*flesh*.” And they that are after the *flesh* do mind the things of the *flesh*. A mind (or soul) that is under the government of the flesh tends towards death and will always be at enmity (or at odds) with Me. A soul under the command of the *flesh* is not at liberty to be subject to My law. And that is unfortunate, because the law of the Lord is perfect, and fully able to convert the soul; able to once again to make it a “living soul.””<sup>(3)</sup>

And so we see that the flesh is the *fallen nature of man*. The flesh is not the human spirit, although the flesh attempts to mimic or counterfeit the functions of the human spirit. The human spirit (intuition, conscience and communion) is the “breath of life; the breath of God.” It was given to lead the soul into a living and lasting fellowship with the Holy One. Contrariwise, the *flesh* intends to lead the soul into a deadly and temporal relationship with this world. Which is one reason the Lord tells us, through John,<sup>(4)</sup> to love NOT this world, neither the things that are in/of the world, all that is in the world amounts to:

- The lust of the *flesh*
- The lust of the eye
- And the pride of the life “of the *flesh*”

Just here, very specifically, is the fundamental relationship between the soul and the *flesh*. In a sort

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of mythological way, you can look at the *flesh* as the enemy’s counterfeit of the human spirit. Let’s look at how the enemy intends to use the *flesh* to oppose the Almighty; and to lock mankind perpetually in a fateful wrestle against the work of the Spirit, in the earth.

In the “art of war,” if an enemy wanted to eventually overthrow a government, there were a number of different strategies available (only a few are mentioned here):

The enemy could send a notice to the opposing government, announcing one’s intentions to combat or overthrow it, here is it anticipated that the targeted government would in some way “acquiesce or stand-down.” This strategy has the characteristics of *Conventional Warfare*. Or ...

**Conventional warfare** is a form of warfare conducted by using conventional military weapons and battlefield tactics between two or more states in open confrontation. The forces on each side are well-defined, and fight using weapons that primarily target the opposing army...<sup>(5)</sup>

Or the enemy could, in the still of the night, launch a military campaign (sometimes using unconventional tactics) against the opposing government. Thus awakening the startled government (and its constituency) to the sound of “bombs bursting in air.” This strategy has some of the characteristics of *Irregular* or *Guerrilla Warfare*.

**Irregular warfare** favors indirect and asymmetric warfare approaches, though it may employ the full range of military and other capabilities, in order to erode an adversary’s power, influence, and will. It is inherently a protracted struggle that will test the resolve of a state and its strategic partners.<sup>(6)</sup>

**Guerrilla warfare** is a form of irregular warfare and refers to conflicts in which ... [the opponent] uses military tactics, such as ambushes, sabotage, raids, the element of surprise, and extraordinary mobility to harass a larger and less-mobile traditional army, or strike a vulnerable target...<sup>(7)</sup>

There are other stealth military strategies that, at length, have proven extremely successful. At some

level, they have been employed for eons.

By way of introduction: there was a particular strategic maneuver instituted by the enemy in the Garden of Eden. This maneuver is very telling of how the enemy uses the *flesh* to attempt to subvert the Sovereignty of God’s government over man.<sup>(8)</sup> What is laugh-able about the enemy’s mindset is that while he may well temporarily garrison small providences within the infinite Kingdom of Almighty God; he will NEVER ... EVER ... affect the Sovereignty of God; not in this world, nor in the worlds to come.

Now the enemy didn’t create this strategy he simply capitalized off of it. It is sometimes known as the “planting of sleepers” within the kingdom of the targeted government.

When the soul of man committed high treason, at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; in the Fall, our souls were taken as POWs (prisoners of war) by the will of the enemy. Please hear me very carefully; just here we were assigned a “sleeper” (aka the *flesh*). The role of the *flesh* is to remain covert, to keep watch over and attempt to retain the compliance of the soul to the ways of this world. This posture, of course, stands in stark contrast to the Way of the Spirit and the way of the Kingdom.<sup>(9)</sup>

The *flesh*, itself a “sleeper,” engages in “Black Ops” within the host community of the soul of man. The flesh establishes “sleeper cells” within the province of the soul. “Sleeper cells” of lust, uncleanness, envy, seditions, hatred, fornication, etc.<sup>(10)</sup>

**Sleeper Cell** - A group ... who remains dormant in a community until activated, by a prearranged signal, to perform acts of espionage, sabotage, or terrorism.<sup>(11)</sup> *Those “prearranged signals” are acts of disobedience and non-compliance that we engage in almost daily. They activate and strengthen the flesh. Which, as a matter of course, sabotages our efforts to love the Lord with all of our heart.*

The clandestine nature of the work of the *flesh* is supported by the fact that we were “born in sin ....”<sup>(12)</sup> So, in one sense we inherited this unfortunate plight. But the Lord does not leave us, “comfortless” or without a “help meet.” For many of us, as we grow and learn, repeatedly throughout our lives the light of gospel (or good news) shines on us;<sup>(13)</sup> illuminating for us a way out. We choose either to “run to this



servant puts the mustard seed in a napkin, the world will never benefit from that gift. And the Master will not receive His glory for that investment. (Not good)

We are all the servants of the Living God. And to each and every one of His servants, He has given resources. It is expected of a servant that he/she lives for the sole purpose of increasing the value and estate of the master; such is the role of a servant. There is no higher calling for a servant, than to see to his master's wealth and well-being.

Now in this same parable, there was a third servant, who laid aside his resource. He despised his portion and he had a particularly unsavory perspective of his master (not smart). He had obviously forgotten Matthew 7:1-2 that warns:

*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

His day of reckoning was not very redeeming. I believe that the last time we heard from that servant, he was deemed no longer fit to be servant. They had buried him with the others, outside the gates of the Kingdom. <sup>(3)</sup>

And so a day of reckoning is ahead for each of us. <sup>(4)</sup> Consider what report you will give, of God's investment of time and resources in you and in your life. Be very careful that you don't *live* the report of the last servant, "Lord I feared You, because You are a strict Judge; I more concerned about "failing" than I was about honoring You; therefore I didn't do anything with my life."<sup>(5)</sup> For that, you receive the rebuke of that last servant, "Out of your own mouth will I judge you...."

I admonish you to live a life worthy of "ten cities."

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<sup>(1)</sup> Luke 19:16-17 with slight modifications

<sup>(2)</sup> 1 Corinthians 3:6

<sup>(3)</sup> Luke 19:20-27

<sup>(4)</sup> Romans 14:12

<sup>(5)</sup> Luke 19:20-21

## Are You Sure?

There is a healthy contemplation that drives us to check our commitment to our various relationships with others. While I have your attention may I ask another question? Do you ever wonder if you're really saved? I don't mean to intrude ... okay maybe I do intend to intrude. Do you contemplate your loyalty and commitment to your relationship "with Christ" very specifically? Respectfully, we are not talking here about your relationship with a religious institution. We're asking about a very up-close and personal relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. The scriptures encourage us to periodically check our "fruit." We are admonished to work out your own soul's salvation with fear and trembling. (1)

I can just imagine Jesus standing before the fig tree, asking "Hey guys, what type of tree is this?"

His disciples replied (almost snickering), "My Lord, it's a fig tree."

And Jesus asks again, "How can you tell, that this is a fig tree?"

His disciples reply again (almost bursting at the seams), "Teacher, we can tell by the leaves."

Jesus once again, "Okay, let Me ask you guys one more question ... what is the purpose of a fig tree, if it won't bear figs." They all fell silent.

Jesus cursed the fig tree saying, "Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit, My Father will remove. It will not be allowed to continue to make demands of (or trouble) the ground." (2) He looked at the disciples and walked away en route to Bethany. (3) So I ask again, how do we know that we have a personal covenant with God?

**May I make a few suggestions on ways to discover the truth? (4)**

1. How does your covenant with Jesus Christ affect your concept of God and your attitude towards Him?
2. How does your relationship with God affect your attitude towards Jesus Christ (Him as a Person and His Lordship over your life)?
3. How does your covenant with God affect your attitude towards the Holy Scriptures?
4. How does your relationship with Christ affect your attitude towards your "self-life" or your "flesh"?
5. How does your covenant with Christ affect your relationship with and attitude towards your fellow Christians?
6. How does your relationship with Jesus affect your relationship with and attitude towards the world?
7. Last, but in no way least, how does your covenant with Jesus affect your attitude towards sin?

Perhaps we should take the next couple of weeks or months and grapple with this? Try to answer each question thoroughly in light of the scripture's mandates on each of these respective relationships.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. <sup>(5)</sup>

## Be Sure!

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(1) Philippians 2:12

(2) John 15:1-2; Luke 13:7

(3) Matthew 21:17-19

(4) Gleanings and adaptations from A.W. Tozer's Man: The Dwelling Place of God, p.62-68

(5) Hebrews 13:20-21

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**The Chief Cornerstone**



We think that we will give to (or give up for) God our external kingdoms: money, houses and lands. But the truth of the matter is that if we do not give Him our internal kingdoms two things are true ...

**Son of My Wisdom**



What stands in paradox to the *fullness* of God, again, is the *poverty* of God. Now, whereas the *fullness* of God is most clearly seen in the power (or authority) of God, the *poverty* of God is most clearly seen in the *character* of God.

**Precepts in Practice**



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**The Leadership Corner**

The OT law did not go away when the NT came into being. In a very real sense, the dispensation of the Law and the dispensation of Grace co-exist today. The difference is that in the OT, under the dispensation of the Law, the law was on the "outside" of the believer. ... In the NT, under the dispensation of Grace, the exact same law is on the "inside" of the believer.

**Journey to Intimacy**



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**Love and the Truth**



"Lay not up earthly treasure" because earthly treasure is essentially corruptible. However, "lay up heavenly treasure" because heavenly treasure is essentially incorruptible. But, what exactly are heavenly treasures, and in what sense are they incorruptible?

**Living Waters**



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