

# 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**



#### **Series: Pressing the Battle to the Gates**

*Part IV – He is NOT Omnipresent*

... And the gates of hell shall not prevail against ...<sup>(1)</sup>

The enemy is not omnipresent!!!

To be *omnipresent*, is to have infinite, simultaneous presence. Although it sometimes seems that we as people are “all over the place;” created beings do not bear the attribute of *omnipresence*. And given that all of these “omni-” characteristics (specifically omnipotence; omniscience and omnipresence) have inherent in them the quality of infiniteness; it naturally precludes all created people, places and things.

Therefore the enemy is not omnipresent!!! He is a single created being, as are all of his servants. Doesn't that just make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside? We sometimes talk and behave like the fact that the enemy is a spiritual

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### **The Leadership Corner** **Leadership Living, Inc.**

***Show Me the Money!!!!***

November is an interesting time of year. It's the height of the fall season or as some call it, the “Harvest” season. This is the time of year where we are supposed to count our blessings. You know, “name them one by one – to see what the Lord has done.”

Yes, Christians across the United States are reflecting on the blessings in their lives. On the other hand, some may be struggling with the question, “What has He done for me lately?” With the craziness that has been going on with hurricanes, tornadoes, loss of jobs and homes, the exploding cost of healthcare, and catastrophic high school drop-out rates, one could easily be persuaded to drop out of the race of life altogether.

Oh, but not so soon! In the October 2010 Precepts in Practice article there was a discussion about God wanting us to reach out to our support networks to supply needs that may exist. By doing so, He would open doors to have our needs met. This is part of a new economy that God is bringing into existence in the earth through His people. May I ask you a question? Did you do your part? Did you find out what the needs are in your network and reach out to some of those people? If so, a chain of events has been triggered in your favor.

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## Son of My Wisdom



### Beyond the Cross

*Glory*

The following is a conversation that actually occurred. But the names were changed to maintain discretion and to allow the reader to focus on the “discussion” and not the “characters.” Remember, the treasure is *inside* the earthen vessel; the vessel itself is not the treasure.<sup>(1)</sup>

**Sharleen asked:** ... So how are things?

**Emerald said:** Things are good. A bit painful and somewhat difficult at times, but good, nonetheless.

**Sharleen asked:** How is that? How can things be “painful” and “difficult” and still be “good?”

**Emerald said:** Because I see the Father’s fingerprints all over the place. (Said with a sigh of excitement) This is His “doing” and it is marvelous in my eyes. By this, I am being conformed into the image of His Son. It hurts, but it’s true that these light afflictions, which on the aggregate are momentary, work in us a more exceeding weight of glory?<sup>(2)</sup> I think I’m beginning to understand what Hebrews<sup>(3)</sup> means when it reports that Jesus endured the cross; looking to the *joy* that was set before Him. There is something unusual about knowing that the Lord has ordained this way.<sup>(4)</sup> It may not remove all of the pain, but it does make the trial bearable. I really do trust that He won’t put any more on me than I can endure; although sometimes it feels like it. Of course, it’s not the route that I would have taken to get me to be conformed into His image. The actual “cutting away” of the flesh, really hurts! But then His ways are not our ways, are they? I trust His choices for me (tears and all).

**Sharleen asked:** Yah, I know, but the Lord is a very skillful Surgeon.

**Emerald said:** He is that. *Me* (on the other hand), I’m just a “make-up artist.” And we all know that make-up doesn’t last; whereas surgery is a much more permanent (and often more painful) alternative. ... Etc.

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## A Journey to Intimacy

### “IS” or “Is Not”

The “Is Not’s” of Life -

Where did evil come from?

This is an age old question; and a valid one, at that. Many years ago, I asked God the same question. Shortly, I’ll share that answer. I don’t mind telling you that to this day, the answer still shakes me to the very foundation of my being. Allow me to take the scenic route.

God is love<sup>(1)</sup> ... everything that God created was good and very good.<sup>(2)</sup> Everything God does, issues from His nature. God does not do anything that is inconsistent with Himself. You know the rule: “a house divided cannot stand.”<sup>(3)</sup> So again I ask, “Where did evil come from?”

God told us where evil came from. He created it.<sup>(4)</sup> Ouch!!!!

God created evil?!? But how ... God is GOOD!!!!

Watch very, very closely. God created evil, the same way He created darkness.

Isaiah 45:7 says that “I form the light and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all of these things.”

Let’s walk through this:

God said, “I form the light and create darkness ....”

God is *light* and in Him there is no *darkness*.<sup>(5)</sup> Said otherwise, God is light and in Him there is no “*disagreement*.” Hang in there, don’t leave me now. Light *agrees* with light. Darkness *disagrees* with light. *Darkness* does not comprehend *light*.<sup>(6)</sup> For what communion does light have with darkness?<sup>(7)</sup>

Now the Lord says, that He “forms light.” To “form” a thing implies a setting of parameters or implies circumscription. You remember, “God formed man out of the dust of the ground.”<sup>(8)</sup> By “forming” man, God distinguished “man” from the “dust of the ground;” although they are one and the same. And we know that they are the same, because when we die, the body returns to the dust.<sup>(9)</sup>

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## Precepts in Practice



### Offensive versus Defensive Strategy

Have you ever asked God to deliver you from something and He didn't do it? Let's be honest here. There are times in our lives when we pray for God to rescue us, stop the devil from beating up on us, or to deliver us from some bad habits we may have.

In some cases God does exactly what is asked. He may remove us from a situation, heal us from an illness, and help us to overcome some fleshly weakness, or change our situation in some way that makes it more bearable for us.

Then, there are those times when we pray and pray for deliverance and it seems like God has no intention of delivering us. Why is that? One reason is because God will only deliver us when we are truly under an attack from the enemy.

If the enemy attacks us, we pray and obey, and God brings deliverance. This is one of the ways God works and we are familiar with this process. It can be referred to as a "**defensive strategy.**" Scripture is replete with examples of great defensive strategies to help us when the enemy attempts to bring us down. Ephesians 6:16 instructs us to have the "shield of faith" so we can effectively quench the fiery "darts" of the wicked. This means the enemy will try to attack us from time to time.

Then, there are times when (as believers) we must understand that God wants us to employ an "**offensive strategy.**" This is the one that not many believers are familiar with and as a result, don't know how to employ.

Let's talk a bit about football. I'll start by saying that I don't know much about football, so if I stumble over myself, please allow me some grace. Many of us are aware that in the game of football there are "offensive" and "defensive" strategies. Let's start with a working definition of each type of strategy.

- **Defensive Strategy:** A key goal is to prevent the opposing offense from gaining yards and scoring points by preventing the opponent from advancing the ball beyond the line of scrimmage.

## Love and *The Truth*



### The Conscience: *The Witness*

We have been handling the topic of the Conscience, as I believe that we are being directed to. The Lord revealed before, that the conscience convicts of sin. It must be trained according to the right law, or it will approve the things that are wrong, and reprove the things that are right. However, when it is rightly trained, it is a relentless voice against sin. Under such circumstances, therefore, we are left with three options concerning the conscience once we have sinned. The conscience must; be Cleansed, Reprogrammed, or Ignored. (*Please see this column in the October 2010 edition*)

There is another thought that may come to mind as an option regarding the conscience. Please allow me a brief parenthesis to address this idea. "When the Conscience is rightly trained; couldn't we just obey the conscience from that point forward?" This is a good idea, and a right thing to do. We would also refer to this as "repentance." However, repentance does not silence the conscience. The blood of Christ cleanses the conscience, which is necessary for us to repent unto good works. This is directly from Heb 9:14 so that you see that repentance falls under and indeed comes out of cleansing. This cleansing, you will remember, is the first option.

Now the reason we have to appropriate one of those options concerning the conscience is because of a particular function of the conscience, namely the following. The conscience bears witness to the moral quality of a thought, word, or deed. It may bear witness to the moral quality of other things, but these three are what I am presently addressing. To illuminate this I'll reference a few verses.

- *And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one beginning at the eldest, even unto the last...* (John 8:9). We see here the conscience bearing witness.



## Boot Camp

### Christianity 101 – The Basics

#### Sin



This week our focus is *Sin*.

We're walking through the following list of basic Biblical Christian fundamentals.

- Forgiveness – What's your flavor of "forgiveness?" (April 27, 2010 Bible Study)
- Repentance – To so agree with God on a particular truth as to align one's self (in word and deed) with that truth.
- Faith – An act of worship, allegiance and honor.
- Obedience – Most often disobedience is the result of us having redefined for ourselves the precepts of God
- Truth – In the words of Pilate, "What is *truth*?"
- Prayer – What is it and how do we do it? Is there a relationship between *truth* and *prayer*?
- **Sin** – You know "sweet in the mouth; and bitter in the belly."
- Righteousness – What is it? How does sin and *righteousness* relate to each other?
- Etc. as the Lord pleases

#### WHAT IS SIN?

"Sin" such a very broad and very deep subject. But in basic terms "sin" is transgression of the law.<sup>(1)</sup>

Naturally a couple of questions follow here: 1) What does it mean to transgress? 2) What law does sin violate?

1) What does it mean to transgress? One meaning is to rebel. Rebellion is an expression of resistance or defiance of authority. Or it is an open, organized and armed resistance to one's government or ruler.<sup>(2)</sup>

2) Sin is a transgression of *which* expression of the law? Are we talking about the Mosaic Law? Perhaps, we mean the Levitical law? No, no, maybe we mean the Ceremonial law? You can see how muddy this could get, right?

All "real law" is an expression of certain

## Living Waters



### Series Pt 1: The "BE" Attitudes

Come take a walk with me, will you?

While contemplating the beatitudes I heard this phrase the "BE" attitudes. This, as you could appreciate, struck a resounding chord with me. This was no longer just of list of "nice-to-haves." I began to see these as directives for the servant of the Lord. I began to see them as edicts or mandates given by a Sovereign. I would admonish you as follows: "He who has an ear, let him hear."<sup>(1)</sup>

**Example:** If someone said to you that "people who are taller than 5'4" are usually very intelligent." You would subconsciously measure yourself by that criteria and subliminally include yourself in that class of intelligent beings (where fitting). And this may happen mentally even if you didn't categorically agree with the assessment "prima facie."<sup>(2)</sup> Let's do that same thing here.

On that note, let's take a fresh look at the "BE" attitudes.<sup>(3)</sup> This time regard them as directives, very specifically to you. **Caveat:** A hint to the wise is sufficient.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit ...**

(Hint: "BE" poor in spirit )

**Blessed are they that mourn ...**

(Hint: "BE" mournful)

**Blessed are the meek ...**

(Hint: "BE" meek)

Although each of the beatitudes could, in themselves, be an exhaustive discourse, we'll spare you the volumes of prose. Instead we intend to very softly, lift the curtain on each of these beautiful expressions of light and life. Over the next couple of editions we enlarge upon each of these.

This month, let's look at just a few of them:

#### "BE" Poor in Spirit

The poor know that they are in need. To be "poor in spirit" means to recognize your need for God.<sup>(4)</sup> It means to recognize your need to be lead by the Spirit of God. It is not the case that you cannot do anything by yourself. The challenge is that nothing you "do by

being; he is on those terms “omnipresent.” Angels (who are also spiritual beings) are not omnipresent. Don’t be fooled by his “business suit;” he is not omnipresent.

I believe we’ve said enough to settle that point. So let’s explore a few other valuable considerations along these lines.

Knowing that your adversary is *not* omnipresent is valuable because you can inquire (wisely) into the vulnerabilities and opportunities to take dominion over your opponent. You can press the battles, of your life, to the gates of the enemy. “What then do you do when you get to the gates of the enemy?” you ask. You open the gates and retake possession of the things (people, places and things) that belong to our Lord. Wait...wait...wait just one minute, JoAnn. Are you intending to tell me that we can just walk up on the enemy and take what belongs to the Lord? You say, “He may not be omnipresent, but I’m sure the enemy is not going to take this intrusion, lying down.” Perhaps not, but I believe that the scriptures teach that we have a responsibility to those in bondage.<sup>(2)</sup>

Before Calvary, the enemy had the keys to death.<sup>(3)</sup> He got the keys from Adam, in the garden. But prior to the episode at the tree; death had no authority over man. After the fall; from Adam to Calvary, man lived his whole life in fear of death.<sup>(4)</sup> On Calvary, there was a “Great Exchange” made. There was a transfer made, when the “man” Jesus Christ took upon Himself the garment of “death.” The power of death was transferred to Him and to all that would come after Him. This is one reason that we are commanded to “take up our crosses;” because “death” is now a choice for us. The scriptures say “all things are yours” or “all things are under your dominion” or “all things are left to your discretion;” ... the world, or life, or death ...<sup>(5)</sup>

So you say, “Okay ... okay, JoAnn; I’ll grant you that. But tell me again about this plan to “roll up on” the gates of the enemy.” We can do this, because the gates of hell are not equipped to prevail against our offensive military campaign.<sup>(6)</sup> You remember the promises, “behold I have given you power over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt you.”<sup>(7)</sup> Did you think the Lord was just talking? Our Lord also taught us that “When a strong man armed keeps his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a “stronger than he” shall come upon him, and overcome him, he takes from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divides his spoils.”<sup>(8)</sup> Prior to our Lord’s coming; the enemy was a strong man (armed) keeping the way of death, secure from all on-comers. Very few were plucked out of his hand. But look at Jesus, One “stronger than the enemy.” Look at our Lord, Who both overcame the world, and gave us power to overcome it as well. Look at our King (Mighty and Valiant) who took the keys to death, and gave them to us. Now that we have the keys, we also have a responsibility to plunder the strongholds of the enemy.

While it is comforting to know that the enemy is not omnipresent, don’t place too much stock in that truth alone. We are still bound to wage war against principalities and power and spiritual rulers of the kingdom of darkness.<sup>(9)</sup> Instead find comfort in that our Commander-in-Chief *IS* Omnipresent. And that He is Sovereign over the all of the affairs of both kingdoms. Be encouraged to take up arms, because Jesus has given us the keys to the Kingdom Heaven.<sup>(10)</sup> But He has also given us the keys to the kingdom of the enemy (*as previously illuminated*). The scriptures teach that we’ve been given power over all the power of the enemy.<sup>(11)</sup> When you genuinely believe this, you live life quite differently; more “intentional;” more “erect” if I might use that term. There are certain ways that you make decisions in life, when you do not *believe* or *feel* that you have a choice. On the other hand, when you know that authority rests legally (and literally) with you, you do not tolerate the enemy to usurp authority over the things that belong to God, in your life (or the lives of those around you). You no longer allow or permit certain events or transactions that you would otherwise have succumbed to, when you thought that you didn’t have a choice. Not only do we have a choice, but the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God.<sup>(12)</sup>

You can launch an offensive campaign to destroy the works of the devil, in your self, in your life and the lives of those around you.<sup>(13)</sup> “How?” you ask. Great question, but let me caution you; this kind does not go quietly into the night; prayer and fasting is a prerequisite.<sup>(14)</sup> The Lord promised that “the gates of hell would not prevail against us, “but he didn’t say that the enemy would not launch a counter-attack.

So gird up the loins of your mind. “Quit yourselves like men.”<sup>(15)</sup>

“Attack,” he will ... “win” he cannot. He is not “omni-anything.” <CC>

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<sup>(5)</sup> 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

<sup>(6)</sup> Matthew 16:18

<sup>(7)</sup> Luke 10:19

<sup>(8)</sup> Luke 11:21-22

<sup>(9)</sup> Ephesians 6:12

<sup>(10)</sup> Matthew 16:19

<sup>(11)</sup> Luke 10:19

<sup>(12)</sup> 2 Corinthians 10:4

<sup>(13)</sup> 1 John 3:8b

<sup>(14)</sup> Mark 9:28-29; 2 Chronicles 7:14

<sup>(15)</sup> 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Samuel 4:9

Now, it's time to take the next step. This involves asking God to show us the resources He has provided for us to do what He has placed in our hearts. There are resources that God has provided to us and He expects us to use them to not only meet our needs, but also to step into what He has ordained for us this year.

I'll give you a personal example. I've run our businesses from my home office for quite some time now. Recently, God has been pushing me to secure office space. I heard Him the first time he mentioned it to me a couple of months ago. At that time, He let me know that He would continue to speak to me about this and at the proper time He would show me what steps He wants us to take to make the move.

For weeks to come God continuously told me how much He could grow the businesses once we relocate to commercial office space. He gave me all kinds of ideas on how to bring in new customers, partner with other organizations, and provide services that are beneficial to the community. Well, this was all great to hear, but one thought lingered in the back of my mind ... (where is the money?).

In the last couple of weeks He's been really pushing me and He finally asked me a question. God said, "Joyce, if I show you all the money will you sign a lease and move your businesses into this space?" I was a little hesitant during this conversation because based on my view; we didn't have the funds to set up shop somewhere else. I cautiously replied, "Yes Lord, if you show us what monies you have provided for this project, we will obey and get the space."

This actually reminds me of the scripture in II Kings 6:15-17 when a band of Syrians came out against the prophet Elisha. His servant became afraid when he saw the host of warriors. But, Elisha prayed and asked God to "open his eyes that he may see." Then, God allowed them to see that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around them.

Basically, the resources they needed were there even though Elisha's servant could not see them. God had to reveal what was already available.

Back to my personal story, God then had me to calculate the amount of money we already had in our business accounts. I also added monies

we expect to receive in November. Yet, I still came up about \$1,200 short. I didn't know where this additional money was supposed to come from.

A few days later, God said, "I've already given you the money." I told my husband what God had said, but neither he nor I could see where this money was. God finally reminded us of how he'd saved us approximately \$2,000 in personal funds in the last couple of weeks.

We had saved \$2,000 to put towards a personal expense we were expecting to have to pay. Then, literally, at the last minute, we were informed that our cost for the transaction would be zero dollars. At that time, we praised God and went on our way.

This is the money, God said, that He wants us to use to get the office space. Because we did not have to use it to pay for the original transaction, we now had it available to help with the cost of securing the commercial office space for our businesses.

God knew all along why He had us saving that money. We thought it was for one purpose, but God ordained it for His purpose. So, what are we doing with this money? You guessed it! We have taken it out of our personal bank account and deposited into one of our business checking accounts. We are moving forward with getting the office space God has ordained. And, we are on target to move into this new space by the end of 2010.

I shared this story to encourage you to have a similar conversation with God. He has already provided what you need to do what He has told you to do before this year is out. Go before Him and ask for specific directions to do what He has placed in your heart.

Then, don't be afraid to do what He tells you to do. God will not fail you, and He won't let you fail.

He will "**Show You the Money**" and anything else you need - to do what He has instructed you to do. ~LLI~

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Painful ... but good, huh?

“Pain” is a *great* teaching aide. Sometimes it seems that there might be an easier way through some of this. But the wisdom of our Sovereign Lord allows “pain” as a teaching aide. Our flesh is a very unyielding opponent. The flesh cannot be negotiated with; it will not be subject to the things of God; and it will not play fairly; it must be mortified.

Our Master Surgeon ensures that sufficient anesthesia has been administered to make the test/trial “bear-able.”<sup>(5)</sup> If my recollection serves; I believe that someone said once that:

“Pain introduces a man to himself.” – *Anonymous*

I’m more inclined to believe that God intends that “pain should introduce a man to his need for God, that Great Physician.”

Pardon the common expression, but “we all have our crosses to bear.” So, here are two (of many) things that are important to know about the crosses that we must bear.

1) Without the *cross*, there is **no** discipleship. If we do not endure our *crosses* in life, by following Christ with them, we cannot become His disciple.<sup>(6)</sup> There are “no two ways about it.” Why is that? Perhaps, it’s because the cross is **the only thing** that will mortify (or shall I say crucify) the deeds of the flesh. The root of the word “discipleship” is “discipline.” One definition of the term “discipline” that I particularly like is “training to act in accordance with rules.”<sup>(7)</sup> As children of God, we cannot be “trained to act in accordance with” the mandates of the Kingdom, unless the deeds (or expressions) of the flesh have been mortified. Where the flesh is active, it is disruptive and caustic. It will sabotage or destroy everything it touches; because its governing principle is “death.” It knows no other way.

Now, what I’m about to say here, is a *very deep well*; but, for now, we’ll draw but a cup of its refreshing water. Perhaps on a later occasion, we take a protracted journey inward (as the Lord wills).

The concept of disciplining the *flesh* is a misnomer. The *flesh* cannot be disciplined. That is why, in His infinitely wise council (or “counsel,” whichever works for you), the Lord prepared a cross for the flesh. NEWS FLASH: The cross (both historically and

spiritually) was prepared for the *flesh*, very specifically. You’ll recall that it is the *flesh* that is at enmity with God; not the *soul*.<sup>(8)</sup> It is the *flesh* that sits upon the throne of our heart. It is the *flesh* that says to the Spirit, I will ascend my throne above the stars.<sup>(9)</sup> Here is where the head begins to reel a bit. **The “flesh” and the “soul” are two different entities.** They are not the same. You may recall that it is our fleshly lusts that war against our soul. These two must be separate, because “a house divided cannot stand nor retain its unity.”<sup>(10)</sup>

Categorically, the one is a “nature” and the other is a composite of our “faculties.” The “soul” is the sum of our personal faculties (mind, will and emotions) these are by their very constitution “amoral.” In this case, “amoral” implies “neither moral nor immoral.”<sup>(11)</sup>

I know ... that’s a blow to both our “philosophy of life” and to our “theological presuppositions.” Right? So, I’ll say it again. The “soul” is neither constitutionally “moral” nor “immoral.” Said otherwise, it is morally neutral. Wait! Wait! Can I ... just ... get ... you ... to ... back ... away ... from ... the ... gun; and hear me out. Our problem is not the “soul” it is the “flesh.” The *flesh* represents the fallen nature that governs the faculties of the *soul* (apart from 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 as a way of life. And the soul that retains this governance (or any part thereof) will most certainly meet with an untimely or inopportune death.<sup>(12)</sup> It is just this, for which the *cross* was prepared ... to destroy the works of the devil. The means, by which the enemy brings us into subjection, is the *flesh*. Where the flesh has been remanded to the cross, the enemy has no anchor.

*Crosses are to be borne in silence.* One of our mistakes is that we like to either complain about our *cross*; or brag about them. Neither is acceptable in the sight of God. In the bearing of our *cross*, we are

to DENY ourselves.<sup>(13)</sup> What are we to “deny?” Well, there are many things we are obliged to deny. Some of them are that we are to deny ourselves the pleasure of either “complaining or bragging” about our *cross*. Look at Jesus (en route to Calvary): He was not bemoaning His lot in this life; nor was He making campaign speeches about “cross-bearing.” This was a very heart-wrenching and sober time for Him; as he prepared His heart for the crucifixion. And so ought we to be: sober and contemplative. We ought to be beseeching the Father for clarity on His purpose for the present *cross*; and the glory He intends to bring to Himself in the resurrection, thereafter.

We could go on, but why. The Kingdom destination is this: whether or not we bear *crosses* in this life, is not up for discussion. The Sovereign wisdom of God has already decided that for us. When we really understand the wisdom of this decision, we’ll want to send Him “thank you” cards ... lots of them. For by this we are being made conformable to His death; if by any means we may attain to the resurrection of the dead.<sup>(14)</sup>

For those of us in the Kingdom, we’ve each been assigned *crosses*. Beyond that, what really matters is *how* we bear our *crosses*. You can either “get on the *cross* yourself” or you can be “nailed there at the will of another.” The blessing is in the “taking up” of our *crosses*; not in the “being taken up” by them.

Why so much talk about the *cross*; and so little talk about the resulting glory? Great question, let’s approach it this way. When you are preparing to undergo critical surgery, most of the talk time between you, the doctor and the hospital staff, is about the surgical procedure itself. It is the one event that you’ll need most to be prepared for. (Not intending to be cavalier.) The resulting health and restoration, in a sense, will take care of itself. And you’ll have the rest of your life to be acquainted with it. And so it is that if we cannot get through the ordeal on Calvary successfully, talk of resurrection and the resulting “glory” is ill-begotten.

There are many valid interpretations of the expression “Glory.” At one time, “glory” seemed such an elusive utterance, to me. One, very personal, interpretation of “glory” that the Lord gave to me was this. I asked the Father, “How am I to understand “glory.” What is it?” He said, “Glory is when I look at you and see My Son. It is when the world looks at you and sees Me. That’s glory.” Jesus glorified the Father, by doing what He

saw the Father do. So that when the world looked at Jesus, whether or not they realized it, they were in essence (and in actuality) looking at the Father.<sup>(15)</sup> - *SOMW*-

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(15) John 5:19, 30; 14:8-9

*Journey to Intimacy*

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If God is light, and He IS LIGHT. Then isn’t light, as a characteristic of God, infinite and eternal? If so, how does God “form light?” *How* does God set parameters around a characteristic of His Being? And *why* would He do it? This is going to get very complex, so stay with me.

We’re getting there, but let’s take a quick detour, here.

*How* does God set parameters around a characteristic of His Being (light)? God set parameters around a characteristic of His Being when He created beings less than Himself. He circumscribed light (formed light) when He created beings that could *disagree* with Him; beings who are free to exercise choice. Therefore, by His Executive Volition wisdom directs Him to establish a situation such that these beings may be able to wield finite volition. He knows that created, imperfect beings are not able to bear a raw, uncut expression of His Holiness. It simply is not possible. So in His divine wisdom, He reveals

Himself to us in “metered expressions.” This is *how* He sets parameters around light. This is *how* He “forms light.” Metered expressions of God are “forms of light.” Bless God for this grace. I believe it was Isaiah who said that when he came in contact with a somewhat greater expression of God, he readily identified himself as “undone” and “unclean.”<sup>(10)</sup> When Moses returned from the presence of the Almighty, Israel could not look upon his face, because of the glory of God.

And *why* would He do it? God meters out expressions of Himself, because if He didn’t He would completely “undo” the work of His hands. I will take license and say that “all created things would cease to exist in the raw, uncut presence of God.” We could not stand in the fullness of the presence of God; as much so as finite beings could not sustain an exhaustive encounter with the Infinite. I’m going to push the envelope further and say that “if God *did not* circumscribe expressions of Himself, there would be no such thing as “free moral agency.” Everything and everyone would categorically “agree” with Him. There would be no independent or contrary “choosing.”

So we see how God “forms light.” But how does He (in Whom there is no darkness) create darkness? This is the easy part. He creates darkness by “forming light.” When light is not circumscribed (or has no parameters), there is ONLY light; there is no darkness. Darkness *is not* a thing itself; it is simply the result of the absence of “light.” The only reason that darkness exists is because light has been given parameters (or has been formed).

Light “*IS*.” Darkness “*is not*.” God “*is*” light ... darkness “*is not*.”

Now we see how God both *forms* light and *creates* darkness. Back to the original question: “Where does evil come from?”

### **I [God] make peace and create evil ...**

Now when God talks about “*making*” peace, you notice that He doesn’t say that He “*creates*” peace. In general, the term “creation” in the Bible, references something that is brought into being from that which “*is not*.” Peace cannot be *created*; because it is a characteristic of the nature of God. Peace, however, can be “made,” or given form. Peace can be shown or otherwise manifested. You notice that our Lord says to us “blessed are the peacemakers.”<sup>(11)</sup> He is a

peacemaker and He encourages us to be peacemakers (like Father, like sons). How do we “make” peace? The same way God “makes” peace. He simply reveals to us the peaceful character of His nature. And we are to receive the “peace that passes understanding,”<sup>(12)</sup> from God. And reveal or make manifest that same peace to the world; in the transactions of our life; thus becoming “peacemakers.” So we see how God makes peace; but what of evil?

*Evil*, like *Darkness* “is not.” Now I’m going to stretch your theology quite a bit here. *Evil* has always been an option; as long as there have been moral beings with the capacity to *disagree* with God. *Evil* is that which *disagrees* with God (on every level). *Evil is not* that which disagrees with “good;” it is that which *disagrees* with God (Huge difference). Notice that the fruit of that forbidden tree was both good and evil.<sup>(13)</sup>

Example: We tend to think of “sin” as a transgression/violation of the Law of God. While this is true; let’s look a bit closer. “Sin” did not come into existence when the Law was given.<sup>(14)</sup> “Sin” was simply made manifest for its flagrant obstinacy to the commands of God. ... When moral beings were created, God placed them in realms that are “set apart” from Himself. He is Holy and nothing else is holy, like He is Holy (“Holy” meaning to be set apart). Nothing else is “set apart” like God, in the same way that He is “set apart.”

Within these new realms of existence, are rights and privileges. One such right or privilege was that one may either *agree* with God; or *disagree* with Him. Now in order for one to *agree* with Him, God had to reveal something of Himself. As you can appreciate, it is difficult (if not impossible) to *agree* with something that you cannot, in some way, apprehend. Contrariwise, in order to *disagree* with God, expressions of God must be circumscribed, filtered, metered, buffered, mitigated or otherwise withheld. As stated above, there would be no such thing as “free moral agency” where expressions of God are not refrained (or literally re-framed).

**Insert:** If expressions of God were not “metered” His Holiness would consume us. And if it were granted that we didn’t cease to exist altogether; we would most certainly be awed-struck by his Majesty. To gaze upon the un-metered glory of God, would compel all created, moral beings to categorically *agree* with Him. There would be no choice;

reason would forbid it in the presence of pure Holiness.

And so God gives “metered” expressions of Himself, in the realms of created moral beings. We must recognize that when expressions of God are “metered” there are outside expressions of “not-God;” or that which “*is not*” in agreement with God. And “sin and evil” enter these various realms when the first being decides to *disagree* with God. We understand that sin and evil entered the heavenly realm of created, moral, angelic beings when Lucifer elected to *disagree* with God.<sup>(15)</sup> Ooopsss! Now sin (and its accomplice evil) entered the earth realm when a created moral being chose to *disagree* with God.<sup>(16)</sup>

Here is something that the Lord told me in January 2010. “Do not deal with that which “*is not.*” Deal with “that which *IS*” and “that which *is not;*” won’t be.<sup>(17)</sup> Here we see another expression of this same edict; we are to submit ourselves to God; resist the devil and he “won’t be.”<sup>(18)</sup> Again, “submit yourselves to [that which *IS*]; resist [that which *is not*]; and it won’t be.”

**Caveat:** When we use the phrase “is not” think about light and darkness. See their relationship to each other. God is Light; therefore light *IS*. There is no darkness in God; therefore darkness *is not*. We do not intend by the present use of the term “*is not;*” to imply that something “does not exist.” We fully intend to imply that “that which *is not*” only has identification in that it stands in stark contrast to “that which *IS.*” Apart from “that which *IS;*” “that which *is not*” has not frame of reference. Are we good on that? Okay.

The crux of free moral agency is just this: “that we have been given permission to either *agree* with God; or to *disagree* with Him.” Now I think, for the most part, we can assess the implications of choosing either of these paths; scripture provides maps and landmarks for both journeys.

I challenge you to investigate, to see if the following is true in your life. Most, if not all, of the troubles that you will encounter in life; will be the direct result of the fact that you are preoccupied with the “*is not’s*” of life; instead of being committed to “that which *IS.*” The scriptures teach that the *light* of the body is the

controlled by the “eye” (through which we receive about 75% of our sensory perceptions); therefore when the eye is single (or committed to that which *IS*), the whole body is full of light. But when your eye is *evil* (or preoccupied with that which “*is not*”), the whole body is full of *darkness.*<sup>(19)</sup>

The commandments, directives and mandates in the Word of God “*IS.*” And all advice, every argument, reasoning or philosophy to the contrary “*is not.*”

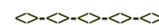
It either *IS* or it “*is not.*” \*JTI\*

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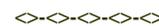
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**BURDEN OF SIN**



... But unless the weight of the burden [*of sin*] is felt the gospel can mean nothing to the man; and until he sees a vision of God high and lifted up, there will be no woe and no burden [*to pursue Him as we ought*]. Low views of God destroy the gospel for all who hold them.

(Adapted slightly)  
A.W. Tozer from *Knowledge of the Holy*, Ch.1, p5)



- Offensive Strategy: A key goal is to score more points than the opponent and to prevent the opponent from scoring points by denying the opponent possession of the ball.

Now, what sticks out to me in terms of the difference in these two strategies is “who has possession of the ball.” If I’m working under a defensive strategy, I do not have possession of the ball. Therefore, I have no way of scoring. I can only try to stop or limit the points my opponent gains. On the other hand, if I am working under an offensive strategy, I **do** have possession of the ball. Therefore, I have the ability to score points for my team. Big difference!

For the purpose of our conversation, the “ball” (in the game of life) would be the resources we need to fulfill our goals and walk in the plan God has for us.

We discussed earlier how most Christians are more familiar with a defensive strategy in terms of living their lives. These people operate from the belief that they do **not** have what they need (the “ball”) to do what God has destined them to do. Many of them may also believe that when circumstances in life look bleak, this has to always be the enemy attacking them (scoring points against them). As a result, their prayers are focused on requesting deliverance. And, sometimes these requests are made under great duress.

We also said that when it really is the enemy attacking us, God has and will continue to bring the deliverance we need to move forward.

Now, I would like to submit something else for you to consider. Remember, we said that there are times when we pray and God does **NOT** deliver? Might it be (during these times) that God doesn’t deliver us because there is nothing to deliver us from?

Could it be possible that sometimes when we think that Satan has the ball, he really doesn’t have it? Let’s explore this concept a bit deeper.

I submit to you that more often than we would like to admit, Satan does **not** have the ball (he is not attacking us). This means that if we are utilizing a defensive strategy (praying for deliverance), it will not work. Why? Because, if we have the ball, we don’t need to focus on trying to keep the enemy from scoring points against us (taking what belongs to us, blocking our blessing, etc.). Instead, we need to focus on

scoring points for ourselves.

As believers, on a daily basis we have possession of the ball. Our challenge is that *first* of all, we are not aware that we have the ball. *Second*, we don’t know what the ball looks like. And *third*, we don’t know how to score points for ourselves (with our own ball).

So, we end up praying defensive prayers that God **cannot** answer because there is nothing for Him to do, except try to let us know we already have the ball. All we need to do is **advance**.

Ok, enough with the correlations. Let’s get down to the “brass tax.” We will run quickly through a couple of relevant scriptures (all scriptures are KJV paraphrased).

Proverbs 16:3 – Commit your **works** to the Lord and your thoughts shall be established.

Psalms 1:1-3 – When we delight in the Lord, whatever we **do** will prosper.

James 2:14-17 – Profit comes from **doing** what you believe in.

Are you starting to see a pattern? God has given us everything we need - in Christ Jesus (the ball). Yes, it exists in the spiritual realm (in the presence of God). We have to commit to do all that God places in our hearts (one step at a time) in order to bring into the natural realm what presently exists in the spiritual realm. God can’t do this piece for us. And no amount of prayer (alone) will do it either.

I’ll share a personal example. A couple of years ago God placed it in my heart to write and publish a book. He’d told me what the book should be about, items to address in the book, and when He wanted me to get it done.

After He placed it in my heart, I discussed it with my husband and meditated on it. Then, God nudged me again to get started. So, I did just that. It was a long and tedious process. I had to write the manuscript, find a publisher, pay the publisher, make corrections, choose artwork, etc. When I couldn’t get a traditional publisher to publish the book I didn’t know what to do. God then let me know that I could pay to have it published myself. To make a long story short, I paid to have the book published.

Several people let me know later that the book was a blessing to them. However, it didn’t sell as many copies as I anticipated. I then wondered why God had told me to do this. After this experience, I later learned how to publish books myself. God let me know that I needed that first experience to prepare me to begin publishing

books in the future. In addition, the fact that I had published a book actually opened other doors of opportunity for me.

During this process, God had let me know that He wanted me to write and publish a book. Although God wanted this to take place, He couldn't do it. As omnipotent, omniscient, and awesome as He is, He couldn't write and publish this book. Instead, if the book was going to be published, He needed me to be obedient and do what He directed me to do.

Since that time, there have been many bold steps God has instructed my husband and I to do including sell our house and move to another community, open businesses, go through cancer treatment, and the list goes on.

God let us know that there are specific things He wants done in the earth realm. He enlists the help of His faithful children (us) to be His hands and feet by placing dreams, goals, and desires in our hearts. He then instructs us to do things (and sometimes He just pushes us to do them).

The challenge often comes in because while we wonder if we can trust God, the true question is, "Can God trust us?" Are we willing to take on an offensive strategy that says "we have the ball?" We have everything we need in Christ. Our focus is to score points for the kingdom of God. We do this by obeying God in all that He places in our hearts.

When we obey Him, we establish the kingdom of God right here on earth (spiritually); and we accomplish major goals that benefit the lives of many people.

It's time for us, as believers, to understand that **we have the ball**. Our job is to prayerfully do (everyday) what God places in our hearts to do. We have to commit our time, resources, and energy to fulfill the heart of God in the earth.

Offensive or Defensive Strategy – you choose.  
~PIP~

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### Seek Wisdom

And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. **Ecclesiastes 1:13**

### WAY OF LIFE

He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof errs.

**Proverbs 10:17**

Love and The Truth

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➤ Again... *which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.* (Romans 2:12) Here we see the conscience performing its function of approving or excusing by means of the thoughts.

The conscience both approves, and reproves. Remember that. It testifies of what is evil, but it also testifies of what is good.

- See here: *For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity... we have had our conversation in the world, (2 Corinthians 1:12).*
- Again: *We... 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 (2 Corinthians 4:2).*

Furthermore, here in the preceding passage we see that not only does our conscience bear witness to the moral quality of our ways, but also our conscience bears witness to the moral quality of others' ways. For, you see that the apostle Paul commended himself to others men's consciences.

So in closing we see a central function of the conscience, bearing witness to the moral qualities of thoughts, words, and deeds. It does this using the medium of thoughts and it does so concerning our ways, and those of other people. Next we will be exploring the effects of the conscience's testimony, some of the things that can happen to the conscience, and the remedy of Christ to every malady of conscience. -LATT-

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attributes of the nature of God which are both true and impose an obligation of duty upon man. In simple terms, the Lord identified the “Law” as our responsibility to “Love the Lord with our all; and to love our neighbor as if our neighbor were our very own self.”<sup>(3)</sup> Can you see how our Lord’s expression of our legal responsibility (to love God and man) accords with the attributes of His nature?

When I asked the Lord how He wanted to address the topic of “sin;” He took me back to the beginning.

There was a conversation: Cain was frustrated. God asked him, what was the nature of the problem? The Lord went on to disclose something to us. He said to Cain, “If you do well (what is lawful), would you not be accepted? And if thou do not well (what is **not** lawful), sin lies at the door.”<sup>(4)</sup> What door?

We see another use of the term “door” in Revelations 3:20 (KJV). Here our Lord tells the church at Laodicea that He is standing at the door, knocking.

Allow me to divert a bit; you’ll notice that in both places of scripture, the Lord counsels those who are not doing so well; whose hearts and thinking are deceived. “Deceived,” in this particular context, means that “their hearts and thinking are not parallel (or not congruent) with truth.”

The use of the term “door,” here means “a place of entrance, a place where one goes in or out.” It often refers to our “heart;” the place by which inroads are being made.

So we see that if we refrain from doing what is “lawful” (according to the definition of “real law” given above) it is because sin is present. The Lord reveals that “a good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, brings forth good things.”<sup>(5)</sup> It seems to reasonably follow that when we “do not bring forth good things,” it is because the treasure of our heart is not good.

### **IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SINS OF A BELIEVER vs. THE SINS OF AN UNBELIEVER?**

Ahh, here’s a very sticky point. This is also a point where tremendous error occurs. Let’s approach the topic this way. There is something to be said of the “offense” itself; and there is something to be said of the “offender.”

### **OFFENSE**

“Sin is sin.” There are no shades of gray here. That a believer “does not love the Lord with his all; and his neighbor as himself;” is the same offense as when an unbeliever does not do it.

I have heard it said that “the sin of a believer” is not the same as “the sin of an unbeliever.” As if to say that somehow God “winks” at the sins of the believer; and is angry with the sins of the unbeliever. This could not be farther from the truth.

If a son embezzles \$100 Million from his father’s firm; the company is no better off than if a complete stranger had stolen that same \$100 Million. The infraction is the same, although the father’s passions regarding them may differ.

Because God is categorically and necessarily “Holy and Just” the offense (sin) itself cannot be “graded on a curve” based on the “doer of the deed.” There’s a sense in which to do something other than to love the Lord with our all and our neighbor as our selves; is just as harmful in the believer, as it is in the unbeliever. And has the tendency to wreak more havoc in the believer than in the unbeliever. This is especially the case given that the enemy has wherewith to accuse us before God (not good at all).

### **OFFENDER**

Here’s where things begin to behave a little differently.

The Lord says that “whom He loves, He chastens.”<sup>(6)</sup> This He says of the “believer.”

But he also said that “the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination.”<sup>(7)</sup> This He says of the “unbeliever.”

### **IF SIN IS SO BAD, WHY DOES IT FEEL SO GOOD?**

Let’s open with an analogy. If you were born and raised in Spain and about the age of 21, you are brought to the United States to live. There would be a bit of a “vertical learning curve,” as you try to learn the new customs, language, commerce and social environments, etc. It would take you some time to acclimate yourself to the new world. Often you would find yourself reverting back to your native tongue and habits. It would feel good, and comfortable. Granted they would not serve you well in the “new world.” It would be “bad” although it would feel “good.”



epistles read of men.<sup>(8)</sup> To see the result of the natural outworking of such a mindset, let's peek into our educational system. When parents and care-givers began to abdicate the responsibility for the education of their children to the public school system; nationally we saw a decline in both the learning experience and aggregate GPA. We the church are a *BODY* of believers; the head cannot do everything. Even our Lord is the "first fruits" of many.<sup>(9)</sup> He said, "these things and greater, shall we do."<sup>(10)</sup> He started it, and it is through us that He will finish it.

See our 'big brother' Moses in one of his many petitions for Israel. "And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and break them before your eyes. And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also."<sup>(11)</sup>

**Point of Interest:** Notice that when Moses interceded for Israel, he didn't enter on the premises of Israel's "deserved-ness." Moses didn't dare take the posture that they "meant well." To do this would have been patent absurdity. To beseech the Holy One, talking about how much Israel deserved to be forgiven. What was of preeminent importance was that God had been offended, by Israel's adultery. And Moses approached God on that basis (that's wisdom crying aloud).

All petitions for forgiveness or salvation ought to be on the grounds of the heart of God and the finished work of Jesus Christ. We want to see our loved ones (and others) saved, because it is our Lord's desire that they be reconciled to Him. We want to see them saved, because of the great price our Lord paid on Calvary, and the eternal efficiency of the blood of the Lamb. Upon this basis, you'll have the ear of the Majesty.

*Blessed are they that petition the throne of God for the salvation of souls; for their mourning shall be turned to joy, as they see their loved ones (and others) come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

**"BE" Meek**

This means that we are to be characterized by patient humility. There is any number of similar definitions for *meekness*. May we enlarge of this particular expression?

It is said of our Lord, that He shall not cry [*aloud*] nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.<sup>(12)</sup> Our Lord identifies Himself is meek and lowly in heart.<sup>(13)</sup> A King, Who rides a donkey, now that is meek.<sup>(14)</sup>

Meekness is one of the nine fruits of the Spirit,<sup>(15)</sup> which means as much so as we are lead by the Spirit of God; we display meekness as a way of life (as opposed to transactional occasions of meekness; which anyone can perform.)

In dealing with the faults or shortcoming of other believers, we are to approach them in the spirit of meekness to facilitate reconciliation.<sup>(16)</sup> A spirit of meekness enables us to be longsuffering with others; as our Lord is longsuffering with us.<sup>(17)</sup> Especially, for those of us who have a particular calling to teach (aka live) the Word; we have a "double" responsibility to be meek and gentle to all.<sup>(18)</sup>

But let our adorning be the hidden man of the heart ... even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.<sup>(19)</sup>

*Blessed are those whose way of life is characterized by patient humility; for the earth shall be their inheritance.*

Man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every "BE" attitude that proceeds out of the mouth of God. =LW=

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➤ **SUMMARY** ⚡

**The Chief Cornerstone**



“Attack,” he will ... “win” he cannot. He is not “omni-anything.”

**Son of My Wisdom**



Jesus glorified the Father, by doing what He saw the Father do. So that when the world looked at Jesus, whether or not they realized it, they were in essence (and in actuality) looking at the Father.<sup>(15)</sup>

**Precepts in Practice**



The challenge often comes in because while we wonder if we can trust God, the true question is, “Can God trust us?”

**Boot Camp**



One thing is certain; ignoring sin won’t make it go away; neither will it help to deny that sin exists in your life. If we cover our sins, we cannot prosper.<sup>(9)</sup>

➤ **SUMMARY** ⚡

**The Leadership Corner**

He will “**Show You the Money**” and anything else you need - to do what He has instructed you to do.

**Journey to Intimacy**



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**Love and the Truth**



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