



The Kingdom of God



Today is the last day of January and it's time to keep you posted with a n o t h e r newsletter. We have had a great

month and are looking forward to this new month of February. All around us are the pressures of life, but it seems the more we press into the "kingdom of God" the less effect the pressure has on us. We have been lifted up in the name of the Lord and are high above the troubles that plague the world. The world may call it denial, but we actually believe God's promise of protection and provision even in the worst famine and pestilence. We want to encourage each of you to do as Noah did in building an "ark" of protection for his family in troubled times. We need to be in the secret place of the Most High God when judgment comes on the wicked and rebellious.

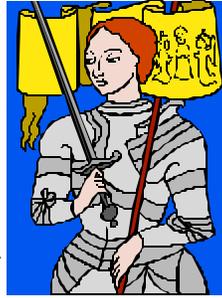
There are many scriptures that will help you do this, but Psalms 91 is our favorite. Take time to study, to meditate and speak this for yourselves and your families. Also, we need to build ourselves up in our most holy faith. How do we do this? By praying in the spirit as Jude 20-21 teaches:

Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Let's spend time in prayer, the more prayer the more we walk in God's perfected love and the more fear we can cast out. Fear is our enemy, but faith is our shield. The adversary uses fear to get to our faith, but God uses love to cast fear into outer darkness.

The Body, The Bride

Back and forth from Texas to New Mexico we trek. We're being used like a brand new steam iron smoothing out all the wrinkles with heat and pressure as we go. The garment we are pressing is a bridal gown, and it's spotless and white. The designer used the finest white linen and is preparing for the wedding feast of the millennium. The pearls and lace have been applied and fine embroidery has been added as well. No detail was overlooked for this gown, but it will require much in the preparation to assure its perfection. In the background we can hear some sort of noise, the noise of everyday life that comes to distract us but the work is so intense we don't bother to even turn an ear to it. We must finish the work, there is an appointed time for the ceremony and the clock is ticking. We love the work, we throw ourselves into it with great fervor and we rejoice to be chosen for such a job. Others are joining in to help when our arms get tired and the heat too intense, but we all keep at it with a steady pace.



This is where the body of Christ is today and we would love to enlist more of you in our part of the work. We have yet to hear from many of you. Perhaps you don't feel like you should have a part in this work, but you would be wrong in feeling this. Can the eye say to the hand "I have no need of you"? Perhaps you feel too feeble for the work? We tell you that if you are feeble, the more feeble you seem, the more you are needed (1 Cor. 12:22). Still others of you watch like wary eagles, asking the hard questions. Are they for real? Do they really care? What are they up to? You are the porters who protect and guard and we have need of you as well. Some of you work your silent work, the work of intercession. You pray quietly without any prodding or pulling, without need of recognition. We thank you and send our blessings to you. No matter what your job may be, no matter where you are in this work, we love you and recognize your value. There are still others who we may have overlooked or even hurt with some careless word or thoughtless gesture. We beg forgiveness and ask for reconciliation. A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city. We know this so we

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Points of Interest:

- Just a word to let you know that we're still in the Permian Basin.*
- Share your newsletter with a friend.*



*Don't forget our website:
www.proverbialwoman.com*

*You can now get copies of
our teaching tapes and CDs.*

will slowly work to win your trust again.

Why do we work so hard to pull together? Because this bride isn't like any other that has ever been seen. When she dons this gown she will go into full battle regalia. She will ride a white horse and race into the fury of the fight with all the armament of a soldier. The adversary will be destroyed once and for all! That is after all our very purpose, to destroy the works of the devil!

Working Out With Jeff

Matt 24:24

For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.



The first verse I quote is one we must all **remember** for the times ahead. Even now there are small hints of deception to lead men into believing The Messiah has not come in the flesh. There has been deception from the times of the garden and we know who it is that comes to deceive. And he is after souls of mankind, don't allow it in your life or the lives of the people you work with and play with! How will a lost man know that he is deceived? By you **telling** and **showing** him!

Rom 3:10-12 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Rom 3:21-22 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:9-11 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Rom 6:20-23 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is

in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Rom 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

I have listed here for you just a small sampling of what the bible tells His Sons to share with others about how to be born again. Please go back to your first love...**remember** how sweet it was when you were first born again...how you couldn't wait to **share it** with anyone who would listen? Well **jump** back into that and **stir up** that gift that is in you. **Shout** it from your rooftops and **whisper** it to them in secret but share the salvation you have been freely given. I need not **tell you** how short time is for those who don't know Him yet.

The devil would love for us to keep going to our **comfortable** little congregations so we can **sit** with all those people we are comfortable with **learning more and more and never going out and doing** the only thing that is important in the lives of others...**telling** them what God has done for you and then **telling** them what God has already done for them!

Remember, The Lord is coming back and John the Baptist "prepared the way" for Him to show up. Solomon says there is nothing that has happened that will not happen again which means we must be the ones that "prepare the way" for Him to return again. John the Baptist, Jesus, Peter and all the disciples were letting people know it was time to **repent** because The kingdom of God was at hand...well guess what, the message hasn't changed. Lets **get on the stick** and **call all men** to repentance so our Master can return. I love you and will see you next month!

A Word of Thanks

We can never say "thank you" enough to the people who have helped us along the way, but that doesn't mean we'll ever stop trying. We want to take a few moments to thank the following folks for opening their hearts and homes to us as we seek to help the body of Christ come into the full stature of a man:

Ray & Joy Hunt, Roswell, New Mexico
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These folks opened their homes to us and have encouraged us with kind words and their prayers. Your hearts are to see the body be the body and by opening your homes for us as places of ministry we are slowly but surely reaching more hurting folks every day! Blessings.

Putting The Foundation “Back” Under The Household of Faith



But an hour is coming, and now is, when the True worshippers shall worship The Father in Spirit and Truth; for such people The Father Seeks to be His worshippers. (John 4:23)

In every realm of life traditional beliefs are generally accepted without anyone trying to find out where they started or their basis in truth. Here is a very simple example: If I were to ask you the question...who said the following? “Beam me up Scotty”. Your mind immediately goes to what it has been conditioned to remember! You answer, Captain Kirk and in your mind you know you are correct. However, the simple truth is that the statement “Beam me up Scotty” was never spoken in any of the Star Trek episodes. Your mind immediately goes on the defense to say, “Prove it”. Knowing the correct answer to whether or not “Beam me up Scotty” was actually stated in an episode of that series is not of any significance in regard to any critical choices in life, but can the same be said of Spiritual matters? Shouldn’t we be very concerned what spiritual truths or traditions we are building our lives upon?

God warned in **Matthew 24:24-25** that spiritual deception would abound. We must have a sound spiritual foundation in order to discern between spiritual truth and spiritual traditions or deception. Incredible as it may seem, there are certain religious doctrines and traditions within Christianity that conflict with God’s written Word. Jesus ran into the same sort of conflicts in His days on earth. He said to the preachers and teachers of His day “...why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your traditions?” (**Matt. 15:3**)

Lets learn to use The Word of God so it may separate man-made doctrines and traditions from the truths and commandments of our Creator so that we may live accordingly and therefore please Him. (**Heb. 4:12**)

We believe what Jesus said in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. He is that Stone in the foundation of the household of faith that He

Himself is building. But there are those still today that are building a temple of their own design. It is framed around the traditions they have been raised with and set on sandy ground as its foundation. Just as in Jesus’ day it will not stand in the storm that is raging stronger and stronger.

In **Matt 21:42-46** Jesus said unto them, “Did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke of them.”

In order to keep our understanding on the right track, let’s remember that Jesus The Anointed One is the word or Torah made flesh and that will NEVER change. A foundational truth NEVER changes and that qualifies it as worthy of being foundational. If this all-important step of faith, believing and confessing that The Anointed One has come in the flesh, is omitted then everything being built is on something other than The Rock, (and actually becomes against The Anointed One or anti-christ). The apostle John tells us this in **I John 4: 3** “And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. The Psalmist wrote, “Unless The Lord builds a house, the builders labor in vain”.

Here are three building blocks called “Moeds”. Moeds are God’s appointed times. These Moeds **must be** found in the foundation under the household of faith.

1. The festival of Succoth (Tabernacles). The temporary place you live so you may make the choice of whom you will serve as Master.
2. The festival of Pesach (Passover). The Masters requirement for our redemption.
3. The festival of Shavuot (Pentecost). The gift The Master gives to all that receive His redemption.

In next month’s newsletter we will take some time and look into each one of these “appointed times” or Moeds. It is critical to understand these Moeds, because if you live and fellowship in a household that everyone takes for granted is built (or finished) and one or two or all three of these Moeds are missing from it’s foundation it is time you seriously checked out where you live and breathe and have your being.

Explosive Laughter

One of our dear partners relayed the funniest story to me when we were last in New Mexico. I asked her permission



to share it with you all and so here I go.

Jeff and I have several “piggy banks” that we deposit all our change into at the end of the week. We save this change to give to folks that have found a special place in our hearts. Usually we roll the money and take it to the bank and have it turned into paper money, but the last time we went to get paper rolls our bank informed us they no longer take money rolled by their customers. From now on we’d have to drop the money off for a day or so and they’d get around to whenever they could. We decided to roll the money ourselves and give it to folks in that form.

Jeff and I filled a little marbled black gift bag with quarter rolls, nickel rolls and dime rolls. When we heard whom to give the money to we set it aside and waited to give it until we returned to New Mexico. Jeff went to give the money to the little lady the Lord had directed us to bless. When he got there she was not at home. She didn’t have a phone, so he decided to sit and wait a while hoping she’d show up while he sat on her porch. After waiting quite a while he gave up and simply left the heavy little unmarked bag on the porch. When he got back to the house we were staying at I asked him if he’d left a note with the bag. He responded “no”. I was concerned that he hadn’t left a note and reminded him that the woman we were blessing had been harassed by a previous neighbor and would be very suspect of an unmarked bag, especially one that was so heavy. I jokingly said, “She might even call the bomb squad” and then let the subject end there. We headed back to Texas and didn’t give the event a second thought until we returned to New Mexico the following month. When I saw the little lady at the monthly bible meeting I asked her if she’d found a little black bag with money on her porch. She seemed very surprised and then shared her story with me.

“I came home and saw that bag on my porch. I looked for some sort of card or note. I found none and when I went to pick the bag up it seemed too heavy and left it where it was. I went to a pay phone and called a couple friends to see if any of them had left the bag. No one responded to the affirmative. I even made one of my friends come to the house.” She then called the police and the bomb squad. Jeff asked her if they bomb guys had blown the bag up? She told him no. We could all envision pieces of quarters, nickels and dimes flying all over the place. When the bomb squad did arrive she told them to make sure and cover their faces as the bag was very heavy and might contain nails that would explode into their faces. The bomb guy wearing safety garb pulled down his face guard and proceeded to delve into the bag. “Lady, someone gave you a bunch of money”.

By the time she had finished telling her story, we were all laughing very hard. It’s rather sad we live in such a world where a simple gift could become such a frightening thing. I can remember as a young girl taking “May baskets” to folks, leaving them on their doors and ringing the doorbell and running. We delighted to see the faces of the

recipients. Today, we might be met with a totally different outcome to the same scenario.

Answered Prayer & The Prayer of Agreement



Last month we shared a picture of a little trailer we needed for ministry. The Lord provided within just a very short period of time the trailer! She (Gracie) has already been out on her maiden voyage and we rejoice in the quick answer to prayer. Only two weeks after we first mentioned her in the newsletter she was delivered to our front door! No debt was incurred, either by

us or by the couple that purchased her! She is paid for in full and was sown as seed for the finances to construct a “prophet’s room” onto their home. The folks that sowed her into our lives have already received notice that the money they needed to build had arrived and we all rejoice. God’s word is good, sowing always yields a harvest and we look forward to many blessed miles as we transport First Light via “Gracie”.

Once again we come to you for the “prayer of agreement” over ministry needs. We also want to take an active part in praying for and in agreement with your faith. Whatever you are believing for, whether to be debt free, for healing, for reconciliation, for spiritual needs, for emotional needs, for whatever you may need we’re here. Please call and let us know how we can pray for you.

James 5:16 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth (to make available) much.

Matt 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, “That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

We are in need of:

Physical needs: DVD-R/CD-RW, vehicle to tow Gracie (we are using a borrowed pickup) as she’s a smidgen too heavy for our car, finances to send out newsletters each month, finances for everyday expenses.

Emotional needs: Recognize when we’re tired and remember to take time to rest and refuel. Folks to call and let us know we’re doing ok. Cards and letters from folks to let us know what’s happening in all the towns in the Permian Basin and E. New Mexico (Besides, we love to get cards for any reason). Hugs when you see our faces. Phone calls and emails just saying hi.

Spiritual needs: Keep our eyes on the kingdom of God, ability to find the little lost sheep wherever we go, effectual doors in towns we go, spiritual strongholds easily recognized in towns we go, soft hearts to always be receptive to the folks we minister to. Your prayers.

The Mystery of the Covenant Part 2



I want to encourage each of you to reread last month's article on "The Mystery of the Covenant" (part 1). If you didn't receive this newsletter, please call me and we'll see to it that one is sent to you. You really need the first part to understand clearly this month's article.

We went through a quick outline of the steps of the blood covenant and I'd like to do a little comparing so you can easily see how we can recognize Yeshua/Jesus in the blood covenant.

?? Priests of the **tribe** (Judah) are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**. (We see our Lord as the great High Priest wearing the robes of righteousness. He wears the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, and the belt of truth.

?? The two tribal participants of the covenant are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**. Yeshua is from the **tribe** of Judah; we are from the **tribes** of the nations. He was **chosen** before the foundation of time, and then **dressed** in a flesh body and **Anointed** by the Holy Spirit to accomplish his feat. We were **chosen** by God to be sons, **dressed** in flesh and **anointed** through Yeshua to go and act as His first begotten Son!

?? Witnesses are **chosen, dressed** and **anointed**. We are **called** to be witnesses to all the peoples of the world; we are **dressed** like the Son of God and **anointed** to do whatever it takes to accomplish the job.

?? **Terms of the covenant** or **commandments** are discussed and **engraved**. The **first covenant** had **commandments**, ten of them written on stone. The **new covenant** is written on tablets of flesh, our heart. We now love God with all our being and our neighbors as ourselves.

?? **Blood** is shed and a **scar** is made. The **covenant** Yeshua made was **ratified** in his **blood**. We receive him as our **blood sacrifice** and our **hearts** are **circumcised** where only God can see.

?? **Drink** the blood. We take the "**blood**" of Yeshua in **communion** or in the **Passover wine**. It symbolizes his **sacrifice** for our **sins** or for our **breaking the first covenant in Adam**.

?? **Bread** is eaten. We eat the **unleavened bread** of the **Passover** or **communion meal**. Representative of his flesh broken for us and for our sicknesses.

?? An **animal** is **sacrificed** and eaten (meal). If you have ever taken part in a **Passover** seder you will see the shank bone of a lamb on the **Passover** plate. No longer do the Jews carry out the **animal sacrifice**, but they will reinstitute it during the time of the tribulation. Yeshua is the **Passover lamb** and he was **sacrificed once and for**

all. We don't have to sacrifice lambs every year for our sins!

?? Each **tribal** member **swears (commits)** to keep the **covenant**. We each make a personal **commitment to God** and therefore **swear** or **commit** our lives to Him and spend our lives **keeping the covenant** (what Yeshua did) alive in our hearts.

?? **Gifts** are exchanged. The Lord gave us his life we give him ours. He gave us his **righteousness** we give him our sin. He gave us his **riches** we give him our poverty. He gave us his **health** and **healing** and we give him our sicknesses and disease. What an exchange!

?? **Blessings** are professed for the keeping of the **covenant**. If we **keep the covenant** in our hearts, we will believe God's word and therefore lay hands on the sick and watch them recover. We will cast out demons, we will speak with new tongues, we will take up serpents to stop plagues, we will preach the gospel and we will be able to face death and have it not affect us because if we believe the Holy Spirit can go to work!

?? **Curses** for **forsaking the covenant** are spoken. If we don't believe in the work of Yeshua we will see the **curses** of Deuteronomy 28 come on us. If we try to establish our own **righteousness** any other way but by faith, the **curses** will come on us.

Trying period of the covenant begin. We're there now.

Regular Monthly Meetings

The first and fifth Saturday of every month we meet at Penny Malone's home at 3309 Pinemont, Midland, TX. We have communion and share either the weekly bible/Torah reading or other pertinent studies. Open discussion, prayer and ministry follow. 1-3PM.

The second Friday of every month we meet at either Kerry & Verna Evan's (26332 N. Jade) or Bobbie and Shannon Hester's (501 W. Marr) in Hobbs, New Mexico. We celebrate the beginning of Sabbath and then have studies based upon the weekly bible/Torah reading or other pertinent studies. Open discussion, prayer and ministry follow. 7-9PM

The third Saturday of every month we meet at Dorothy Blackwell's home at 4208 Boulder, Midland, TX. We have communion and share either the weekly bible/Torah reading or other pertinent studies. Open discussion, prayer and ministry follow. 1-3PM

The fourth Friday of the month we may meet at Shane & Tasha Olive's home at 2604 Bay Meadow, Roswell, New Mexico. This is a temporary arrangement and if you'd like to offer your home as an alternative please call. 7-9PM

The fourth Saturday of the month we meet at Ed & Evalyn Swindell's home at 3201 N. Washington, Roswell, NM. 2-4PM. Bible study and fellowshiping.

We are working with Beatrice Pittman in Seminole, TX to establish regular meetings there, if you live close by why not call and help? For all meetings call 915-550-7642 or 915-528-6400 (cell).



Jeff & Cerise's Schedule February 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Call for more info on all upcoming meetings.	Call and host a meeting in your town.	915-550-7642 915-550-0690 fax 915-528-6400 cell	firstlightconsulting@yahoo.com	Visit our website to stay updated. Http://www.proverbialwom.com	The weekly torah readings are listed on each Sabbath. Visit the web for haftorah readings.	1 Sabbath Meeting in Midland at Malone's 1-3PM Ex. 20:1 - 24:18
2 Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.	3	4	5 Prayer Day Odessa Men's meeting at Golden Corral	6	7 Meeting in Hobbs, NM 7-9PM Thanks Hester family!	8 Sabbath Ex. 25:1 -27:19
9 And they met on the first day of the week to break bread.	10	11	12 Prayer Day Odessa Men's meeting at Golden Corral	13	14	15 Sabbath Meeting in Midland at Blackwell's 1-3PM Ex. 27:20-30:10
16 How beautiful is it when brothers dwell together in unity.	17	18	19 Prayer Day Odessa Men's meeting at Golden Corral	20	21 Roswell Meeting at the Olive's 7-9PM	22 Sabbath Roswell Meeting Swindell's 2-4PM Ex. 30:11 -34:35
23 Consider the body! Do something special for your pastor and his family.	24	25	26 Prayer Day Odessa Men's meeting at Golden Corral	27	28	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

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