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Jeff is in Mexico again this morning, but if he were home he'd join me in thanking all who came to our Sukkot party. If you were unable to attend you missed a lot of fun. We had folks come from as far away as Lovington and Roswell, NM and Abilene, TX.

We set up the sukkah on Friday afternoon and began decorating it. The kids had made "Happy Birthday" cards for Yeshua/Jesus and we even had a birthday cake with seven candles on it representing the "seven days" of creation and seven thousand years

of humanity on planet earth. There are so many symbols in the number seven it was a must to have seven candles on his cake. The kids even watched as the Lord blew out his candles. That made us all chuckle!

There was so much food I am taking the leftover leftovers to a shelter for battered women and children (Mission Messiah). God has truly blessed us with so much this past year. We had three more people this year than last year so we were even blessed with increase in people.

We hired a "jumpy house" as the kids call it. It was a huge inflated castle and it kept the children happy and busy for many hours. We had folks camp out and stay over and we just plain had a good time. We hope to have just a little more time next year for planning so that more of you can set aside the two days to celebrate with us.

Jeff taught on the spirit of Anti-Messiah (antichrist) and I shared a little about the humanity of our Savior. Once again we shared on the significance of Sukkot in God's timeline and what it means to believers today. We also shared about what it will mean for humanity in the future. Sukkot is truly the season of rejoicing and Yeshua/Jesus is really the reason for the season!

All and all we had a blast and enjoyed good food, music and fellowship. We had guitars, drums, a tambourine, and I got to play my accordions along with lots of happy voices. We may not have sounded like the angels of heaven, but we are



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Prayer Requests:

- ??Please continue to lift the following in prayer:
- ??Repair of our plumbing in our home
- ??Expansion
- ??God's continuing direction for this new year of ministry
- ??Time for fasting and prayer for Jeff
- ??Repair of the several vehicles sitting unused

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getting better at singing together. We even had printed song sheets, which helped tremendously. I think I like sitting round the campfire and just hearing people's voices as they share their lives with each other!

The girls that help us here in Odessa remarked that it was way easier this year than last year and I must agree. For some reason it took much less effort this year than last. I suppose because one of us (me) decided to just go with the flow and simply enjoy the planning and that means everyone had a better time.

Thanks to all of you who brought food, musical instruments and your warm bodies to our Sukkot party. We always enjoy everyone pitching in to make it a family event. See you all next year in Gardendale (the Lord willing).

The Cain Mentality



There are always two ways of doing something, the right way or the wrong way. Most believers don't go around looking for the wrong way of doing a thing, but we all stand the chance of failing and doing exactly that. *Proverbs {14:12} There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*

Abel in Hebrews 11 offered a more excellent sacrifice than his brother. What was the cost of that sacrifice? His life. Why did it cost him so much? Because of his brother Cain and Cain's way of thinking. Abel heard God through his father Adam, submitted to him voluntarily and did what his father told him. Abel gave his ALL and loved God with ALL his might. His ALL meant his life. Adam taught his son to make the right sacrifice and Abel chose to hear and obey. Cain on the other hand really didn't believe his father and only made an offering that men could see. He didn't believe there was a God until it was too late. He offered the leftovers and figured no one would be the wiser, but God is ALWAYS watching (as is the adversary).

Many today just do what they think people expect of them and never go to the effort to find out what God expects. God expects us to be HOLY. We sure don't see much holiness in the world today. God doesn't make demands that are outside our ability to accomplish. If He tells us to do a thing He fully expects us to do it because He equips us with whatever He requires of us.

God tells a man to do a thing, but then that man offers less than God requires and has a "get by" mentality. This is the "Cain mentality".

Many are called but FEW are chosen. How many could walk in the high places if they would only give their ALL rather than "just enough" to get by? Mediocrity is the art of giving only the medium or average effort to any given job. My earthly father despised mediocrity in any way. He was always speaking to me about doing my best. I wasn't interested in doing things I didn't like or want to do so instead I would offer mediocre efforts in the "have tos" and then gave my all in the "want tos." I had a call on my life and I wanted to skip through the "obedience to parents" thing. I wanted to do what I wanted to do. Because I was not born again and equipped by the Holy Spirit I had a real Cain mentality. Underneath it all I had such a nasty attitude it is a miracle I ever accomplished a thing. Now mind you I loved stuff and money and would do whatever it took to get the stuff and money. When I was employed I gave my employer my all and I always got a paycheck and never was fired. BUT if my employment ever came to the place where it wasn't comfortable or things weren't going MY way, I would quit. I didn't like the hard path or the high road.

The Cain Mentality.....continued

As a spirit-filled believer (one who relies on the communication of the Holy Spirit from spirit to Spirit) I can no longer get by with mediocrity. I have no one to blame but myself if things aren't done or I don't have what I need. The Holy Spirit asks hard things all the time and I must willingly obey because I know God never asks for something he hasn't given me first. I now live in a covenant relationship with the God of all creation. He speaks, I listen and then I obey.

Repentance comes when we realize and confess we have NOT given God our all. I am working on repentance from the dead work of "doing my own thing" and I know that I will NEVER again give mediocre efforts to anything I do. My goal is to burn out at both ends.

I once read a statement by E. M. Bounds (a saint who has already gone onto heaven). He said that believers should burn out for God. At first I thought he was crazy, but shortly thereafter I had a vision of two candles in a drawer. One had a smile on its face and was just a stub compared to the other. The other had Xs for eyes. In my estimation it was dead. It had never been burnt and was intact. I thought about my trip to Russia and the things I do on a daily basis after hearing God's directions through my husband and through prayer. The travels have been tough, the road rarely smooth, but oh the adventures and things I have seen and lived. I wouldn't trade all the lazy days of mediocrity for one single hard day in Belarus.

Abel gave the more excellent sacrifice. He gave his all for the God he loved. As the writer of Hebrews said, Abel obtained a good report.

One day we shall all sit at the feet of God and His Son Yeshua. We shall hear the stories of the saints and of our Lord. What will be your testimony? Did you sit at home and watch TV or do your hobbies rather than get out and do the bidding of God? Men may not care what you have done, but most assuredly you should care.

If you've been called to intercede do it with all your strength. If you've been called to serve, serve with all your might. If you've been called to wash feet, wash feet with the excitement of a child before he opens a special gift. If you've been called to give of your substance, do it with all the gusto you can earthly muster. (God loves a cheerful giver.) What is God telling you to do? Then go and do it well. You can't blame anyone else for your performance. Oh you may try to put the blame on somebody, but as my dad used to tell me, "If you point your finger at someone you have four more pointing back at you." You must obey what God has called you to do and that is ALL you are accountable for. If you are unable to do so it may be because you haven't given your ALL.



Romans{12:1} I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Belarusian Connection

Snezhana Noll returned from her native Belarus and shared how hard things have gotten for the believers in her country. Pastor Pavel must register with his government in order to worship. The government never offers reasons for pulling their permission, but do so in an arbitrary way. They took away their permission for his congregation to congregate so they are being forced to meet in homes. This makes the group split up into smaller cells. They need our intercession so we begin.

Belarusian Connection.....continued

Many foreign believers (folks not native to Belarus) who have started works there have had their visas pulled and have had to move out of Belarus to places like the Ukraine where they can set up operations again. Some Norwegian believers I met during my stay have been forced out of Minsk.

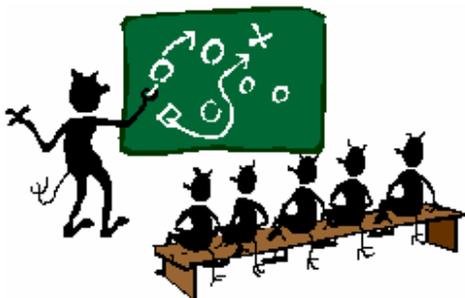
We ask you to take the time to pray for the underground church in Belarus as well as the few brave who worship openly. They are truly wrestling against the principality there in Belarus.

1 Corinthians {12:26} And whether one member (of the Body) suffer, all the members suffer with it.

For now we in America can worship without too many restrictions, but we never know when our freedoms shall be stripped from us. We are accountable to care for one another, no matter where we live. Let us not take for granted our present freedoms and begin in earnest to intercede for our beloved brothers and sisters in Belarus.

The Lord is preparing me for another trip to Belarus and I ask for your prayers as I press into hearing His voice in this regard.

The Enemy's Strategies



Every single day of our lives on the planet we have an unseen enemy who is scheming toward our demise. He wants to steal from us, kill us and finally destroy us. He is full of wicked plans that he implements with the greatest stealth. Like an invisible predator he surveys the earth looking for some unsuspecting victim. Sadly his weaponry is deception and those that fall to his devices are manifold countless numbers. When the time clock sounds its final bell all who were deceived will see him and like the little man behind the curtain in a familiar sad fairy tale, his smallness will be uncovered. Behind his huge ugly mask he will call out,

“Ignore the little worm behind the curtain.”

Let us not be taken unawares. Let there be some who are NOT tricked, duped, seduced, lied to, and deceived by this powerless foe.

Colossians {2:15} [And Yeshua/Jesus] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

*Revelation {1:18} I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and **have the keys of hell and of death.** (The keys he took from the adversary!)*

*1 Peter {5:8} Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, **as a roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he **may** devour: {5:9} Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. {5:10} But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his*

*eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you **perfect, establish, strengthen, settle** [you.]{5:11} To him [be] glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Sure the devil has successfully duped vast multitudes of people, but he doesn't have to trick us. With a little instruction, some discipleship, and a little practice we can learn his tricks, stomp his head and possess the land. What land am I talking about? Your body!

Like the Savior, Yeshua/Jesus we are the sons and daughters of the Most High God. We have a job to finish; we were created, called and chosen to destroy the works of the adversary. When we press into believing God and hearing His Voice in order to obey, we are undefeatable. When we begin in earnest to obey and then fall prey to the trickery of the devil we can end up in a pile on the proverbial floor.



The adversary weasels in, chisels away at and worms his way into our hearts. He is after the precious seed sown in our hearts. Each and every time you read the word of God or hear the word spoken old "worm-head" sets out to devour whatever you heard. He starts with, "If you are really a child of God why did you do this sin or that sin?" It matters little to him that you confessed it twenty years ago or even ten minutes ago; he's going to do whatever it takes to make you doubt your relationship to God. He will TRY to convince you that God hasn't forgiven ALL your iniquities.

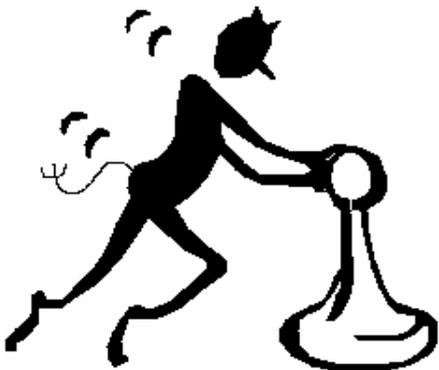
In these last days the enemy is getting nervous. In Revelation 12:12 we're told that the enemy knows he has but a short time. His goal is to exalt his throne (or place of authority) over the throne of God. The book of the Revelation of the Anointed Messiah (Christ) was written down almost two thousand years ago. We have just a short time before this whole thing we call "life on earth" is over. So the enemy is on the rampage. He NEVER plays fair. He NEVER slows down. He is full of devices, tricks, illusions, lies, deceit, and carnal temptations to steal, kill and destroy mankind. We MUST be disciplined. We can no longer sit in comfy pews and hear milk-toast messages that make us feel good for ten minutes. Humans are being deceived at a rate like we've never seen before. We are at the end of the cycle of lust, sin and death. We are actually seeing "tares" walking around; the children of satan. They are like zombies or "dead men walking". We aren't supposed to be afraid of them, but we must be aware they are present.

We are not devil chasers, but the FIRST sign that we are believers is that we cast OUT devils. The devil has NO PLACE in the child of God, but many of us through ignorance have given room in our bodies and souls (minds, will and emotions) to devils or seducing spirits. The generation we see living around us wants everything to be totally logical and neat. They want to box everything up in nice neat categories that make sense to the mental realm. If we are really going to believe the word we must believe ALL of it. We can't pick and choose what feels good or our logic can "figure out". The bible isn't a series of short stories or a magic spell book that one picks and chooses formulas that work in a given situation. It must be taken in its entirety. Yeshua/Jesus was the Torah made flesh. What part of him would we want to omit? Many choose to accept salvation, but not healing. Some choose healing but not deliverance from devils. Usually the ones who reject deliverance are the ones who are mentally deceived or physically oppressed the most. If the adversary can turn our minds away from the first part of Mark 16:15-20 he can most likely stop the rest through deception.

Acts {10:38} How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing

The Enemies Strategies.....continued

good, and healing *all that were oppressed of the devil*; for God was with him.



*Acts {5:16} There came also a multitude [out] of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were **vexed with unclean spirits**: and they were healed every one.*

How can we deny that there are unseen forces trying to kill us IF we really believe the word? Our logical minds prefer to go first to physicians who deal with the natural realm when the cause of sickness may be sin or demonic oppression. How many doctor bills could we avoid if we would deal with sin or deception first?

physician Look up physician at Dictionary.com c.1225, fisicien, from O.Fr. fisicien "physician" (12c., Mod.Fr. physicien means "physicist"), from physique "art of healing," from L. physica "natural science" (see physic).

Consider the man in John 5 who the Lord told to "sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." Now mind you not all sickness or infirmity is a result of the individual's sin, but if it is and that person goes to doctors rather than seek God's will he could be in real trouble. The guy in John 5 didn't get offended when Yeshua/Jesus said that. Why didn't he get offended? Number one he was healed, number two he knew what the Lord was saying was true!

*2 Chronicles {16:11} And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they [are] written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. {16:12} And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease [was] exceeding [great:] **yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.**{16:13} And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.*

Here we have the end result of a leader, who walked in gross sin and thought he could merely go to the doctors, take medicine and go on. Wrong! Let's read the verses that describe the last sins of King Asa before he got sick in his feet:

2 Chronicles {16:7} And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. {16:8} Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. {16:9} For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of [them] whose heart [is] perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. {16:10} Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for [he was] in a rage with him because of this [thing.] And Asa oppressed [some] of the people the same time.

Jeremiah {2:14} Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine

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iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

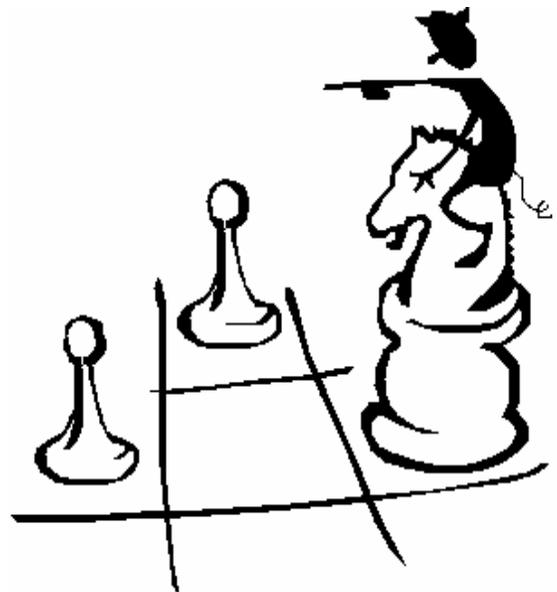
2 Timothy {2:24} And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men,] apt to teach, patient, {2:25} In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; {2:26} And [that] they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Yes, we have a defeated foe and the Lord made an open show of him. He took the keys of death and hell from him. BUT, this same Lord told us to cast devils out of men and women. He told us to “give no place” for the devil. We have got to recognize that the enemy is the MOST subtle creature. He has all sorts of experience in “smoke and mirror” trickery. Just pretending he isn’t bugging us means we also ignore the counsel of Paul and James. 2 Corinthians 10:5 and James 4:7 tell us to “cast down vain imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God” and “resist the devil”.

God’s ways are past finding out with the human mind, but He will give understanding to those who give Him their all. You can’t figure God out, you must trust Him and then He will trust you with the hidden mysteries of His word. One mystery is the dark realms. If we ignore them because we can’t see them we shall be like the “smart” men who refused to believe in germs, atoms, and anything not open to the naked eye of man. Just because you can’t see a demon doesn’t mean you aren’t being harassed by one. Just because you can’t see a legion of the ugly things doesn’t mean you haven’t had that many mess with you. We are taught in Hebrews that as we mature past the milk of the first principles of the doctrines of Christ, we can “eat” the strong meat of the word. That strong meat enables us to exercise our flesh to pick up when dark forces are at work. The Body of Christ needs men and women willing to pay the cost to be able to partake of such strong meat. Not all are willing to do so. Our part is to pray for such men and women. Whoever is called to walk such a path must be secure in righteousness and faith. Please take the time to

pray for the discerners in the Body. Pray in the spirit for them if you just don’t know what to pray, but pray nonetheless. We also, as a Body, need to acknowledge that we don’t “know it all” and that we can be subject to deception and are constantly in need of the Savior. His job was done at the cross, but our need of his finished work continues until the end of the millennial reign of Christ. Let us also pray for God to show us the areas we walk in darkness or deception so that He can free us from the bondages of the enemy.

Hebrews {5:13} For every one that useth milk [is] unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. {5:14} But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



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Jeff's November 2006 Schedule

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Prayer | Thu | Fri | Sabbath |
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| We are the Body of Christ and our job is to finish the call of 1 John | 3:8 and we must be in unity to do so. Ask God to show you where | You might be out of unity with the Body! | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Lovington Meeting Doc Dean's 7-9PM | 7 Go Vote Led of the Holy Spirit | 8 Odessa Meeting 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM | 9 | 10 Hobbs Meeting 2227 E. Waters 7-9PM | 11 Roswell Meeting 2-4PM 2401 N. Grand |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Odessa Meeting 18 Antebellum | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Odessa Meeting 10 Louisiana Cove 7-9PM | 23 Thanksgiving | 24 | 25 |
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