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While We're Apart

During my morning devotions and prayer time I was reading Paul's letter to the Philippian believers. Unlike today, the letters Paul wrote were passed around to every congregation of believers. The schisms and sects we see today took a while to form and the daily persecution of the Body kept the believers joined in heart and purpose like super glue.



Today God asks us to work to unite the Body. God doesn't exclude anyone who trusts in His son, but includes them in hearing His voice and knowing His will. It isn't easy to knit folks together, in fact it's down right impossible so we know that God is the one who does the job for we certainly can't.

Much of the work we do is physically away from the Body of Christ. It is done in prayer, study and deep intercession. We are learning how to minister healing to folks who have yearned for healing for decades, yet have found none. We are learning how to minister deliverance for the Body though they have been in bondage for years without remedy. The job of the apostle isn't a glamorous one, although some have tried to make it seem so. If you look at the lives of the apostles of the Lamb (the first twelve apart from Judas), you will see that all but one was martyred. Even John on the isle of Patmos was imprisoned for the cause. Things have not changed today; the job of the apostle is to serve the Father with every smidgen of strength by serving His children.

There is much teaching that has to be done as well. We face opposition by the unseen adversary to the teaching the Father would have us do. The adversary doesn't want humans to know the truth of God's will, for that **truth will make or create in them freedom**. He hates to see us free. For that reason we press in although it is not easy. We continue though we know the course we have ahead will only get harder and go straight up to heaven. The pathway to heaven is a rocky road. Y'shua/Jesus was able to stay on his course by this means: "For the joy set before him he endured the cross". He could see the end from the beginning. We too are looking for a joyful end and that is you becoming mature sons of God. We see the manifestation of Christ, the Anointed One and his Anointing by the Holy Spirit being formed in you. We agree with what Paul wrote in Philippians 2:13, we believe that God is working in us all both to will AND to do of His good pleasure.

We want to share one of the many prayers we pray for you on a regular basis. Please take the time to look it up in your bible. Write it down and use it in your daily prayer and intercession time. Pray it for the Body. We are fast learning the power of the prayer of agreement. When the Body is in one accord, Abba Father can speed His work through.

Philippians 1:9-11 "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

You are very precious to the heavenly Father. No matter where you are, no matter what you are doing, He is watching you. His power is His love and He yearns to release it. As you come in line with His will (which He will speak to you and can be weighed against what is in the written word), you will see prosperity of body, mind and spirit. The whole plan of God is to destroy the corrupting, killing works of the adversary. He is doing it through His son(s). First He did it through Y'shua/

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?? We will come and minister healing via anointing with oil and praying the prayer of faith. Just holler.

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Jesus and now through us. The more we submit and put ourselves under His authority, the quicker the work will be done.

You are worth the effort and we gladly do the work even though it is headed uphill. We want the best for you because He wants the best for you. His will is our delight. Keep up the good work until we can be with you again.

Oh, by the way, don't forget to pray for us too. We feel like we're spread too thinly already so God will have to increase us so we can do all that He has asked of us. That means teaching enough folks to fill in where we can't be. We aren't alone in this venture and pray for the laborers God would have to do the work of this harvest of sons.

Zeph 3:9

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

KJV

Why Tongues?

There are so many in the Body of Christ who resist this one gift of the Holy Spirit that it seems it has to be taught repeatedly, but here we will teach without all the hype that seems to surround it. I for one resisted it for many years and only after much patience on God's part accepted and surrendered out of complete desperation and need.

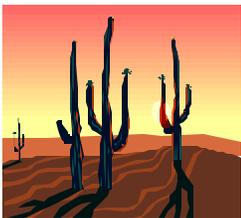
What is tongues? It most certainly isn't "ecstatic utterance" because one does not have to be in ecstasy to use it. One can be of a completely clear mind and pray or speak in tongues. It isn't influenced by demons but resisted by them for they aren't privy to it.

Tongues manifests in many ways depending upon the situation. The Holy Spirit is the one who manifests the "speaking in tongues" that must be interpreted in the congregation. The Holy Spirit also manifests the tongues that are used in one's private prayer closet, but as with all the manifestations of his presence, the participant must submit to the Holy Spirit for manifestation.

Contrary to the mistaken beliefs of some, the Holy Spirit doesn't force anyone to speak in tongues, and neither does he ever take over control of the person to the exclusion of the will of that person. The Holy Spirit is a complete "gentleman" and I use that word only to describe the politeness of God's most Holy Spirit. He is not a man. He is likened to a dove, and if you've ever tried to contain or catch a dove you know how easily it can be "frightened". Now the Holy Spirit is never afraid, but fear in men causes him to be less than effective.

Tongues isn't a New Testament only thing. The early Hebrews knew about it and were not taken aback with its use.

- ?? Isaiah 28:11 God will teach His people using tongues. It also brings rest to God's people.
- ?? Zeph. 3:9 Language was corrupted and God will restore to His people a new pure language. Here the prophet foretells of this day.
- ?? Mark 16:17 Y'shua/Jesus prophesied that true believers would speak in new tongues and it would be one manifestation of true belief/faith.
- ?? Acts 2:4 Manifestation of other tongues after the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
- ?? Acts 2:8 Men hear 70 different languages though one tongue is spoken. Clearly a special manifestation depending upon need and circumstance and at the discretion of the Holy Spirit.
- ?? Acts 2:11 Tongues is used to express in 70 languages the loving works of our God and Father.



Matt 4:1
4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
KJV

Why Tongues.....continued

- ?? Acts 10:46 Tongues is used to magnify God.
- ?? Acts 19:6 Tongues is used as a means to prophesy or foretell the will of God.
- ?? 1 Cor. 12:10 Tongues are divers or different and some must be interpreted.
- ?? 1 Cor. 13:1 The apostle Paul taught on tongues and spoke in tongues.
- ?? 1 Cor. 13:8 Tongues are for a limited time and will pass away when no longer needed.
- ?? 1 Cor. 14:2 One speaks to God when one speaks in tongues.
 - ?? Tongues aren't understood by the natural mind.
 - ?? Tongues are the language of the spirit.
 - ?? God speaks mysteries to us via tongues.
- ?? 1 Cor. 14:4 The believer is built up spiritually through tongues.
- ?? 1 Cor. 14:5 The apostle Paul wanted everyone to speak in tongues.
 - ?? Tongues in corporate use must be interpreted.
- ?? 1 Cor. 14:26 The Body at Corinth spoke in tongues.
 - ?? Tongues are appropriate for corporate use with interpretation.
- ?? 1 Cor. 14:27 The Body at Corinth was disorderly in their use of tongues.



Isa 43:19
19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.
KJV

Man's language was first corrupted at the Garden of Eden. He, like his illegal stepfather satan, began to speak his own words. He (satan) usurped his own authority speaking just what he felt rather than the will of God. Words are creative and can be destructive. God intended for mankind to use words for creative purposes, but satan brought iniquity into the world and caused mankind to use words for his own destructive plan. For this reason God manifested different languages at Babel. Mankind was so corrupted their every imagination was evil. They were of a single mind to do a wicked thing and had they succeeded they would have plunged themselves and all humanity into eternal death. God in His great mercy intervened and confounded their language. It has taken a long time, but once again we are on the precipice of a similar thing. Soon English will be the language of the world and with it comes the opportunity for man to be of "one mind" to do evil. Though it isn't something we want to see come, it won't take us unaware. God knew it was coming and has made contingency for the day it happens.

Tongues is the language of the Holy Spirit. It can only be corrupted through false interpretations, but the message itself isn't changed. The adversary has no spiritual life within him so he can't understand it but can prevent it if he controls the mind of man. He, in comparison to the Holy Spirit is no gentlemen. He is the master "control freak". He wants control of man's tongue so he can destroy. If he has the tongue of man, the creative power of man, he will twist it and use it for his own purpose. BUT as long as God has men and women who will believe His word and submit to the Holy Spirit there is hope.

Divine tongues are our power tools. We are educated by God via tongues. We are built up by speaking, singing and praying in tongues. We foretell the future and will of God via tongues. We learn vast mysteries of the spirit via tongues. It is no wonder that the devil does all he can to get those who claim the name of Y'shua/Jesus to sidestep this awesome gift.

We exhort you if you do not have this manifestation of the Holy Spirit to look up the scriptures we have supplied. There are many more of them, but here we list way more than the two or three witnesses that law requires to prove our case. You need tongues for a more stable and effective walk with God. Why not submit to this additional teaching and be blessed?

A New Living Way off Your Deathbed



Isaiah 51:3

3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
KJV

Isa 43:20

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

KJV



Prov. 3:9-10
9 Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
KJV

In 2 Kings 1: 1-10 the Bible has recorded a prophetic event. “What is a prophetic event”, you might be asking yourself? It is an actual event in someone’s life years ago, that should cause us in this time to look for something happening now that might parallel the original old actual event. It is a type and it is a shadow of things to come. I will take all the suspense out of this right now and let you in on the fact that this event is pointing us to repentance and preparation.

Ahab’s son Ahaziah was not a worshipper or follower of the God of Israel. He went the way of his father Ahab by following after baalzebub. It wasn’t until he was on his deathbed that God sent Elijah to bring to Ahaziah’s remembrance that “It’s not because there is no God in Israel that he was following another god”. Or in other words God lets Ahaziah know He’s always been there and he had no reason to seek after baalzebub. For this reason Elijah told Ahaziah, “There will be no getting up from the bed you are in”. In a short two year period Ahaziah had managed to be so wicked that baalzebub the god of Ekron was able to take his life. I fully believe that had Ahaziah turned to the God of Israel, repented and served Him Elijah would have been sent to raise him up from his bed of affliction. That is how the mercy of God works. Repentance can deliver even the hardest of sinners.

In Luke 3: 1-18 the same mercy and the same anointing of repentance shows up in John the Baptist. He walks onto the scene offering a time for Israel, who were on their deathbed, to admit their dead works, and admit that their efforts to keep the law were not enough to stay judgment and repent. John the Baptist also came with a word letting those people that would admit this, know that there was one coming that would finish what Adam and all of Israel could not finish. This Promised One would be able to keep the legal requirements so once more God could place His Spirit within man. Only The Messiah could do so, no ordinary man was able to keep the entire law because of what we inherited from Adam (a sin nature). Our Messiah did not have the blood of Adam for he was begotten of God, not man.

Because of Jesus fulfillment of the law God now had a man that He could move into and live through. I need to explain two things at this point:

1. We all need to understand that our Messiah Jesus was not just a man, even though He was tempted in all ways just like me, I gave in to most and sinned...He never gave in to sin because He was perfectly triune; God-Spirit-man.

God gave all authoritative dominion on earth to the man He created, Adam. Intrusting the entire planet to his care. When Adam disobeyed God he was separated from God. He still had all authoritative dominion but the wrong god, the devil, now led Adam. By Adam following the wrong god the one true God could not get into the earth through the man he had created. He had to find a way back into His creation hence our Messiah made the way. The devil has no authority on this planet unless he can find a man to do what he says. The same is true of our Father; He has no authority on earth except He find a man to do what He says. I did not say that God has no authority, we know that Jesus said that He has all authority and all power, but when He ascended on high he was no longer in a flesh and blood body and that is where the Father left authority (in flesh and blood man). He also is no longer on earth except in and through His anointed body, the body of Christ. So God has an obedient person on earth, the body of Christ. The Creator has entered back into His creation to rule, which has always been His plan.

So now I can go on and speak the rest and believe you will not get religiously offended. Man was given dominion on earth and man legalistically cast God out of the earth. Israel was given the opportunity to obey what was written and failed. In so doing they were still keeping God out of man. God was operating “with” man through faith, but not “in” man.

Now John the Baptist shows up preaching the way of preparation, repentance. This was offered to all Israelites that would admit that they were of Adam’s sin nature, sinners. That their dead works of trying to keep the law were just that, “dead”. They were in need of a Savior. When multitudes began receiving what John was preaching it was then Jesus could come on the scene. Jesus, the Messiah, Israel’s Savior, came declaring that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus, by the things that he

Off Your Deathbed.....continued

said, and did, showed that there was a God in Israel that would raise all who would believe up off their deathbed. Then the final obedient act, He manifested what was spoken by the prophets, offering Himself up as the final sacrifice for sin required by the law. Satisfying forever the law of sacrifice and shedding of blood for man's sin. He ushered in a new and eternal way for man to be with their God, and for God to be in His creation. Bringing all men that would believe off their deathbed and into abundant life; spirit, soul and body made whole one new man born again into eternal life.

Since the law was given at Mt. Sinai there was given to man a day of preparation. Men were to prepare to enter into the day of Sabbath, yet they would not. All mankind that has been born again had to find that place of preparation. You find it in repentance from dead works. When you repented and accepted the finished work of the Messiah you were prepared to enter into the rest God had prepared for you. You are in God's Sabbath rest now in the flesh, (1John 4:17), and are preparing to enter into the final Sabbath rest; glorified, the seven thousandth year, or the millennial reign.

John the Baptist preached by the same spirit Elijah preached, the spirit of repentance. Jesus preached what John preached, repentance. Peter preached what Jesus preached, repentance. And I am preaching what Peter preached: Repent-prepare for the Kingdom of God is at hand. It is available to all that will prepare the way for the Messiah to come in and make His abode in their very body. You have become one of the mansions God has prepared for each and every one that has been born into the world. "In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you" John 14:2.

Hearing Ears and Seeing Eyes

If you study the writings of Y'shua/Jesus' apostles you will see reference to a phrase similar to this one that the Lord spoke over and over; "he who has ears to hear, let him hear". If you would look around the crowds of people he was speaking to you would notice that just about everyone had ears on the sides of their heads (except perhaps a leper or two). If you would examine that same crowd you would find out that only a few were physically deaf. That being the case, it was pretty clear that the Lord wasn't talking about either natural or actual hearing. He was speaking of spiritual ears capable of hearing spiritual truth.

It is a hard thing to understand, but two people with perfectly good ears and hearing skills can hear a spiritual truth and only one of them will understand it. Why is this? There are several reasons. First of all a lost man can't hear deep spiritual truth because his spirit is dead (separated from God). The only spiritual truth he can hear with physical ears and receive is the quickening truth of salvation. After he receives salvation through Y'shua/Jesus he can then begin to understand spiritual truth. Let me draw a natural picture to make this clear to you:

Imagine a one room schoolhouse. Imagine there are children from five years old to 18 years old sitting at desks all around the room. The youngest students are in the front, the oldest are in the back. The teacher is responsible to teach all the children. He begins by passing out little chalkboards to the younger children and has them practice their alphabet skills. Then he gives a reading assignment to the middle aged children. Finally he has the older children write a research paper on American history. Clearly he couldn't assign reading to the little kids, they haven't mastered the A, B, Cs yet. He wouldn't assign an essay writing project to the middle aged kids because they are still learning to read basic sentences and aren't studying American history. Each group has its assignment and the older the child the more basic principles they must master in order to progress.

This is a picture of the principals in the word. The more you hear of God's voice, the more you obey, the more He trusts you with. He doesn't hand a "loaded gun" to a baby. He doesn't trust a "car" to a toddler. In Isaiah 28 we learn that precept must be upon precept, principle upon principle.



Jeff prepares to teach in Andrews, TX at the Community Center.

Matt 11:15

**15 He that hath ears
to hear, let him hear.**

KJV



We had visiting goats in our yard this first day of November!

Hearing Ears and Seeing Eyes

The hearing ear is a gift of God. The seeing or spiritually observant eye is a gift as well. Let us take what God has entrusted us and walk it out. Don't try to jump to the top of the ladder without taking the early rungs of experience. Don't try to walk your daily walk without using the early principles of truth and faith you learned in the infancy of your faith walk. It would be like trying to read without using the A, B, Cs. Use those hearing ears to hear God's voice and obey. Use those seeing eyes to see how to accomplish God's will and be obedient, you'll soon be healing the sick and raising the dead! That is after all the goal, nurturing successful fellow students.



Hearing to obey, seeing to do.

How the Devil Works

Yes Virginia there is a devil and he's hot on your trail. He has been around since God created him and he has almost 6,000 years of experience in tempting and trying mankind. That means you as a novice, with only a few years experience need to know what God, who has always been around, knows to successfully resist this experienced enemy.

According to the word we know that Y'shua/Jesus is God's word made flesh. We know that he is the same yesterday, today and forever. We know that he was manifested to destroy the works of the adversary. We know that we are supposed to carry on his job. We know we are supposed to submit to God, resist the devil and he is supposed to flee. Why then does he seem to always have the upper hand? Because we don't know how to recognize him and use the weapons of our spiritual warfare to keep him where he belongs, under our feet. The sooner we do, the sooner Y'shua will be sent to get us.

My first suggestion is for everyone who actually reads this to take the time to read the word of God every single day. An unprepared soldier is a dead soldier. I'm not talking about tiny devotionals. A strong army is a well fed army. I also recommend that you pray in the spirit every chance you have. Soldiers need exercise to strengthen their bodies. Praying in the spirit builds us up in our inner selves.

We are living in perilous times when more and more humans are submitted and taken captive to the will of satan. That means that other men who have dominion willingly kill, steal and destroy. That means that they have no control when he (satan) demands wicked behavior. They have been taken captive to his desires and without our knowledge of how to free them, will come after believers to harm them. This shouldn't scare you, but should motivate you to prepare yourself so that the evil one will not be able to get to you. We can't stick our heads in the sand any longer or we'll suffocate while the adversary cuts our legs off and eats them. This may be too graphic for some of you, but if you are really honest with yourself you can't look around without seeing something ugly, wicked or corrupt these days. In fact some of you are almost callous to the wickedness it's been around so long. I hope this has stirred you enough to get you to read on and not just think, "My, she could be right, isn't that a good article, old so and so should really read it", but say "She's right and I'm going to make some changes in my life".

Y'shua thought it pretty important for us to know about the adversary. There are references to his existence through out the Old and New Testaments. No, he isn't some freakish thing in a red union suit with a pitchfork and horns. He's a fallen angel and is described in Ezekiel 28:13. He has a fire burning in the midst of him that will ultimately destroy him. He has a limited time span on earth, but he's a great deceiver and we already know that from the Revelation of Y'shua/Jesus that he deceives nations. That means he tricks folks. It looks like he has done a good job of it, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Abba Father wins in the end. I plan to be there, and hope you will too.

Over the next few months we will use light to chase this dark force away. It is how God does things. If you go into a pitch black room, a single match will chase away enough darkness to make your way out of the darkness. The word is our lamp and our light. The more we know and practice the more successful at chasing darkness we will be.

1 John 3:8

For this purpose the
Son of God was
manifested, that he
might destroy the
works of the devil.

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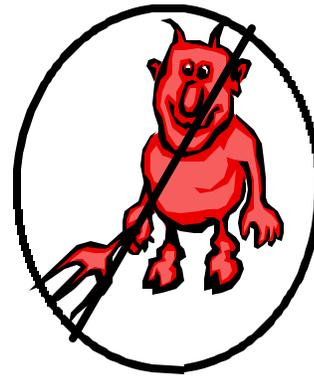
The folks in Andrews.

How the Devil Works.....continued

According to Matthew 13:18-23, Mark 4:13-20 and Luke 8:4-18 where the Lord teaches about the “sower sowing the seed” we will be learning about the things satan uses to kill, steal, and destroy. We will learn that he is after the seed of Y’shua/Jesus that God has sown in our hearts. After we learn these things, we will practice them.

First, here is a list of the things he uses to steal that word and trick us into being deceived.

1. Ignorance of the word
2. Hard heartedness
3. Double-mindedness
4. Affliction because of the word
5. Persecution due to the word
6. Offense due to no love or forgiveness
7. Temptation based on individual and corporate lusts
8. Cares of this world (distractions)
9. Riches and their deceitfulness
10. Pleasures of this life (more distractions)



The first thing we ought to recognize is that we all have areas where we are weak and where the adversary messes with us. He uses our passions and lusts to trick us. He knows what they are before we are born. How does he do this? He watched our parents and grandparents. He watched their parents and their grandparents. He knows pretty much what will tempt us because we act like our family members. If we follow their lead he will be able to know in advance what to tempt us with and without intervention by our heavenly Father we'd be sunk.

Every believer should memorize this list. He/she should have it in his/her arsenal of spiritual weaponry. This list is a list of the adversary's armory. He doesn't use spiritual means, but carnal means to kill, steal and destroy. If we are to survive and thrive, we have to be on guard and protect our hearts from these things. We will go through them in depth in future newsletters. We want you prepared, armed and aggressive when it comes to hasatan (the adversary in Hebrew). He's low-down, sneaky, cowardly, twisted, and severely defeated. Now we have to keep him under the feet of our Lord, it is our job and we must do it until he returns.

Blessings and Praise Reports

We want to give the Father glory for supply needs, both ours and those of others so we will be careful to do so. Our RV is presently in the shop getting a new heater! We look forward to warm nights in the high country of New Mexico and wherever else God sends us.

We were blessed with a new digital camera and a new printer/scanner/fax/copier all-in-one. We are having fun using them for the work of the ministry. What a great blessing and answer to prayer!

We were able to upgrade the RAM in our ministry computer and it works better.

We've been praying for a family in Roswell to sell their home for quite a while. Patience pays off, the house sold.

We had such a great time in Las Cruces during their Sukkot Festival. Their planning and generosity of heart was such a blessing. Thanks to the congregation at Las Cruces.

Jeff's time of fasting and praying was very successful. He is still gleaning from his time alone with the Lord.

Jeff led a woman to the Lord in Midland!

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Jeff & Cerise's November 2004 Schedule

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SABBATH |
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| If you need to take communion or be anointed call. | 1 | 2 | 3 Las Cruces, NM | 4Las Cruces, NM | 5 | 6 Roswell Meeting 2-4PM 1804 Plains Pk. The Castrillos |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Odessa Meeting 7-9PM 18 Antebellum The Godwin's | 11 | 12 Hobbs Meeting 7-9PM 2632 N. Jade The Evan's | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Andrews Meeting 7-9PM 1109 NW 12th Pl The Reed's | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Chorney's B-day | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving | 26 | 27 Juarez, Mexico |
| 28 Juarez, Mexico Cerise's B-day | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Remember, we are always praying for you, but take prayer requests on Wednesdays. You can call at 432-550-7642 or email us at firstlightconsulting@yahoo.com anytime. Don't hesitate to call, ever.