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From The Editor:

Greetings once again to you, Saints. You'll be wondering why you are receiving this month's Believers Newsletter on the 10th instead of the 1st. Well, we have been in the South Island for three weeks, first of all, to attend my wife's family reunion in Rakaia.

And it was a 'happy coincidence' that we were in Ch.Ch. at the time of the opening of Brother Greg's new church. From Brother Bruce's warm greeting on the door to our fond good-byes at the end of the day, we bathed in the love of the Brethren – those saintly old faces, a little more lined from years of faithful toil, still with a smile of appreciation for you. Precious Saints from all over N.Z. Then we listened to Brother Ron Peterson speaking from the revealed Word and were blessed just as we were the other times he came to N.Z. Thank you Brother Greg and Sister Nancy for all the work you and the brethren put into the occasion.

We then flew on to New Plymouth and once again, by 'happy coincidence' we were able to attend the morning meeting in Brother Paul Moffit's church at Stratford, where Brother Gary Walker gave his testimony live. After following his health progress over the past 12 months, it was a treat to hear him in real life and to see him standing behind the pulpit. After the service, Brother Paul welcomed us to a very lavish luncheon. We spent the afternoon with Brother Adrian and Sister Mary and after waving our fond goodbyes, a few days later we flew home where we are completing this month's Newsletter.

From the Committee, Brothers Ross, Adrian and myself, God bless and keep you all.

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Bro.Charles Editor



Part of the Congregation at the Labour weekend Dedication Services GOSPELWAY OUTREACH - KAIAPOI

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Am I too strong to Yield?

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2nd Corinthians 12:9,

"You've got to get to a place that you know that you're nothing. And don't ever rise above it, for as soon as you rise above it, you rise above God. You've got to keep yourself in the dust and on the road to Damascus. You've got to keep yourself off your high horse. And that's for everywhere, here and in the tape world."

And further in the same message:

"The case is with us, it is not that we are too weak, the case is we're too strong. We're just too strong, that's all. The thing of it is we're too strongheaded. That's right. We're too strong in our head. We know too much. God wants to get that out of us. That's right. We're too strong; we're too strong to yield to Him."

From the message Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness, 61-1119

Damascus Annihilated Part Two

Brother Matthan Gray

When Israel defeats Syria a fourth time and the other surrounding Arab nations, the Jews will be at rest and dwelling safely according to **Ezekiel 38: 11**. It is under these conditions that Elam (Iran) and Kir (Iran) in **Isaiah 22: 6** will set their armies in array at the gate. The Old City of Jerusalem has walls and gates, thus Iran will set its army against the Old City of Jerusalem. This phase of time is the first battle of Gog when the Pope has planted his headquarters between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea in the Temple Mount according to **Daniel 11: 45**. This is when a Jew with the spirit of Moses along with another with the spirit of Elijah are revealing the Lord Jesus Christ to 144,000 Jews according to **Revelation 11: 3**.

Ezekiel 38: 7 says that Magog (Russia) is a guard unto its allies: this means that if an ally is attacked, Russia will come to its aid. Thus when the LORD says in Ezekiel 38: 4 that he will put hooks into the jaws of Russia to attack Israel, He will do so by sending Iran against it, forcing Russia to join. Zechariah 14: 2 narrates how the enemy will break into the Old City of Jerusalem, pillaging and raping from house to house. Then will the LORD go forth at the Battle of Armageddon (which will happen in a space of 30 days after the Tribulation) and destroy the enemy (Ezekiel 38: 21 - 22). The beasts of the earth and the fowls of the air (Ezekiel 39: 17 & 19 Revelation 19: 17 - 18) will devour the enemy and the Jews will burn the weapons of the enemy for seven years (Ezekiel 39: 9) on into the Millennium which begins 45 days after Armageddon.

Note on **Daniel 12: 11 - 12**

1260 days (the Tribulation) + 30 days (Armageddon) = 1290 days + 45 days (when the Millennium begins) = 1335 days.





In the Bible, anyone is "Whosoever". This is the Word that gives us hope. It includes <u>you</u>. The call of God is to the "Whosoever". To prove the promise of the Word.

There are obstacles that hinder the movement of God.

There are mountains that must be moved,

in the interests of the Kingdom.

We cannot but be aware of mountains, - the lofty ones, and the mini ones, that stand in the way of God's moving in our day.

A mountain may be purely satanic, or it may be apparently human.

It may be circumstantial, or financial.

If it is hindering the purpose of God, it is a mountain to be moved.

It waits to be challenged by the "whosoever",

who will dare to believe the promise of God.

Mark. 11:23

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, "Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;" and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

When will the moment come When I shall lay my armor by, And dwell in peace at Home? We'll work till Jesus comes, We'll work till Jesus comes, We'll work till Jesus comes, And then we're gathered Home!



\$750.00 [u.s.]

Required for a new engine for a missionary motorcycle in Uganda.

The Eltham Message Church supplied the motor bike but has since become fully committed to the project costs of translating and printing Brother Branham's message in the Luganda language. We don't have any spare funds for this repair.

While on loan to two other ministers who had no idea of basic maintenance requirements, the engine seized. A hard lesson to learn with tough consequences for outreach in the villages where only two wheels can go.

If you feel led to help please contact :-

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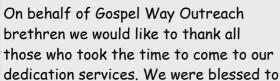
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Gospel Way Outreach KAIAPOI

DEDICATION SERVICES





have you there with us to help dedicate and celebrate what the Lord has allowed us to do. I felt there was a wonderful spirit of unity amongst the believers and that Bro. Ron Peterson did an excellent job of ministering a variety of messages to feed the people. Having worked on this project almost daily for ten months it was a great joy to have these services to dedicate ourselves and this renovated building to the Lord.

God bless you all is our prayer.

Bro. Greg Alford

The people has become "acclimated" to the condition of Laodicea.

It behooves us to know our position – and know it well.

Man is obsessed with two major concepts—

The Beginning of Creation and

The End of the World.

To reject truth is to receive judgement

The Word is often aborted in the mind

There are **two parts to redemption**—Calvary and the Seals.

Taking his text from <u>**II Samuel 9**</u>, Bro. Ron Peterson's Sunday evening's message was entitled, "<u>**The Forgotten Prince**</u>."

In memory of the God-like love Jonathan and David had for each other, David asked if there were any of Jonathan's family still alive. Ziba, representing the Holy Ghost, advised the King that Mephibosheth, Jonathon's son, lived in Lodebar (*no pasture*).

So King David called Mephibosheth (*utterance of Baal*), a forgotten prince bound in name to false beliefs from a place of no food, to eat at the Kings table.

We too may carry scars, spiritual lameness from our old nurse, the church systems, but the King's messenger knew where we were and called us from famine to sit, justified, in heavenly places.

If there was a theme song for the dedication services over Labour Weekend for the new Gospel Way Outreach building in Kaiapoi it was "Justified." And we sang it lots!



Bro. Richard Oliver Eltham

FOOD AND FAMINE

Joseph, Son of prosperity, was God's choice to provide for His people by using the political system of the day. Taken from a two-year imprisonment he was put in charge of Egypt's food resources, so that God's chosen people could be adequately provided for. That time of famine in Ancient Egypt seems to be a type of the spiritual famine referred to here:-

- 11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
- 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it].

 AMOS 8:11
- J.Lee Grady, speaking on behalf of the Charismatic movement on August 13th 2008. stated.

"We're spiritually hungry – which is a good thing, but sometimes hungry people will eat anything". He went on to say, "The church is supposed to "Hunger and thirst after righteousness".

This admission by such a prominent Charismatic leader, shows again that "Modern events are made clear by a vindicated prophecy".

<u>JOHN 10:27</u> Quotes the great Shepherd, that His Sheep will hear His Voice and will ignore the voice of the stranger. They shall not perish nor be "stolen" by any device of man.

<u>ISAIAH 40:11</u> declares that He <u>SHALL</u> feed His flock, and history shows that this Divine supply is always in season. But then as the manna in the Holy of Holies never failed, so the "Hidden" manna of today will not fail to provide the sustenance necessary for the "sheep of <u>HIS</u> pasture" to survive in this perilous time.

From the message:-TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS 62-0601 (edited)

You remember what that dream that I got the interpretation was. "Go back and store up food." Where was the storehouse? This tabernacle. Where's there anything like it in the country around here anywhere that will compare with the Message that we have? (Now, of course, our little brothers here that's out along here, these other little churches, are us. We're one.) Where would you go to, to find it? Show its comparison anywhere. You go right out in denominational creeds; you'll go right out away from these other things. See? And here's where the food's been stored up.

Well, one Message that I preached here to you all. Look because It's been stored up here. It's on tapes; It'll go worldwide on the tapes where people in their houses. Them tapes will fall right into the hands of the predestinated of God; He can direct the Word; He'll direct everything just exactly to its course. That's the reason He sent me back to do this. "Store up the food here"; He forbid me to go overseas.

J. Lee Grady, quoted above, was referring at the time, to the announcement of the Divorce, (after three years of unsuccessful counselling), of another well-known Charismatic leader, whose ministry is promoted under the label of "Fresh Fire Ministries". This is one of several such cases, where the Bible teaching on Marriage & Divorce, particularly as it applies to ministry has been grossly violated. Grady is also quoted as saying, "Godly leaders are supposed to protect the sheep from heresy, not spoon feed deception to them". (So true.)

These news items from the church at large should make us ever more grateful for the wonderful provision of the Grace of God to feed His sheep, whom He calls by name as He feeds them.

About 25 years ago, printed in the same column as the notice of our service times, was a statement at the bottom of a well known Pentecostal Church notice, "We trust not in our store but our source". Whereas, we are bound to say, "we trust in God's store", for without that Divine provision, we also might eat from the garbage can.

We often quote <u>HEBREWS 13:8</u>, but if we regard this as "meat" what about the rest of this "Vitamin-packed" sandwich? <u>HEBREWS 13:7 & 9</u>

We truly have an altar where we can be fed. (v.10)

Ross Lane, Nelson Bible Believers

First Timer's Mission Pt. II

Part 1 left me on my first mission trip alone in a "**no star**" hotel in Kenya; the wrong country!

After sleeping well, I awoke in time to catch the last minibus across Nairobi to Jomo Kenyata airport. I spent the day in a very nice lounge, fed and watered courtesy of Emirates. We again flew at night over Lake Victoria to Entebbe, and this time the landing



lights stayed on! Of course one must have a visa to get into Uganda but it is difficult to get such an item unless you arrive! And then you pay! Having arrived a day later than planned I was apprehensive but when I walked out of the airport there was a group of believers holding message books. Wonderful! As well as Charles, my contact and his people, brother Robert, who has been using our logo for his church for several years, and his family from the capital Kampala were there to greet me.

Roads in Uganda are generally red, dusty and potholed, but some are sealed. These are still dusty and potholed! This made travel slow and tiring. But for all that Uganda is a bright vibrant country. There is a sense of life and growing. There are people everywhere, walking, biking, and talking, day and night. Unlike drier Kenya, Uganda is green, rich in water. The Nile starts here, and there is frequent rain. At around 4,000 feet above sea level temperatures tend to run from low 20s at night to upper 30s in the day, though in the brick-walled and corrugated iron church buildings, the temperature seemed quite a bit higher.

The indigenous ministers are well established in the Message. But I was in the country areas of Kamuli, Jinja and Iganga Districts purely to meet and determine genuine need. Most visiting ministers only go to the capital, so my visit to these smaller churches was something special for them.

In need of some ready cash, I asked if there was an ATM handy. Yes Uganda had two of these, one in Kampala the other in Jinja only one hour away. We went to Jinja and I walked past the armed guards to the machine. "Out of Order" it said. A voice from behind the wall called through, "Be ready in ten minutes," and it was. I couldn't work through the different system but helped now by a queue of half a dozen other whites I eventually got the money. The machine immediately crashed again! I ran!

During those six days, I preached nothing that any of their local ministers couldn't preach, though with a teaching slant. I learnt a lot, and found a genuine need that our local church could fill, and made many friends.

Africa is in desperate need, as are the poor anywhere. But Our Lord knows who is best suited to fill what need. Such a call came my way and although I put it off at first I am thrilled that I listened in the end, and acted. I trust all those in the village churches were as blessed, as I was to be with them.

Richard Oliver Message Church Eltham

"I being in the way The Lord led me..."

Genesis 24:27

OUR HOUSE GUEST

A few months before I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small Tennessee town.

From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer, and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around to welcome me into the world a few months later.

As I grew up I never questioned his place in our family. In my young mind, each member had a special niche. My brother, Bill, five years my senior, was my example. Fran, my younger sister, gave me an opportunity to play 'big brother' and develop the art of teasing. My parents were complementary instructors – Mom taught me to love The Word of God, and Dad taught me to obey it.

...But the stranger was our storyteller. He could weave the most fascinating tales. Adventures, mysteries and comedies were daily conversations. He could hold our whole family spell-bound for hours each evening.

If I wanted to know about politics, history, or science, he knew it all. He knew about the past, understood the present, and seemingly could predict the future. The pictures he could draw were so life-like that I would often laugh or cry as I watched.

He was like a friend to the whole family. He took Dad, Bill and me to our first major league baseball game. He was always encouraging us to see the movies and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several movie stars.

The Stranger was an incessant talker. Dad didn't seem to mind, but sometimes Mom would quietly get up-while the rest of us were enthralled with one of his stories of faraway places – go to her room, read her Bible and pray. I wonder now if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave.

You see, my dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions. But this stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house – Not from us, not from our friends, nor from our adults.

Our longtime visitor, however, used occasional four letter words that burned my ears and made Dad squirm. To my knowledge the stranger was never confronted. My Dad was a teetotaller who didn't permit alcohol in his home, not even for cooking. But the stranger felt like we needed exposure and enlightened us to the ways of life. He often offered us beer and other alcoholic beverages.

He made cigarettes look tasty; cigars, manly; and pipes, distinguished. He talked freely [much too freely] about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I know now that the stranger influenced my early concepts of the man-woman relationship.

The stranger began to discuss personal issues and ailments without regard to the tender ears that might be listening or the fact that it was mealtime. Some of the topics caused Mom to leave the table! Time after time he opposed the values of my parents. Yet he was seldom rebuked and never asked to leave.

More than thirty years have passed since the stranger moved in with the young family on Morningside Drive. He is not nearly as intriguing to my Dad as he was in those early years. But if I were to walk into my parents' den today, you would still see him sitting over in a corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk, and watch him draw his pictures.

He never told us his name – we always used his initials: T.V.

But what's happened to you, church? You've seen so much television, so much things of the world, it's so easy for your old Adam nature to drift into that to act like the rest of them.

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- I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- 3 <u>I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes</u>: I hate the work of them that turn aside; [it] shall not cleave to me.

THE ROOTS OF FALSE DOCTRINE.

EZEKIEL 14:3

- 3 Son of man, these men have set up their <u>idols in their heart</u>, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?
- 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;
- 5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

When the Lord unfolds His Word from eternity through the earthly vessel of a prophet, that prophet's message is the safety zone to the believer. The umbrella of the Word for your day is a spiritual city of refuge for it is Christ.

Put another way, the Word of your day bleeds for you as you walk in the light as He is in the light. The resulting effect is that you have something with which you can fellowship with your brethren. (1 JOHN 1: 7).

However, history has proven from the time of the serpent up to this day that where there is light there are influences ready to eliminate it. The first false teacher knew enough of the message of his day to pull a woman into adultery and yet his nature was completely Lucifer. There was **satanic ambition** riding upon his animalistic nature and that phenomenon in the beginning brings a harvest of the same thing. Lucifer means a light bearer and the message is prime real estate for the taking if he can.

People ask why there is so much false doctrine floating around message ranks. The answer is as in Eden; **satanic ambition. But this time it is riding upon fallen human nature**. Brother Branham said the devil was there in his meetings listening in. But today, he is in the pulpit bearing his own perversion of message light.

A man, woman, minister or otherwise, that is not yet fully yielded will operate through impulses that God has not dealt with. This becomes a stumblingblock of iniquity. They know what is right but don't want to yield to it for fear of a loss of status or because of some secret sin. Whatever stands between God and that individual IS AN IDOL.

One observes in message ranks, doctrines or teachings coming out of the open book part of the message that staggers the imagination of how it was arrived at. Message quotes and scriptures are linked together in such a plausible way, yet the end product is a haughty, demeaning Luciferian life.

Man-handling of types and shadows have been utilised to emphasise subject content whereupon the hero at the end of it isn't the Lord but the preacher or his mentor.

Then to add to the corruption are the dreams, visions and visitations some have to give impetus to various false teachings. It looks so logical yet they don't fit the continuity of the nature of God revealed from Genesis to Revelation.

How come? The prophet Ezekiel gave the answer. The Lord answered that generation from their prophet's message through the idol they had in their hearts. Who was doing it? The Lord was !!! Same thing today. They firmly believe that the Lord is guiding them and He is... but through the idol in their unregenerate hearts. The Lord is allowing them to have the supernatural in the same way as Jannes and Jambres did when Moses brought his message.

Then on the opposite end are those who don't want to walk in a furtherance of the Word and "selectively" have every quote and scripture to back them up. But when the prophetic in the message comes into its season of fulfilment they are ensnared by their unyielding natures. The result is the same. Neither is under the blood and sooner or later sin in some shape or form shows up in brethren or churches to show in the natural what is happening in the spiritual.

The most common sin arising from false doctrine is fornication and adultery which in some message ranks is rife.

I CORINTHIANS 11:19

19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they <u>which are approved</u> may be made manifest among you.

How did the Lord reveal the "approved" under Pauls message? By permitting heresies to come amongst the believers. The <u>law of contrast</u> stands for every age and this day is no exception. The Bride observes it and makes "spiritual capital" out of it. She doesn't get all depressed and start up a house group. She doesn't run away from being a functioning member of a local assembly because of iniquity. She isn't a coward !!! She is watching with open eyes what Adam's wife failed to use in the beginning. She is watching the TRAIL OF THE SERPENT weaving it's way right up to the end. The Bride is content for Her womb is SEALED.

The answer to the false doctrine problem is a death. Death to self-will and its egotistical manifestations. Until this happens, the Message will be talked about, and debated over, with quotes, scriptures, types and shadows visions and dreams all answered in every which way by quess who? The Lord!!!

God still answers a man today according to the idol of his heart. Think about it!!!

Bro' Adrian Gray. Rapturing Grace Tabernacle

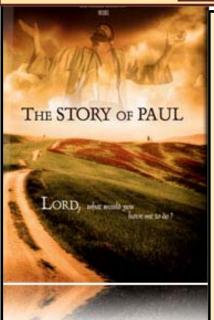
Now, we're going back to the road. We're going back to cure. And you Assembly brothers that separated yourselves, each one of you, that's where you made your mistake. When a truth is added, just go on. Let it alone. God will take care of it. No man can come to Him unless He calls him anyhow. Right.

The road back, brother, is fellowship with all brothers. That's right. Inoculated from hatred, inoculated from worldlism, back to the Holy Ghost inoculation to the power that raised up Jesus from the grave and set the church a fire on the day of Pentecost.

Back to that inoculation.

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Transcription of a recent letter to the Editor of a Prominent N.Z. Church Newspaper.

Consider the Rapture.

[Published in the September Issue.]

To the Editor.

One subject that I have never heard preached or discussed in any church service is the Bible's promise about God's plan for taking away the faithful from the coming horror of the tribulation and Armageddon period. It is called the rapture.

'Rapture' is not a Biblical word, but like the word 'Trinity', which is also not in the Bible, evidence for its existence abounds.

1 Thess. 4:16-17, tells us what He is going to do, which I believe is in response to our prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." that Jesus told us to say. The rapture fulfils this promise.

Luke 21:36 says, "Watch therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass." Notice the word 'escape'. You don't escape something you have to go through. You may escape death but you will still have gone through the problem.

Rev.3:10-11, "Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which will come upon the earth. I come quickly. Hold fast that which you have so that no man takes your crown away from you."

The rapture is not the second coming. It happens before the second coming. Christ does not touch the earth but calls the faithful up to meet Him in the air.

In the second coming, He actually comes down to earth and touches the earth and touches the Mount of Olives, which splits in two as soon as His foot touches it.

Is there any real knowledge out there amongst God's faithful about this fabulous promise and provision of God for man's deliverance?

[Anonymous for the purpose of this publication]

Reply:

Considering the Rapture

15th September 2008

[Published in the October Issue.]

To the Editor.

Your correspondent, asks a vital question regarding the "fabulous" promise of <u>1Thess 4:16 – 17</u>, and as an astute Bible student, realises the importance of Bible prophecy and in particular, that which pertains for this day and age.

Although this subject of the rapture does not resound from the pulpits familiar to him, this is certainly not my experience. In fact I am bound to say just the opposite! As we hear the counsel of the Word of God coming over pulpits both national and global, this subject is very much to the fore. Furthermore according to verse 18 of 1 Thess: 4, we are to "Comfort one another with these words."

Ministers whose voices frequently reach our ears, some of which are broadcast on Nelson's local channel by Mainland Television, would all say that the prime objective of their ministry would be to see people not only saved, but prepared and "Rapture Ready".

In the same way that Enoch, the 7th from Adam, by-passed the watery judgement which Noah and his family sailed through, there is to be a people who will by-pass the fiery judgement promised at the closing out of the gentile dispensation as God turns back once more to the Jewish nation as He has promised so to do. (Don't wait until Israel starts claiming "ALL" the land given them by promise to Abraham.)

Some dear Christian folk see the rapture as a "Cop-out" for wimps. I would prefer to view it from God's perspective and see it as His Divine provision for those who will take Him at His Word. **Luke 21:34, Matt 4:4, Luke 4:4,**

R.D. Lane Nelson.

"Do you know how to turn a glorious revelation into creed and dogma?"
"Iust bypass the Cross."

Bro. Jeff Jenkins