

CHAPTER 6

"TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED"

...."But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"....

1 Samuel 16:7

...."For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His"....

2 Chronicles 16:9

GOD DOES NOT JUDGE AS MAN JUDGES

These are very, very important scriptures for us to meditate upon in these days for as we do we shall gain a deeper revelation into the nature of our God and this will "allow" us to see things in the way that He sees things and "judge" (discern) all things according to His judgements. The whole key to serving God and walking in the Spirit in this last hour centres on the "realization" that God does not judge as man judges, but rather, He judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart, for He does not operate in the same "realm" that man operates in - apart from Him. We know that we are commanded to love the Lord our God with our whole heart (Luke 10:27) and we also know that in this last hour God is looking for a people whose heart is "completely" His. Our heavenly Father has no greater desire than to see His children "align" themselves with Him in their "every" thought and action. As we meditate in the Word of God and we begin to study these spiritual truths, we shall begin to understand the importance of having the motivations of our heart come into "one accord" with the thoughts and intentions of God's heart.

TWO HEART MOTIVATIONS

Every motivation of one's heart will have its source in one of two things: the love of God or selfishness. As one continues on into the deeper spiritual life, the differences between these two can become very subtle and many things which people

are doing might "appear" good, but, in reality - when the deepest motivation of heart is uncovered - the very root of that "work" has its source in "self" and Satan rather than God and His Word. As we seek to understand the importance of a heart "wholly given" to God, and also the fact that God judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart, we shall look at the life of David, whom God called "a man after His own heart". This is an astounding word which has been spoken by the Father referring to David! There are many who stumble over the fact that David committed his share of sin and caused many things to happen which were not in the perfect will of God, but nonetheless we must look at David's "heart motivation" and his diligence and faithfulness towards the overall plan of God. We must also remember that David was not a "born-again" man at that time (Old Covenant) and that he was functioning under an anointing "placed upon" him by God. If he departed from that anointing and went out and did what he wanted to do, as in the case of Bathsheba, then his actions of disobedience would cause him to come under the "curse" in some form.

THE ENDURING FAITHFULNESS AND LOYALTY OF THE HEART WHOLLY GIVEN TO THE PURPOSES OF THE FATHER

We know that Saul was anointed king of Israel and we know that Saul's heart was not with the Lord, as evidenced in his failure to obey the Lord's commands fully, and the Lord sought for a man after his own heart to anoint ruler (king) of Israel (even though it was still God's will for His people to be ruled directly by Himself) and of course that was David. We know that between the time that God's anointing departed from Saul and the time David became king that David was persecuted by Saul and because of this David was forced to flee into the wilderness, knowing in his heart that he was anointed to be king of Israel, but faced with physical "circumstances" which were against that ever coming to pass.

...."Now it came about when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. And he came to the sheepfolds on the Way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave. And the men of David said to him, "Behold this is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe. So he said to his men, "Far be it from me because of

the Lord that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed." And David persuaded his men with these words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on his way. Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself. And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, 'Behold David seeks to harm you?' "Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord had given you into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but my eye had pity on you, and I said, "I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed." "Now, my father, see indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you are lying in wait for my life to take it. May the Lord judge between you and me, and may the Lord avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you"

1 Samuel 24:1-12

From all outward appearances and circumstances it seemed as though David had the right to kill Saul and even the word of the Lord had come through the prophet Samuel expressing His displeasure with Saul (1 Samuel 15:10-11). It was also prophesied that Saul would be delivered into the hands of his enemies, but David was "sensitive" in his heart toward God and refused to raise his hand against Saul, whom he considered to be the Lord's anointed. And now we will look at a second opportunity which David had to kill Saul.

...."Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go on with me to Saul in the camp?" and Abishai said, "I will go down with you." So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand: now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David also said, "As the Lord lives, surely the Lord will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed; but now please

take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water from beside Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a sound sleep from the Lord had fallen on them"....

1 Samuel 26:6-12

Let each and every one of us be found walking in perfect faithfulness, obedience and love towards the "delegated authorities of God in this hour at all cost to ourselves lest we be found displeasing the Father.

...."And the Lord will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord delivered you into my hand today, but I refused to stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed"....

1 Samuel 26:13-23

PERSECUTION BRINGS WITH IT MUCH PRESSURE AND THE "PROPER" HANDLING OF THIS PRESSURE BRINGS FORTH THE "PERFECT PREPARATION" OF THE HEART TO CARRY OUT THE FULNESS OF THE FATHER'S PURPOSE

As one meditates the Word of God concerning the life of David we see that Saul persecuted him and that it was no small persecution, and we know that throughout many of the psalms that David wrote, by the unction of the Holy Spirit, he spoke of the tremendous pressure he was under as he spent time away from his people in the desert, where he was constantly being pursued by his enemies. From these psalms we can draw a clear picture of the perfect heart-motivation of David towards both God and men and as we continue our study we shall see clearly the attitude which we, as believers, need to have today.

SLANDER AND GOSSIP TO BE JUDGED THOROUGHLY - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

...."Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm"....

Psalms 105:15

We are all familiar with the problem of slander and gossip! We have known

people who have been held captive to do the Evil One's will (2 Timothy 2:26) and therefore have been used as vessels of persecution against those who are walking "in righteousness", but still - even in this late, late hour, God's Word concerning the seriousness of these things is not treated with due respect! It is certain that the Father desires us to walk in love and to abide in Christ - and thus be constant and pure vessels of His truth and love - and yet we see that Satan, by getting the children of God to walk outside of love through the speaking of self-exalting words, cuts off not only the "unity" of the Church but also the "manifestations" of God's power in the earth (the gifts of the Spirit). Satan has no need of trying to attack each one of the nine gifts individually what he needed to do was attack the "love walk" of each individual believer, thereby causing them to get into strife and thus put into effect the principle which states, "a house divided against itself shall fall" (Matthew 12:25).

....O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbour, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honours those who fear the Lord; He swears to his own hurt, and does not change; He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken"....

Psalm 15

Psalm 15:1-5 are key verses and in this day and hour as we are learning about the anointing of God and as people begin to understand the operation of that anointing we are going to see the "absolute" importance of the need for each one of us to continually walk in the love of God and therefore it is important to meditate on this portion of Scripture in order that we might "allow" the Holy Spirit to reveal to us a continually deeper revelation of what God requires of us.

TO THE DEGREE THAT ONE HONOURS THE WORD OF GOD IN THIS LAST OF THE LAST HOUR IS THE SAME DEGREE THAT THEY WILL "HONOUR" THE ANOINTING AND WORDS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES AND PROPHETS - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

As God sends forth His holy apostles and prophets in this last hour He has prepared them and anointed them to be His messengers and carry His Word to the people and therefore when the people reject them, they reject not the man or woman,

but rather they reject the anointing which is on the words that they speak in God's behalf, and as far as God is concerned they are rejecting Him. This, of course, is a very serious thing! There are many - WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER - who will reject the true "anointing" in this last of the last hour for they will not recognize the Word and the Holy Spirit in action and they shall believe that they are rejecting those sent by God in order to do God a "favour" - due to a clinging to their own self-serving purposes and agendas. This is why it is so important for the children of God to be "constantly" meditating in the Word - in order that they might bring "every" thought captive to that Word and pray without ceasing and, in essence, do all those things which will keep them in a position to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and thus come to "know" the heart of God. As we give the Word of God "His" rightful place in our lives, the Word will get down into the deepest fibre of our being and we shall surely come to know the deepest thoughts and intentions of Father's heart and His Word shall become the constant "delight" of our heart and thus our minds shall become renewed to think the way that God thinks and "then" - and only then - shall we begin to walk in the "fulness" of the "ministry" which God has called us to - the prerequisite to that being of course to rely on the "anointing" fully at all times and thus abide in a perfect obedience.

THERE IS "NO" GOOD (RIGHTEOUS) THING IN THE "FLESH"! WE CAN DO "NOTHING" APART FROM THE ANOINTED ONE AND HIS ANOINTING!

One thing that every Christian must realize is that everything which they are going to "carry out" for God is going to have to be done in His power and His wisdom and in His love. There is no "good" thing which can proceed from the flesh (Romans 7:18) and in this last hour Satan's plan to destroy (hinder) the "Church of God" and set up the "kingdom of antichrist" in the earth, is being exposed (to all who will "see and hear") and laid bare by the light of the Holy Spirit.

As the Evil One's plans are laid bare in this most critical hour, the "pure in heart" shall begin to see the very "subtle" difference between "certain" things - things that many consider to be of God and which are considered to be a "worthy cause", and that appear "outwardly" as if they are in tune with God's will and the true "works" of the Holy Spirit. Because of these things ALL those who are not able to hear the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit in this last hour, shall be deceived - and in their deception they shall surely be found, to some degree, "blaspheming" the anointing

upon the true handmaidens and bondservants. It is only a constant drawing near to the Father and His Word that will keep the child of God from being held captive by a spirit of self-exaltation and pride.

DECEPTION - THE CURSE ABOVE ALL CURSES!

God has arranged it this way so that only those who "seek" to be obedient, and who cherish His Word above all else, shall walk above all the deceptions and schemes of the Evil One. Because many - WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER - have retained (maintained) a "grasp" on their own lives, the deceiving spirits of Satan have been "allowed" to work in their hearts in this last hour and the "spirit of darkness" has been enabled to enshroud the hearts and minds of many who call themselves "servants" of God, but who, in reality, have hardened their hearts against Him. These things I have just spoken of are real and we must, as children of God, have that same heart-attitude as David and thus become a people after God's own heart lest we be deceived and fail to finish the blessed course set out before us by our loving Father.

THE DAYS OF THE "UNWHOLESOME WORD" BEING SPOKEN IN AND AGAINST THE ANOINTED OF GOD ARE OVER! EVERY "IDLE" (NON-FAITH PRODUCING) WORD SHALL BE JUDGED BOTH OPENLY AND SEVERELY BY THE SPIRIT OF JUDGEMENT AND BURNING!

If we do not "maintain" a proper heart-attitude in all that we do then there is a great danger of slipping back into darkness very rapidly, but at the same time there is the opportunity to advance rapidly in spiritual things, because in this last hour the "revealed knowledge" which is entering into the Body of Christ is so absolute and so clear that only those whose hearts are hardened against God shall remain in "captivity" and bondage to fear and darkness. Satan has initiated a scheme to cause people to blaspheme the anointing (glory), in other words, to deny the anointing. Many shall say that what God is saying or has said, is not true, and in doing so Satan is enabled to set many things into motion which hinder the establishing of the "true" Church in the earth. One thing that is a certain abomination to God is the "wilful" attacking of those whom God Himself has sent, and indeed this is a very serious matter in the eyes of God! As we study this out from the Old Testament, we see that whatever nation came against Israel fell when Israel were depending upon and trusting in God's Word. We see that whatever person or persons came against the prophets of God fell and we can see clearly the tremendous devastation all who

"blasphemed the glory" brought upon themselves when they came against the anointed of God. The time has come, and now is, that God is going to deal with all those who "allow" their tongues to be used in Satan's service. There are many who do not like to hear such things as this, but we are dealing with spiritual reality and not with people's "feelings" or darkened "mind-sets". These things are indeed serious and real and many, without realizing it, allow their tongues to be out of control, not knowing that they are found by God to be fighting against Him.

THE ANOINTING ABIDES WITHIN

In defining God's anointed, we must come to "know" that we all have the anointing abiding within us to accomplish our portion of the Lord Jesus' ministry in the earth. Some may be called as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists or pastors and teachers, some to different areas - it makes no difference for the "anointing" of God is there to carry out perfectly the task at hand. We have talked about the fact that we are able to walk in "perfect" obedience in this earth by the power of the Holy Spirit and so we must learn through "diligent" practice to depend on the anointing who abides within us knowing that He will lead us into all truth and keep us on the "narrow path". We must realize fully at all times that "all" things which we say and do must be empowered by God. In this last hour, as God deals with each one of His children, He is preparing them and bringing them into a position which is beyond anything which they can "conceive" in their own thinking. Certainly we know of the "Glorious Church" and the tremendous manifestations of God's power which have been prophesied of for this end time - and indeed His glory shall fill the earth - but it is not for us to attempt to envision these things in our own understanding. It is our task to walk moment by moment, empowered by the Holy Spirit, "allowing" Him to freely deal with us and continually do the deepest work of the Cross in us so that we might become the pure vessels of His love that He desires us to be. When our "eyes" are attentively fixed upon Jesus, the author and developer of our faith, and we seek only to please God in all that we do, then the Holy Spirit shall be enabled to reveal to us the things which are to come and "enlighten" us to a continually deeper degree concerning the plans and purposes of God.

THE "CARNAL" MAN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE LORD

If a child of God continues to walk, discerning all and perceiving all through their five physical senses, then they will in no way be able to comprehend the things

which are truly of God for God communicates the thoughts and intentions of His heart by the Holy Spirit speaking to our spirit. But the "carnal" man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God and indeed they are foolishness to him, because all which proceeds forth from God must be spiritually appraised (1 Corinthians 2:14-15). Therefore, if a child of God retains any "selfish" desire within their heart they will eventually end up speaking things against those who truly represent God; for until they open their heart up to God, they can in no way understand His "work" and because they allow themselves to speak "unwholesome" words they shall be found to be fighting against God, causing strife and walking outside of love. We must be very slow to say anything about anything until we have a revelation from the Holy Spirit and are given "unction" by Him to speak, for if we do not guard our lips, Satan will surely see to it that we became in some way a vessel of his evil schemes.

ALL UNFORGIVENESS, JEALOUSLY AND ENVY ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN REBELLION AND THE SPIRIT OF SELF-EXALTATION

The deceitful tongue must be removed from the Church of Jesus Christ and by God's power it shall be! If one's heart is not in tune with God's heart then they shall surely see something which is of God and condemn it as being of Satan. One of the great problem areas in the church is that inward strife which is fuelled for the most part by unforgiveness and envy on the part of the children of God. Both of these elements of the "flesh" are directly contrary to the Word of God and so for any child of God to allow these elements to remain within them constitutes rebellion against God and their actions - regardless of how righteous they may seem - shall only serve to tear down the Church rather than build it up. As the child of God diligently pursues a deep revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Word of God), they shall soon come to the clear realization that they have been bought with a price and are called as servants to serve without any regard for themselves. This indeed is the proper heart-attitude towards true Christian service and one can well see that if every child of God took that "attitude", there would be no room for any spirit of envy or any spirit of unforgiveness to remain and effectively work against the purposes of God. Yet, strange as it may seem, some still attempt to get ahead of others in the church for their own sakes - treating their "calling" as little more than an occupation, to be carried out at their own slightest whim. As long as there is a failure on the part of the believer to give their "whole heart" to the Father and His Word then there shall always be ground for Satan to form his schemes from and certainly we see this clearly in the story of Saul and David. It is not my desire to dwell for any length of time on the things which

Satan is "attempting" to do for he is "THE DEFEATED ONE", but we must be aware that there is a very important need for every believer to "refuse" to utter a word against another believer even if that other believer has done something to them, but rather they must pray and continue to love them at all cost to "themselves" - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

Thus saith the Lord:

...."Judgement will come swiftly for those of My children who continue to speak against My beloved handmaidens and bondservants in this last hour. Many of My children have chosen the way of lawlessness and because of this they have bowed their knee to Satan. They have subjected themselves to the spirit of rebellion rather than My Spirit! The time has now come for Me to turn the tables on the rebelliousness I have found in My church and truly I say to you, woe to those who have chosen to align themselves with evil! I have both found and judged them to be fighting against Me and this is most serious matter. Have they forgotten that I am not deceived and that indeed I know and see clearly each and every movement of each one of My children? I am sending those who walk in My light to expose the darkness in My church and the spirit of rebellion shall be driven out before them. I shall do great signs and wonders never before seen by the eyes of man, through My holy apostles and prophets. I shall make them a sign above all signs to My people and no more shall those who call themselves Mine, slander and curse and resist Me. Hold fast My beloved children for the morning has come, behold, darkness is no more"

Amen

FAITH - OBEDIENCE - LOVE: THREE INSEPARABLE "CATALYSTS" TO THE PERFECT RELEASE OF GOD'S POWER IN THE CHURCH

One thing that is very interesting to note is that as the men and women of God have operated in God's purpose down through the ages, we really see that distinct "air" of the supernatural in everything that they did in obedience to God's commands. Nothing "just" happened, everything had God's hand directly upon it. As we align ourselves with the thoughts and intentions of God's heart and seek to walk only in His PERFECT will (first gaining a "revelation" and THEN obeying the leading (unction) of the Holy Spirit) we know that the "anointing" to carry out the task which has been given us, "abides" within us and we can therefore "expect" to walk in the pure,

unadulterated supernatural power of God - in direct proportion to our perfect obedience to the "prompting" of His Spirit. Many times manifestations of the supernatural are hindered because of our failure to lift our eyes "continually" up to the Word of God and truly depend upon God's power in all things. To the "flesh" it is a "scary" thing to place ourselves "continually" in the position wherein we are "totally" out on God's Word and His power to such a degree that if God does not come through on our behalf, then we are finished. But once one places themselves out in that position (through the denial of their "own" understanding), and thus sees clearly that God is indeed watching over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12), then they shall come to "expect" that "air of the miraculous" and they shall be found "walking by faith" - a term that has been greatly misinterpreted and mentally ascended to - UP UNTIL THIS TIME!

THE "MIRACULOUS" POWER OF GOD TO BE THE "NORMAL" COURSE OF ACTION IN THIS LAST HOUR

Each and every one of us need to develop a "consciousness" which views the supernatural, miraculous power of God as the "normal" course of action - for a "miracle" is simply a supernatural intervention by God through His power into the "natural" scheme of things (physical realm). There are no "miracles" in Heaven because all of that realm is upheld by God's power alone. We need to have our thinking and consciousness expanded in order that we might "allow" God's power to work in the earth to a continually greater degree through faith in His Holy Word for it is "only" in this way that both His Glory - and the knowledge of it - shall be revealed. In this last hour we are going to see some mighty examples of God's power and if we are not "renewed" in our thinking to this fact then we shall be both shocked and taken aback by certain things which God does and we may even be found to be fighting against that which He is seeking to accomplish in the earth. How important it is for us to be in one accord with the thoughts and intentions of God's heart!

PERSECUTION A CERTAINTY FOR ALL THOSE WHO TRULY DESIRE TO LIVE "GODLY LIVES" IN CHRIST

The Word of God states:

...."Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"....

Matthew 5:44

If one chooses to disobey that commandment of the Lord" it is certain that they shall open the door to all manner of "trouble". As we begin to get a deeper understanding of the Father's desire for His children to walk in His love at all times, and as that precious and glorious love is shed abroad in our hearts continually to a greater degree, then by His power we shall be enabled to withstand any "persecution" - which is a CERTAINTY - for all those who desire to live "godly lives" in Christ Jesus. As one begins to seek the Lord with their "whole" heart and persecution first arises, they experience fear in some form and to varying degrees, but as they begin to understand more deeply the spiritual workings of God they will come to rejoice in any and all "persecutions" which are set against them. As our entire lives come to be based upon the love of God and all of our motivations and actions have their source in that love, then we shall come to "rejoice" in "persecutions" because love "understands" all things and refuses to take offense at anything done to it (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)! The love of God shed abroad in our heart produces the necessary wisdom (understanding) to pinpoint the Evil One's scheme in the vessel he is using against us and the "compassion" to release the anointing from deep within us that will remove "any" burden or destroy "any" yoke that "crosses our path.

PERSECUTION FOR "RIGHTEOUSNESS" SAKE - A GOOD SIGN!

It is surely a good sign for the child of God that they are being persecuted, for if they are not experiencing the "persecution" that comes from abiding in Christ, it indicates clearly that they are apart from the will of God and have, to some degree, come into a place of fellowship with the world and have thus compromised, in some way, their walk with God. To the degree that one "fellowships" with the "world", it is to that degree that persecution "for the Word's sake" shall be absent from their lives and if one chooses to take the selfish route and "free " themselves from any "pressure" which might come as a result of persecution then they shall surely "compromise" their walk and step off the narrow path of perfect obedience and they shall enter into the broad path of destruction - a path which, if continued upon, shall bring a snare and much trouble into the lives of those who have forsaken their Lord. We must come to understand the words of Jesus when He said:

...."This I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love it own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "A slave is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also"....

John 15:17-20

From these words of our Lord we can see clearly that as we fellowship with our Lord, and as our feet are planted firmly in the Kingdom of Heaven, that the "world" and all those who "belong" to it shall hate us, and as we gain a revelation of this fact deep in our hearts we can then understand the words that Jesus spoke:

.... "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven"....

...."Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you"....

Matthew 5:10-12

IT IS "ONLY" GOD'S LOVE (WORD) THAT CASTS OUT "ALL" FEAR

It is certain that until the child of God opens their heart to receive and abide in the love of God shed abroad there, they shall never be able to "rejoice" in persecution. They shall, rather, only fear it and because of that fear, they shall come to "avoid" it with a "passion". It is in this way that Satan has been "allowed" to hinder the ministry of God's Word in the earth. How important it is for each one of us to realize that it is God's perfect love which casts out "all" fear and as we seek Him with our whole heart continually - and thus "allow" His love to be shed abroad in our innermost being - then we shall no longer be a church motivated by fear but one motivated by the love and faith of God in all things. How absolute is this revelation, and how necessary it is for each one of us, as children of God, to walk in the "fulness" of it in this last of the last hour!

THERE IS NO FAITH OR LOVE IN ANY FORM OF CONDEMNATION OR ACCUSATION

...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler, but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God"....

1 Peter 4:12-16

It is time NOW for every believer to guard their lips, always controlling their tongue, in order that no unwholesome word proceed forth out of their mouth, in order that they might never be found speaking against the "anointed" ones of God (all other believers). Neither should we be speaking against those in the "world" either, but rather believing and interceding for them so that they might be "delivered" from all the bondage they are under - can they really "help themselves" if they do not have a "revelation" of the Lord Jesus Christ? So let us be concerned ONLY with carrying out the ministry that we are called to - both individually and corporately - and thus shall we cause the captives to be set free by the power of God dwelling within, and flowing out of, us rather than condemning and accusing them, held captive ourselves by a "spirit of self-exaltation" and "self-righteousness". In "condemnation" and "accusation" there is no exercising of faith (or love) on our part and it constitutes only arrogance and sin on the part of those who do so. Let the Living Christ be seen in us by all those who cross our path and let the "Spirit of Glory" flow unhindered to accomplish the Father's highest purpose in any given moment - even in the time of our greatest persecution!

DEFINING "SUFFERING"

As we study the ministry of Jesus we begin to see the "sufferings" of Christ. They were many and they were continual and thus it is of extremely important that we have a deep revelation of "suffering for righteousness' sake". We must be well aware of the picture which Satan attempts to form in our thinking, that is, that we, in some way, are still "under" the physical suffering (sickness) and "afflictions" which

are a product of the law of sin and death, while in reality:

The "suffering" we are called to in this earth is to stand continually against all the things which we have been redeemed from; it is in no way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death, but rather it is to continually release faith in the Word of God regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround us.

As our minds become transformed and renewed by the Word of God "suffering" will become the joyful opportunity to further establish the Kingdom of God in the earth it was intended to be rather than the sorrowful, painful "concept" religion has made it to be through unbelief!

WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED "ABSOLUTELY" FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

Every child of God must come to the deep realization that they have been redeemed "absolutely" from the "law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2)! If a child of God is in any way under the impression that God will allow Satan to come in and destroy him in any way (apart from the one's constant wilful sin and rebellion and disobedience over a long period of time), then they must draw near to the Word of God and thus "allow" the Holy Spirit to reveal to their hearts the "true" nature of God and His discipline. Jesus Christ did not come and shed His precious Blood on the Cross for us to remain in the suffering and bondage which has its source in fear and death but, rather, He shed His Blood to redeem us from ALL that is under the CURSE! So, therefore, we must be diligent in our handling of God's Word so that we might not "mentally ascend" in any way to any portion of that Word. True suffering is never a matter of being under bondage to Satan and his ways, but rather a "suffering for righteousness' sake". To all those who walk with God this matter of suffering for righteousness' sake is a joy and a blessing and something to be sought for, but to those whose hearts are not "wholly given" to God, the "suffering" which they have been called to is something which they will seek to avoid at all cost and they shall remain in a place wherein their "flesh" remains dominant (at least until a deep "repentance" is forthcoming), and they shall in no way fulfil the will of God for their lives.

THE "SPIRIT OF GLORY"

The Word of God states in verse 14:

...."If you are reviled for the Name of Christ you are blessed because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you"....

How wondrous this word is to all those who obey God and who are reviled for "godliness" in any way; for God has made full provision to protect us and empower us to continue walking in His love - and we can "know" - according to His Word - that in our "time" of persecution His presence shall rest heavily upon us. We must not in any way be found suffering for "unrighteous acts" for it is certain that those who sow to the flesh shall reap their fill of death and corruption. But let us understand that the whole principle of suffering for righteousness' sake means that we shall be true to our God in our obedience and in our faithfulness and thus allow Him - by His Spirit - to both order and manifest His presence in our circumstances and it is only in this position that the Father is continually glorified to the greatest degree.

...."And Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, "Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day." And the high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! And do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?" But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written, "You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people"....

Acts 23:1-5

In this passage we see another example of a man of God's refusal to "knowingly" come against (in word or deed) the "anointed" (authority) of God, despite the obvious corruption in Ananias, just as there was obvious corruption in Saul's kingship. Paul's first and foremost reaction was to harken to the Word of God which says, "You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people." It is my earnest prayer that each of us, as children of God, come to the place where we are ever sensitive to the anointing of God and sensitive also to the command to "love one another".

RIGHTEOUS AND UNRIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT

...."But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach. The Jews therefore were marvelling, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?" Jesus therefore answered them, and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him"....

John 7:14-18

The spiritual principle revealed in this particular passage is very important!

In verse 17 the Word states:

...."If any man is willing to do His will he shall know of the teaching"....

In other words, if any man is willing in his heart to do the will of God they shall "know" and recognize the anointing. The prerequisite to not being caught in a snare or deception of Satan is to be "willing" to do God's will - continually forsaking every element of "self-desire" that "surfaces". The "ability" to do so is not based upon the quantity of revealed knowledge that one has previously received but rather the "willingness" to be obedient to, and walk in, ALL of the "light" which they have been blessed with at ALL times. This is why when we see people reviling or persecuting others and being "vessels of persecution" against those who are ministering the anointed Word of God, then we know one thing: they are NOT yet willing to do "all" the will of God. For the Word of God clearly states that if "any" man is willing to do all the will of God, he shall know of the teaching and shall be able to "clearly" discern that which is anointed of God and that which is not.

ALL "RIGHTEOUS" JUDGEMENT (DISCERNMENT) IS THE PRODUCT OF REVELATION KNOWLEDGE AND AN ABIDING LOVE (OBEDIENCE) TOWARDS GOD AND THE ONE BEING JUDGED

ALL "UNRIGHTEOUS" JUDGEMENT (DISCERNMENT) IS THE PRODUCT OF "MENTAL ASCENSION" CAUSED BY AN IMPURE MOTIVATION TOWARDS BOTH GOD AND THE ONE BEING JUDGED

...."Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you carries out the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" The multitude answered "you have a demon! Who seeks to kill you?....Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgement"....

John 7:19,20...24

What is "righteous" judgement? It is the discernment of all things in light of the revealed knowledge of God's Word, in accordance with the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart at all times. The point here, in this discourse by Jesus is the fact that these people were not a people who were willing to do God's will. From the above Scriptures we can see clearly that as we go forth to "minister" we shall be able to discern immediately whether the people we are called to minister to are willing to do the will of God or whether they are not willing to do all the will of God. When one ministers to those whose hearts are "open" to receive the Word of God and who are willing to do His will, then the Word of God is freely "drawn out" of the one ministering. On the other hand, as one ministers to those who are to some degree not willing to do all of God's will, it will seem to the one ministering as though the Word which is being put forth almost needs to be "forced" out. Yet, in both cases, the "anointing" on the words will accomplish that which the Father desires to accomplish in the hearts of His people.

THE WORK OF THE CROSS PRECEDES ALL TRUE MINISTRY

If anyone has a fear of being "misunderstood" (rejected) as they go forth to minister the Word of God, they must continually "allow" the Holy Spirit to do the deepest work of the Cross in them to both expose and consume any ground in their heart, for they must come to a "clear understanding" of the fact that the only ones who will truly understand (receive) the words which they put forth and that they have been sent by God, will be those who are willing to do all the will of God - those whose hearts are "wholly" given. Every child of God must depart from the place wherein they attempt to discern anything at all through their "five physical senses" as far as "spiritual" matters go. We need to abide in the place where we are constantly before the Father and His Word and thus we shall be enabled to continually see and discern all things through the eyes of God and we shall be one with His heart and mind.

IN ALL YOUR "GETTING" GET UNDERSTANDING

As we begin to see all things as the Father sees them then He shall be enabled to trust us with "great" tasks because we shall have an understanding of His ways and His purposes, and because of the abundance of revealed knowledge in our hearts - that is, the revealed knowledge of His will and the increased willingness to do that will in the fear of the Lord - we shall be able to discern all that is "anointed" of God and that which is not. As the Living Christ abides within our hearts and as we walk daily doing nothing apart from Him, we shall begin to see all things in a "different" light. As we are faithful in our obedience to the revealed knowledge of God's Word the Lord continually moves us from faith to faith and glory to glory.

"ACCELERATED" SPIRITUAL GROWTH VS. AN "ACCELERATED" DESCENT INTO DARKNESS

In this last hour all those whose "sole" desire is to seek to do all the will of God at all times - and thus walk in perfect obedience - shall grow spiritually at an "accelerated" pace. On the other hand, those who "allow" themselves to remain in a position of holding to (maintaining) any element of "self-desire" shall "descend" at an accelerated pace into the deepening darkness that is encompassing the "world" and thus the "gap" between the "righteous" and the "unrighteous" is becoming wider and wider (Malachi 3:18-4:1)! The Father is separating those who are serving Him with a pure heart and those who are rebellious towards His highest plans and purposes. God is separating the peoples and the nations and He is preparing all those who are called to the five-fold ministry to lead the "multitudes" into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ and thus shall He establish the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth. There is absolutely no excuse for a born-again child of God to walk in "fellowship" with the world! It is a very important thing for every child of God to be found walking by faith, moment to moment. This does not mean that we have to know everything all at once, for the Holy Spirit within us knows all and we can rest in the deep assurance that - in our "faithfulness" to put His Word first - we shall always "know" what we need to know in any given situation, but we must constantly place ourselves in the position wherein we can hear Him and learn from Him and thus shall we be prepared to carry out the entire will of God for our lives moment to moment, day to day.

FROM FAITH TO FAITH AND GLORY TO GLORY

As we seek to walk in "all" the light that has been revealed to our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God is faithful to lead us on from "faith to faith" and "glory to glory". We should not be those who run from the Anointing but rather those who run to the Anointing. There is a great deal of deceit and fraud and death and "misrepresentation" available for the child of God to see and hear, and if they are foolish enough to set themselves in a position of "agreement" with any of it, then when the "real thing" comes along - that is, those who are walking in faith, anointed of God and who preach an uncompromised Gospel - then they shall be used as vessels of persecution, condemnation and accusation against those anointed ones of God instead of being partakers of the life and love which God has made them "vessels" of, for THEIR edification! For so long many have been "deadened" in their hearts by the darkness and death in this world and because of this, "Life" in its purest form is no longer held as something to be cherished above all else. Those children of God who continue to walk "after the flesh" consider that "living" is a matter of just surviving or "scraping by". It is God's will for each of us to be empowered solely by His life (zoe) and to have that life more and more abundantly. Once one has truly experienced the life of God, both living in them and flowing through them to others, they will surely come to guard their heart with "all" diligence for they will have experienced the most precious thing in existence - that is, to be a "partaker" of God's nature and experience the fulness of the "salvation" which the Father has provided for them in Christ. The further the child of God enters into the walk of faith - living a life which is based solely on the principles of God's Kingdom - the more they will find themselves in "direct opposition" to the world and its ways. There are too few children of God who realize that the "world system" has its source in Satan and daily they continue to deny the Word of God in order to take their place in a "system" which is outside of, and apart from, God and which is run wholly through the darkened wisdom of "fallen" man and the "lord" (Satan) they are in bondage to. If one truly seeks to be free of any bondage whatsoever to the "world system" and its ways they must come into that life of "abiding" which God requires in Christ and thus will the Holy Spirit be enabled to teach them how to "apply" the Word of God to their everyday life. All of us have so much to learn but let us keep diligently seeking that we might find all those things which God has for each one of us.

TWO "REVELATIONS" EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST HAVE

Two revelations which every child of God must have as they continue on in this last hour are:

- (1) that the anointing abides within them.
- (2) that they can do nothing apart from Christ - the Anointed One and His Anointing.

There is too much of an attitude prevalent which says, "we will try "our" best and hope that God is pleased" and this is an abomination to God! The essence of the "Spirit of the Cross" is to do nothing apart from the Head, who is Christ, to do nothing on our own initiative, but rather only that which has been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Let us never be found in a position where we "choose" to deny that which is of God (His sent ones) and receive that which is of the world; for to "blaspheme the glory" (anointing) is an abomination in the sight of the Father and it is certain that His judgement shall fall upon all those who retain "lawlessness" and sin in their lives.

