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Heart Day
Valentine's Day

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Covenant Intercessory Partners,

It has been quite awhile since we have shared with you, but there is much on our **hearts**. Take your time meditating on the information contained herein and absorb what the voice of the Spirit is saying to the church. It promises to be good or better yet – GOD!

Revelation 2:17, *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receives it.*

As always, we appreciate your prayers, e-mails, phone calls and visits. We love you all very much! You are embedded deep within our **hearts**. We need you. You need us. I'm amazed at people who have not figured that out yet. It takes all of us to make the body complete. One big giant eye ball would look pretty freaky rolling around all over the place. **(Smile) EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES.** A revelation to me today: We must let it. My prayer is that all of us in the body of Christ will learn to appreciate the many giftings, talents and callings that each has been blessed with (by God) and not be as Satan was before he was struck by lightning. I know Jesus said he beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven; but allow me to think of him as being struck, okay? Thanks! **(Smile)** Neither do we want to have the same heart as Cain before he killed his own brother, Abel. Both Satan and Cain were full of jealousy and pride. My husband said jealousy caused Satan to be lifted up in pride in the first place. I never thought of it like that before. Most of us have heard that pride was the original sin. Jealousy is definitely a kindred spirit. Jealousy is such a powerful emotion. We must cast it down and never let it take root in our **hearts**. Proverbs 23:7 states, "***As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.***" Matthew 12:34b says, "***Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.***" What we meditate on, eventually we will do.

My prayer is that we will continue or start (whichever applies to you) to cross denominational barriers and reach out to each other and the world. Denomination is not found in the Bible and means division. Even the denominational names, that we call ourselves, cause divisions. Ironic, isn't it? I'm eclectic and therefore take something from Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, Catholics, and others as it pertains to the full counsel of the word of God - from Genesis to Revelation. Personally, I couldn't care less about names or titles. We get too hung up on them anyway. I'm just a Biblocratic, whole counsel Christ-in (Christian). The world needs to see the body in love. By the way, Bishop coined Biblocrat and I borrowed it.

I count myself so blessed to be in perpetual covenant with you my friends and family: ministries to Haiti, China and abroad, the Agape Faith Worship Center hub, prison ministries, Women on Fire for God, praise and worship ministries, television broadcast ministries, prayer teams, and all the areas that escape me at this present moment.

The last few years, I find myself telling many private and personal matters that normally I would not. Thank you for letting us know that it helps you. God is so good to me that if he bids me tell it, then I'm not trying to make a reputation for myself anyhow. Much of it is humbling and not easy to think about, let alone to say; but low is the way up in this kingdom.

I suddenly started crying as I thought of many of you and the various ministries that we connect with in one way or another. I cried incessantly for awhile. Bishop asked me why I was crying. Finally, I managed to get an answer out. It was this: I saw many of you singing, dancing, preaching, building, launching new ministries, feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, directing choirs, writing, worshiping, and praising, etcetera, etcetera. I saw black, white, Indian, Asian, Canadian, and some of you I don't know what you are. (Smile) I saw so much in those few moments and I felt so good to be 'A' part of what you do all over the world. Yet, I felt an indescribable heaviness in my **heart**. I saw that often, we behave the exact same way that Satan and Cain did - full of jealousy and pride. Much of the time, we don't even recognize that it's in us. Jesus did not succumb to the enemy's devices and has equipped us to the past the test as well. Great sacrifice is necessary to be the opposite of these two bad examples. Let's strive to be like Jesus and Abel: humble and preferring others above ourselves. Practice makes us better.

The Olives, two dear ministers in the local body, just left our home. Niagara Falls (that's what the church called me in Mississippi) started before they arrived. They patiently allowed me to briefly share, through my tears, what God was dealing with me about and quickly confirmed that it was a ubiquitous move of the Holy Ghost. They said that the same thing was happening in church today. I knew that God's **heart** must have been breaking at the time, because I sure felt like mine was. **NEWSFLASH:** I just

thought about this. It's Valentine's Day today. It's Sweet**hearts** Day for God, too and He wants our **hearts** to be sweet. He doesn't want us to be hard **hearted**. He wants us to have tender **hearts**.

Help me Jesus. I want to be sweet – a sweet smelling savor in Your nostrils. I know many of you and I know you want to be sweet hearts, too.

Think of this news review as a love letter from our Beloved Father and His Son, Jesus.

Unless we are consistently submitting ourselves to the scrutiny of the Holy Ghost, our **hearts** will be desperately wicked. **Jeremiah 17: ⁹The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ¹⁰I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.**

Remember this Beloved. No man has gifted himself. Scripture says in James 1:¹⁷*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* God likes variety. **Nobody can do what you do the way that you do it.** Don't ever forget that. **Psalms 139:¹⁴I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.** You are **UNIQUE**. So never compare your gifts to others and never be in competition with the saints.

In 2006 while out walking in the mountains at Camp Y'shua, I received a simple revelation. I took notice of many varieties of **wild flowers** – all different sizes, colors, shapes, and fragrances - like us. Some were so tiny, you could hardly see them. However, that did not diminish their significance. They each had their own **GLORY** and so do you. God wants us to grow in his grace from glory to greater glory. I marvel in how blessed you all are. We are thankful for what your joint supplies to us. I read the end of the book, the beginning, and everything in between. It's written in scripture, our team wins. We are winners now – overcomers. Many of those scriptures are in this love letter for your meditation and encouragement today. Sit back, relax and enjoy!

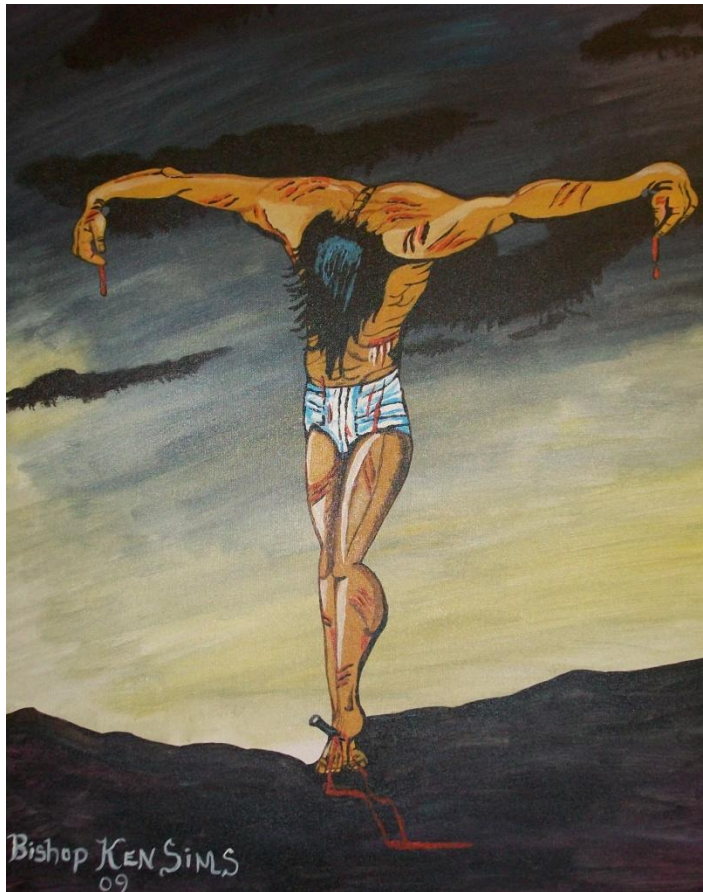
NEWSFLASH



Solomon, the Royal Little Mouse should be complete in about two weeks, according to our publisher. We are so excited! Bishop is already very slowly

working on the sequel, which will have more illustrations for the children to enjoy. We are very grateful to our Covenant Intercessory Partner, Janetta Batten for investing in the ministry to publish Solomon. Minister Batten is from Jacksonville, North Carolina. She was converted in our ministry, The Living Word Outreach Center in the early 1980's in Lawton, Oklahoma.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF ARTWORK BY BISHOP



ANointed ARTWORK

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FOR PURCHASE



ARMAGEDDON IS COMING

BE KINGDOM FOCUSED CONTINUALLY

During the past few weeks Bishop and I have been in a Kingdom focused vein. Jesus declared that the kingdom of God is at hand, meaning here with us now. It has arrived. This kingdom is ushered inside by the presence, power and person of Jesus. Righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost is this kingdom. Our focus, for the past few weeks, has not been so much about the kingdom of God here and now - but the literal, physical Kingdom to come. This future Kingdom is where Jesus' throne will remain in the earth forever and ever in Jerusalem.

This review started with two dreams that Bishops Sims had. In brief the first one, showed him in a Euroclydon battle. In reality, he was in much pain and seemingly near death. In the dream, there was great mayhem – violence and killing. He could see the brass on some of the soldiers. In the midst of the battle, he floated about 65 to 70 feet up off the ground. He was standing on top of the battle looking down on it. Our battles really belong to the Lord. When we stand in Him, we can stand and see His salvation demonstrated in our lives every time.

We can walk on water if Jesus bids us to do so and we believe it. We can defy gravity and fly Volkswagens and graduate to flying semis. These were dreams that I had in the '80s during some critical times in our lives. The dreams were significant of the victory that was ours. We dream a lot. Our children dream a lot and now the grand babies are starting to dream. **Joel 2:28** is true. *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*

The next week, Bishop had another dream. In it, the Lord told him to tell everybody to get ready because **ARMAGEDDON IS COMING, ARMAGEDDON IS COMING**. He did that for many months and many would not believe him. Finally, the day arrived. Noah preached for 120 years concerning the rain and no one believed him either, but the rain came and so did the flood.

A balancing act is required for us to occupy until He comes and yet keep our eyes on the prize. **Hebrews 3:**¹³ *Brethren, ...reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.* Life is a **press**; but it is less **pressure** if we **press** into His **Presence**. Jesus said in **John 16:**³³ *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take **heart!** I have overcome the world."*

Like it or not, we have to face the fact that we are at war. Sometimes we have to be in the trenches with our battle buddies. Sometimes we have to be on the front line. Other times, we have to engage in individual hand-to-hand combat through fasting and prayer.

There are times that I would like to physically punch Satan out, but the sword, the word of God punches him out and cuts him up. **Hebrews 4:**¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes (intentions) of the **heart**.*

We can't stick our heads in the sand like the ostrich when danger approaches and think that because we can't see anything that nothing or anyone can see us. The ostrich mentality says that he's safe because he can't see any harm, dangers, failures, frustrations, temptations, trials, tribulations, etcetera when he buries his head in the sand. Burying your head doesn't make any adversity go away. Feeling sorry for yourself doesn't make it go away either. I've tried that too. The only one that will show up at your pity party is Satan. He loves them. But he's the worst company imaginable. Jesus only comes to praise parties. In fact, our praise invites Him and then He inhabits that same praise. What more can we ask? Without asking, praise defeats the enemy in your life and strengthens your spirit automatically.

We must learn how to take a pro-active approach just as David did when confronted with tribulations and trials. Faith is great expectation. One of my favorite definitions of **expect** is realizing something in advance and taking steps to meet it. When I read that definition more than ten years ago, I immediately saw David. He loaded his guns (sling shot and stones) as he ran towards Goliath, a false prophet. David decreed that he would take the head of the enemy. The same God that delivered him from the bear and the lion was WELL able to deliver him from this uncircumcised **GIANT**. We must rehearse our past victories and encourage ourselves with God's word - just like David did.

I believe that if we stay focused on the new Kingdom to come, we will not have as much trouble staying true to Jesus, the work of the ministry, our wives, husbands, or whatever. Sin becomes less appealing to us because we are focused more on kingdom business. Bishop said, "It will ignite holiness and a greater thirst for the word of God. The woman at the well was going around in circles like we do; she was lugging the

same old bucket at the same old well - until she heard about something better and greater in the person of Jesus.”

In the mid seventies, while stationed in Augsburg, Germany, we started studying Bible and end time prophecy. It gave us a greater since of the wanna bes and the want tos - ‘cause we don’t wanna be in the smoking section in the hereafter and we want to spend eternity with Jesus. That’s where our determination lies - come hell or high water. We’re not driven by fear of death. Our salvation is secure in Him. We’re driven by the reverential fear because of Who He is, the ALMIGHTY!

The past few weeks, we have received phone calls from saints in various parts of the country. Their concerns have helped to confirm this periodical that you are reading presently. It started as a simple e-mail, but grew into a periodical. Questions have been asked to us about things that we are all witnessing in the world today: tsunamis, hurricanes, mudslides, earthquakes, floods, snow in all 50 states, the failing economy, violence and the rise of evil, witchcraft, the occult – you name it. Listening to the news or reading the paper is like reading **Matthew 24:** ⁴*Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

The good news is: it does get better. The bad news: it will get worse, before it gets better. This fact does not give us the right to a nonchalant attitude, however. We still have a responsibility to prayer, supplication, intercession and warfare. Occupy until Jesus comes or rather comes back.

Sometimes Bible prophecy is like the colors of the rainbow. It can be difficult to tell where one part ends and the other begin. When we seek the word like hidden treasure, as Proverbs 2:4 encourages us to, mysteries are opened up to us. Some parts of biblical prophecy have been fulfilled, but much is yet to be fulfilled. It can be confusing trying to differentiate between the first advent, the second advent, the rapture, the tribulation, the millennium and the different judgments. You will discover that the more you study the word of God, the more you understand about it. We are seeing Bible prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes - even the unsaved are talking about it. There are also those who are the ones fulfilling it and are clueless. This is a grand opportunity for us to share Jesus. Don’t miss your divine appointments.

End Times Terminology and Supporting Scriptures

An **advent** is the coming or arrival of something extremely important.

The **first advent** of Christ has already taken place. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin, Mary.

The rapture, though, never mentioned in the Bible means the great snatching away of the saints mentioned in the scriptures. Rapture means caught up. **I Thessalonians 4:**¹⁶*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.* ¹⁷*After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.* ¹⁸*Therefore encourage each other with these words .*

The judgment seat of Christ is where the raptured Saints in heaven are being judged and receiving rewards for our deeds on earth. The Church will also be celebrating the **Marriage Supper of the Lamb** that Jesus spoke about in Revelation 19:9 while the Tribulation is taking place on earth.

The tribulation will be the greatest time of trouble the entire world has ever known. Events taking place now will seem like a walk in the park. The tribulation is the last seven years known as the time of Jacob's trouble (Israel). During this time, the Anti-Christ will be manifested and no one will be able to buy, sell or trade without the mark of the beast (666). When the mark is taken, it seals your doom.

The Great Tribulation is the latter three and one half years of the seven year tribulation period.

We are pre-tribulationists. That simply means that we believe the church will be raptured from the earth before the tribulation begins. Two foundational scriptures that we base this belief on are **Revelation 4:1** and **2 Thessalonians 2:7-8** *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he (the **Church**) who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked (**Anti-Christ**) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (This refers to the second advent – when His feet touch down on Mt. Olive.)*

Many will **turn** to the Lord and many will **return** to the Lord after witnessing the rapture. During this greatest period of trouble the world has ever known, many Christians will die a martyr's death. Though these were not raptured with the Church, they will still be part of the first resurrection, the second half.

Armageddon is the greatest war that the world will ever experience. The blood will run as high as a horse's bridle for approximately 200 miles. **Revelation 14:**²⁰*They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles*

for a distance of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (That is about 180 miles or 300 kilometers.)

The Rider on the White Horse

Revelation 19: ¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like **blazing fire**, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴**The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.** ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

¹⁹Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the **fiery lake of burning sulfur.** ²¹The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. **(The nations gathered at Armageddon will turn from fighting each other to join together to war against Jesus and the returning saints.) Jesus speaks (the sword of his mouth) and it's over. That's the extent of our battle. That's really the extent of our battle now.**

THE UNHOLY TRINITY (Satan, the Anti-Christ and the false prophet) is GOING DOWN!!!

The great Euphrates River is drying up now so that China's vast Army (200 million men) will be able to cross with ease. **Revelation 9:**¹³*The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river **Euphrates.**" ¹⁵And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶**The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million.** I heard their number.*

It is at the end of Armageddon in the (Valley of Megiddo) that Jesus and the raptured Saints return to planet earth on the white horses. Many biblical scholars call it World War III or the Last World War. I know this sounds like something out of a science fiction movie. The difference is this is all true.

millennium – span of one thousand years

The millennial reign is one of holiness. It is the thousand year reign of Christ and the saints on earth after the battle of Armageddon is over.

Revelation 20:** ⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

During the millennium, Satan will be bound for a thousand years.

*¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years.** ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.*

The second advent will take place when Jesus sets his feet down on the Mount of Olives again. The raptured church will be with Him.

Zechariah 14:3 *Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. ⁵ You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. **Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.***

⁹ The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Daniel 7:¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, (**Jesus**) coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days (**The Father**) and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

Isaiah 29 (New International Version)

¹³ The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their **hearts** are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

¹⁵ **Woe to those who go to great depth to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, Who sees us? Who will know?**

²⁰ **The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down.**

²¹ those who with a word make a man out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice.

²⁴ **Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction.**

JUDGEMENTS

There will be separate judgments for different groups. The wicked will not be judged with the righteous.

Psalms 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

More judgments to take place are for individual Gentiles, judgment of fallen angels (demons), the Great White Throne judgment, and Israel's (the Jews) judgment.

Daniel 7:⁹ As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the **Ancient of Days** took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was **flaming with fire** and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ **A river of fire** was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The **court** was seated, and the books were opened. **(This speaks of the Great White Throne judgment. These are all part of the second resurrection. You WANT to be in the first resurrection.)**

²¹ **As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them,**²² **until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.**

²³ "He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it.'²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.²⁵ **He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.**

(Time, times and a half time is the last 3-1/2 years of the tribulation, the Great Tribulation. We are now continuously faced with our state and federal Governments attempting to change the Constitution. It's okay to save the whales, but kill the babies. This is the spirit

of Anti-Christ already in the world. He is only against what Jesus stands for. Everybody else can have their rights, but Judeo-Christian values are fought like never before. The laws of the land are based on the Bible and Jewish Law. Satan hates it. The spirit of Anti-Christ is the reason for all this opposition against Christianity.)

²⁶ But the **court** will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ **Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him. (This prophecy is yet to be fulfilled.)** ²⁸ This is the end of the matter.

I Corinthians 15: ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our **hearts**, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, Our Strength, Our Redeemer.

Evangelist Patrick Sims

STATES

I passed through the state of confusion
 I wondered its many roads
 Searching for life's precious secrets untold
 I ended up lost
 I passed through the state of depression
 The rain was pouring down
 I saw a young man who like me wore a sad frown
 I departed.
 I passed through the state of sadness
 It is different from depression I'm told
 There I met a young lady who told me she'd lost her soul
 I became frightened and ran.
 I ran to the state of knowledge so that I might understand
 See through your **heart**, not your eyes said a wise and decrepit old man.

By: **KaShanta Sims**

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

IRAQ FAQs

1. The Garden of Eden was in Iraq.
 2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization.
 3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
 4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
 5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq.
 6. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
 7. Jonah preached in Nineveh in Iraq.
 8. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq.
 9. The three Hebrew boys were in the fiery furnace in Iraq.
 10. Jesus was in Iraq as the fourth person in the fiery furnace.
 11. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
 12. The wise men were from Iraq.
 13. Peter preached in Iraq.
 14. Babylon, described in Revelation, is a city in Iraq.
 15. Iraq means country with deep roots.
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Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart does good, *like* medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

HUMOR

Three buddies die in a car crash and find themselves at an orientation to enter heaven. They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning your loss, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first man said, "I would like to hear them say I was a great doctor of my time and great family man."

The second guy said, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow. "

The third replied, "I would like to hear them say, LOOK! HE'S MOVING!"

For Your Information

God made the best things in life.

Cinnamon and Honey

Honey is the only food on the planet that will not spoil or rot. It will do what some call turning to sugar. In reality honey is always honey. However, when left in a cool dark place for a long time it will crystallize. When this happens, loosen the lid, boil some water, and sit the honey container in the hot water, turn off the heat and let it liquefy. It is then as good as it ever was. Never boil honey or put it in a microwave. To do so will kill the enzymes in the honey.

Advance Scientific Health reported that the only food that does not spoil is honey. It also stated that a mixture of honey and cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Scientists all over the world today also accept honey as a very effective medicine for all kinds of diseases. It is stated that honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases.

ACH quoted Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, on its issue dated 17 January, 1995, as saying, "Daily use of honey and cinnamon powder strengthens the immune system and protects the body from bacterial and viral attacks. Scientists have found that honey has various vitamins and iron in large amounts. Constant use of honey strengthens the white blood corpuscles to fight bacterial and viral diseases."

Always consult your doctor before trying any medicines, herbs or supplements.

PRESS

"Life in time remains without meaning if it does not receive its meaning from eternity."
(Russian Scholar Berdyaew)

Philippians 3:14, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me.... (Luke 4:18)
These words are so true for the believer yet very contingent upon so many things.
What we do in our personal lives determines what we will do for Him.

This reality means that nothing can be done if we as Gods people are asleep. In a world where mostly everything that breaks His heart has been accepted, we must **PRESS** to pursue the heart of Christ, yes **PRESS**, is what we must do. It's not as easy as opening the Bible and reading a few devotional scriptures. Now days warfare is always required to overcome the weapons of the enemy. Living in a perverse world can present many strongholds to us if we allow it to.

Ephesians 6:12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

2 Cor. 10:4 *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;*

Renewing our mind daily, is a vital part in preventing death to the spirit man. **Romans 12:2** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

I've learned that my salvation is not based on a feeling, so I continue to **PRESS**, because God is a loving and forgiving God, willing to accept me as I am. But, He does desire to change us into what He designed us to be, so **PRESS** when the feeling to do so doesn't exist. **PRESS**, when you've done wrong and feel ashamed. **PRESS**, when you feel disconnected from the Savior, and **PRESS** more when you feel connected, for the fall could just be a thought away. Most importantly **PRESS**, because we can and must. **Mark 9:23** *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

We are definitely living in the last days, in a world that is pressing upon us! So, **PRESS** because we are closer to the return of the Lord! **Hebrews 10**³⁷ *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.* ³⁸*Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.* ³⁹*But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

And let's remember that although we fall down, we can get back up AGAIN!!! **1 John 2:1-2** *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ²And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

The word of the Lord to me for my own personal life was to continue to press. Although I've encountered so many different struggles, I thank God for His grace and mercy. We overcome only by the blood of the lamb and by the power of our testimony, so let's declare triumphantly in Christ Jesus that we are overcomers by the blood of the Lamb. God Bless.

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Love,
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ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD - CHAPTER 38 (An Excerpt, from *The Mystery of The Anointing*, BY BISHOP KENNETH SIMS)

You may ask how it can work together for my good when I believed God for my child to live and he died. First of all, let me say to you that God's word is true. If he said that it works together for your good, it does. Your loss is always your gain. When you get to heaven, you'll see that baby again. The physical pain that you're going through cannot compare to your blessed hope in Christ. The word says to count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. **James 1:2&3.** Also **I Peter 4:12** says, *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.* Trials come to pass, not to last. **II Corinthians 4:**¹⁷*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;* ¹⁸*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.* Romans 8:28 tells us that if we're called according to his purpose, everything that happens to us will work for our good. Sometimes you might not see how God uses your pain to bring glory to his name. Believe me, he does.

What happened to Joseph seemed unfair. His own brothers sold him into slavery. After all his hardship, he was able to say to his brothers what you meant for evil, God has worked it for my good. This is what he said to his brothers in **Genesis 45:**⁷*And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.* ⁸*So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.* There is no way to avoid painful circumstances in this life; but know the day draweth near when God shall wipe away every tear.

The Holy Spirit, who is our comforter, will always provide the strength we need to go on in spite of the adversity. Paul said, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." **2 Corinthians 4:8&9**

Everything that you're dealing with at this moment has purpose in your life. It is designed to bring you to the high call of God in Jesus Christ. What's happening to you is not as important as why it's happening to you. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will surely come in the morning. The word tells us in 1 Corinthians 10:13, *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.* We don't always have to have an answer as to why things go wrong sometimes. Just know that God upholds everything by the hand of his power. Learn to give thanks to God in all things. For the joy of the Lord is your strength. **Nehemiah 8:10.**

I Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, *In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* Now please understand, we're to give thanks in everything and not thanks for everything; because everything doesn't come from God. Satan is the tempter, not God. God

takes what Satan throws at you and makes it abound to your benefit. God doesn't bring evil. He allows it to bring us to a greater level of maturity, that the trying of your faith may work patience in you. **James 1:3.** *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.* **James 1:13**

Sometimes it seems that we're being tempted beyond measure. Listen, God knows how much you can take. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. **Isaiah 59:19.**

TESTIMONIAL

Bishop had open heart surgery December 29, 2009. Something miraculous happened in his body about three weeks before he had the surgery or he never would have been able to last. It happened after all night prayer. He went from not having the energy to feed himself or even brush his teeth to being able to walk unattended and take care of himself. However, nothing had changed with the diagnosis or his numbers, etc. He was on oxygen as needed, and it helped a little. His heart has always been strong because he has been an athlete since junior high school. The diagnosis was a leaky mitral valve, which caused much of the blood to flow in the opposite direction. The condition drained him of his energy and caused other major problems. We were told that the surgery would last from four to six hours. It was less than two hours. HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

Our prayer was that the surgeon would be able to repair his valve and not have to replace it with an artificial one. Our petition was granted. **GLORY TO GOD!** We were told that to get a second opinion for this procedure, we would have to go to the east coast. We got the best surgeon in the entire region. His sternum is healing beautifully and he is overcoming all adverse situations. The medical professionals continue to be amazed at his **stayability**. Many of you know that Bishop Sims died in 2003 and this is 2010. His confession is that he's staying until all of his books are written and he has done everything that God commissioned him to do.

For with God nothing shall be impossible. **Luke 1:37**

SALVATION

ROMANS 10: ⁹*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* ¹⁰*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* ¹¹*As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."* ¹²*For there is no difference*

*between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
13for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Pray God's word.

Father I believe in my heart that Jesus is Lord and I confess with my mouth that you raised Him from the dead for my trespasses and sins. Forgive me, Father for all my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Thank you now for saving me in Jesus name. Amen!

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