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We have worked diligently this quarter to spread the table with Manna from above. We pray that this magazine will be inspirational, motivational and of great comfort to you and your families.

Your Past, Your Future, Are You Present?

By: Bishop Kenneth Sims

“THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO ABOUT YESTERDAY TODAY IS, MAKE SURE YOU DON’T WASTE TOMORROW.” Bishop Sims

Your past has nothing to do with your future. Now I know there are those who would argue the point. I’m not saying that your past isn’t important. It is in that we should be thankful to God for covering us with his grace; but most of us are bound by our past.

There’s a story told about a young elephant that was chained to a stake in the ground by an eight foot chain. This was part of the training that was required for him to perform in the circus. Whenever the young elephant would feel a slight resistance from the chain, he would spontaneously stop tugging. This continued over into his adult life. When he weighed several tons, he was yet bound by that same stake in the ground. The point is: that elephant was able to free himself but was still bound by his past.

Stop and think! Are you that elephant on an eight foot chain? Many of us are so bound by our past. We fear the future because of the past. Listen! Life is so short. You cannot afford to think back. Those who think back, go back. Don't drag your past around with you. Cut yourself free and discover the possibility of succeeding.

Paul, the Apostle stated in **Philippians 3:13-14**, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Notice Paul states, first of all, that he counted not himself to have apprehended; but that he was able to forget his past. That puts him right smack in the present. That's the position in time I want to focus on – the present.

Most of us fail before we give it a try. Our mentality is: if I try this or that sudden death is inevitable. We've been trained by our surroundings and negative people to fail before we make an attempt. I call that a lack of faith. We must learn that the most important moment in our lives is *NOW*. Hebrews 11:1 states, "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Secondly, we must not be afraid to make decisions. It is in making decisions that we become airborne to reaching our goals in life.

I'm reminded of a situation in my own life as a kid. My family consisted of twelve siblings and we sometimes slept three to a bed. I somehow seemed to end up in the middle. It got very uncomfortable at times. Breathing became difficult when my older brothers would squash me in the night as they slumbered and slept. The point I wish to make is some of you are sleeping in the middle when God wants you to move on toward your future in him. Don't get caught in the middle. Refuse to stay where you are. Put one foot in front of the other. Break away from the bondage of your past. You might ask, "How do I do that?" Well, the way I resolved my problem as a kid sleeping with my older brothers was by the use of my elbow. I would stick it right in the middle of their backs. That made sleeping with me difficult. They eventually moved me to the outside of the bed. Sometimes you've just got to tell the devil that you're tired of him squashing you. Make him move over and let you pass.

Your past is past. Your future is *NOW*. What happened, happened. Don't live your life in the shadow of those who are succeeding. Test the waters for yourself and don't die unfulfilled.



Divorce Statistics, How Not to be One

By Evangelist Patrick Sims

This morning May 8, 2010, I had another dream. Yes! This time my husband, Ken and I were teenagers back in high school. We were very much in love. Even though we didn't talk a lot in this dream, we knew what each other was thinking. As we walked from place-to-place, we held hands. When we were sitting, we would lay our heads on each other. There were many smiles exchanged and affectionate touching. When he went away, I longed for him to return and vice versa.

Action still speaks louder than words. It's not in what we say, but rather what we do. Actions are obvious to all. Though my husband and I are still very much in love, this dream was not really about Ken and me.

This dream was for you - those of you who are reading this and having difficulty right now in your relationships. It was a fore shadow to me of what can be for you again. I'm just one channel for God's river of life to flow through. Anything is possible to him that can believe. "*For with God nothing shall be impossible.*" (Luke 1:37) What once was, can be again - if you are willing. If you desire, the Lord can take you back to the place where you first met and fell in love.



Bishop Sims and I have been doing much marital counseling with different couples this quarter. I believe that is the reason for the dream. As you will remember, the first quarter e-zine was focused on end-time prophecy. Just as the many phone calls and face-to-face questions sparked the *Armageddon is Coming* topic for the first quarter, the many counseling sessions this quarter has sparked the topic, *Divorce Statistics, How Not to be One*.

My original intention was to gather some comforting scriptures for a friend during a very difficult time in her marriage. I can type 80 plus words a minute so it's a lot easier to get on the computer than it is to write it out. As I typed, my mind became flooded with more thoughts and scriptures on the matter. I soon realized

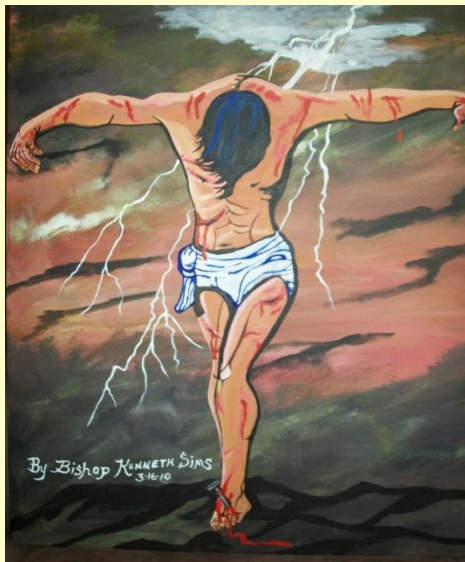
that, once again, this was something on the heart of God for families. So I allowed him to develop it.

What we have been given, we freely give. At 1:00 p.m. we had a counseling session with a couple and they left as changed individuals. We certainly cannot take credit for the obvious transformation in their attitudes; but we are so grateful and willing for every chance to assist in mending the broken.

By the grace of God, we will celebrate 34 years of marriage on July 31 and have a total of 38 years of experience as a couple - by no means are we experts. However, a man with experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument. There have been many trials and errors in our own relationship, but we know that we possess the ability to impact the lives of others in a positive way.

We gave assignments to the couple that will strengthen their resolve to save their relationship. They were both willing to make very necessary sacrifices. The very nature of the word sacrifice denotes pain. Sacrifice is a hard thing. It means give up, abandon, relinquish, lose, surrender, let go, do without, renounce, and forfeit.

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, thus empowering us to make necessary sacrifices in our relationships with others.



This is the time for **Philippians 4:13** to be real in life and not just another cliché. The referenced scripture says, ***“I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.”*** Sometimes it is a Gethsemane experience. Not my will, but God’s will be done.

Bishop often teaches that marriage is not 50/50. It is 100/100. You bring everything you have to the table and your beloved must bring everything that he or she has to the table.

I read an article today by Dennis Rainey. It stated that in the United States more than one million children each year experience the breakup of their families and that about one in four of American adults age eighteen and older are divorced.

I was a product of a broken home and can relate to the pain these children suffer as many of you can. Though I have never been divorced, I was devastated of my Mother and Father's marriage. How-pleased to testify ever, I am that after many years of believing God for them, my Mother and Father remarried before he died four months later – but that's another testimony.



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Statistics say that Christians have the highest divorce rate. It is very sad to me that the body of Christ has a higher divorce rate than people in the world who do not confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. How can this be? He has given us power. An ancient Greek word for power is *dunamis*. *Dunamis* is the root of the English word for **dynamite**. That's the kind of **power** that you possess if you are a born-again child of God. We are clueless – most of us. Please, don't be insulted. That is never my intention.

Ephesians 3:20 declares, “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...” So what is the problem? The problem is often Jesus is Savior, but not Lord. If we insist on sitting on the throne in our lives, he will step aside. He won't force himself on you like Satan will. The times that I sat on the throne, in my life, were the most disastrous times of all. So what's the answer? Give Him the right to sit on the throne of your life.

Scripture says in **Proverbs 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it is total death.”** Also **Proverbs 3:5&6** commands, **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.”**

We suggest pre-marital counseling as it results in a higher survival rate for marriage. If you did not obtain pre-marital counseling, we suggest post-marital counseling from biblically based organizations. It's never too late with Jesus. He is the key to everything. He has an answer for every problem that we are faced with. It's

up to us to take his advice or not. He is alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. It behooves all of us to hear Him.

My husband teaches that marriages fail because of selfishness on behalf of one or the other, or both. Then we tend to take the same issues within us to the next marital relationship and it fails also. Why? Because we never addressed the root cause of our problem. If the problem is within you, changing locations will not solve it. If the problem is within you, changing husbands or wives will not fix it. In fact this will often (not in every case) explain why some get married four and five times. You are still you and cannot run away from yourself. Until you get help or deliverance, your issues will proliferate.

In network marketing years ago, I learned a new definition for insanity – doing the same thing over and over expecting to get different results.

Please understand. I know that divorce is often unavoidable and I'm sensitive to the matter. I'm familiar with women whose lives were in grave danger in their marriage. I'm familiar with men and women who were deserted by their spouses for various reasons. God has called us to peace.

Allow me to be vulnerable and share with you one of my own experiences. In the '90s I was in Germany visiting our daughter, KaShanta and her family. I was taking my evening worship walk and just talking to the Lord about my life. I remember asking (almost demanding) the Lord to change my husband. To my surprise, the Lord responded, "*Why don't I change you?*" I was totally shocked. "Me? Why, me? I'm not the problem Lord. He is."

Obviously the Lord disagreed with me. I was so focused on the fact that he was not behaving as I had designed for him to. Did you get that? He was not living up to my expectations. But guess what? Neither was I living up to his expectations of me in many ways? I was so focused on what I felt he needed to do that I totally missed my shortcomings – that is until the Lord started to point them out. I was ashamed and had to submit to what the Father said. It was not easy, but I surrendered and said, "Okay, Lord. Help me to change then." That was the beginning of a renewed relationship to this day. We had to go back to the place of our first romance. God revived our fractured marriage.

Everything is not about you, Beloved. I'm sorry, but the world does not revolve around you or me.

Our marriage never would have survived if Jesus had not been a constant in our lives. You will not survive either without the Lord in your life. You will exist but that is quite different from living a joy-full life in the Lord.

When teaching marriage classes, my husband often shares that marriage is not a permanent state. It is hard work. It requires diligence – long steady application.

The only person who is always right is the Father. We miss the mark as humans because we are finite. Only God is infinite (limitless and boundless). That's why His way is always the right way. **ALWAYS!**

The truth offends and it hurts. But thank God that you are His child and that He corrects you.

Relationships of selfishness will never succeed. Although **self-sacrifice** is not natural, it must replace **selfishness**. My Father would often tell me that self preservation is the first law of nature. No one has to be taught to be selfish. We have to learn how not to be that way, because selfishness is an automatic behavior.

Teamwork, in the relationship, is necessary to make your dream work. No man is an island. Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto. (I'm telling my age, but that's okay.)
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Marriage is a covenant. A covenant is a serious, binding agreement between two or more people to do or not to do a certain thing. This definition is etched in my brain. This covenant is not between two people but between three. Did you just have an aha moment? That's where most miss it. We think, it's between the man and the woman only.

Think back to your wedding vows. It went something like this: "*Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here **in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is commended to be honorable among all men; and not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly – but reverently and solemnly.***

Marriage should not be entered into **unadvisedly**. In other words, you should receive counsel - advice. Marriage is far more than a meeting of the flesh. We are three part beings. Therefore, it's a meeting of the hearts (spirit of man), soul (mind, will, emotions, imagination and intellect) and body. You can both be Chris-

tians and still be unequally yoked, but we will not develop that at this time. Just remember that counsel is vital.

Did you know that you made a vow (promise) to and before God at your wedding celebration? Ponder these scriptures in **Ecclesiastes 5:**⁴ *“When you vow a vow or make a pledge to God, do not put off paying it; for God has no pleasure in fools (those who witlessly mock Him). Pay what you vow. ⁵It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶Do not allow your mouth to cause your body to sin, and do not say before the messenger [the priest] that it was an error or mistake. Why should God be [made] angry at your voice...?”*

Let's go a little bit further. Do you GROOM take BRIDE to be your wife – to live together after God's ordinance, to comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon her your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keeping yourself only for her as long as you both shall live? This same vow is confessed by the bride. Do you Bride take Groom, etc.?

In my opinion, “for better or for worse” sums it all up. Did we pay any attention to the words that proceeded out of our mouths, or were we just caught up in the awe of the moment? Please read again what we committed to. Most of us were so nervous and in perfect rapture that we were just talking heads. Talking loud and saying nothing – unless you really meant what you said.

To reiterate, do you take each other **to live together after God's ordinance**? What is an ordinance? It is a rule, order, law, standard, direction, principle, or a command.

Let's take a look at some of God's ordinances. I like the scriptures that Bishop used today: **Galatians 5:22** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”* He also referenced the ‘Love’ chapter below.

The first fruit mentioned is love. Love and lust is not the same thing. Let's take a look at the love chapter. I Corinthians 13:⁴ *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does*

not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ *It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* ⁸ *Love never fails.*

If each of us practice these scriptures alone, our homes and lives would be much more successful. I want us to take a more detailed look at the scriptural definitions of love again and simplify it even further. Love is **patient** (bearing or **enduring** pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance with calmness). Love is **kind** (tolerant and considerate). Love does not **envy** (having a painful desire for another's advantages or possessions). Love does not **boast** (express excessive pride, about oneself). Love is not **proud** (having an exaggerated opinion of your importance). Love does not **dishonor** (to treat in a disrespectful or demeaning manner). Love is **not self-seeking** (concerned only with promoting one's own interests). Love is **not easily angered** (having strong hostility). Love **keeps no record of wrongs** (an unjust or injurious act). Love does not delight in **evil** (morally bad; wicked). Love rejoices in the **truth** (a proven or verified principle or statement). Love **always protects** (shield from danger, injury, destruction, or damage). Love, **always trusts** (believe in, have faith in, depend on, count on, lean on, rely upon). Love **always hopes** (optimistic, confident expectation). Love **always perseveres** (remain constant to a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles or discouragement). Love **never fails** (changes, dies, run out, neglect, disappoint, abandon, desert or forsake).

Now let's practice. Re-read the above portion that I amplified and substitute yourself. Say, "I am patient. I endure pain, difficulty, provocation, and annoyance with calmness." Say, "I am kind. I am tolerant and considerate." Go through each definition to the end. Sometimes you have to say it to believe it and then you can say it because you believe it and because it's true. We will always have to press on this side of heaven. When we get to the other side we will be just as He is. The press will be over. Hallelujah!

I trust that the above amplification gives you a new outlook on your relationship. Often we overlook the fact that we should practice these principles with our spouses. We tend to take for granted the people who love us most.

False Assumption

In an article I read by Dennis Rainey, statistics showed that 64% of college students in a poll agreed that living together as a couple before getting married is a good idea. However, it is a false assumption. The Bible teaches that marriage should come before sexual intimacy. Although it seems like trying out relation-

ships before marriage is good, research shows that the divorce rate is actually higher among those who live together before marrying later.

None of us are perfect and we all need help. Here are some pointers that can help your marriage go in the right direction:

- Humble yourself. **Romans 12:10** *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;”*
- Exhibit the response that you want from your mate. **Luke 6:31** *“Do to others as you would like them to do to you.”*
- Learn to disagree, agreeably. **Amos 3:3** *“Can two walk together, except they are agreed?”*
- Confirm your love to each other daily. **John 15:12** *“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

Advice to women:

- Communicate your feelings, but don't nag.
Proverbs 25:24 *“It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than to share a house with a disagreeing, quarrelsome, and scolding woman.”*
Proverbs 27:15 *“A quarrelsome wife is like the dripping of a leaky roof in a rainstorm;”*
Men respond more favorably to praise – not criticism.

Proverbs 15:1, “A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”

Advice to men:

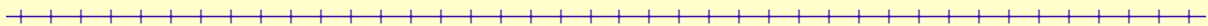
- It's important to women to know that they are loved (that includes saying I love you) as well as showing them, especially in the little things. I.E. remembering anniversaries, birthdays, etc. **Ephesians 5:25**, *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”*
Ephesians 5:28, *In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*
- Security is another important issue to women, especially in the financial department. **Ephesians 5:29** *After all, no one ever hated his own body but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church.*

It is very crucial that husbands and wives, pray together, study the word of God together and play together.

*In closing, let's ponder the words of Jesus in Mark chapter 10 verses 2-9. Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife? **What did Moses command you?** Jesus asked. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "**It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,**" Jesus replied. "**But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.**"*

In case you missed it, the most important decision you can make in your life is to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. If you are willing, he will teach you how to have harmony in every relationship in your life: family, work, church, etc.

Let Jesus take you to the place in your marital relationship that you never even dreamed possible.



NEWSFLASH

Be our guest! Sign the *guest book* and fill out the *contact us form* to be added to our *mailing list* at <http://www.Manna@MannaMinistries.net> and enter for your chance to win one of seven prizes to be given away in the month of August.

Refer a friend. Notify us at Prizes@mannaministries.net. When your friend signs our guest book and **ALSO** joins the mailing list (fill out the contact us form), they will be entered into the drawing and you will increase your chances of winning.

Prizes: \$300.00 original artwork, \$75.00 copy, \$15.00 t-shirt, \$14.00 tote bag, \$12.00 hat, \$12.00 notebook and \$10.00 cup. All prizes will be imprinted with Manna Ministries' Kingdom Creations.

COMING SOON! Tentatively scheduled for the month of June. Place your orders and donations over a secure server using your credit or debit card.

STAY TUNED

Bishop Sims is working on the sequel to Solomon, *The Mad Dash to Freedom*. It promises to be even better than the first with more illustrations. It will be released before the end of the year.

Wings of Prayer

By: KaShanta Sims (at 14 years of age)
(Dedicated to Mom)

Just close your eyes and open your heart
And feel your worries and cares depart
Just humble yourself to the Father above
And let him hold you secure in his love
Because Life on earth grows more involved
With endless problems that can't be solved
But God only asked us to do our best
Then he will take over and finish the rest
So when you're tired, discouraged, and blue
There's always a door that's open to you.
And that is the door to the *house of prayer*
You'll find God waiting to meet you there
The *house of prayer* is no farther away
Than the quiet spot where you bow to pray
He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we pray in his name, Thy will be done
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on the wings of prayer

(Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!)

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?**

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. --

Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. --

Kristen, age 10

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -- **Derrick, age 8**

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. -- **Lori, age 8**

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- **Lynn, age 8**

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. -- **Martin, age 10**

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. -- **Pam, age 7**

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. -- **Curt, age 7**

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. -- **Anita, age 9**

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED? There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? --

Kelvin, age 8

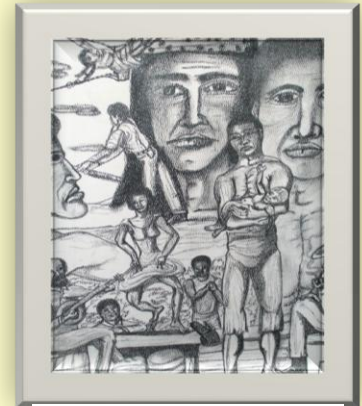
HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. -- **Rick, age 10**I kid you not!

Our daughter, KaShanta sent this e-mail to me on May 11th. How appropriate?! She did not know that I was writing the article on divorce and marriage. I had to share this with you.

ARMAGEDDON IS COMING!**By Bishop Ken Sims**

At the beginning of 2010, I had a dream of the Lord Jesus coming to me. I was walking among a sea of people. Every nation was represented. The Spirit of the Lord touched my lips, and I began to prophesy concerning the battle of Armageddon. God said to me that He wanted me to warn the world that Armageddon was coming and so was His son, Jesus.



Art by Bishop

The word Armageddon appears in the Bible only one time. It is found in Revelation 16:16. The Free Dictionary defines Armageddon as the final battle at the end of the world between the forces of good and evil, the Son of God against the kings of the earth.

Revelation 16: ¹²And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. ¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ¹⁵Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

¹⁶And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. The Euphrates Rivers has already begun to dry up. Saints of God must rise up from sleep, put off the spirit of lethargy and be about evangelizing the world. The Lord's coming is near. We are not going to reach the world sitting in church pews preaching to each other. We must move out into the streets, valleys, highways, house tops, etcetera and declare the good news.

Matthew 28: ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. These are the words of our Lord telling us to evangelize the world. It was one of the last commandments that Jesus gave his disciples. Let's do it.

Revelation 14:¹⁴And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ¹⁶And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. ¹⁷And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe." ¹⁹And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

²⁰And the winepress was and blood came out of the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

This is going to be the most times. The blood will run Thousands upon thousands

Also read **Revelation** opened, and behold a white him was called Faithful and **HE DOTH JUDGE** and



art by Bishop

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devastating battle of all as high as the horses bridle. will die.

19:¹¹ And I saw heaven horse; and he that sat upon True, and in righteousness make war.

¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. ¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; ¹⁸That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and

of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. ¹⁹And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Below, see Zechariah 14:1-5 which says that the Lord will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle. This is the second advent of the Lord. His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:¹Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ²For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ⁴And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ⁵And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

We can no longer sit idly by with a passive mind set and watch the world go to hell. Hell was not made for us. We go to our beautiful churches on Sunday and we seldom realize that many of the people we're passing by are going to end up in hell. When was the last time or the first time that you told someone about the Lord and the free gift of salvation?

Our calling is not about us. It's about people. Jesus was a people person. **2 Peter 3:**⁹The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should

come to repentance. Part A of **2 Peter 3:15** says, And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation;

My constant prayer is that all believers would arm themselves with the word of God; and the power of the Spirit of God and come up out of the trenches of fear, self-pity, complaining, procrastination and so on. There is much work to be done.

It was important for me to share this dream with you. Hopefully, it will remind you to become a witness to others concerning the good news of the Kingdom of God. This world is fading. Take some time and look around you. Take note of what is happening in your neighborhood. There are all kinds of crimes being committed. Dysfunctional youths and gang activity is at an all time high. There is corruption in government. You name it. It's happening.

2 Timothy 3:¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

In the second epistle of Peter chapter three, verse one, Peter tells the church that the reason he was writing to them was to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance. This is my exact sentiment.

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

St. John 4:35 Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes." With head and eyes down, we will never see that the harvest is ready to be harvested. We must lift our eyes upward so we can see the needy conditions of the world. Look on the fields. Seize the opportunity to be a witness to all people. The fields are white and ready to be harvested. People are ready to hear the gospel. They've tried everything else and nothing has worked. They are ready for you and I to turn them on to Jesus.

John 4:¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I

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shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. You and I are equipped to do all things. **Philippians 4:13** says, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. So can you. Happy witnessing!

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the Good Fight

Saints, never let the enemy force you to back down
Continue to fight the good fight of faith if you desire to wear a crown
As believers, don't go through hell on earth and miss the rapture
Satan has only a little time remaining before his long awaited capture
It's crucial
We need to live everyday like we were dying
We can't go on passing people who are hurting and crying
When we die daily to self, Christ is richly alive in us
So search for wondering souls who are lost in the Kingdom, it's a must
Be militant
Wear all your armor given every single day
In spiritual warfare, fight to kill, that's how you keep the devil at bay
It's time to do war on the flesh so it won't be the one thing that keeps knocking us
out
March bravely around the enemy's camp and watch the walls fall down when you
shout
Satan's playing for keeps and ultimately his mission is to destroy our very
existence
Let's fall down on our knees and go before the throne room in repentance
Christ is waiting, waiting for His warriors to take their rightful place
And give the kingdom of darkness a big blow to the face
Hit the enemy in his weakest spot by constantly reminding him of what's to come
Continue to fight the good fight of faith soldier, for the battle is already won

I have fought the good [worthy, honorable, and noble] fight, I have finished the race, I have kept [firmly held] the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

I encourage us all, in the Lord, to FINISH THE RACE.

With love to all my brothers and sisters,
Kamilia Watson

BRAIN TEASERS

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DECKER |
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rain, 14. just between you and me, 15. three degrees below zero, 16. split personalities, 17. six feet under ground, 18. head over heels, 19. life after death, 20. man over board, 21. parakeets, 22. right between the eyes

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,* ¹³*for, "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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