

BEING EXTRAORDINARY

Being extraordinary is experienced when we love God more than life itself.

Mark 12:30 (AMP)

And you shall love the Lord your God out of and with your whole heart and out of and with all your soul (your life) and out of and with all your mind
(with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of and with all your strength.

This is the first and principal commandment.

Who is God? He is the Blessed Trinity...Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

What is the benefit of believing God and loving Him?

Answer: He makes provision for you to be clothed
with Truth, Life and the Holy Spirit
in an extraordinary and superabundant way.

Thank God for the command of the Lord as revealed in Mark 12:30 above.

God is a foundation builder!

The scriptures reveal a comprehensive awesome God who is without limit!

His love is fathomless!

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NKJV)

- 14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length
and depth and height
19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

God is a Good God!

He always wants to do special extraordinary things in your life!

Jesus gave leaders to equip the saints in spiritual knowledge and understanding to build them into the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 (AMP)

the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

Church Leaders have the responsibility to lead the army of God.

Each believer has a divine destiny in the kingdom work on earth.

The City of Lights ministry is endowed with God's plan for those who are inspired to give of time,

energy and action to be built extraordinarily on His divine foundation...

the GOOD NEWS that Jesus Christ is God's Son
and the LIGHT to the world.

We must know the substances and the principles of Light in order to walk fully in God.

Humbly and to this knowledge, we dedicate this Letter of The Prophetic Voice to God and to you...

Your Future is decided by whose voice you choose to believe.

You are going to make decisions about this Letter.

What kind of decisions will you make?

- Will you seek God for His abundant provisions?
- Will you put limitations within your spiritual growth believing that God has given less than the Scriptures generously declare?
- Will you be different?
To be extraordinary demands that you are different.
- Will you conform to the principles of God or to the dictates of men?
- Will you be motivated to walk in the Light of Truth, Life & the Spirit?
- Will you respond to the call of God and exercise your will to walk in the deeper realms of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Your decisions to these questions will be demonstrated in the manner that Smith Wigglesworth liked to teach...

"The ACT produces the FACT."

This Letter is an indepth study that can immensely impact your life!

- You will elect to be different.
- You will elect to be extraordinary.
- You will elect to trust God and obey His commands.
- You will elect to trust God and experience the extraordinary supernatural blessed life in Pentecost.

OR

- You will elect to choose another way of thought and action.

God will not impose His will upon anyone.

He made each of His created beings as free will agents.

God is looking for humble hearts and spirits who are hungry and thirsty for His Light of Truth, Life and Spirit.

Won't you join us now in this Prophetic Letter, as we reach deep into a study of revelations of God and the provisions He has made for us to be Extraordinary Beings?

In the 14th Chapter and 12th verse of John, Jesus said to His disciples,

"Greater Works than these [you] will do..."

What was His perspective on these Words?

Jesus knew that He had chosen the right disciples to accomplish these Greater Works.

We know this to be true due to the fact that Jesus had the assurance of His Father.

Also, Jesus had already established the foundational principles of the command of Faith!

He believed all His Father showed Him.

In all these things, He demonstrated the pattern of the Kingdom in which His church would function.

(Do you believe the Scriptures are for you to exercise, today?)

With such full demonstrations and confirmations of the works that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have provided for mankind through both Testaments in the Holy Bible, why is it that the church continues to be fragmented into an estimated 38,000+ denominations as well as other auxiliary organizations that clearly do not accept and believe the full Gospel is for mankind, today? Jesus was sent to reveal Father God and teach His Kingdom had come to earth to open the way for reconciliation of mankind back to a personal relationship with God, the Blessed Trinity.

John 5:19-21 (AMP)

19 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

20 The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel and be full of wonder and astonishment.

21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], even so the Son also gives life to whomever He wills and is pleased to give it.

Father God executes every promise and every prophetic word through the Holy Spirit. After Jesus was resurrected, He presented Himself to the disciples and worked with them during the days before being received up into heaven in "the Ascension." In one of His appearances with the disciples, He releases the Command of Faith upon them. Let's look at the recording of this event:

Mark 16:14-20 (NKJV)

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly,

it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand as His apostolic mission on earth is completed to rule on David's promised Throne Eternally.

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The Father crowned Him with glory as King of all things and the promised Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 waiting in the upper room. The "crowning ceremony" in Heaven by the Father upon the Son was the fulfilling of God's promise of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost). Jesus had promised the disciples of the fulfillment of sending the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth.

He was sent and was poured out in might and fire on

The Day of Pentecost!

The Day of Pentecost was the most extraordinary event that the early believers had experienced without the earthly presence of Jesus in their midst.

The status of being extraordinary
manifests when we obey the commands of God!

What did Jesus command and confirm in Mark 16:14-20 ?

- ▶ you will cast out demons
- ▶ you will speak with new tongues
- ▶ you will take up serpents
- ▶ if you drink anything deadly it will have no adverse effect
- ▶ you will lay hands on the sick--- they will recover

How can these things be true?

The Lord works with us through the authority of His Name and
authority of the power manifested in the Holy Ghost and fire.

To preach the Gospel to the entire world and to exercise God's
commands of the Law of the Spirit are the greater works of which Jesus said we would do.
They are spiritual works! They all operate in Faith
We need to have the God of Truth, the Spirit of Truth, to teach us these things of divine origin.
They operate in the Spirit realm!

Jesus rebuked His disciples for their unbelief that He was resurrected.
To learn of the Spirit realm of greater Works requires FAITH.

"And these signs will follow those who BELIEVE!"

Faith operates through action.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb 11:1)
To hope for something is an action that leads to motivation to deeply believe and desire that
you have it. Substance is the manifested result of that hope.

Jesus manifested the will of the Father in all things through faith.

He came to earth to reveal the faith of the Father in His sovereign plan for man.

Jesus came to establish God living in our midst as man and God.

The man part was His body, soul and spirit.

The God part was the anointing presence of God the Holy Spirit abiding in and upon
the Son of God without limitation of measure.

It is God's desire that you have knowledge and understanding of the divine things of the
Kingdom of Heaven. Father God wants you to have complete understanding of Him as
one God in three persons.

(see webpage "Blessed Trinity" in Inner Chambers)

God wants you to "wake up"---become spiritually informed--- to the Words of the Master.

Jesus said, He would not desert you, but would come to you by sending the Spirit of Truth.

He said, "Greater Works"

than these [you] will do, because He was going to the Father. (John 14:12)

The measure of the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, that anointed Jesus and that is promised to
anoint you is spiritually understood.

John 16:13-15 (AMP)

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all
the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority];
but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been
given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come
[that will happen in the future].

14 He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

The measure of the Holy Ghost you receive is inspiration, enlightenment, illumination, revelation, edification, manifestation, and operation.

God the Holy Spirit, will tell you whatever He hears from Heaven's throne room.

When you come into fullness of the Holy Spirit, you are in perfect order, built up on spiritual foundations of divine Truth.

What all of us need to desire is more of the Holy Spirit filling us, working in us, working through us and flowing out of us!

John the Baptist declares

John 3:33-34 (AMP)

33 Whoever receives His (John the baptizer's) testimony has set his seal of approval to this: God is true. [That man has definitely certified, acknowledged, declared once and for all, and is himself assured that it is divine truth that God cannot lie].

34 For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message],

God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure,
but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!

Here is a scriptural witness of agreement:

Luke 11:13 (AMP)

...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!

Jesus full of the Holy Ghost declares in a Word of Wisdom the prophetic decree:

John 7:38-40 (AMP)

38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said,

From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.

39 But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

40 Listening to those words, some of the multitude said,
This is certainly and beyond doubt the Prophet!

Jesus was prophesying the coming event of the Day of Pentecost.

The heavens would open by mighty wind (dunamis power likened to a dynamite explosion) in the most awesome extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Ghost as tongues of fire and

empower the BELIEVERS to speak and demonstrate the Good News of Mark 16:14-20

Believers exercise divine Faith.

Matt 21:21-22 (AMP)

21 And Jesus answered them, Truly I say to you, if you have faith
(a firm relying trust) and do not doubt, ...

22 And whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith and [really] believing, you will receive.

Baptism of the Holy Ghost empowers you to walk in the gifts of the Spirit;
to walk in divine faith and experience Kingdom works!

With spiritual knowledge and understanding, you are built upon the foundational
principles of the prophets and the apostles with Jesus as the anchoring cornerstone.
Foundational knowledge and understanding of the kingdom is opened to those who are
teachable.

Prophesying is one of the spiritual gifts to be greatly desired.

To prophesy spiritually builds up the church.

Speaking in unknown tongues is also an important spiritual gift.

You build your spirit in speaking to God in unknown tongues.

Each have important roles in their spiritual development.

John the Baptist was a prophet, also.

John proclaimed and declared the extraordinary things of God
by the Spirit as given utterance:

Matthew 3:11 (AMP)

He Who is coming after me is mightier than I...

...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

These are words of edification for God's born again believers!

God wants you to be on fire so that you will speak as an oracle of God!

He has placed every "building block" you need in its proper place for your spiritual growth.

He has provided foundations of Truth, Life and Spirit that everyone who sees and hears you
will know they too, can experience the Light of the Kingdom Life after the order of the Spirit!

We live in days when Pentecost is very important!

In this day and hour, it is important like the feast of Passover!

- Passover is God's "appointed time" to deliver His people .

All sinners need the Savior, Jesus Christ who is the Passover Lamb.

He is mankind's deliverer from sin and from the life of darkness and evil.

All need to come to repentance and experience the new birth of the Spirit!

- Pentecost is the "appointed time" when the heavens are open.

In October 2007, the Holy Ghost spoke to me suddenly in an unusual moment.

I was caught in stride as I entered our kitchen and glanced out the kitchen window.

Emphatically and with great exclamation,

He said, "The heavens are open!"

This experience has been documented and shared with many others as prophetic words of knowledge prepared the church for the year of 2008, "new beginnings." It has been a year of extraordinary changes!

The first time in the New Testament that we see a word that means the "heavens are open"

is in the account of Mark 1:10 at the baptism of Jesus.

It is the Greek word schizo that means "open or fold, tear violently or to rend."

In Mark 1:10, the heavens are "torn open" and the Spirit descends as a dove.

In interpreting the Word of God, a rule of first mention sets a rule for interpreting the same word in other passages.

Let us go back in time to study the events that mark the Day of Pentecost so that we can deeply appreciate what God has done for us, His people.

When the children of Israel were rescued out of Egypt in the Exodus, they were eventually brought to the base of Mount Sinai.

Recall that they all came out of Egypt healed and possessed the wealth of Egypt's silver and gold. We know by the Scriptures that God had a plan for the isolation of His people to a desert location.

They would learn of God and begin to be molded into God's spiritual and natural family on earth. It would be a time of preparation for the eventual plan of salvation to replace the Law of Sin and Death through the Law of the Spirit of grace by faith.

The order of worship of the wilderness tabernacle would pattern the cross, the coming and the initial advent of God's Son to redeem all mankind.

God brought His people into the desert.

This environment required supernatural and extraordinary provisions to sustain three million souls.

The desert experience opens us to a study of Moses before the Exodus and to Jesus Christ in the 40 day wilderness experience.

Symbolically, we too, start life in a spiritual desert experience at birth.

There are awesome spiritual principles to understand in each of these recordings.

We will study them in future Letters.

The main point to be made here is that God always has a plan and a purpose for the actions He takes and the revelations He shares!

Here is the very first account of God opening the heavens to reveal Himself to His divine nation in the Old Testament...

Exodus 19:16-23 (AMP)

16 The third morning there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

17 Then Moses brought the people from the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

19 As the trumpet blast grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice. [Deut 4:12.]

20 The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai to the top of the mountain, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 The Lord said to Moses, Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze and many of them perish.

22 And also let the priests, who come near to the Lord, sanctify (set apart) themselves [for God], lest the Lord break forth against them.

23 And Moses said to the Lord, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You Yourself charged us, saying, Set bounds about the mountain and sanctify it [set it apart for God].

What an awesome and extraordinary account of God opening the heavens and manifesting himself on the mountain!

The heavens were torn with smoke, and fire like a gigantic furnace!

Can you imagine such a sight?

The whole mountain was shaken.

The description is like the eruption of a volcano!

You know that people had a challenge standing on their feet.

The Holy Ghost causes the same effects when He falls on a gathering of people!

I was in Cuba in 1995 as a missionary and on the day before Easter, in that communistic country which persecutes God's people, the Holy Ghost came into a gathering of some 300 people as a mighty wind. The heavens were "torn open" and everyone fell off their feet like domino's stacked in rows. Flesh was sprawling on the floor everywhere. It was the most humbling experience I ever had. It was awesome! It was a day of Pentecost experience on the Eve of the resurrection celebration! The record of the mission is not anything like you could imagine. It is written under the anointing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and addresses spiritual insights that only God can administer through an individual.

When God opens the heavens everything in the physical environment, emotional environment and spiritual environment shakes!

God is a mighty God and there is nothing less than extraordinary in all that He does. This means that when He touches anything or anyone, here is not going to be a situation whereby the thing or event does not remain unchanged!

God's presence changes everything!

When the Holy Ghost manifests, flesh and blood are not going to be unscathed!

There will be an extraordinary event!

Many try to limit the manifestations or control His works through the belief that "if it is not written in specific details in the Bible, then it cannot be of God." Who is to judge God and the intent of His acts?

You should read the whole chapter of Job 38.

Job 38:2-10

2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now your loins like a man, and I will demand of you, and you declare to Me.

4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Declare to Me, if you have and know understanding.

5 Who determined the measures of the earth, if you know?

Or who stretched the measuring line upon it?

6 Upon what were the foundations of it fastened, or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors when it broke forth and issued out of the womb?--

9 When I made the clouds the garment of it, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it,

10 And marked for it My appointed boundary and set bars and doors,

Many do not believe what God declares and demonstrate in His Holy Word.

They rationalize the events as being given only for a specific event or time and do not grasp the reality of God's Acts being possible for today.

Some believe in the power and endowment of the Holy Ghost manifesting in "unknown tongues." Then, there are those who will exercise faith for healing and those who have also been delivered from carnal oppressions and addictions. These same individuals when hearing others baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire with evidence of speaking in tongues denounce the evidence as an act of the devil and deny God's sovereign act of the gift and the baptism.

Are we going to believe opinions or believe God?

1 Corinthians 14:2 (AMP)

For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God,.. because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].

1 Corinthians 14:4

4 He who speaks in a [strange] tongue edifies and improves himself...

God wants you to enter into the promises of God! It is your inheritance as a part of your gift of salvation. We are not to glory in the gift of the baptism in the Holy Ghost, but glorify the Giver, whom the Holy Spirit has come to reveal to us, the Lord Jesus Christ. It seems that the Gospel is robbed of its divine glory when the marvelous truth of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is overlooked.

Acts 10:45-46 (NKJV)

45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

To be saved is awesomely wonderful; to be a new creation {2Cor. 5:17}, to have "passed from death to life" {1 John 7:38}, to have the witness of the Spirit that you are born of God {Rom. 8:16} this is unspeakably precious! But, Jesus gave us the well of salvation bubbling up inside of us. We need to experience the extraordinary flow of "rivers of living water" {John 7:38}.

John 7:38-39 (AMP)

38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.

39 But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

The Day of Pentecost had not yet come. It would be 10 days until the outpouring of the manifested Holy Spirit! The Lord wants us to be filled with the Spirit, to have the manifestation of the presence of His Spirit, the manifestation that is indeed given "for the profit of all" {1 Cor. 12:7}. The Lord wants us to be mouthpieces and to speak as the very "oracles of God" {1 Pet. 4:11}. His anointing Presence compels you to speak of the Good News!

The Gospel is very clear on this extraordinary spiritual inheritance that God has promised and continues to pour out on those who desire to believe Him. There are many scriptural witnesses in the Word of God to reveal this endowment of spiritual power for our lives. We know from the account of what took place at Cornelius's household that when the Holy Spirit fell, "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" {Acts 10:46}. Many think that God makes a distinction between those living in the 21st century and those who lived in the 1st century church. But there is no scripture for this! When anyone receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, their Day of Pentecost, the Lord has fulfilled His promise of what John the Baptist declared:

Matthew 3:11 (AMP)

I indeed baptize you in (with) water because of repentance [that is, because of your changing your minds for the better, heartily amending your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins]. But He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy or fit to take off or carry; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Have you had your Day of Pentecost?

He has promised it.

God is willing and able to baptize you, infilling you with the power and fire of the Holy Ghost, to fulfill His promises to you as a child who is in right standing with Him and is legally qualified to all spiritual inheritances! He is not a man that He should lie.

Hebrews 6:17-18 (NKJV)

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Inheritances are redeemable upon the death of someone.

Jesus paid the price for all your inheritances and they are available to those who believe they are real and desire to receive them!

When the Holy Ghost fills the atmosphere with His localized presence, flesh will have a response beyond the thoughts and control of men.

The baptism is real!... so are the myriads of other manifestations!

God is a God of Faith!

He dwells in the unseen and manifests those things hoped for into the world of the seen through faith! He has His own agenda and He honors an humble spirit, a contrite heart and acts of faith exercised in His order and by His Spirit.

The people at Mount Sinai thought they wanted to see God.
God is not in the gazing business. He is into the faith and action.
Read the account of Moses Exodus 33:18-23 and His request
to meet with God to see His glory.

Exodus 33:18-20 (AMP)

18 And Moses said, I beseech You, show me Your glory.

19 And God said, I will make all My goodness pass before you,
and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you; for I will be gracious to
whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy and loving-kindness on whom
I will show mercy and loving-kindness. [Rom 9:15,16.]

20 But, He said, You can not see My face, for no man shall see Me and live.

The only way to know God the Blessed Trinity is through relationship. Not
everyone wants a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Lord of the
manifested Word of God. Strangely, most of the church does not want the
endued power and fire of the Holy Spirit...

Without relationship there is no power or fire.

It is Jesus, Who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire!

There are 39 books of the Old Testament that reveal great detail that we
might know God by truth, life and spirit.

Can you imagine a God of Fire?

Can you imagine a God without fire?

Our God is a consuming fire!

We have entered the days of consuming fire of the Holy Spirit!

However, most of God's 21st century church are like the people who came out of
Egypt with the deliverer, Moses. Look at how they are recorded...

the people stood afar off,

Exodus 20:18-22 (AMP)

18 Now all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the noise
of the trumpet and the smoking mountain, and as [they] looked they trembled
with fear and fell back and stood afar off.

19 And they said to Moses, You speak to us and we will listen, but let not God
speak to us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to prove you, so
that the [reverential] fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin.

21 And the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near to the thick darkness
where God was.

22 And the Lord said to Moses, Thus shall you say to the Israelites, You have
seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.

When the heavens are open, God's purpose is to talk with us!
He wants to prove us that we may not sin.
He is an extraordinary Person when manifesting as the Holy Spirit
of Whom demonstrates Himself in 7-fold spiritual ways.

The study of the 7-fold spirits of the Holy Spirit is recorded in the
Prophetic Voice Newsletter Issue-4, look for subheading: Spirit... the 3rd dimension
(see webpage "Spirit...the 3rd dimension" in Inner Chambers)

God wants to talk with us and He does so as one God in three Persons!
There are those who want to take issue with God's Word and declare that there
is only one person manifested as the one God and that is Jesus Christ alone.

Blessed Trinity
(see webpage "Blessed Trinity" in Inner Chambers)

The study will bless you and give you knowledge which will wonderfully build
your understanding of the Godhead. The knowledge will motivate you to new
thoughts to be transformed into the work of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please continue to go deeper with me.
God wants to say some more things to us in this Letter that is deeply relevant
to our maturing in Christ. God's work is "speak!"

The heavens are open!

Again, let us examine the attitude and the spiritual posturing of the people
God had delivered. God had saved His children from the evil empire of Pharaoh's
Egypt. These people were slaves to hardened taskmasters.

They were in bondage to ways of darkness and an evil world for nearly 400 years.
Remember that God had changed Jacob's name to Israel.

The nation of God was routed to Egypt through the persecution of Joseph due to
his brothers' jealousies of Joseph's prophetic dreams and the favor he had with
his father, Jacob. His brothers put him in a dry well and left him to die.

A caravan of traders found him. Joseph was sold into slavery to an Egyptian,
an officer of Pharaoh, the captain and chief executioner of the [royal] guard.
Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph of having intent to have sex with her
and he was sentenced to prison.

Most of you know the recorded account of Joseph's life.
Joseph interpreted two prophetic dreams for Pharaoh.

Pharaoh's response was:

Genesis 41:38-39 (AMP)

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?

39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Forasmuch as [your] God has shown you all this, there is nobody as intelligent and discreet and understanding and wise as you are.

Genesis 41:46 (AMP)

Joseph [who had been in Egypt thirteen years] was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went [about his duties] through all the land of Egypt.

Joseph had the Spirit of God abiding with him.

The empowerment of the Holy Spirit makes an individual different!

He makes us extraordinary!

To be different is not a popular attribute. But, it is the way of God.

To walk in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost is walking a different walk and talking a different talk than what the people of the world do.

Walking in the Spirit is a personal life style choice.

One must make a decision and build relationship with God to be supernaturally extraordinary! There are biographies of people who did extraordinary things all through history. However, we are focused on being extraordinary in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

You are encouraged to read the full account of how the nation of Israel was prepared to move to Egypt in Genesis 37 thru 46.

Gen 46:26-27 (AMP)

26 All the persons who came with Jacob into Egypt--who were his own offspring, not counting the wives of Jacob's sons--were sixty-six persons all told.

27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two persons.

All the persons of the house of Jacob [including Joseph and Jacob himself], who came into Egypt, were seventy.

(Note: 7, 70, 700, or 7000 represent God's perfect order in the topic of record.)

There was a very short period of time that Israel had favor by the Egyptians.

They had the favor of God for the complete 430 years in Egypt.

When Joseph and the then reigning Pharaoh died, new leadership came and with it came jealousy and greed resulting in persecution and bondage.

The church is in a very delicate position in these days of rapid change.

The elevation of leaders who do not walk in righteousness and truth can bring Christ's church into great persecution and bondage.

Apathy for the ways and provisions of God will accelerate the tribulation and

hardship process. It is time for God's people to be quicken (made alive) by the Spirit and receive the full provisions of God's Word, His presence and plan.

The Scriptures record that God heard the nation of Israel's cries and made a way for their salvation, their rescue! Now, in our study, we hear their voices which expresses their hearts. They had been invited to meet God. Even with all the provisions they possessed including God's providential detailed care, they moved away from the very One who loved them and cared about all their needs. They wanted the blessings, but did not want to tend to the guiding principles that would keep them healthy and make them into an extraordinary nation. They did not want a close relationship with God.

They did not want His desires and commands of Light for their daily lives. Read the study of Ministers on Fire for an overview of God's Laws of Light.

(see webpage "Ministers on Fire" in Inner Chambers)

The Bible proves out their attitudes toward God in that they are recorded as rebellious, hard-hearted and stiff-necked people. They were willing to let God deliver them from Egypt but they were not willing to let God deliver Egypt out of their hearts and life styles.

We can see these same attitudes and spiritual posturing brought into the church today regardless of the things God has done for His people. Just as ancient Israel had grown legalistic over many generations, and disregarded the Law of Sin and Death given to Moses, the church of this century has grown legalistic and traditional in its doctrines and practices and aligns with the ways of the world instead of moving into relationship with God, the Holy Spirit. In fact, most of the church ridicules the working of the Holy Ghost.

To understand and experience "open heavens,"

We need to understand Pentecost.

We need to have an open mind, heart and spirit to the things that God desires to accomplish with the church and with each of our lives.

When most Christians think about Pentecost, they think about the outpouring of Acts chapter two. This brings us to an example of another extraordinary way in which God showed Himself to His people.

Consider what the traditional applications of those coming to Jerusalem experienced. For our deeper understanding of the times and Jewish events that were in play at the Day of Pentecost...

Pentecost did not begin in Acts chapter two.

Pentecost was a Biblical event,
a Feast instituted by God in the Old Testament.

The "Feast of Pentecost" is described in Leviticus 23:15-16,
Numbers 28:26-31, and Deuteronomy 16:9-12.

Let us get a hold of the following so we can better understand Acts 2 and the spiritual season we are experiencing today! The Israelites were told, "From the Feast of Passover" count off seven weeks (forty-nine days) then on the fiftieth day have a festival before the Lord." The world is not the only people who are to have parties! The objectivity of the celebration is the principle difference which is best expressed as celebrations of darkness compared to celebrations of light. God is all about purposes. In the Hebrew the Feast of Pentecost is called Shavot, which means "feast of weeks." In the New Testament Greek, fifty days is called Pentecost. It was 50 days from the time of the Passover Feast precluding the crucifixion of the Lord to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in celebration of Heaven's newly crowned King!

We do not have to wait to have a Day of Pentecost!

The hard working farmers of ancient Israel worked week after week to prepare their soil and to plant seeds in hope of a harvest. They had hope, but had no way to make the earth produce. If the Lord did not open the heavens for a physical rain, they would not have a harvest of crops. As they trusted him, God would open up the windows of heaven and rain would pour forth. With their faith fixed on God, a harvest would be brought forth. We can see that they recognized the physical provision of God's grace. We find that on each Sabbath, the father of the house would lift a freshly baked loaf of bread before the Lord and bless God with thanksgiving for His bountiful provisions. The Holy Bible is our "loaf of bread"... Jesus is the Bread of Life! If God does not pour out His Spirit upon people, then there is no "rain" to produce a harvest. The "rain of the spirit" brings increase in touching the hearts and minds of people.

Also, from the first sheaf of each new harvest, the Jews would bring a thanksgiving offering to the temple. With it they would acknowledge that God had opened the heavens to bring forth their bread from the earth. This was a praise offering...offered by faith as well.

It was offered before the full harvest was gathered.

This offering was brought to God at Pentecost!

The initial practice of Pentecost was a celebration of God's provision!

How many Christians do you know that celebrate in this fashion?

Who do you know who actually has a party to celebrate the Lord's provisions and centers the party on giving offerings to the work of God? This question does not entail what a particular body of believers may do in their worship services.

The celebration is not about receiving... it is about Giving!

Yet, we need to understand the direct relationship between giving and receiving...

It is the fulfillment of God's Covenant with Noah...

As long as the earth remains there shall be seedtime and harvest!

In spiritual language, we are the earth, Jesus is the Seed of God,
the harvest is the new creation of regenerated souls!

These souls come through the Person of Pentecost!

In the celebration of the Feast of the Harvest ("Open Heavens"), the Israelites would express their praise by bringing "burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, sin offerings, fellowship offerings and free will offerings.

They would practice the gift and grace of giving to the Lord.

The celebration would be a tremendous and extraordinary outpouring of GIVING with every kind of offering imaginable.

Who would receive these offerings on behalf of the Lord?

The priests were given the Lord's portion of the offerings to sustain them in their service to the Lord and to the people.

God is into measurements.

He is precise in what He does and when He does it!

Attitudes of unbelief keep most of God's people in bondage.

So many people want to have that ole "stiff-necked experience" when it comes to the spiritual things of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In other words, the pure Word of God is discarded for a more comfortable "Gospel."

The attitude is that It does not matter what the Word of God says, what really matters is how life can be structured within a man pleasing structured "Gospel."

There are so many factions that promote a "Gospel" that are built on suppositions and beliefs that stretch the very imagination.

They do not line up with what has been recorded in the pure Word of Truth.

There are things that God wants to do when the "heavens are open!"

The disciples and those who were instructed to go to the upper room to wait on God would have been celebrating the evening before Pentecost morning.

The previous night, they would have most likely taken offerings to the temple to thank God for His physical provisions and then returned and been up all night studying God's Word.

This was the "custom" of celebrating in preparation for the Day of Pentecost.

Keep in mind that their study would have been of the Old Testament.

The New Testament was not a reality. It had not been fully enacted. God had not done the extraordinary things that we have recorded in our Bibles. BUT!...

Look at what God did in an extraordinary way in

Acts 2:1-4 (AMP)

1 AND WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, (note: 50 days from Passover) they were all assembled together in one place,

2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (note; the heavens were "torn open")

3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

There has been a battle over everything that God has set in place for the church to be edified and to grow exponentially in the Light of Christ. Everyone has an opinion... so did the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

Do you know the final outcome of that rebellious 40 year generation?

They all died in the desert wilderness trapped in their attitudes and words of complaint and disobedience. Only those who were born into the wilderness were allowed to cross over into a new beginning with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. First, they had to exercise obedience, courage and faith to even move into the promised land that had been prepared for them.

Let us fully understand that the promised land was already occupied and required young Israel to fight for divine position and to obey God in His designs for their welfare, safety, and victory. Many were killed moving toward their destiny.

How many of God's people are willing to die to self in order to attain their destiny of a dedicated life in the full power of the Gospel?

Luke 9:23 (AMP)

And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also]

God wants to bless His consecrated people...

- those who are fully sold-out to Him
- those willing to receive what He wants to do
- those willing to walk in faith exercising His principles of Kingdom life.

This brings us to other important spiritual truths.

This feast the Feast of Harvest (of "open heavens") was observed early in the third month on the 50th day after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Passover,

the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Pentecost included a holy convocation with the usual restriction on manual labor. Work was prohibited on the Sabbath. This feast was known as the Feast of Harvest as well as Pentecost. Num 28:26-31 describes the number and nature of offerings and Deut 16:9-12 describes those who were to be invited to this feast. They include servants, sons and daughters, Levites, the fatherless, the widow, and the stranger. Israelites were to be reminded of their bondage in Egypt on that day!

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God is not a respecter of persons when it comes to salvation or the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

See Acts Chapter 10.

Jesus invites all to come! It is not in the cannon of the history of spiritual fellowship between heaven and earth that you should be famished, naked, full of discord, full of evil, full of disorder, full of sensuality, full of carnality. Jesus saw people coming from the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem and called out to them...

John 7:37 (AMP)

Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice,

If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!

Come thirsty one, come needy one..

Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to fill you with the joy of living waters!

- Have you received the revelation of the force of joy that is available to you?
- Do you understand that you have an extraordinary God?

When you finish reading this Letter, you will not go away as you came but you will go away endued, infused with the living torch of the flame of the Master's touch!

These Prophetic Voice Newsletters are not ordinary letters.

God would not want His ministries to be ordinary.

The City of Lights is no ordinary website.

It is prepared for the times and seasons in which we live!

Humbly, I share the following personal testimony to the glory of the Lord...

As founders of Heart of God Ministries International,

Phyllis and I make extraordinary efforts to share the dynamics of a loving, powerful and comprehensively extraordinary God.

We refuse to be ordinary and God has continued to bless the works of our hands and to return His Word with new friendships and new opportunities.

Why am I sharing these personal things?

Because we have an extraordinary God who loves us and talks to us.

He hears our cries and He answers our questions.

He multiplies us, increases us and blesses us with great treasures of His presence in our lives. We have a God who makes extraordinary people and we have God's plan for our lives and the work of the ministries.

We believe God! We believe the things that He pours through us in these Letters.

If you come to a place of belief as well, you have come to a place where you have become extraordinary. According to God's Word, when we speak and write this way, we have come to the root of the matter that can bring forth anything!

If you who have been longing for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and have been "tarrying" before the Lord everyday, if you have come to a place of believing what the scriptures and the words of this letter have revealed, you have come to a place where you have become extraordinary.

Because Abram believed God, every person is blessed today through faithful Abraham. He was an extraordinary man of faith; he believed God in the face of everything.

Galatians 3:8-9 (AMP)

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel [foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand] to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations [of the earth] be blessed.

9 So then, those who are people of faith are blessed and made happy and favored by God [as partners in fellowship] with the believing and trusting Abraham.

In summary what is Pentecost?

- Pentecost is receiving God's blessing of abundant provisions.

It is a time to open our hearts to God in joyful praise and giving.

As we do this, it positions us to receive spiritually as well as physically in body, soul and spirit.

- Pentecost is supernatural revelation.

It was a time when God opened the heavens to reveal His Word.

At Mount Sinai, fifty days after Passover, God gave Moses the Torah, which means "the teaching of God." Torah is the revelation of God's will, God's love and God's character.

Traditionally, most consider it the first five books of the Bible, but in spiritual reality, today, Torah is all of the Scriptures... Genesis to Revelation.

At Pentecost in Jerusalem, Peter declared the Gospel and 3000 souls were

saved and added to the church.

Through the Holy Ghost's empowerment, Peter is dramatically changed and reveals God's heart to His people... Peter preaches the Good News of Christ! He tells of the promises of the prophet Joel chapter 2 whereby the Spirit of God is poured out to be accompanied by prophetic utterance along with great signs and wonders.

- Pentecost is outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

As fire came down upon Mount Sinai, the FIRE of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem.

John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples were clothed with His power.

The gifts of the Spirit were energized.

The New Spiritual Israel, the Church, was birthed!

The anointing of God equipped them to see the sick healed, the oppressed delivered, the Gospel boldly proclaimed and the world changed!

Do you sense the working of the Holy Spirit in this Letter?

Some of the church around the globe is crying out today for a new Pentecost but because so many do not know what Pentecost is all about, they are not able to prepare for it. Then, a large part of the church doesn't even want to have anything to do with Pentecost!

They don't want the Holy Ghost manifested and furthermore, each against His present mission.

The apostles understood Pentecost!

They knew how to enter into the blessing of an Open heaven!

They celebrated God's provision with thanksgiving and praise.

This is what each of us need to do as well!

It is time for all to open up hearts and minds to the knowledge of Pentecost and receive of the spiritual blessings of the baptism in the Holy Ghost with His giving utterance of unknown tongues.

God gives us a three-fold witness of His provisions for you to be baptized with the evidence of speaking in tongues in addition to the command of Jesus of Mark 16:14-20 we studied above.

Witness (1) Acts 2:4 (NKJV)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Witness (2) Acts 10:45-47 (NKJV)

45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered,

47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Witness (3) Acts 19:6-7 (NKJV)

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

The message of Christ and the gift of salvation is also given of God to any who will believe that one must be born of the Spirit to enter the gift of eternal life. Jesus is very explicit about this spiritual born-again experience. Through repentance and by faith we receive God's governance of our lives.

As we meditate on God's word, we attune our minds to think the thoughts of God which is His Word. When faith is released, we are moved into new spiritual experiences with empowerment to operate by the Holy Spirit and share the Light of Truth, Life and Spirit of the Kingdom of Heaven!

Are you preparing for the "open heavens?"

There is more of the Holy Spirit Father God has prepared to pour out!

Just as fire rained down upon the alters of Mount Carmel, a fresh outpouring of fire is coming to God's people!

1 Kings 18:38-39 (KJV)

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

Are you expectantly ready to receive the fire from upon high?

It will be extraordinary!

How do you prepare?

First seek your Day of Pentecost!

The following will prepare you for it and the fresh fire coming!

1. Celebrate God's provisions.

- Fill your spirit with the provisions of His Spirit through personal relationship and with the Word of God filling your mind.

Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit comes to abide and to empower us, He will teach us the things that are Christ's...

those things are the things of the Father.

- How can one desire the things of Heaven's realm such as healing, miracles and divine favor if one does not esteem and seek relationship with God the Holy Spirit?
- How can one experience the gifts of the Spirit without being equipped with His power?

We must develop a lifestyle of praise and thanksgiving.

We are to be filled with praise!

Praise is demonstrated in singing.

Praise is demonstrated in thank offerings.

Praise is demonstrated in the testimony of our mouth.

Praise opens heaven for fresh rain of God's blessings.

2. Celebrate God's revelation.

- Thank Father God that He has revealed Himself to you through His Son, His Word and His Spirit.
- Thank Him that He wants you to know His mind and His heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (AMP)

Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

- Fill your mind with His Word and receive fresh revelation.
- Allow the Word of God (His thoughts) to reprogram your thinking process.
- Memorize His promises.
- Observe how He works in the lives of men and women who trust Him.
- Hunger and thirst for spiritual bread...

the Word of God, Jesus is the Bread of Life.

When you pray the Lord's Prayer, you ask God for your daily spiritual meal (bread) as well as physical needs.

He has provided to lead you by His Spirit into His word where you will experience illumination of the bread prepared just for you, enlightenment for understanding, and revelation that you may be energized to share the abundance of the "meal" with others as Jesus did with the feeding of the 5000.

He illuminates the steps of light He has set before you for that day.

- Actualize what you believe. (Act produces the Fact)

3. Celebrate the Person Holy Spirit.

- Walk by faith that He is abiding in you and will manifest His presence to you.
- Stay in step with Him as you abide in Him.
- Believe that He will take of what is Christ's and declare

and reveal it to you that you may understand the Spirit Life.

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter. He takes the necessary word at the right time and gives it to you.

- Release yourself to Him with an humble and thankful heart.

He will take charge of you.

- Thank Him for bringing His thoughts and His divine precious spirit language into your life to speak the things that your mind cannot know what to speak.

- Obey His directives. You will know it is Him speaking to you.

He is kind and direct. Sometimes He speaks few words.

Sometimes He will release a Word of Knowledge or a Word of Wisdom through you to edify and exhort others.

- Know that He "opens the heavens." He also closes them.

- Receive the Lord's promise of the Holy Ghost baptism by faith.

- Expect the baptism of fire and empowerment.

There is only one Comforter. He has been with the Father from the beginning. He comes to give Light.

When He comes into your body, spirit, and soul, He comes to unveil the King of Glory. The Holy Spirit comes to abide in you to teach you about Jesus and to take of all of His and show it to you.

He shows you the message and principles of the Kingdom of Heaven!

By this you know the Holy Spirit is alive and His presence is in you!

- The Spirit of Truth brings forth the Light of Divine Life.

Divine Life is full of divine appointment.

Divine Life is full of equipping of the spiritual gifts.

Divine Life is full of the power of God manifested out of the spirit into the natural realm. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with manifestation of spiritual gifts. He is the glory of the Lord being in the midst of us, manifesting His power and love.

- The Holy Spirit is prophetic. He is the spokesman of heaven on earth today. He illuminates the Words of Jesus and the Words of all the Scriptures for our understanding and effectual work.

He is breath, life, Person and power. Give thanks to Father God for all He has already provided for you and for what He has destined to do in the future through your spiritual walk and the benefits of the gift of salvation.

- Gather with friends and family who are seeking Him.

Enjoy His presence! He will manifest to you! Drink of Him and let the joy of the Lord fill you with new wine. The Holy Spirit has a wonderful sense of humor! He loves to fellowship with us!

He is full of surprises that release great blessings into our lives!

- Rejoice in His goodness!

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 (AMP)

5 For our [preaching of the] glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in [its own inherent] power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction and absolute certainty [on our part]. You know what kind of men we proved [ourselves] to be among you for your good.

6 And you [set yourselves to] become imitators of us and [through us] of the Lord Himself, for you welcomed our message in [spite of] much persecution, with joy [inspired] by the Holy Spirit;

- Receive the Fire of God and the energizing of His gifts!
- Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the One who brings the day of Pentecost!
The promise of the Holy Ghost is here!
Proclaim the love you have for Him! Seek Him daily!
Declare that His power and authority are welcome in your life!
Do not put restrictions upon Him. Let Him have His way with you!
You will be amazed! He will honor your sincere and willing heart and request!
- Study the accounts of God's power and miracles in the Bible to build your faith and understanding of what God has provided for you.
- Read about the great revivals of history. Believe what you read about the administrations of the Holy Spirit.

(One of the best studies and accounts written recently of great outpouring is the book:

"The Toronto Blessing an Experience of Renewal and Revival"

CATCH THE FIRE

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May the fresh Fire of the Holy Ghost fall upon you and give you an experience that is beyond your 'wildest dreams.'

May you personally and deeply be touched with His awesome **extraordinary** power and may He transform you into an awesome **extraordinary** ambassador of Christ!

Precious Holy Spirit,
You have stirred me to record these words on the heart of my dear
friend in the Lord.
Water them like Seeds that will grow...
Grow faith
Grow strength
Grow them in being extraordinary in You...
Empower them with the Kingly anointing of our Lord that your spiritual
fire never leaves them.
Prepare them for the new things You have established for this new season of
Your fire being released for the great harvest of souls.
Let them see that the baptism of the Spirit is greater than anything else.
Even in those who have been baptized by You, let all be assured through
extraordinary experiences that the baptism of the Spirit is the new order
of things altogether as the Lord Jesus spoke of these things pertaining to
the Kingdom of God.
Reveal and confirm that they cannot ever be ordinary in a relationship with You.
Let Your Anointing Presence on their lives be multiplied in their homes and
everywhere they go.

I declare the *Covenant of Prosperity* for their body, soul, spirit and all things for
them and every person they touch who stays in Scriptural
order under their authority in the Name of Jesus and by His blood.

In Jesus Name, it is done.

In Christ's Service,
Ron Gann