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I can still remember the day I met Roy Cypher—this great man of God. It was a late fall day in Texas. My good friend Chuck Kirkland and I had driven 10 hours from Huntsville, Alabama to visit some friends. It was my first time meeting the group. Roy and I immediately began to connect. I believe Roy could sense the hunger for God in my soul. He was telling me about his life and I was glued to Roy for most of the day.

We began our house church meeting later that evening and Roy was asked to lead. Soon into the teaching he stopped and said he needed to pray for me. This was a new experience for me; I had never been singled out like that in church, not even when I accepted Jesus. As he asked me to come forward I felt a little strange. Once I got to the front he spoke something to me that changed my life.

Before coming on this trip, the Lord had been revealing to me that He wanted to restore His church back to the power in which it flowed, as it did in the book of Acts. He had led me to read about different men and women of God who had encountered Him in such a way that God mightily used them. I had begun to hunger for a God encounter like they had. Roy spoke a word from the Lord and said, “You are looking for a church like we read about in Acts.” I was stunned! No one knew God had been speaking that topic to me—not Chuck—not even my wife. I knew I had met a man of God because only God could have revealed that to him!

Roy prayed for me and before I knew it I was encountering the Living God once again. “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God,” Psalm 42:2a. It had been a long two-year dry spell and my soul had been begging for a fresh encounter with the Living God. “As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for Thee, O God,” Psalm 42:1. God answers the hungry soul. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied,” Matthew 5:6!
Since that day, Roy and I have maintained a close relationship with each other. He has been a spiritual mentor to me ever since I began to walk this Journey with the Holy Spirit. Roy often calls it the school of the Holy Spirit. If you are teachable He will take you to places you never thought you could go.

This book is exactly about that, encountering the Living God. We all can have an encounter just as Moses, Ezekiel, John, Elijah, Abraham, and David. God is not a respecter of persons. “Opening his mouth, Peter said: ‘I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,’” Acts 10:34. He desires and will meet everyone who seeks Him. “Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of those who seek Him,” Hebrews 11:6.

So take the journey with Roy just as I did and see what God can do in your life, through your life, to impact the world and change history!

Blessings,

Brother Martin Crawford
Forward

I have known Roy Cypher for many years and have been continually impressed with his devotion and zeal for the things of God, and for spreading the message of grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. The experiences Roy shares in *Beyond the Veil* will explain how it is that Roy’s entire life and labors are directed to the work of telling others about Jesus.

In sharing these *Beyond the Veil* experiences, Roy is standing on firm Biblical ground. The apostle Paul had such experiences and was not hesitant to share them with others. The entire book of Revelation in the New Testament is “Beyond the Veil,” so Roy’s experiences are firmly based on the Word of God.

So, buckle your seat belt and get ready for an exciting ride into the realm of revelation through sharing historical Bible encounters with God, as well as Roy’s experiences with Jesus in the early days of his walk with the Lord Jesus!

Robert Fitts,
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Introduction

Hungry and Thirsty for More

This writing is not penned from the basis of any human understanding, but only as I have heard and seen things Beyond the Veil.

Paul’s vision: “Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.” 2 Cor. 12:1

In the book Passion, my previous writing on this subject, Hungry and Thirsting for More of God, it was my intention to stir you and to start a fire. Robert Fitts, my brother in Christ and my Elijah—mentor, had cautioned me in his wisdom to write the first writing carefully so as not to overwhelm you, the reader. So hang on if you can; the Holy Spirit is leading you and me on a journey, Beyond the Veil of all human understanding. I caution you to fasten your seat restraints and grab onto the Master’s hand, for my friend, you are entering another dimension. Don’t look at your watch—it will do no good—for this journey will change you forever. Time in this dimension is endless.

There is much talk in films today on time travel, yet only fictional in nature. Many had, in growing up, watched the television show called The Twilight Zone, which is purely fictional in nature. My friends, this journey you are about to take is real. We must first be desperate and expectant for this transport into this Heavenly Realm. Everything of an Earthly Nature is left behind; all you travel with is the character of Christ that has been formed in you, in the Father’s womb of presence. Your mind, emotions, and will—your soulish man—are left behind, and as you travel at warp speed, you pass the veil and enter the new dimension, your habitation for eternity. Few have been desperate and hungry enough to come into this new dimension yet isn’t it true that the hungry ones in the market places of life are the ones that get fed? Why? Because they
cry out until they are heard, and not for only stale bread and cold coffee. They are bold and strong in their demands and finally, they are rewarded for their desperate cries. For the Word does say, “Blessed are the poor in Spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven,” Matthew 5:3. Yet to follow this, Matthew 5:6 says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” This word satisfied, is a key player in these two verses of scripture. Why? Because when we are full and satisfied, we become peaceful and content and then are we able to listen and experience God.

The Trinity, that is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now have our full, undivided attention and we can hear the mysteries of the Kingdom as we hunger for more. More is what you want— isn’t it friend? Now is the time to get into your time capsule and consider the rules of engagement as there are requirements for this journey. Psalms 24:3a-4a says, “Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? 4a He who has clean hands and a pure heart.” I trust you have already prayerfully considered this requirement.

We must continue, past having just fire insurance— so to speak— and move into Lordship. Yet as we enter the outer court (fire insurance), then the inner court (Lordship), we may still notice a conflict. In Romans 7, Paul talks about the fight we have with the flesh and spirit— the fleshy side of us verses the spiritual side within us. Yes, we are in a fight and we must put up a hard fight. Within this inner court there is a dualism that takes place, where spirit and flesh are at war with each other. Well friend, our journey must not end here, yet the cost is too great for most, and they do not go on to rend the veil— onto experiencing the dimension of walking in the Spirit 24/7.

Are you desperate or hungry enough to go there? This is what this writing is about, going Beyond the Veil, and never looking back. Are you coming? Let’s travel there, as on a celestial chariot as Ezekiel described, and have the journey of our lives. I now invite you to enter the Heavenly dimension with me. Are you coming?
Chapter 1

The Lord of Breakthrough

_"King David said, ‘The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters.’ Therefore he named that place Baal-perazim.”_ 2 Samuel 5:20

David walked in the Heavenly dimension. His schooling was in the desert, with the sheep, as a shepherd boy. Have you been in school? Did you even know there is a school? I am talking about the supernatural school, the school of the Spirit. There is no short cut here in this school—no jumping classes, or playing hooky. The training in this school, like boot camp in the military, is all On-the-Job-Training (O.J.T). You must be committed, attentive, and victorious over-comers/finishers.

David spent time on his assignments, and was given exams. Remember the encounter with the bear and the lion? David never shrank back; he stepped up to the plate and was successful in his exams—all of them. In his assignments, in the desert, he became relational with his spiritual Father in Heaven—close, intimate and passionate. He was not distracted, or bothered with internal chaos; he had a quiet spirit because he knew the attributes of God. One part of the Trinity is the Spirit of Peace.

David’s eyes of understanding were trained in a different realm then most. He was not controlled by his soulish man—his mind, will, and emotions. No, he had been to school in a different realm, the school of the Spirit. Later, as he was to graduate to the next level in his schooling, he was prepared for the challenge. Biblical history proved he was worthy of the challenge. Truth never runs from a challenge.

David was now ready for his next opportunity. The Philistines were in battle with King Saul on the desert plains where three of
David’s brothers were soldiers. David was summoned by his father, Jesse, to leave the sheep fold. His father had a mission for this young shepherd boy; David was to bring a lunch to his warrior brothers.

The scene David walked in on was perplexing to him. The Philistines were taunting Israel. David was incensed. He couldn’t understand why the warriors of Israel had not acted to remove the agitators. Did God not say He would deliver the land into Israel’s hand? David was ready for this assignment because he had been attentive in the school of the Spirit. He was willing, and ready to meet the challenge.

It was God’s purpose, and God’s timing to be fulfilled through this young man. As this story unfolds, we see a plan so much greater than that of the physical realm. Yes, the supernatural was about to be released and to move into place—the next building blocks from Heaven in the quest for a godly king in the line of Jesse, which would ultimately lead to King Jesus.

1 Samuel 17:37 records David’s response to King Saul. “And David said, 'The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine. And Saul said to David, ‘Go, and may the LORD be with you.’” Here we need to mediate on this pivotal point. David was living Beyond the Veil, in the realm of the Spirit, and his destiny was controlled by the trust and empowerment of the Lord. As this story plays out, notice the climax here in the valley of Elah. David said he had come to the giant Goliath of Gath, in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

David was prophesying from Beyond the Veil when he stated in 1 Samuel 17:46-47, “This day, the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword, or by
spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hands.”

David prevailed and his God won the battle over this giant. The outcome of this battle shows the supernatural intervention of God’s hand from a Heavenly dimension. Yes, David was right in the center of his destiny, and this event unfolded far beyond any human strength. This was David’s encounter, Beyond the Veil.

The next events, in the two books of Samuel, continue to lead David into the line of the Messiah. Eventually, David was perceived by the prophet Samuel, as God’s choice, and Samuel anoints David King of Israel.

In 1 Samuel, we see a young David as he sets up the government in Jerusalem. David now worked on consolidation of the kingdom. The Heavenly Kingdom was downloaded to David from Beyond the Veil and was typified in Jerusalem. David was soon to enter into the fullness of his destiny here, not only as a soldier, but as King, receiving direction from his Heavenly King, Jesus. For you see, all those hours spending time with the Triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) in loneliness and obscurity were not a hindrance to David. They were his school; he passed his exams, and now rewards of his graduation unfolded into his destiny for the throne.

In order to establish anything, we need to understand that we must capture any and all strongholds that might prevent us from occupying, possessing, or, are hindering God’s will for our lives. In David’s case, the spiritual (supernatural) was set in place, then the natural. This was the case in 2 Samuel 5:7, “Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion that is the City of David.” The interesting point here is that David knew his anointing. While praying, he inquired of the Lord and received an answer. 2 Samuel 5:20, “So David came to Baal-perazim and defeated them there; and he said, ‘The Lord has broken through my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters.’ Therefore he named that place Baal-perazim,” (The Lord of the Breakthrough).

David knew what belonged to him—the victory—and we need to know what belongs to us in our personal walk with God.
Only in walking Beyond the Veil will we experience a closer intimacy with God. †
Chapter 2

Abraham’s Obedience

“Now the Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you; 2 and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; 3 and I will bless those who bless you, and the ones who curse you, I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’”

Genesis 12:1-3

The account goes on to say Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him. Remember, Abram was seventy-five years old, married to Sarah who had no children. His wife and his brother’s son Lot went with him.

Note the significance of this event in Abram’s life. God spoke to Abram and asked him to go on a journey, not knowing his destination, not taking people with him, going to a faraway place, not knowing any details except what God said. There would have been questions: How far? What is our provision? What will we be doing when we get there? He would be leaving all that was safe and familiar behind, even house and family—only taking Sarah his wife. Sarah was obedient to her husband, as he was to their God!

They took all their possessions with them, and Abram passed through the land, going as far as the site of Shechem. As Abram approached this land, the Lord again appeared to him and said; “To your descendants I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him,” Genesis 12:7b. He then pitched his tent, and called upon the Lord.

Friends, we must recognize by now, Abram had a special connection to Heaven—a connection Beyond the Veil to where God exists. As you the reader might know, his name later became Abraham (meaning prince), because of his connection and
relationship with God. Abraham’s connection did not happen overnight. I am sure you have noticed he heard God’s voice, and his obedience to God was the key to an intimacy with God. In our pursuit of God, we must continually ask Him, “Are You pleased?”

So Abraham went forth as God had spoken to him. Genesis 17:1-3, “Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. 2 I will establish my covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.’ 3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him saying, ‘As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of Nations.’”

Genesis 17:19 “…God said, ‘Sarah your wife will bare you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; And I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.’”

There was a wonderful closeness between Abraham and his Lord—an intimate relationship; they were relational and had great communion. This led Abraham to one of his greatest tests. I am sure that we, as fellow servants of the Most High, realize that God always tests us, as He further invests us in His Kingdom work.

Abraham’s test was about trusting in God’s promises. Abraham had only one son by Sarah. His name was Isaac. Isaac and Abraham were relationally close, as Abraham had been with Father God. God had told Abraham to take his son Isaac to Mount Moriah to offer him up as a sacrifice. God had promised Abraham that he would be the sire of many nations through his son Isaac.

We read in Genesis 22:7-8 that even as they were approaching the mountain to make the ceremony, the son inquired of the father, 7 “Behold the fire and wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham in his trust and relationship with the Lord, knowing of the Lord’s faithfulness to His promises, replied, 8 “The Lord Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”

Abraham knew Isaac was his promised son. He followed through with God’s instructions—continued to trust in the Living
God. As God saw Abraham’s trust and faithfulness, He then provided a ram which was caught in the thicket by his horns. Wow! Abraham knew his God was the God of provision. And now God had provided an animal for the burnt offering.

Through this example Abraham had taught his son to trust God and how to have a passionate pursuit of resting in God’s promises. What a fine testimony of a father and son’s trust in each other, which is pictorial of Abraham’s relationship with Father God.

As this story of Abraham and Isaac unfolds, we see a lesson being taught. It was a teaching of trust from father to son. The father would learn that the Heavenly Father was teaching his son that he could trust beyond the Heavenly Veil.

In this story, we read that God provided a ram in the thicket as the father (Abraham) made this incredible willing sacrifice of his son (Isaac), and of the son's trust in his earthly father, and his Heavenly Father. Aren’t you as encouraged as I am of this mighty testimony? I believe God is challenging us to expand our borders in this Heavenly Realm. Are you ready to go into this supernatural dimension and intimacy with your Heavenly Father? †
Chapter 3

Fire in the Bush

“Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.” Exodus 3:1

How does God call his chosen selected sons and daughters? Does he say, “Hey you and you and you?” Does He give us a dream on a rock, as He did with Jacob; or, perhaps he uses a ram in the thicket, like he did with Abraham and Isaac? One thing I have noticed in my God journey, if I don’t interact with Heaven, all I get is religion. Why would I ever just want religion and never get Heaven? I have been desperate for Heaven since my Heavenly encounter in 1981. Once we taste of the passion of this special place we cannot be content for the ordinary; I was ruined for the ordinary. (I will tell you of this encounter later in the book.)

Much like David, Moses spent time alone with God. Both of these men were put in a position to have a God encounter. Moses found intimate time with God in the desert for a reason. Let’s look at Exodus 3:1 again, “Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian and held the flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.”

This writing is about how God draws all of his selected sons and daughters to Himself. In these Biblical accounts we see the uniqueness of our Heavenly Father and how He personally interacts with His children. Have you been on the mountain top with God? Have you had a God-size encounter?

In Exodus 3:2 we see one of God’s messengers bringing Moses to his Heavenly attention. “And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.”
As you read this whole writing, I want you to be aware of the
great means God goes to, as He tries to get our attention. How
might He interact with you? His ways are totally unique and
unexpected. When God gets our attention we must always move in
the direction that He is leading. It requires action on our part.
Friends, has God gotten your attention yet? Ask Him to shake and
stir you in His direction, Beyond the Veil.

Notice Moses’ reply in verse 3a, “I must turn aside now, and see
this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”

Verse 4 “When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God
called him from the midst of the bush, and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ and
he said, ‘Here I am.’”

Friends, when God calls we must respond; then with a clear and
certain, “Here I am, Lord.” The Father will then interact with us.
Isn’t this wonderful?

Continuing on, God the Father says in verses 5-6, “Do not come
near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on
which you are standing is holy ground.” The Father also said, “I am
the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob. Then Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look at
God.”

Moses was sent to the pastures, to a quiet place, so he could be
quiet before God—a school of the Spirit, if you please. When it was
time, God got his attention. Yes, I believe a burning bush that
wasn’t consumed with fire would have worked for most of us. It
would have gotten our attention, right? In Moses’ case his
undivided attention was drawn to the brilliant fire in this bush, and
he knew he was having a supernatural connection.

Now what happened next would influence Moses’ destiny. Yes,
Moses had choices to make and a resolve—no internal chaos, no
external distractions. Full undivided attention to Heaven and now
the unexpected, turned into the expected for Moses. Destiny was
set into motion for the Israelite children, and Moses was God’s
selected servant to be the leader.
Notice: Exodus 3:7-8a expresses the Father’s heart from that Heavenly dimension. “The Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their task masters, for I am aware of their sufferings.” 8a “So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians…”

God’s call from the bush: verse 10, “Therefore, come now and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” God was not only calling Moses, (commissioning him) but promising to be with him. Wow, friends, what more would we need to set us into motion? Yes, Moses had his insecurities and doubts much like we do, yet he went.

In Verse 13 we read how Moses has questions, “Who should I say has sent me? What shall I say? Verse 14 is God’s reply to Moses, “I Am who I Am, thus you shall say to them, ‘I Am sent me to you.’ This is my memorial-name to all generations.” Moses tried every excuse he could possibly muster up, yet to no avail, for the Lord showed him many things. Finally Moses submitted to God.

Friends, you probably have not seen a burning bush, used a rock for your pillow, or had a Lion or bear encounter. Yet God, even today, has the power for His presence to come down to speak much like He has done with Moses and David. If you haven’t had such an encounter, isn’t it about time? What is holding you back? Do you want God to move on to other selected servants—call someone else? Or will you step up to the plate. II Chronicles 16:9 says, “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro, throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.” So friend, what part of the School of the Spirit, the journey with God, has stopped you? Isn’t it time to stretch your dimensions and say, “Yes!” to the call of God on your life? †
Chapter 4

Dream on the Rock

“Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went towards Haran. And he came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place.” Genesis 28:10-21

Jacob was summoned by his father; his father blessed him and sent him on a mission. I am so impressed as I read these Genesis accounts of God’s true servants—their ability to obey, trust, and move in God-like faith.

Prior to this in Genesis 28:2 we read: “Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the House of Bethuel, your mother’s father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.” In the following two verses 3-4 we see the promise of fruitfulness, multiplying his seed, 3 “And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. Then follows a further promise of the blessing of Abraham: 4 “May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.”

I find my faith rising as I read these accounts, and many more that we will see in this writing. Are we on tract friends? We all need faith boosters like these and more to raise our spiritual eyes into this Heavenly Realm—far beyond human reach.

In Genesis 28:11, quoted at the top of this page, we notice something very important. On our journeys, when God leads us to a specific place, we must be sensitive enough not to miss these encounters. Jacob was alert, and here is what took place in verse 12, “He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on earth with its top reaching to Heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”
About this time I would have been flipping out, you know what I mean? My appetite would have been wetted and now God, just bring it on. Wow! What a dream, and it wasn’t over yet. Verse 13 says: “And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.’”

Isn’t it interesting? This is a dream and Father God is confirming His place in Jacob’s life. Wouldn’t this be confirmation, friends? Listen again, in Verse 13 God said, “I am the Lord, the God of your father...” I don’t know about you, but this would be proof enough for me, on any journey that God wanted to send me on. Yeah! Did you know it is not over until it is over?

The promises given in verse 13 and now in verse 14 are a foundation for Jacob’s future, and it has his undivided attention. 14 “Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Now comes one of the most assuring promises a friend of God could ever receive, I believe. 15a “Behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go...” I don’t know about you, but for me this promise just about says it all. When my spirit hears this promise I sense the complete protection, care from all of Heaven itself—the assurance of the creator, sustainer of all life, universal sovereign—my Abba (Daddy, Father). God reaffirms to Jacob the same promise he had made to his grandfather, Abraham in Genesis 26:3, whom the Bible calls a friend of God. Jacob has just had reassurance from far beyond any human resources; yes, he has received a word from Beyond the Veil.

Now notice Jacob’s reaction—his response. Don’t you just identify with him? Genesis 28:15 continues with, “...for I will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Verse 16b reveals Jacobs response after awaking from this dream on the Rock. “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.”
Verse 17a says he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place!” This is none other than the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven. Jacob’s dream and response set it all in motion—all of Heaven and God’s resources for Jacob to fulfill his God given destiny.

Continuing to verses 18-22 we read, “So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top. And he called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, and I return to my Father’s house in safety, then the LORD will be my God. And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God’s house; and all that Thou dost give me I will surely give a tenth to Thee.’

Friends, where are you today? Have you had an encounter with Heaven yet? If not, you must become desperate and expectant. Jacob is one who could trust God to speak to him, even in a dream. How about you my friend? ✝
“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I, Send me.’” Isaiah 6:8

This is a classic example, from the Old Testament, how a personal revelation from God can be the start of an anointed and prophetic ministry. It occurred in 740 B.C., the year in which King Uzziah died. Isaiah was in the Temple and was permitted to see the Lord in some unspecified manner, but because of the impurity of his own sins and those of the people, the experience struck fear into him. He was cleansed by a seraph, an awesome creature with six wings and a burning appearance. Upon the Lord’s request for someone to go on a mission for Him, Isaiah issued one of the most famous statements of all the prophets, “Here am I, Send me.” God’s mission was to the people who could not listen and was to continue until great desolation had occurred, yet Isaiah faithfully executed his charge for forty to fifty years.

Years later, the disciples questioned Jesus as to why he spoke in parables. So, Jesus used Isaiah 6:9-10 to explain his use of parables as a teaching technique. “And He said, ‘Go, and tell this people; keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand. Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed.’” You can find where Jesus used this scripture in Matthew 13:14-15, Mark 4:12, and Luke 8:10. “And He said, ‘To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, in order that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand,’” Luke 8:10.

As John was summing up Jesus’ ministry before the last week of
His life, in John 12:40, he cited Isaiah 6:10 to explain why so few Jews had responded to Jesus’ message. “He has blinded their eyes, and He hardened their heart; lest they see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and be converted, and I heal them.”

Paul, in Acts 28:25b-27, gave the reason why he redirected his ministry from the unresponsive nation, which Isaiah had addressed in the eighth century B.C. “The Holy Spirit rightly spoke thorough Isaiah the prophet to your fathers. Saying, ‘Go to this people and say, you will keep on hearing, but will not understand...”

Yes, it was a proclamation to the Jews, as he turned to minister to the Gentiles. Verse 28, “Let it be known to you therefore, that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen.”

Now let us turn the time clock up some 2000 years to the 21st century A.D. to see what is happening now, today. The people of our nation are still, as a whole, unresponsive. The purpose of my writing in this book is to inspire you to get hot for God, no matter what it takes, and to respond to God’s call on your life. The people who I am writing about were our contemporaries in past writings, and we are writing and living the history of generations. Now have you been inspired enough by them to move to a place of responsiveness to the message of Jesus? Is God calling you to a new dimension in the spirit realm?

Today I am reminded by God’s word in the Old Testament, Isaiah 52:1a, “Awake, Awake...oh Zion.”

Now I want to share a quote from the New Testament in relation to this, again from John 12:40. John was quoting from Isaiah 6:10 when he stated, “He has blinded their eyes, and He hardened their heart; lest they see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, and be converted, and I heal them.” Today all these words still ring clear the message in our 21st century, that God wants us to be converted by Jesus and healed. Yet today, as in past history, people are still hard hearted and resistant as in all past generations.

When I meditate on Isaiah’s visit into the Heavenly realm I see his willingness to open his heart to God’s presence. Isaiah’s response, in Chapter 6, gives us a clue that God was penetrating
Isaiah's heart, requiring change. When the presence of God falls, moves on us, are we affected, or have our hearts been hardened so as to totally resist. In Isaiah's case, he realized he needed change, God's Spirit moved on his behalf, he submitted and in response, the angel touched his tongue with a heavenly coal. Then Isaiah was able to say, "Lord, Here I am, send me." What if he had not realized his undone state? Could we perhaps say he was in a wasted, destroyed, undone, laid out, killed, state? He was in a totally depleted and desperate condition, before the Heavenly throne.

Confronted with this vision of the Lord, Isaiah was undone; Isaiah knew he was a sinner. Isaiah's plight is the plight of every person. No one, in his or her unrepentant state, is capable of standing before the Holy One, the King of kings, Lord of Hosts. After contemplating the death of Uzziah, Isaiah saw the King who will never die. The live coal from the altar symbolizes the purification of the fire of the Spirit that enabled the prophet to speak. From that point on, the words Isaiah spoke would be light and truth to his hearers and spiritual power to those who would listen.

A coal from the altar was used to remind us that all is forgiven because of a sacrifice. God, in a sovereign act, graciously cleansed Isaiah of sin. The people were cursed with being what the Bible calls dull of hearing. Isaiah's preaching was destined to make their ears heavy. Understandably, Isaiah's question to the Lord was, how long would the people continue to be unresponsive to his words of truth from God. The answer was grim, waste—desolate. These words described the coming judgment of God on Judah that would lead to the nation's captivity under the Babylonians.

A tenth is one of Isaiah's expressions for the Remnant. It refers to only a small percentage of the Israelites; and from Israel's blasted stump, God would produce a Holy seed. †
Chapter 6

Weeping Prophet

“That I might weep day and night.” Jeremiah 9:1b

When I think of weeping, I am immediately drawn to the New Testament in John 11:35. We notice here the focus is on the key words, Jesus wept. There is a dynamic thing that happens with the Father in Heaven in this story. Remember, Mary and Martha had just sought out Jesus. Jesus was a dear friend to their brother Lazarus, and in desperation for their sick brother, Jesus was approached. When told of the death of Lazarus, Jesus wept, and the compassionate heart of the Father took action—the rest is Biblical history.

In Jeremiah 9:1 we see the servant of God, Jeremiah touching a vital key to the Father’s heart. Not only did this servant weep once, he was known to weep day and night, so much so that he is still known as the “Weeping Prophet” to this day. Since this writing is focused on the theme “Beyond the Veil,” as the writer here, it seems appropriate to view this man as one who lived Beyond the Veil—don’t you agree?

As we study the lives of these servants of God, may God stir our hearts to move Beyond the Veil, and live a life close to Him.

I realize that some 6,000 years have run through the hour glass in Heaven. 2 Peter 3:8 reminds us that in heavenly time a day is as if a thousand years and one thousand is as a day, so actually only 6 days have passed in heavenly time—on God’s clock. You can draw your own conclusions as you read through this writing, but make sure the Holy Spirit is your tutor.

The servant, prophet, intercessor—Jeremiah as he was named—made a monumental marker in Heaven with his tears. I believe these prostrate times on his face, knees—times of weeping before God at the throne of grace—changed history! I invite you to
draw your own conclusion, yet in my intense study of Jeremiah’s life, I am challenged to mirror his character, and to follow his example. I am confident that you will consider the same. Under close examination of this prophet’s life I am prompted by the Holy Spirit to pull some very special facts from Biblical archives that will treat you as you long to live this deeper life Beyond the Veil.

I remember early in my discipleship with the Holy Spirit my introduction to this prophet, Jeremiah,—man of God. My appetite was so stimulated by his testimony, that to this day, I am still feeling the effects of his life. One such event in Jeremiah 33:3 touched me deeply; God made a promise to Jeremiah. This became my personal promise from God, in my early school of the Holy Spirit, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” I believe that such things are only learned or heard Beyond the Veil.

Remember II Corinthians 3:17-18, “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from Glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”

As our journey advances Beyond the Veil, the enthusiasm in Heaven is intense. There is great expectancy! The Bride of Christ on earth is being encouraged by the stories, thrones, preceding heroes before them. We see in Hebrew 11, “By faith Abel...by faith Enoch...by faith Noah...by faith Abraham...by faith Sarah...by faith Isaac...by faith Joseph...by faith Moses...” “Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. 2 For by [faith—trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible,” Hebrews 11:1-3 AMP
Jeremiah 13:17 goes on to show even more of this servant's heart. “But if you will not listen to it, my soul will sob in secret for such pride; and my eyes will utterly weep and flow down with tears, because the flock of the Lord has been taken captive.”

We also are quickened to explore Jeremiah's plea on behalf of the people for mercy, which is the Father's heart through this man. Jeremiah 22:10 states, “Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him, but weep continually for the one who goes away; for he will never return or see his native land.” The pagan nations would recognize that the destruction of Jerusalem was the result of Judah's violation of its covenant with God. The people of Judah had exchanged their God for alien deities, false gods whom they worshiped and served.

As I bring this account to a conclusion I remind you, once again, his feeling in Jeremiah 9:1. Jeremiah, who is known as the “Weeping Prophet” identified personally with the suffering of his people. Here he expresses his desire for a reserve of tears that would flow without stopping. Also, in Jeremiah 13:17 Jeremiah had been told not to pray for the rebellious and unresponsive people of Judah, but he expresses in secret his deep lament for the Lord's flock, who had been carried away into exile.

In final examination of this servant's call, I always remember his struggle because he had suffered heavy persecution. As I continue my study of this man's life, I turn to Jeremiah 20:9 and even read of his discouragement. Knowing that even the Apostle Paul had times of discouragement, his experiences give me hope when I am meeting much opposition in ministry and need edification or building up. In my similar compulsion to preach the good news, I am not seeing to promote myself. Jeremiah even felt he had become a laughing stock all day long. Jeremiah 20:9 finally reveals his heart on the matter, “But if I say I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name, then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am wary holding it in, and I cannot endure it.”

Please consider the resounding anguish of his heart for these rebellious people! This man experienced anguish in his spirit, and
he was aware of his spiritual authority. It is apparent that he knew how to walk Beyond the Veil. †
“Now it came about in the thirteenth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s exile, the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the Land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the Lord came upon him).” Ezekiel 1:1-3

Having encountered four living creatures and the Chariot from another dimension, as this title chapter suggests, this prophetic man of God, had a great vision. Oh, how we need to be trained by the Holy Spirit, our spiritual teacher, to have spiritual sight into this heavenly realm, such as this man did. He knew his calling in life and answered that call and commissioning given by the Creator Himself. For this to happen to us, we must experience an open heaven. We must be in a place with God, knowing that He wants to speak to us because we are chosen, then we must listen. When the heavens are open and when all is right, the vessel of God will be the recipient of this vision.

We continue our reading in Ezekiel 1:4-5, “And as I looked a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire and within it there were figures resembling four living beings.” And this was their appearance; they had human form. It is very interesting here that the average man of God would stand back and have some reservations of this kind of revelation. Yet, God prepares his selected servants to ready themselves for His call and commissioning!
As the vision continues to unveil itself, Ezekiel is caught up in the middle of it. Ezekiel 1:5-14, “Within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance; they had human form. 6 Each of them had four faces and four wings. 7 And their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf’s hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, 9 their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. 10 As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man, all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle. 11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies. 12 And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went. 13 In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire. 14 And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.”

To understand visions, such as this, we must look to the Holy Spirit, who is our tutor for many things, and ask Him to reveal their meaning. We must have Spiritual eyes and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. We see this written in the gospels and in the Book of Revelation.

In order to put this vision into proper perspective, we must remember some of the background history of this man called Ezekiel. The prophet Ezekiel had the thankless job of proclaiming God’s message on the crowded and hostile streets of Babylon. At the same time Jeremiah was warning the citizens of Jerusalem of the coming destruction of that Holy City, Ezekiel was preaching the same message to the exiles in Babylon. Even though these exiles were hundreds of miles away from the Promised Land and the temple, God did not leave them in the dark. Instead he sent Ezekiel to warn, exhort, and comfort His weary exiles.
Ezekiel received and reported revelations from the living God as an exile in Babylon, during 593-571 B.C. All that is known of this solitary prophet comes from his written prophecy, and no compelling data exist for the acceptance of any author other than the one named in the book itself—Ezekiel, son of Buzi who was taken captive with Jehoiachin and other Hebrews in 597 B.C.

History fills in the gaps in time to give us clarity. You can see that we can time travel in dreams and visions—care to pray for more? As we continue to read in the first Chapter of Ezekiel, it goes on to unfold his great vision, which leads us into excitement beyond our wildest imagination. Reading verses 15-21 and onward, may very well leave one gasping, mouth wide open, in amazement. “Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living beings, for each of the four of them. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like sparkling beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship being as if one wheel were within another. 17 Whenever they moved, they moved in any of their four directions without turning as they moved. 18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were full of eyes round about. 19 And whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also. 20 Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings was in the wheels. 21 Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside the; for the spirit of the living beings was in the wheels.”

These verses continue on through verse 28, the end of the chapter; and this was only the beginning of Ezekiel’s ministry. You must sit before the Lord and ready yourself for a vision. Are you ready for God to reveal things to you from Beyond the Veil? Ezekiel was ready. Now watch how this account played out? Chapter 2:1-3 says, “Then he said to me, ‘Son of man, stand on your feet that I
may speak with you! 2 And as He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. 3 Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.’

Ezekiel had visions and obeyed what he was told to do. How about you, friends? Are you ready? †
Chapter 8

Handwriting on the Wall

“In the days of those kings the God of Heaven will set up a Kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.” Daniel 2:44

Daniel has always been one of my heroes, even as a young boy learning about him. In vacation Bible school we viewed pictures of him in action, and I knew that I would add him to my collection of Bible cards. You might ask, what makes a great hero? Could it be perhaps they stand the test under fire? As teenagers Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood in the face of adversity and came out of the fiery furnace, not even smelling of smoke. I believe Daniel and these three teens taped into the protective presence of God, in troubling circumstances.

Where do I begin in this epic old tale that is just as alive today as it was the day it was penned in Daniel’s writings? The first thing I remember about Daniel is he was a prayer warrior. This, of course, speaks volumes on his behalf. In fact, he prayed three times a day. He made a commitment to not share in the delicate foods of the king, Nebuchadnezzar, and his kingdom. I believe this speaks of separation and no compromise on his part. My! That was quite a commitment; he took a stand when he and the other young men could have delighted in all these rich foods.

Daniel went to Babylon during the first deportation in 606 B.C. He and other members of the Judean royal and noble families were given special training to serve in the Babylonian court. He quickly gained a reputation as an interpreter of dreams and riddles which led to his appointment to high government posts. As an old man, Daniel served in the medo-persian administration after Babylon fell in 539 B.C. He was unlike the other prophets; He did not go
around saying, “Thus says the Lord.” Instead, he was primarily an interpreter of dreams and riddles, and a recipient of visions himself.

The book he wrote naturally falls into two parts. In the first six chapters, Daniel spoke in the third person about activities involving himself and his three Jewish companions, and he interpreted dreams and riddles received by others. Then in chapters 7-12, he spoke in the first person about visions which he himself received. Some of the most well known stories in the Old Testament are in Daniel, especially those about Daniel’s three friends in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) and Daniel in the lion’s den (Daniel 6).

The book of Daniel has become a modern battle ground on two counts. Liberal scholarship places the writing of the book in the middle of the second century B.C. Secondly, scholars have been divided on the precise historical identification of features of the visions. The book has many important passages, but Daniel 12:13, “But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at end of the age,” stands out as the clearest Old Testament reference to the resurrection of the dead. The key Old Testament passage behind Jesus’ application of the term “Son of Man” to himself is Daniel 7:13, “I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.” Material, from the other chapters in Daniel, is either quoted or alluded to, in the Book of Revelation and only two chapters are without some background in Daniel.

The text, in Daniel 2:44, has great threads in many directions. For instance, a statement is penned by Daniel that says, “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed...” From this, much is referred to in another scripture. Daniel 7:14-17, “And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away; And His Kingdom is one which will not be destroyed. 15 As
for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. 16 “I approached one of those who were standing by, and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things: 17 These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings, who will arise out of the earth.” Reference is also given in Luke 1:31-33 which states, “And, behold, you will conceive in the womb, and bring forth a son, and you shall name Him, Jesus.” Verse 32-33 says, “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His Father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His Kingdom will have no end.”

Following this we can reference Revelation 11:15 which states, “And the seventh Angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.”

In chapter five of Daniel’s writing we see King Belshazzar wanting an interpretation of the writing by a mysterious hand on his palace wall. For many people it may be difficult to understand why all the wise men, magicians, soothsayers, Chaldeans, and the astrologers were unable to translate a few simple words, Yet Daniel had no difficulty translating, even though he had the same prescribed education in languages as the others. Any of the wise men present there probably could recognize the four inscribed words. Nevertheless, it took the uncompromising man of God, Daniel who knew God through daily fellowship and communion, to interpret the dream. Daniel was so dedicated to God that God could speak to him and through him—only such a man could tell what the words really meant. It also took a brave man to interpret that word since it was not an encouraging word, but rather a condemning word, “You have been weighed on the scales and found deficient,” Daniel 5:27.

Blessed (Happy, fortunate, prosperous and enviable) are those who dare to be a Daniel.

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Chapter 9

Dreams and Visions

“And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. 29 And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.” Joel 2:28-29

“The Lord is God” is the meaning of Joel’s name. Although this name was common in the Old Testament, nothing is known about this prophet beyond the content of this book, which says only that he was the son of Pethuel.

Unlike other prophets, Joel does not use a dating formula to begin his prophecy. Because of this, scholars have disagreed on the date of Joel’s ministry and the date when this book was put into writing. Suggested dates range from the ninth century to the fifth century B.C. The traditional view has the book of Joel written about 830 B.C. This date seems to be preferred, since the nations and conditions mentioned by Joel best match this period. Also, the prophet Amos indicates an awareness of Joel in his prophecies.

The occasion of Joel’s message was a severe locust plague. Warning the people to turn to God in repentance, Joel announces that the “Day of the Lord” is coming and will bring greater judgment. Before that judgment occurs, God will send His Spirit (Joel 2:28-32) to bring extended blessing, “And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind...” In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter points to a partial fulfillment of this passage in Acts 2:16-21 on the Day of Pentecost. “This is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel...” Joel 1:1 gives us a clue that this man of God could see and hear into the heavenlies. It says, “The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel...” A side note about this man—Joel was a prophet of Judah and possibly a
contemporary of Elisha. The Lord God gave a promise to these people through this prophet Joel as an encouragement of hope. Joel had a heavenly vision and God knew he could be trusted to deliver this uncompromised message to this people.

Joel 2:24, 26  
"24 And the threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil..."  
"26 “And you shall have plenty to eat and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God...”

gives the benefits of God’s favor and loving-kindness to the people of Israel—favor, such as, having much grain, plenty to eat, and being satisfied. Verse 27 says, “Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame.”

Now to get to some of this favor that will follow God’s people, even until this day, we have only to continue our chapter text once again.  Joel 2:28, “And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” Also, do not forget verse 29, “And even upon the male and female servants I pour out my Spirit in those days.” What I am hearing and seeing in my spirit is what this prophet of God had, and we in this day and hour are sharing in this favor.

From the beginning of this writing I have presented evidence from God’s inspired Word. “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work,” 2 Timothy 3:16. As God’s sons and daughters, we are capable of hearing from God in the heavenlies. Our Heavenly Father, since creating man, has given us spiritual sight and hearing so as to communicate with us. We were made in His image and likeness and God said it was good. Our Father wants to have human beings here on this earth who will compliment Him. He created us in His image and likeness, and that speaks volumes about our Heavenly Father. He liked His creation and said it was good! He created man and said it also was good. Even though man fell in Genesis, our Heavenly Father provided a way back to Himself
immediately in Genesis 3:15, which pointed to God’s Son coming to earth and buying back (redeeming) His sons and daughters. He gave us spiritual sight and hearing in order for us to see and listen to Him. Bible history has proved this to be true. 2 Corinthians 4:18 states, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

In 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 we see more discussion from the Apostle Paul on this very important topic. As we discussed in the introduction, Paul was one who had experienced a move Beyond the Veil. Who else would be more qualified to back up others in their testimonies of such an encounter and a Spirit led walk? We read in 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 AMP, “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is destroyed (dissolved), we have from God a building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Here indeed in this (present abode, body), we sigh and groan inwardly, because we yearn to be clothed over [we yearn to put on our celestial body like a garment, to be fitted out] with our heavenly dwelling, 3 So that by putting it on we may not be found naked [without a body]. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan under the burden and sigh deeply (weighted down, depressed, oppressed)—not that we want to put off the body (the clothing of the Spirit), but rather that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal (our dying body) may be swallowed up by life [after the resurrection]. 5 Now He who has fashioned us [preparing and making us fit] for this very thing is God. Who also has given us the [Holy] Spirit as a guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise].”

As we continue this journey, the prophet Joel unveils in his three chapters, a great conflict between good and evil. God gives a clue to this prophet for a way out of this mighty judgment against a wicked generation. Notice in Joel 2:30-31, “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”
Now notice the hope that comes through this prophet of God to all future generations in verse 32, “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.” What an awesome word through this man who was capable of seeing past the veil into that wonderful secret place, that is one day to be our eternal dwelling place. †
Chapter 10

An Encounter with the King
Changes Everything

“Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace in front of the king’s rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace. And it happened when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.” Esther 5:1-2

Esther’s story is not only a story of a woman being an instrument in the hand of God to spare His chosen people from destruction; but a type and shadow of our relationship with Christ and our access to Him as His bride! This access allows us to go Beyond the Veil and allows us to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, to gaze upon His Beauty, and to dwell in His temple.

After Esther was made Queen of the Persian Empire things began to turn for the bad for the people of God. Haman, an eventual enemy of the people of God, was elevated in the courts of the king to the highest seat of all the nobles. Mordecai, who had raised Esther as his own daughter after her parents died, was a man committed to God. Though every person at the king’s gate would bow down and pay homage to Haman when he entered the king’s gate, Mordecai refused to do so because of his commitment to God. This infuriated Haman and he devised a scheme to destroy Mordecai and the people of God.

A decree went out from King Ahasuerus, influenced by Haman, to destroy all of the Jews of the land—the people of God. Mordecai heard the decree and began to fast and pray for the Jewish people
at the King’s gate and led the Jewish people to do the same. Those mature in the Lord know where to go when things get difficult. Psalm 107:19 says, “Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses.”

Queen Esther saw Mordecai outside the king’s gate, dressed in sackcloth and ashes, and sent a eunuch, Hathach, one of her attendants, to talk with Mordecai and find out what was going on. Mordecai told Queen Esther of the decree against the Jews and requested she go see the king on behalf of the Jewish people. She responded out of fear of rejection that this was not her time to see the king; if she went to go see the king without his request for her she could be killed.

Mordecai reminded her that she was a Jew herself and that she may not escape the judgment and asked her, “Who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?” (Esther 4:14b AMP) After her conversation with Mordecai, Esther began seeking the Lord and asked the people of God to fast for three days so she would receive grace from the King when going in to see him.

I have found that seeking God and forsaking everything is a guarantee to receive an encounter with God. In Exodus, God told Moses that, not only was He a merciful God, but a jealous God, desiring us to commit to fulfilling the first commandment. (Exodus 34:6, 14)

Queen Esther accepted the challenge and prepared herself to see the king. Esther 5:1 AMP begins: “On the third day [of the fast] Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the royal or inner court of the king’s palace opposite his [throne room]. The king was sitting on his throne, facing the main entrance of the palace.  And when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, he obtained favor in his sight, and he held out to [her] the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near and touched the tip of the scepter.”

Wow! What a description of our struggle in this world. First the ruler of this world, Satan, has a decree “...to steal and kill, and destroy” us (John 10:10), and is working day and night to devour us
(1 Pet. 5:8). He and all of his demons have sent out a decree to the entire world to destroy the people of God.

We, as children of God, the Bride of Christ, struggle with going into the Holy place to meet with our King Jesus. We are afraid of what He might do, and feel unworthy of being in His presence. But, if we accept the truth that we are accepted in the Beloved, then we know that we can go to the throne of grace at a time of need to receive mercy and grace. “Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need,” Hebrews 4:16. Not only do we receive mercy and grace but we get to walk up to Him and He touches us with his scepter which represents His acceptance of us by His mercy. What do we receive when He touches us with His scepter? Well, as the story continues, we will see some of the supernatural things we can receive from an encounter with the King.

Esther was a Jew. Her uncle Mordecai taught her about their God, starting when she was a little girl. She had heard all the stories of her heritage. She remembered all the great stories of deliverance, the stories of Abraham and his son, the stories of Moses and the Egyptians, the stories of Daniel. Oh yes, she had heard the stories. But now it was her turn. Now she must call upon God. She must call on Elohim to once again display His might and strength—the delivering power of The Lord God Almighty.

God had swayed the hearts of kings before. Hadn’t Joseph been delivered out of the prison and elevated to Pharaohs’ second in command? Oh, but would God do this for her—for her people? She must at least try.

Often we feel like Esther—the challenge, the circumstance is looming like a giant mountain ahead of us. We can’t see around it, but God has the perfect solution to the situation. Even though we have to face the scary, even though we have to face the overwhelming odds, when we give it to God and rest in His resolution, He will move on our behalf. He will take us Beyond the Veil.
Chapter 11

Paul’s Transformation

“Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 12:1

I started this writing with this quote and it was quite intentional for me to do so. The Apostle Paul is my greatest inspiration and hero, other than Jesus Himself. I could speak volumes about the fire this man lights in my spirit. In my previous writing, Passion: Hungry and Thirsty for More of God, I shared about my similar experience to that of the Apostle Paul and the Apostle John, written in God’s Word. At this point, I don’t want to relate too much of this encounter of mine, because it is my intention to do so in Chapter 13. At this time I want to speak of a man who has penned some thirteen or more books of the New Testament and one who is spoken of as an Apostle and Leader of the early Church where signs and wonders were happening as recorded in the Book of Acts.

In starting this wonderful journey with Paul, I believe we should go to the Scripture in 2 Corinthians 12:2-7 AMP, “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago,—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know that this man— whether in the body or away from the body I do not know, God knows—Was caught up into paradise, and he heard utterances beyond the power of man to put into words, which man is not permitted to utter. 5 Of this same [man’s experience] I will boast, but of myself [personally] I will not boast, except as regards my infirmities (my weaknesses). 6 Should I desire to boast, I shall not be a witness braggart, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I abstain [from it], so that no one may form a higher estimate of me than [is justified by] what he sees in me or hears from me. 7 And to keep me from being puffed up and too much
related by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a splinter) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack and buffet and harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted.”

As we proceed with this intense account of the heavenly Beyond the Veil experience, Paul is careful not to draw attention to himself, but rather to the one who he is referring to in that heavenly secret place. Do you want to go there? Do we count the cost of such a commitment? The question is: Are we willing to pay such a great price?

Verses 8-12 AMP “Three times I called upon the Lord and besought [Him] about this and begged that it might depart from me; 9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weakness and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! 10 So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength] then I am [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength). 11 Now I have been [speaking like] a fool! But you forced me to it, for I ought to have been [saved the necessity and] commended by you. For I have not fallen short one bit or proved myself at all inferior to those superlative [false] apostles [of yours], even if I am nothing (a nobody). 12 Indeed, the signs that indicate a [genuine] apostle were performed patiently in miracles and wonders and mighty works.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17 AMP is quoted as: “Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth] shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!” Here the Apostle Paul reveals the experience he had of being raptured into the third heavens. Although he does not
name himself in verse 2, it becomes obvious in verse 7 that he is speaking of himself.

Why didn't Paul mention this experience to every group of believers to whom he wrote, but only to the Corinthians? Perhaps, the Corinthians were constantly bragging about their spiritual visions and gifts (1 Corinthians 12), and he wanted to demonstrate to them that in spite of his unique experience, he was a mere human, with a mortal body, who must not boast about his purely spiritual experiences which are not part and parcel of every believer while in this mortal body. Paul wanted to impress upon the Corinthians, that in fact, he knew what he was talking about when he spoke of spiritual matters. (Refer to 2 Corinthians 12:1—quoted at the beginning of this chapter).

He came as close to the super terrestrial world as anyone had and was given the opportunity to speak about it, had he so chosen. Paul went to paradise, but he hesitated to speak about it. However, in order to bring about a sense of balance between the spiritual and the natural in the lives of the Corinthians, he found it necessary to refer to his experience.

It is interesting to note that this record of Paul’s rapture into paradise, the third heaven (God’s home) comes immediately after 2 Corinthians 11:32-33 which gives reference to an experience Paul had while he was in Damascus. We learn that fellow believers were successful in rescuing Paul, by lowering Paul in a basket through a window in the wall of the city. We may question why the God who could lift Paul’s spirit up to the heavenlies did not also liberate his body in a miraculous manner from those who sought to kill him in Damascus.

In 2 Corinthians 11:16-33, we have the enumeration of his sufferings in the body and the spirit which indicates that this very spiritual person, one who was raptured (caught up) into the heavenlies, was not exempt from physical, mental, and emotional anguish. There are those who pretend they have experiences similar to Paul’s and constantly want to recount them. Paul was so modest about this experience that he speaks as if it happened to
another person. What a contrast! I believe that it has to do with the heart’s intent—our motive. As we know, God does want us to give our testimonies. Proverbs 16:2 says, “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.” Are we giving glory to God or man?

Paul was a godly man and had a Beyond the Veil experience. His track record proved, without a doubt, his fruitfulness in fulfilling his ministry. He was called by God, given a commission, and served with humility.

As the Bride of Christ, today we must consider God’s servants—present and past—who have walked this way and mirror their examples. Today I challenge you, Bridal remnant, to learn from these examples and to walk in this realm, for this is ours for eternity. †
“I was in the spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet.” Revelation 1:10

As we enter John’s vision in Revelation, Chapter 1, we find clues to John’s reason for writing the book of Revelation along with the time and place. First I want to remind you that the flow of his writing was penned Beyond the Veil, in that heavenly city. The author of Revelation refers to himself as John. He is associated with the seven Churches in the Roman province of Asia (present day southwest Turkey) in their suffering, blessing, and perseverance.

His stand, “...because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus,” Revelation 1:9b, caused him to be exiled to Patmos, a small island located about sixty miles southwest of Ephesus, in the Aegean Sea. He wrote this in about 95 A.D. John was on the prison isle and was writing to the seven Churches of Asia Minor. In Revelation 1:9 AMP John says, “I John, who also am your brother and companion (sharer and participator) in the tribulation, and in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the isle that is called Patmos, [banished] on account of [my witnessing to] the Word of God, and for the testimony (the proof, the evidence) for Jesus Christ.”

As outside persecution against Christians increased, the first-century Church also faced internal problems. They struggled with suffering, spiritual warfare, heretical doctrine and practice, and spiritual apathy. Christ had promised to return. But when? And how? And what would he do about the problems facing the church when He did come back? Confronted by these circumstances, the original readers of Revelation needed to be both encouraged and exhorted. On the one hand, Revelation was intended to be a promise of divine protection from God’s judgment on the world. On
the other hand, those who read the book were to take it to heart and obey, standing for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John received great visions (Revelation 1:10, 4:2, 17:3, and 21:10) as well as crucial messages that the church needed to hear. In the spirit realm, Revelation depicts a divine struggle against Satan and his demons (2:9, 10, 13, 24, and 3:9). Yet this battle against the deceiver of the world and the “accuser of the brethren” has already been won by the blood of the Lamb (12:9 -11). All that remains is for Satan and his followers to be sentenced to their just, eternal punishment by the Lord (19:20; 20:3, 10)—their doom is sure. Revelation means “to take the cover off”. It is the uncovering, and especially that of the Glory of Christ and of what the future holds.

In the Amplified Bible, I enjoy the enlightenment on the first three verses of chapter one—the words here jump off the page to the readers. Revelation 1:1- 3 AMP, “[This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to his bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His Angel (messenger) to His bond servant John, who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the Word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.”

This man John, as is stated in Revelation 1:10, made a statement that started in the beginning of God’s time in that heavenly court. God is Spirit and His Spirit was brooding in heaven and things were spoken into existence. In the beginning God said it was good. In Revelation 1: 10 AMP, John said, “I was in the spirit (rapt in His power) on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet.”
Verse 11 AMP gives us great insights into this heavenly scenario Beyond the Veil, “Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven Churches which are in Asia—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Well reader, as it has been revealed to us, John is captivated and captured with the King of Glory and as the vision unfolds we are soon to be married to this Bridegroom for eternity. Wow, what a love story! God is looking for a suitable mate for His son, Jesus and He chose the church as the bride. John unfolds more of this magnificent love story as the twenty-two chapters of Revelation are presented to us in stark reality and the rules of engagement are laid out for us. As we read on we see the heavenly city in all its glamour and majesty because the heavenly city is our eternal home with the Bridegroom Jesus. Day and night, the Angels are singing, “Holy—Holy—Holy is the Lord God, The Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come,” Revelations 4:8. Would you agree with me that John has set in motion for us, a vision Beyond the Veil, which will last us for all eternity? †
Chapter 13

The Day Time Stood Still

Roy’s Testimony

Author’s Note: This writing is not penned with any human understanding. I am only sharing with you what I saw and heard from Beyond the Veil.

Throughout this booklet, I have quoted many supernatural encounters with our Heavenly Father which are in God’s love letters. In my previous writing Passion, I gave an account of my personal encounter with heaven in 1981. I have been told I needed to go into more detail of this encounter with the third heaven (God’s home). So here it goes—hang on if you can.

Many today are skeptics of the supernatural. It is interesting that the early Church in the book of Acts was a Church that believed in the supernatural—heaven and all that is there; so why do we today have such a problem with the earth’s training school that prepares us to live such a supernatural life for eternity?

This writing is about recognizing and living this kind of life here on earth. Matthew 6:9-10 AMP says, “Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed (kept holy) be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This to me is sufficient evidence that Kingdom living can take place here. Whether you approve or disapprove, the facts are clear, supernatural living is a major theme in God’s Word—The Bible. Our Father—Creator, Universal Sovereign, Trinity—has been proving Himself in the lives of His selected servants from Genesis to Revelation.

Many today are saying that the phenomenon of miracles and the supernatural that operated when Christ and His rowdy bunch were here, passed away with them. This is false, of course. This would have interrupted God’s plan of the ages and prevented His training
of His sons and daughters for Kingdom reigning, and to be His bride.

In 1981, my whole world was rocked by a supernatural challenge. As an easily frightened Kansas boy, even the *Twilight Zone* TV series—in black and white of course—scared me. I was not only fearful of such things, I was a skeptic. Many who will read this will identify with me and know how I felt; yet, hasn't God put evidence of His existence around us, making it very clear that we are without excuse for not knowing Him? Many have grown up knowing about witch-craft and the occult, astrology, voodoo, and the new age sect. If we have been privileged to travel to foreign lands, either in the military, on vacation tours, or foreign secular jobs, many have brushed elbows with culture and foreign gods—Buddhism, Hinduism, Muslim, and all the other isms are also included.

I will never forget my first brush with foreign gods. I was a medic in DaNang Vietnam; it was 1965 and I was in the Vietnam War. You might remember in my testimony, I was raised as a Protestant. In 1964, in the Navy chapel at San Diego California, I gave my heart to Jesus and signified this by writing such in a Gideon New Testament—my written commitment to Jesus Christ. Then two years later—1966, in Vietnam—I was deep in contemplation of life and the hereafter. During my first few weeks in Asia my life was almost taken three times, and I was very troubled as to my destiny in life.

This writing is addressed specifically to the Body of Christ, since my Heavenly Father (Abba) has chosen those who have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church—the saints, the people of God. In Revelation chapters 1 & 2, there is a clear call to this specific group of people to hear and do as the scripture teaches. The reason many do not respond to this urgent cry of the Spirit of the Living God, is they do not have spiritual ears to hear. God's Word, time after time, speaks of hearing and seeing with our spirit. To bring this to clarity we may see and hear with spiritual vision and spiritual hearing. We must worship Him in Spirit and truth.
John 3:3 AMP stated it clearly, as he relates the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus. Jesus said, “…unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.” Yes, we must be born of the Spirit. This then is the start of our journey Beyond the Veil.

One thing I have experienced in my journey is we must be passionate for these heavenly things, since we will be living this way for eternity. As I now rely on the Holy Spirit, to recall those events in my room in 1981, my heart races and my ready writer pen is ready to capture your heart, as I remember from Beyond the Veil, the following encounter, which has become my daily life style.

I remember in 1981, from April to October, having three specific God encounters. We must remember that God is always passionately pursuing us, His bride, even if we lack understanding of such. Yet soon we will start seeing and hearing as He does because ground zero has taken place—our own personal Damascus road experience. My Damascus road experience was much like Paul’s experience. God led His selected servants to intercede for me in prayer. Jesus himself, in His Priestly intercessory role sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven was also speaking on my behalf (Hebrews 7:25). Like Paul, I was running with my own agenda, yet God’s Spirit remained hot on our trails, and we soon encountered the Spirit of the true God in Beyond the Veil experiences. We were changed with a heavenly camera rolling the film so we could start seeing and hearing what the Spirit says. Then we were both knocked off our horse of circumstance and downloaded upon by heaven itself. How could we remain the same? Paul changed immediately and so did I, because we both went Beyond the Veil.

I remember well the fight I was having with my mind and my flesh during those seven months and the three God encounters. I speak here of the third one, the most significant one, which changed my whole character and pointed to my destiny.

It was 1965 and I was in Vietnam. I had often encountered the false god of Buddhism. I was stationed in a field hospital called
China Beach, located some three miles to the south of the city of DaNang. As is normal in the countries of Asia, the people setup their idols and shrines—foreign gods—in order to worship them. We were in a sandy beach area; many small Vietnamese villages were all around. One day I had some time to rest for a few hours so I walked over to a shrine. It had a large cement area and I lay down to get some sunshine. Soon I became aware that someone was putting curses on me. It was a very strange feeling.

As I later found out, there was a sect of Buddhist monks that were putting curses on the U.S. service men. Since then I have realized just how real these things can be. Several years ago, my friend in Pointman Ministries was concerned about these curses; he studied, and found them to be true, it was really happening. There was a group of Buddhist monks that would organize themselves in the Republic of Vietnam during those ten years. They prayed three specific curses upon the men and women whom came to fight in the war. The three specific curses were:

1) That we would be angry men the rest of our lives
2) We would lack peace
3) We would be wandering men the rest of our lives

As ministers in Pointman Ministries, during our counseling with veterans we have had success with men who have been willing to break these three curses from their lives. I did these things and have had freedom in these areas of my life. Soul ties also must be broken when men have made them with foreign women. Remember the problem Solomon brought on when he compromised with foreign women and their gods?

Now I am excited to turn the heavenly clock back to August 1981 at 9 P.M., in my room and relate a vision Beyond the Veil. As I write, I will rely totally on the Holy Spirit’s recall, so you are in for a treat for this is the Holy Spirit’s account of that eventful night.

Have you ever stepped out to walk on the water with Christ? Peter did, and in so doing he put action to his faith! Even if it’s only a mustard seed faith on our part, Jesus who is wholeness of faith will supply the rest. Yes, that day in 1981 it was my time to step out
on the water and prove the Word in relation to the Holy Spirit, or I knew I would die. Have you ever felt that way? I was desperately expectant and now God showed me that which I was praying—asking of Him.

It was 9 P.M., I was home from work and my roommate was sleeping. I went into my room, shut the door, and raised my hands to heaven in an act of total surrender. I did not have long to wait, quickly my mouth spoke in English and said, “Father, Son, Holy Spirit, prove the truth of the Spirit to me!” Yes, I had to step out on the water and prove the Word or I felt like I would die. I was desperate! I was thanking the Lord that my roommate was asleep. Now I could have a showdown with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I wanted truth, nothing but the truth, so help me God! I was very reluctant, but I stood and raised my hands to heaven in an act of surrender and blurted out, “If the Holy Spirit is real then prove it to me now, or I will leave this whole thing alone God!”

The next thing that happened, I started speaking things that I did not know and understand. I was speaking in tongues unknown to me. At first it was very weak, then as the minutes went on into the evening it became stronger. It seemed I was not bound by time. My breathing rate increased and I became aware that I was speaking in an unknown language! The pitch increased, the tones were varied and authoritative, and the unknown words kept right on coming! I was aware of a strengthening and a conviction, and then a change of pace which included my hands, arms, and body gestures as if in battle. Later God took me to the scripture in Psalm 18:34a, “He trains my hands for battle.”

The fervor became intense and although I was frightened I continued on and on, as some powerful force was moving my mouth and body in a way I had never experienced. I was afraid to stop and examine the situation for I knew something extraordinary was taking place and I was to ride this wild ride. It was WILD and I rode it to its conclusion that night!
After several hours I became tired. I noticed another tone in the dialect of this unknown language which I was speaking. I heard something like screams leaving my room, so I prayed in tongues louder and louder! Then I saw Satan materialize in the corner of my room! He was furious! He was losing his hold on me and he knew it! I felt faint from fright. Something inside of me kept me praying and rebuking, as the night wore on. Soon the presence of Satan left my room and I noticed that this prayer in the spirit for my soul now was working to clean out all of the evil spirits that were in my life.

By now I was very tired. I slowly walked to my friend David’s room. I found him praying in this same unknown language, the same language as I had been praying for hours. I exclaimed, “David, I don’t know what is happening to me, but I need your assistance! Please come to my room!” His excited reply was, “Brother, I have been hearing demons scream and leave this house for the last two hours!” He had awakened from a sound sleep and had been led to pray by the Holy Spirit. He was told to help me and to do warfare prayers for me. I certainly needed his support because this was so new and unfamiliar to me. So we continued this warfare which I was now convinced was real and not just something I had imagined.

One more hour passed and the intensity increased yet with more vigor. I felt safe and more confident that I was not losing my mind. Slowly the intensity died down and it seemed our job was nearing completion. Then we started entering into laughter and joy such as I had never experienced before. We were falling on the floor and on the bed. The joy of the Spirit had now become my strength and the laughter was a manifestation of this baptism in the Spirit.

Soon David returned to his room; it was very late and I needed to rest. I was still very unsure and shaky. I know that I had spoken in three unknown languages that evening. I learned later that one was for self-edification, or to build me up spiritually, and the other two for travailing and for aggressive intercession. The Lord told me
to arise and stand up to the call He had put on my life, one that I seemed unable to attain or even understand.

I was excited even though the early morning was approaching. I had to call and tell someone. I remembered Don Francisco’s song: *I’ve Got to Tell Somebody*. The words to that song spoke to me! I phoned one of my best friends, and they were immediately aware there was something different about me. They told me they felt the presence of the Lord while we were on the phone. I told them I had had a divine visitation and that I wasn’t sure just what to call it, but I just had to tell somebody!

Well, it’s not over till it’s over, even though I had thought it was! I had just turned my bedroom light off to ready myself for sleep, if this were possible after such an encounter. Then my room lit up as bright as daylight and I suddenly had a vision! Wow! What a vision! I had never had one before; I was freaking out! A heavenly light from God’s throne shone into my room from above. Thinking I’d had just about all the excitement I could handle in one day, I needed to just lean back and take a deep breath! Where was this light coming from?

I sat up, and looked to the right side of my room where the wall was blank. There was a door on the left side, which was closed. I could not have tried to pass this vision off, as it was too intense, way too much. Instead, with the rest of the evening behind me, I decided, bring it on—at this point my paradigm; my tent pegs (as it were) had already expanded beyond my imagination! I carefully opened my eyes to this bright light, and sat straight up in my bed. I soon became aware I had been transported into the third heaven. I was at the foot of the heavenly throne!!

I had been reading Revelation Chapter 1 where John had an experience, a vision. I believe I experienced much the same as John did, I felt as if I were a dead man. This was a very awkward place for me to be—in front of the heavenly throne, in the awesome presence of the Son of God!

I finally took a shallow breath. I had been afraid to move or breathe! I took a tour with my eyes; I wanted to make a mental
note of my surrounding hoping to remember every detail. I definitely was in Heaven. Without doubt, I was at the foot of the heavenly throne. I remembered the words of Psalm 24:3a and Psalm 4a, "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? “He who has clean hands and a pure heart?” I asked myself, “Is that me? How can that be?”

Well, I wasn’t dead yet. I was breathing with short, shallow breathes; I was overwhelmed—in total awe! Questions started to flow through my mind: Why am I here? Why me? What should I do? The questions were rapid fire and filled my mind. I was so overwhelmed. I felt like I was suffocating, so I took a long, deep breath, and held it. As I did, the peace of the Lord filled my being. I could tell I was in the presence of the King of Glory!

The next few events were very important because they were to affect my service to the King and ministry for the rest of my life! I was acutely aware of the Father’s presence but I was not allowed to see Him. I did see an intense light, the Shekinah Glory of God—His manifest presence—surrounded a throne of magnificent splendor. Jesus, Himself, the Son of the Almighty God was sitting on the throne looking at me. On either side of the throne were these gigantic angelic creatures. They were constantly praising Him. Behind the throne I saw the boundary of the heavenly city—the New Jerusalem. I also saw a gate with a dark figure that was forbidden to enter the heavenly city. I knew this dark figure was Satan, our adversary. He was angry about having lost me that night. The Holy Spirit delivered me from Lucifer and his demonic helpers and now I was free! Yes I was free, so now what? I guess that’s why I had been allowed to go there.

As the vision continued, I was trying to understand my part. The next few minutes, seconds, hours—who’s counting time? I was in heavenly time, which is without limit; one day is as a thousand years to God and a thousand years is as one day! God was giving me a brief glimpse of King Jesus on His throne. I observed His hair that looked like a liquid light. He was wearing a long priestly robe, and His feet had sandals and they looked like polished bronze. His
eyes were as the most brilliant light on earth. He looked right into me. I felt transparent and exposed, not in a bad way but I felt like He saw me as a finished product—somehow as if I already possessed the kingdom, not the fledgling I felt like. His love for me—when He looked into me—I was ruined me for the ordinary; I wanted only to please Him from then on. I had never before had this type of passion, this type of desire. Never before had I had an infusion of completeness in my spirit, and now all I wanted to do was tell everyone about Him.

I was enjoying my adventure in this heavenly place, though I questioned my purpose for being allowed there. I didn't have long to wait because things seemed to move quickly ahead. I went from a position on my knees, at the foot of the throne, a prostrate position in an act of humility and reverence. I knew I had been allowed to come this far and now I was to understand the purpose for my being there. I lay unable to move as the next event unfolded.

I heard a voice; I instinctively knew it was Jesus. His voice resonated in my spirit and imprinted on my mind. “Roy I have called you to intercede, to help deliver my people from their darkness. I have given you a gift package and you will have all the tools and power you need to accomplish my purposes. Only there is a condition, and it is this: you must stay in subjection at my feet, praying and interceding. This must precede any ministry into the darkness of this world, and you will see many set free, just as you have been set free today! Now go and preach and teach after you have prayed and interceded. If you leave this place of intercession you will not have the power of my early church.”

I was back in my room again. My senses and emotions were fighting to digest the things I had seen and heard. They really can't be absorbed, because they were all spiritual. Spirit and flesh cannot understand each other. I remained in this spiritual state for parts of three days. I wept and wept for the lost people all over the world. I wept non-stop for those three days. I believe I was given a touch of the Father's heart and I would never, ever be the same. I now knew what my vision, calling and purpose was to look like,
and now I had some of the details. I was ready to enter the School of the Holy Spirit which has continued to this day. †
Chapter 14

The Vision Changed My Life

“Then the LORD answered me and said, “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. 3 For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:2-3

This time, the school of the Spirit has been the deepest, darkest, night of the soul experience in my 70 ½ years, plus adding the 6 ½ or 7 months in my mother’s womb. I am just about out of breath—my, my, oh my, what expression can I use to explain this move of the Holy Spirit in my life. I believe the attention getters from Heaven have hit the “Bull’s Eye” in the very core of my soul.

My heart cried out, “Oh Lord, Deeper, and yes deeper You have been exploring into my soulish fiber. You are trying to root out any part of my being that will prevent the shadow or stream of Your atmosphere from working through me. I am breathless, Father, when I think of Your perfect patience, for this Your son, Roy. Who am I to despair?”

This graduate school of the Spirit has taken over 2 years; and several times I have been tempted to “throw in the towel”. I must continue to meet the new challenges in this growth—encounter, season—before my deployment to our Heavenly home. The rules of engagement have been clearly defined and laid out. Our spiritual antennas are up and tuned in and our receivers are eager to receive! Now is the time, now is the season, for this spiritual growth.

“My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.” Psalm 45:1
I am stirred up to write again and watch the strokes of this pen, filling the empty pages until they are full volumes of living words. “In Psalms 119:105, the word of the Lord says, “Thy word is a lamp [light] unto my feet and a light unto my path [roadway].” Your Shekinah Glory is our endless light and has no beginning nor ending.

I believe, with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength that this is the Church’s greatest hour. Now I didn’t say “religion, legalism, or denominationalism”. Yes, you heard me right—I mean the early New Testament Church, the Acts 2 Church. We are fulfilling Biblical history daily as many are experiencing a Heavenly flow as none other since Father God created, and blessed, and made a bold decree. “It is Good!” God’s intent was to initiate a people who would reflect His image and likeness.

The fall of Adam and Eve didn’t invalidate God’s original purpose for humanity. When they listened to the deceiver, and recognized their nakedness because of a lie, this exposed their deprived condition. They lost the Shekinah Glory that was covering them. Was God surprised—No! Yet, He was disappointed. Did this block His plan? Did it prevent His purpose for an earthly family who carries His DNA? No! At this time He spoke into existence, Genesis 3:15. “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him [Jesus] on the heel.”

God is saying to the Church, Today, “I am beginning to let you touch My Glory so you shall be able to stand in the hour of my visitation.” Isaiah 60:1 “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.” We are going to be strengthened in the glory to the point where we can stand in the very atmosphere of Heaven. How exciting! What a joy!

Isaiah 64:1 AMP “Oh, that You would rend the heavens and that You would come down, that the mountains might quake and flow down at Your presence.” The Hebrew word says, that “rend” means: to rip, to tear, to violently pull down.
The Glory of the LORD is the atmosphere of Heaven, Isaiah 64:2. “As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire cause water to boil—To make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!”

The touches of His Glory—released to us—to prepare us to encounter the person of Heaven, God, the Father.

In conclusion, we need to consider, not only are we the sons of God, we are the Bridal remnant. The training ground of the Bride is the wilderness. All are called, but few are chosen. Have we heard the call to the Church as is stated in Revelation? “Hear what the Spirit has to say to the Church.” The call is clear to His Bride. We must enter the Bridal chamber to be groomed. Church, are we ready? Are we alert and ready for His visitation? Church we must be able to see and hear Beyond the Veil.

No one knows the hour of His coming—His visitation. I ask you this question? Are you ready for His visitation where you will see Beyond the Veil. †
Lovesick
By Gretchen Swanson

I finally found where I belong...
In His presence, my Lover
I cannot wait ’til the day of our wedding, I am lovesick.
I am intoxicated. You burn with it for me...
I can see it in Your eyes...
Your smile sends goose bumps all the way down me.
I am truly, truly unworthy, and yet loved.
How can I ever repay you?
I cannot believe, I am Yours and all You asked for.
Oh my Lord, my King, you are so beautiful!
People everywhere see Your splendor
And surely say, “There is none like You.”
No other can even compare to Your shadow.
You and Your Kingly splendor and tenderness
Of a shepherd are completely and wholly mine.
I taste Your sweetness, richness, fruitfulness,
And shout out, “YOU ARE GOOD!”
My eyes are fulfilled from feasting on You.
I need never fear or tremble again
For Your love goes before me,
Beside me and still behind me.
You cover me at every angle,
Proudly proclaiming, The love of Your life, me,
Has made you the luckiest man in the world.
You display a flag over me,
A banner displaying your never-ending love,
And affection for me, that all may behold
And never forget the most passionate love ever formed.
A love, between a King and His lover.
The fire, that burns inside of me,
I am the happiest bride alive.
Epilogue

By Susan Cypher

So what do we learn from all these heavenly experiences? God wants us to know Him and not to be afraid of Him. He wants us to trust Him even when we find ourselves in the most outlandish circumstances. The more uncomfortable the setting, the more outside our comfort zone that we stand strong in Him, the more of His Glory and love through us He can display. God wants to bless us, not harm us.

God’s plan is for us to put the devil to flight in Jesus name. Satan is trying to steal all your blessings, kill all your hope, and destroy our destiny in his lowly place; Jesus desires to use us to do great exploits in His name! God wants to show us off. He loves to bless His obedient servants who love and trust Him. He wants to show how much we are like Him. He reminds us He is with us to help us and to train us, to trust Him even in frightening circumstances.

To make a point, would you have confidence in an untrained person to catch you as you fly toward them during a trapeze act? I think not!! Now if you have trained with them, have been practicing so you know your part, you know the catcher will make adjustments to catch you safely. That is what God does; even though all the situations are not exactly the same, He does it so you know one way or the other, that He will always catch you and empower you to go through. Just as we practiced with the professional over and over again learning our part, God wants us to trust and know Him that intimately.

He gives us His word so we can know Him intellectually. He gives us the Holy Spirit so we can know Him experientially, and He gives us prayer so we can know Him intimately. Why do you think He wants us to pray without ceasing?

He inhabits the praises of His people because praises speak of who He is, and what He has done for us. He wants us to get the
concept of praising Him from head knowledge to heart knowledge. The devil can’t lie to us and take away our victories when we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the words of our testimonies. He wants us to overcome. He loves how we glorify Him and encourage others, when we share our testimonies.

In this writing we have shared a few of the many testimonies in the Bible and some personal experiences. We have shared these testimonies with you to bring to light the awesomeness of our loving God who wants to give you great and over-the-top testimonies, too! †
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