



**THY WILL BE DONE
IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

**IN MEMORY OF
ANDREW YEW YEE YIN**

Leaving behind: -

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**A LETTER
TO THE ELECT OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
AND
TO THE ELECT IN THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA**

**TO THE REMNANT OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
AND
TO THOSE OF WHOM THE LORD LOVES.**

THROUGHOUT THESE PASSAGES, WHEREVER THE MASCULINE PRONOUNS ARE USED, THEY SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS INDICATING BOTH GENDERS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT IMPLIES OTHERWISE.

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1. 'THE PROPHECY HANDBOOK'
- BY WILLIAM E. BIEDERWOLF
 2. 'A COMMENTARY CRITICAL, EXPERIMENTAL AND PRACTICAL'
- BY JAMIESON, FAUSSET AND BROWN.
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Some recommended readings: -

1. The Bible (of course) first and foremost, the inspired Word of God – however, through centuries of translation some parts may have been misinterpreted and may contain translation error(s) therefore read, pray and hopefully be able to discern by the grace of God.
 2. “The Discovery of Genesis” by C.H. Kang and Ethel R. Nelson.
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CHAPTER ONE

A WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF A WATCHER

This is based on true eye-witnesses accounts and an oral history from Andrew and Esther's reminiscence of days gone by.

Other people may have a difference in opinions or versions for the same events that took place.



This is Esther and Andrew Yew (circa 1958)

Genesis Yew
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I. INTRODUCTION LETTER

Dear beloved children of our Lord Jesus Christ,

My name is Genesis Yew, your sister in Christ, called and chosen by our dear Lord Jesus Christ even before being formed in my mother's womb, to bring to you the final warning and wake up call before the second coming of Christ.

By the will of God and His bountiful grace, may the Holy Spirit of the Lord our God Jesus Christ be poured out unto you to revive the tired soul and weary heart, and to strengthen the weak in faith those who are overwhelmed by the profound activities and illusions of Laodicea and its final wicked spirit of deception. Not since the beginning of the earth until the second coming of Christ has the world seen and experience such wide spread condoning of wickedness and spirit of confusion as in this age of Laodicea.

And by the power of the Living God our beloved Lord Jesus Christ, God of all the heavens and of all the earth as He comes to reclaim what is rightfully His. He will restore the elect and the preserved of the children of Israel, so the world may know that the Lord is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel and to establish His everlasting kingdom through the house of David as He has promised.

The purpose of this letter is not to tell of new things but of the days of old since the beginning to time until the second coming of Christ's Millennium rule so that you may see the big picture of what the Almighty had done and has always been doing and is continuing to do so.

In the year of our Lord 1969, October 10th, 10pm, in the town of Batu Gajah, Perak, West Malaysia. The Lord our God suddenly came to us, revealed to His two eye-witnesses Esther and Donna, His sign of a glorious sparkling fiery cross in the sky (Please refer to chapter 6, section v in this letter) and subsequently two years later the Lord has spoken to His servant Esther Chan. (Please refer to chapter 6, section vi in this letter).

Now we wait patiently for His second coming. May the will of God be done just as He has promised. Blessed be the Lord our God Jesus Christ in Him all glory and power revealed. Amen.

Blessed be our dearest Lord Jesus Christ,
All Honour and Glory be unto His name forever,
Yours faithfully,
Genesis Yew

II. GENERAL THOUGHTS

The events in this testimonial are about God's salvation to the Jews first but ever since two thousand years ago gentiles have been called to be grafted into the true vine. Now, the call for salvation is open to all.

When Andrew was a little boy, he always felt as if someone was looking after him, watching him from above though he grew up in an idolatrous family who are pagan worshippers. In his later years he got to know who that God was and he felt in his heart that it is the same God that was with him when he was just a child. He ran a race that he was not aware of, always not sure where he was going but God caused him to persevere on. When he had reached the finish line, only then he began to see it all and understood that he is a gentile who came into God's inheritance by the blood of Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 6 : 9-13

Our Father

Which art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done in earth

As it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

"You dare to call yourself a Christian when you don't even know how to recite our Lord's Prayer," Andrew once said to his daughter (Donna) when she was in primary school. Andrew made sure that we memorise the Lord's Prayer and keep it in our hearts. When words fail to come together in our minds and we do not know what to do or when our sanity is threatened and ability for composition of words fails, pray then with the Lord's prayer, for it alone will restore our momentum because the Lord's prayer forms the basis of all prayers.

I was unaware of the revelations that my mother had until I was 5 years old. Donna and I were born in a Christian family though quite ignorant about God when we were young but an unspoken faith did abide even while I was still in my mother's womb. God did not give us much understanding at first, but only after many years did the Lord little by little reveal and unfold His truth through His Holy Spirit as remembrance and understanding of the Lord came back to me like a long lost friend. Like someone who had amnesia for a very long time suddenly remembered his past and recognised his family and friends.

In His time, all things shall come to pass. When the Lord shall come to rule the earth personally, the truth shall be revealed in clarity and will no longer be in parables, while fraud shall be exposed and brought to justice, and evil deeds will have no place to hide in secret behind a false face of good pretence. The Lord shall restore, the Lord shall renew, as the government shall be upon His shoulder so that the world shall come into order and there will be no more chaos. The truth will come to speak face to face with all men both great and small and of whatever race or creed, for all shall be admonished by the Lord and He will teach us personally.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

*From what does the Lord come from?
For the Lord is the source of all beginnings.
From where cometh the Lord?
For the Lord is the beginning of all beings.
From the Lord cometh all things on earth and in heaven.
For the Lord has love and anger abiding in Him.
From the Lord cometh all creations and destruction.
For the knowledge of good and evil is from the Lord.*

III. THE WILL OF GOD

I have never given much thought about the will of God until the time when my earthly father's soul and spirit was separated from his body (please refer to chapter 8, section 1). Looking at the empty shell that he left behind, you cannot help but start asking questions. Did he die because I failed in my duties as a daughter to take care of my father when he was sick? Where did he go? To heaven or hell? How will he look like in his new body? How will we ever know? Well, you will never know unless Christ gives you His eyesalve, then you will see the truth that is Christ Himself. Only by faith will you have a quiet assurance in your heart that God will show mercy to all His children who is born of God. For those who are not born of God but born of the father of lies, also known as the devil, the Lord will judge accordingly. Without God's gift of faith and knowledge, we would fail to understand God's word – for example the Bible. God deals with the individual, whether you are a well-learned scholar or a poor country peasant, it is your relationship with Christ that matters. All that we possess is from the Lord, be it intellectual or

material. The Lord is the one who gives and He is also the one who takes away.

There was once many years ago, I heard from a schoolmate of mine who was a straight "A" student, active and bright, but when her friends gave her a Bible to read, she said, "I do not understand a single word of what this book is trying to say." Further commenting that it does not make any sense to her.

It was very grievous to my ears and at the same time it was amazement to me. Is there not a scintilla of logic that she can relate to? Did not her heart turn to faith while reading the Bible? Did not those precious words of Christ bring joy to her? I guess it was quite obvious that she felt nothing except a little bit irritated because it was the only book in the world she could not master.

Brothers and sisters, without God first touching you, no matter how much you search for the truth, it shall never be revealed. Unless Christ reveals them to you by shedding His light on the scriptures, you shall never understand its sweet secret mysteries.

In another case, I had another acquaintance who has never read the Bible before neither does she believe in God but suddenly, one fine day, she picked up a Bible that was lying around in the school hall and began to read it. She felt that her soul had awakened and by the grace of God understood the words in the Bible and began to praise God.

As honey is to the bee so shall the Word of God be to His people.

1ST CORINTHIANS 1:18-30

- :18 ***For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.***
- :19 *For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.*
- :20 *Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?*
- :21 *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*
- :22 *For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:*
- :23 *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*
- :24 *But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*
- :25 *Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*
- :26 *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:*
- :27 *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;*
- :28 *And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:*
- :29 *That no flesh should glory in his presence.*
- :30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*
- :31 *That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*

IV. FAITH

Faith is not something that you can obtain or labour for. It is a gift from God. Like a two years old boy who went shopping with his parents for the first time - looking at a wide choice of candies, sweets and toys displayed in a window display case at a shopping mall. Not quite knowing what it tastes like or how the toys operate but they have certain attractiveness to the boy. Unless the boy's parents bring him into the shop, show him how to play hands on and buy some candy for him to eat; he will never be able to have a fulfilling experience at his age without guidance. Likewise in reading the Bible, you need the Spirit of God to bring you to His word and like your parents, Christ will lead you through its passages and explain its meanings to you that you may enjoy the pleasures thereof. Without Christ you can do nothing but watch the world go by and be swept along with the winds of change in this world and end up lost.

LUKE 24:45

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

The chosen recognise and accept the Lord with an open heart, not because he finds logic in the Word of God therefore he accepts. It is because he was chosen from before the foundation of the earth and he remembered the Lord when His Holy Spirit nudged him to wake up and see. For the knowledge of God are engraved in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and sealed on our foreheads by the blood of Jesus Christ. No amount of education is able to convince the children of darkness to accept the Word of God. For how do you explain light to someone who has always been and prefer the cold comfort of darkness since birth and has never seen the light, for instead, to the children of darkness it will represent something bad as the first rays of light sting the eyes with pain and confusion. An old clever dog may be able to teach a puppy dog on how to be a good watchdog but a dog can never teach another species for example a snake, the nature of being a good dog. It is just logically and genetically impossible.

Faith is believing and trusting in God. It is of substance and reality.

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

V. GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB

I am writing this testimonial in order to let you know that the God of this earth is moving among the peoples of the earth and is in control of our past, present and future. Even if you choose not to believe in Him, He is still the one that you are answerable to because He created you. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is also the God who has created everything in all the heavens and the earth for Himself.

Events that happen, be it good or evil, are they not all by permission from the Lord? Are not all kingdoms, nations, government leaders, kings and queens set up by God and put down by God? Is it not Him that unites and Him that cuts asunder? Colossians 1:12-22.

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Even King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon though a heathen yet he acknowledged God and praised the God of the heavens and the earth. Will you then, peoples of the earth; rulers of nations, will you not glorify your Creator?

DANIEL 4:27-37

:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

:36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

:37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgement: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

VI. PREDESTINATION AND ELECTION

From before the foundations of the earth, God already had a plan in His heart to have a people to call His children. A peculiar creation of whom is a step higher than the angels. (To the envy of Lucifer!) His chosen ones are carefully thought of and placed throughout all the generations of mankind and in diverse places.

Though it pains God to destroy all those who choose after the devil but what the God of this earth has started, He will definitely finish it - through Christ's death by crucifixion and His resurrection. For all things must come to pass as the world was made to give birth to a chosen people of God who shall be His priests and kings.

What God has planted on the earth – “the wheat”, the devil also came secretly in the night to plant – “the tares”. Even so, as the wheat must be first sowed and waited upon to grow in order to be harvested, so must a man grow and wait upon the Lord to take him home. All wheat that the Lord has planted are considered to be His elects and one cannot say that God is not fair to those who were not elected because God did not plant the “tares” in the first place. Does not the farmer reap the wheat to be stored in his warehouse for use and throw away or burn the tares at harvest time?

The Apostle Paul, in the book of Romans wrote about predestination (Romans 8:26-39).

ROMANS 8:27-30

- :27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is in the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
- :28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*
- :29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
- :30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

THE PARABLE OF THE LANDOWNER (MATTHEW 20:1-16)

MATTHEW 20:1-16

- :1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.*
- :2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*
- :3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*
- :4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.*
- :5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.*
- :6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?*
- :7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.*
- :8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.*
- :9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.*
- :10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.*
- :11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,*
- :12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.*
- :13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?*
- :14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.*
- :15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?*
- :16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

Regarding the parable of the landowner who hired labourers for a penny a day regardless of the number of hours worked. Those who bore the heat and the burden of the day received the same one penny as those who worked just one hour, furthermore those who were hired last were paid first.

*"So the last will be first and the first last: for many are called but few chosen."
Matthew 20:16*

This parable has a twofold meaning: -

1. God does not base His judgements by the works that you do in this world instead He is looking at His own creation with His own good graces that He had bestowed upon us, His (Christ) blood on us (just as the lamb's blood are on the doorposts of the houses of the children of Israel in the times of Moses in Egypt). He sees into the depths of your soul and He knows your future of who you actually are and what He has in store for you. For all chosen by God, especially in these last two thousand years shall be kings and rulers of the new millennium, for all in heaven are sons of God. (John 1:12, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"*)

In the eyes of God everybody's position or social stature is the same, therefore no matter how much each individual suffer on earth, the grace of God will carry us through and all our sufferings are a small matter to Him, for He has overcome and so shall His children overcome by the power Christ's resurrection.

Our life is full of suffering because of our fallen state in this fallen world because it is Satan's dominion as it is a world fallen under the law of Satan's chaos. The original world in the Garden of Eden was not so, as there is law and order, peace and tranquillity so much so that originally all types of animals are tame and were created to live in harmony but sad to say for the animal kingdom, it is man's fault because he has fallen into the devil's world and the devil's grasp which caused many repercussions including that which made all animals to become "wild". When given a choice, we have fallen from grace and expelled from the Garden of Eden, therefore we are sentenced to live under Satan's lies and deformed illusions of what the world is suppose to be.

One must go through this world each unto himself responsible for his own actions and only God knows of your final destination. Some people blame God or the devil, for they say if everything is predestined they why bother to choose, for whatever I do I am still going to hell anyway, so lets drink and be merry for tomorrow we die. Have you become God that you know your own future at that point in time when you fret about predestination? But then again, those who are destined for hell in a way only knows of that wide road of destruction after the father of lies and do not recognise any other road for the Lord said in the Book of Revelation, let those who are unjust let him continue to be unjust for judgement is at hand. Therefore, dear chosen ones of God, trust in the grace of God to get us through our difficulties encountered for God will always provide more than one way to solve a problem.

If we were in Adam and Eve's shoes, we would have done the same (eat from the "tree of good and evil"). That is why God has given us a way out from our own destruction but we must go through this world as if in

probation and when we have finished our probation, by the grace of God we shall emerge in freedom from our "jail term" victorious like gold tried in fire. Our Creator is our only way out. Look to Him and you will find the path. Trust Him who is on High and have a bird's eye view to guide us on our path. We are trapped in a gigantic maze and only God and no one else can get us out of this maze.

JOHN 3:29

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice, this my joy therefore is fulfilled."

Are not the chosen ones who lived after the death and resurrection of Christ depicted as the brides of Christ, of whom is the bridegroom? Now, those who lived before Christ's fulfilment of His new covenant are called friends of the bridegroom as John the Baptist himself has said in the book of John, chapter 3 - verse 29. For John the Baptist died before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, though when Christ's death and resurrection is meant for people all through the ages but we humans are in the boundaries of time therefore the people who live in different ages are rewarded somewhat differently as their position in the kingdom of heaven may vary slightly each according to God's own plan and purpose as in the verse "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?"

2. Therefore, those who bore the burden of the law in the Old Testament received the same heavenly privileges (the one penny) as those who enjoy burden-free salvation by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ and not by works.

For man's good works without Christ are for self-need and self-glorification, therefore man cannot find salvation by himself, for self is vanity and Christ abhors vanity. A philanthropist may say, "I did good for the benefit of others and not for myself for I have compassion". Of course after doing good works a man may feel some self worth and might even feel secure that his life long of good works will secure him a place in heaven of some sort. Of course good works are a good thing but without Christ it is part of the devil's tree of "good and evil", for the devil has his imitation of good. This is not to discourage the philanthropist nor is it to encourage the evil doer, God forbid, but simply to say that good works will have its' temporal rewards on earth like words of encouragement and recognition from society, but if such good works are merged with faith in Christ, it is God's perfection in man and salvation is everlasting. That is why God does not judge you base on what you have done on earth, what profession or job that you hold while you are on earth but rather He looks at where your soul and spirit are destined to go.

Let the good continue to be good and let the evil continue to be evil for judgement is at hand.

REVELATION 22:11-12

:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be

*righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

Did not Jesus say to Martha, when she was busy serving while Mary was listening to Jesus, sitting at His feet: -

LUKE 10:41-42

Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful and Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her.

Likewise, do not be discontented or envious of certain people who enjoy more graces from God while others sometimes are required to do more work or suffer more chastisement. Is not God your Father and He has the right to deal with His children as He sees fit? In the comings and goings on in our lives, the most important of all is to love our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Like in the case of the Old Testament character Job, God is constantly monitoring His children's situation and to bring us back from our breaking point if that is what it takes to fulfil His will. The Lord will never let His chosen ones fall out from the palm of His hands. For God is outside of our time frame and is able to see everything at one go, that is why He knows what solutions or remedies to use for each problem we face.

Sometimes severe afflictions comes because many a time the devil asks permission from God to afflict those who believe in God, for our flesh is weak and ignorant, the devil will use whatever means possible to inflict and magnify our sins because we are unaware that our troubles are the direct result of our own ignorance. We might use terms like "illness", "bad habits", "second nature" or "natural" but actually it is Satan's art of subtle deception as the devil will make you think that there is nothing you can do to be healed or change for the better because it is the way things are.

The devil does not need to force you to do anything, he merely seduces and tempts you into thinking that it is your own nature, that is for example, being bad tempered, unable to stop smoking or committing adultery or fornication and et cetera. Therefore be ever watchful and pray for there is an evil spirit for every bad habit you have, bind those evil spirits in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and cast them into the bottomless pit and you shall be free, but first you must repent and have faith in the Lord and be ever watchful for sin and temptation is a lifelong battle until the day you physically die, for then you are physically out of Satan's realm.

And the age-old question of why the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer in silence - read the following answer which God (verse 5 onwards until verse 17) gave to the prophet Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH - CHAPTER 12

- :1 Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?
- :2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.
- :3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.
- :4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.
- :5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?
- :6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.
- :7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
- :8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.
- :9 Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.
- :10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
- :11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.
- :12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
- :13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- :14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
- :15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
- :16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.
- :17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

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Remarks on Jeremiah Chapter 12: -

.....When we are perplexed by the dealings of God in His providential government of the world, our wisest way is, like Jeremiah, to go directly to God Himself for the explanation. Though He will not gratify self-sufficient reasoners by giving an account of His ways, He will enable the humble worshipper to justify Him on the ground of His absolute sovereignty, infinite wisdom and experienced goodness. If we would have our doubts cleared away, instead of harbouring for a moment hard thoughts of God, we ought to begin by justifying God, "Righteous are thou, O Lord", and then wait in patient faith until His Word and His Spirit make all our difficulties and perplexities to vanish away. The prosperity of the ungodly and the trials of the godly in this present world have perplexed many saints, as Job, David and Jeremiah; but the fact that we are fallen creatures, living in a fallen world, and that there is appointed by God in this life a twofold process of probation to the godly and ungodly respectively, ending in eternal joy to the former and eternal woe to the latter, affords some clue towards the solution of the difficulty, though of course there are many things in God's dealings which we must take on trust rather than require that all the reasons for them shall be made plain to us.....

.....Our grief that so much evil is permitted in the world often follows more from peevishness at the trials which is occasions ourselves than from zeal for the honour of God. Let us seek more to ignore self and to do and bear cheerfully all that God ordains, not being overcome of evil but overcoming evil with good.....

There are many people who profess to be Christians all their lives but some of them are chosen, some of them not.

Then, there are some people who lived a big part of their lives without Christ, and yet at the end, they are awakened by the Holy Spirit of God calling them to repentance.

Meanwhile there are those who call themselves "Christians" because they follow the Bible and believe in Jesus Christ and whatever the Bible says but when trials and temptations come and the truth stands before them, the so named "Christians" would fall away and betray the very Christ they had claimed to believe in. Some of these "Christians" are worshipping another "Jesus" which is projected by Satan's counterfeit program. This "other Jesus" is just as powerful and just as good as reality itself; but there are ways you can tell the difference from the original truth, by its fruits and its fixation over the Holy Spirit or a certain portion of the Bible or the distortion of it. While some believe because their family members are all Christians or majority of their friends are Christians and so they are compelled to join with the popular choice. There are also those who actually find logic in the Bible and they become "Christians" with their own strength and these are probably the type of people who believe mainly in good works and high moral standards that will save your life. The strength of men alone is but a dead end, no matter how long the road is, even if a man gets live a successful and long life, it always lead to physical lethargy and death, ending in hell, but the strength of God in men is immortality which will last forever.

VII. JESUS CHRIST OUR SACRIFICIAL LAMB

At the beginning, in the days long before Jesus Christ was born of the virgin birth 2000 years ago, God searched throughout all the earth the inhabitants thereof and found none that was righteous (Genesis 6:5-7). If God had not taken action, then surely none will be saved: seeing that all have straggled far from God and has chosen to prosper in evil rather than good. As a result, God chose a special line of people to call His own, from Seth to Noah right down to Jacob and so on **in order to bring forth the Christ.**

God at one point in time gave them His Law through Moses as the backbone of the young nation to guide them so that they would be separated from their unrighteousness and be atoned for by the strict observation of the law through faith. This did not mean that those who lived before the Law of Moses were not saved. Those who lived before the Law of Moses were chosen and saved just the same as those who followed the Law of Moses. Adam and Eve were saved, Abel was saved, Enoch was saved, Noah was saved. Did they have to go through any

rituals or something like the Law of Moses in order to be saved? No they did not, they were obedient to God Himself.

The Law of Moses was given because Israel was a young nation and had lived in Egypt for around 400 years, as such they were somewhat drawn into the Egyptian cultures and have no personal or national identity. It is the same that Joshua were commanded by God to purify Israel and to purge the land of Canaan because God was very protective of this young nation, like a child who must be strictly watched over and protected from pollution. Such killing of the gentiles in the land of milk and honey was necessary to preserve the integrity of the nation and lineage to bring forth the Son of Man. The discipline demanded soon became a burden too heavy, too troublesome for many to carry, soon finding themselves falling away and being assimilated into their surrounding cultures. For those who remain, many of them observed the rituals and held on to the law more than their respect for God himself.

However, it is important to know that today, there is no longer the need for such purging as in the days of Joshua or what the Catholics called the "Crusades for Christ" because the Son of Man has already come and we are in living under the grace of Christ, as Christ Himself has instructed us to abstain from such violence and be subjected to the grace of God. For Christ will be back to deal with the "Canaanites" of our time by His own way and it is NOT our objective to deal with the "Canaanites" now. Those who go to war in these last two thousand years after the resurrection of Christ because they think that they are doing God a favour are seriously disturbed and most definitely agents of the antichrist. For example, Crusaders sent by the Roman Catholic Church in the early years all ended disastrously without achieving any goal or results. Hitler thought he was doing God a favour by purging Israel and of course today, the current infamous trend to subdue the "terrorists" are definitely not sanctioned by God and most definitely objectives of the antichrist under the guise of internal government agendas to protect its citizens with ulterior motives. However, we cannot compare every war that went on throughout the centuries. For one example, in World War 2 there was the "good" and the "evil" fighting each other in the attempt to end the two rising evils, Germany and Japan. In any case, one must understand that all wars are always provoked by the devil, because the ultimate goal of evil is to end all human lives prematurely and as quickly as possible.

In the Law of Moses, there had to be shedding of blood of animals for the atonement of sins and also a scapegoat was necessary to carry away their sins because we live in sin in Satan's world. The God of all the earth was the first to initiate the killing of animals in order to cover our shame of which where it all began in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:21, *"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them"*). If there were no faith and no discipline on their part and no animals sacrifices to take their place, then Satan would walk up and down accusing God's people of sin and nothing would be able to shut Satan's

mouth. For every sin there must be atonement. For every poison there is an antidote. Jesus Christ is our ultimate sacrificial lamb, our scapegoat and our antidote for death's poison. He has shed His blood for the salvation of many. He has drawn unto Himself all our iniquities at the cross by His death and resurrection thus assuring us of eternal life. Jesus Christ chose to come in the flesh as a son of a carpenter because to make it obvious that those who listened to Him was awakened and drawn to Him by the Holy Spirit causing them to follow Him by faith and not by the sight of a mighty king, beautiful, rich and powerful as many had hoped the Messiah would appear to be.

MATTHEW 16:17

And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

ZECHARIAH 4:6

.....not by might, nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Take heed that the antichrist would show himself as the Messiah powerful and rich, will come and deceive many before the second coming of Christ. The reason why the antichrist is successful in deceiving the people for a period of time is because of mainly our own fault being easily manipulated and brainwashed by the devil to think highly of might and power, and who would not? In other words, the noun "might" suggests the first thing that comes into our mind is a man, who is basically the stronger between the two sexes. As for the noun "power", one might associate with money and influence.

VIII. NEW COVENANT

Your Father in Heaven desires for you to be near Him, to seek after Him and to be perfect in Him; not to be so tedious and preoccupied in your works and offering vain sacrifices without inner faith and love for God until you have forgotten your priority.

Out of pure love, Christ made a new covenant with His people. Out of compassion and understanding of our weariness, He came to make our life easier, for God knows the weaknesses of our flesh (human existence). Christ loved us so much that He stooped himself unto mankind by becoming one of us in the flesh and through His resurrection and His power to overcome human weaknesses, so that we too can overcome our weaknesses through Jesus Christ and resurrect unto eternal life according to the will of God.

Matthew 11:27-30

:27 *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*
:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
:29 *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
:30 *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light..*

1 JOHN 4:9-11

:9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*
:10 *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
:11 *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

Though our spirit may be willing but as long as we are still mortal beings, we are bound by the nature of mortality; which limits our mobility, susceptible to illnesses of all sorts, easily fooled by temptations all because we have fallen into darkness right after Adam and Eve ate the apple. The power of the flesh is strong, earthly desires and lusts often overrule the Holy Spirit. Christ has to come to help us carry those burdens of our flesh and sins; to take the load off from our shoulders, thus resulting a call in freedom for both Jews and Gentiles!

PSALM 68:19

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

Is it not Christ the one who gave you the laws to follow? Now that He has come, will you not follow the lawgiver Himself?

God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore but mankind is ever changing. We as human are born carefree babies (well, except for Adam and Eve who entered into this world fully grown physically!) and grow bigger and older in time and ever so often we humans also constantly change our minds because of trends and the contemporary world systems that we follow. So, when you were young (especially in the days of Moses when the children of Israel were a young nation wandering in the wilderness), God gave you a set of rules (old covenant) and when you grew older, He renewed and modified the set of rules (new covenant) to suit your weaknesses or capabilities in accordance to His plans. Does a parent apply the same rules and attention to his three years old son as to his son when he grows up into a 33 years old man? Why did Jesus Christ our Lord choose to take such a long time to come in the flesh 4000 years after he first made man, well, we shall ask the Lord when we meet Him in heaven. One thing we must remember that we are in the context of time and God is not. He can see a lifetime at one glance and we cannot.

Adam and Eve's naivety has taken us into Satan's world of sins. By ourselves we are unable to break-off with the devil's hold on our sins. But with God Himself stooping down to draw unto Himself all our sins and covering us with His own blood, then Satan will have nothing left to accuse us of.

This day and age, many people say that there are no miracles from God like the good old days of Moses. Did you not know? Can you not see? Everything you see today that is around you is a mighty miracle from God. There are many things that God is yet to reveal to man. Isaiah wrote that to God this world is but like a drop of water in a bucket. We ever so often take the things in this world for granted; be it the nature or inventions from man.

ISAIAH 40:15

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

JOHN 16:12

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

JOHN 21:25

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

*Be it below the scorching sun
Or moving along in the cool night air
There the Lord will be
To give us strength to move on
He does renew our weary bodies
And lift up our lowly spirits
Always with seasons of refreshment*

*When all hope seems lost
And all joys are gone
Fear not for the Lord has appointed
A time for everything under the sun
The Lord shall surely keep His promises
The mighty Lord shall make good His words,
For every word that proceed out of His mouth
Is full of life and purpose*

*Trust in the Lord
For He alone is all knowing
His seven spirits doeth move
Everywhere and sees everything
His word is bright as day
And does light up the way
Where which we must go*

*Brothers, do not follow other men
For all are blind and
None is righteous before God
Follow Christ all our days
For He see clearly His ways
In Him lies the Truth*

*The Way and the Life
For His word alone shall set you free
As He has paid for dearly with His blood.*

IX. THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.

The old covenant and the new covenant are liken unto this generation where you have the convenience of modern technology, i.e. electricity, aeroplanes and many modern contraptions. Just less than a couple of hundred years ago no such knowledge was revealed to mankind. For thousands of years mankind did not get to enjoy the convenience of this age. Even Jesus Himself had to travel by foot or riding on animals and simple contraptions from town to town. Do you think that Jesus Christ did not know of this high technology at that time? He already knew of it before the foundations of the earth yet He kept it a secret for a purpose to reveal it later.

Peoples of this age, do you wish to live in the olden days (old covenant) or live with the convenience of today's modern technology (new covenant)? When I say modern technology, I meant the good side of it and not the corrupted side of technology. Almost every good thing that God has created, Satan quickly corrupts it.

If Jacob was here today to live and see, he would have praised and thanked the Lord even for a simple ride in a taxi car, for he would consider it a miracle from God to bestow such convenience to man. While people today take for granted the many gifts from God and considered them as the works from their own hands. If Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were to come into this day and age they would not have recognised their descendants, for they bear no resemblance to who they were, their love for the Lord above all else, their trust and faith in God, their integrity in the Lord and willingness to follow after the will of God, for they did not have any regard for the material world nor for the will of men.

Today, Israelites under Judaism are somehow stuck in some kind of a time warp. Unwilling to accept change; not even when it is to save their own skins. Do not be stubborn anymore and pray that the Lord may save you from being blinded by the devil. Have you not learnt anything the Lord? You read the Torah everyday and did not see. Ever learning but never perceiving. The Lord taught Israel to love God with all their hearts and to segregate from sin and let not your hearts be attached to the rudiments of the material world.

The Lord wants you to get to have a personal relationship with Him but sometimes when a person is too engrossed in achieving that goal, over

exertion or over discipline will sometimes rob a person of his dependency on God's grace and the moment a person starts to use his own strength – the devil will slide in unnoticed and take over. Do not depend on your own strength but only repent with all your heart and acknowledge that you are a sinner and that only by the grace of God can you be empowered to fight against anything, starting with overcoming the weaknesses of your own flesh, to the ability to fight against the dark forces of Satan. Only when you have learnt to surrender, will you be given the power to fortify and to overcome.

Now somehow, Israel has become segregated from God instead, because clearly they are worshipping another "god" since they have rejected the Messiah, for how can you say that you love God and nail Him to the cross at the same time? How can you not recognise your first love? Those people who have the same Spirit of God within them will recognise the coming of the Messiah. For example, those Israelites who believed in Jesus Christ, be it two thousand years ago or today were awoken by the truth because they have the same Holy Spirit within them. A bride will definitely recognise her bridegroom, but sadly, majority of the Israelites did not recognise their Messiah.

O children of Israel, you who are the rightful heirs, do you not want to enjoy the benefits and the convenience of the new covenant? Will you not partake of the banquet that your father has prepared for you? Will you not sit at your father's table and enjoy its fruits? For even the dogs (gentiles) are full from eating the plentiful crumbs that fell from the master's table.

[(Luke 14:8-24), (Matthew 15:22-28)]

Behold, the Lord's wedding banquet is now open to all and is giving out a last call. Your father has also invited the poor, maimed and outcasts (gentiles). They have begun to return home. Do you still want to give excuses not to attend the banquet that is meant for you?

Return, O Children of Israel. Return to your father who loves you dearly. You, who segregate yourself so carefully and religiously from the gentiles, have become worse than a gentile yourself. If you spend just one percent of that religious conviction that you have now on the Christ instead of holding on to your tradition, behold that tiny one percent of your faith shall move mountains.

Understand O Israel that Jesus Christ and God the Father (YHWH) are one and the same, being a part of God who is the Word of God incarnate. God took on a visible form in the flesh for the human eyes to see and to come close to His beloved children. In the days of old, before Jesus Christ was born, it was quite impossible to look at God and live to tell because of our fallen state, our sins have set a barrier against God. We risk being burned by the Holiness and the Glory of God. The Angels with a flaming sword that God has placed, guarding the way to the tree of life in the Garden of Eden that will smite us with the flaming sword if we

approach too near to God. God came to us in the form of Jesus Christ and went through so much pain in death and after that, resurrection, simply because He loves us and so that we can be near to Him seeing face to face. His blood that He shed for us at the cross has stopped the flaming sword from killing us, like the blood on the doorposts of the houses of Israel in Egypt to keep the Angel of Death from taking their lives.

Genesis 3:24

:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Exodus 33:19-20

:19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

:20 **But," He said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."**

PSALMS 90:1-9

(A prayer of Moses the man of God)

1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest **RETURN, YE CHILDREN OF MEN.,**
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 **For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.**
10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

And so it is with the days of men, many passing from death to eternal death while only some from life to eternal life. Have mercy upon us O Lord and come quickly before we all perish in our own weaknesses.

CHAPTER TWO

AT THE STARTING – POINT

I. 24 JUNE 1931, MALAYA, SOUTH EAST ASIA

On this fateful day, Andrew Yew Yee Yin was born. He was the second son to the third wife of a local tin mining magnate in Ipoh. (Ipoh is situated in the rich tin ore laden Kinta Valley which is in the State of Perak.)

II. THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF ANDREW'S FATHER

Just before the turn of the 20th century, he worked in China as an apprentice to a Chinese doctor who then together migrated to Malaya. As the years passed by, they experienced brisk business due to the ever-growing community, which mainly consists of immigrants from surrounding countries and prospectors trying to cash in on the booming mining sector. Soon, he made enough to open his own shop, which sells mainly traditional Chinese herbs and later got married.

At the beginning of the 20th century, tin mining activities in Malaya flourished. With frequent discoveries of possible tin ore deposits in various new sites and encouragement from friends, he braved himself to sell his shop and ventured into tin mining. He considered it a big gamble but he was fortunate.

As tin ore deposits usually occur inter-layered or mixed with granite and soil in the ground or in lakes and rivers but the land that he bought was likened unto a huge hole or cave filled with pure tin ore. There was not any need for constant blasting through granite or time-consuming methods of sifting through soil by the river. As a result he became rich much faster.

Soon, his affluence caused him to develop a taste for beautiful women. He would put the word out through his servants and friends to introduce to him pretty girls from all over the country. One by one he took in four more wives. Each time he marries a new wife, the new bride would go through some kind of traditional Chinese ritual of acceptance into the household held by his first wife. By the time he brought in his fifth wife who was already with child, his first wife was very angry and chased her out of the house with a broomstick because he did not ask for her consent first. At that time, the entire household were pagan/idol worshippers.

He bought a 10 room double storey detached house (for his ever growing family) with a huge compound for his limousines and planted many fruit trees in his garden especially rambutan trees. He was very proud of his trees and would command that no one should pluck its fruits except himself. (Nobody knows why, perhaps it was an obsession of his?) He employed seven servants, a family tailor and a driver.

He loved to indulge himself with imported goods especially English merchandise and antiques from China. He was always spotted wearing a typical English three-piece suit resembling that era. Meals at home, especially for dinner would be lavishly done. Always consisting not less than 10 different dishes and of course, plenty of rice of which was their staple diet.

III. AT HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

For Andrew, living in an affluent polygamous family meant never having a chance to get to know his dad. His father has never spoken to him on a personal level before. The only time he sees his father would be during dinner time when all the children would gather at the dinner table to greet their father before they sit down for dinner. Sixteen children in all, it is almost a cult like ritual that everyone must greet their father saying, "papa sek fan" (to translate it word for word would mean 'papa eat rice'). The whole family spoke in Cantonese. It is necessary for the wives too to say their respects before they sit down at the table. I suppose it is their way of maintaining discipline in the household, as best as they know how. For some of the children, their father figure was a distant and ambiguous silhouette.

Childhood days were spent climbing 'prohibited' trees and running around catching insects in the garden. There was once when Andrew was up on the 'prohibited' rambutan tree eating away when suddenly his father came home. Out of desperation, he quickly slid straight down from the top of the tree and landed on his buttocks! His face turned green and could not speak for days. His mother asked the servants to boil special herbal soup for him to drink and later he recovered. Andrew was closest to his mother during his childhood days. She would take him along wherever she went and every night she would always choose to bring him alone to the kitchen to accompany her for a late night supper.

When he began primary school (at the Anglo Chinese School, in Ipoh), he never paid much attention to his schoolwork as his nanny would almost everyday bring him along to the cinema, and after the movies they would go shopping. Soon, he began to loose interest in his schoolwork.

When he was in school, he loved to buy snacks for all his schoolmates. He derived joy in giving away gifts and candies. His classmates would

gather around to protect him against bullies and this made him happy. When his daily allowance was used up, he always has a propensity to get more money from his mother to buy food for his friends, as he would tell her that the money was for extra schoolbooks and school fees. Finally, when his mother found out about his spendthrift ways, she chased him with the cane but he never got caned because he could run faster than his mother, to hide himself and many times he would run to his 'tai ma' (his father's first wife) who would ever willingly protect him from being caned.

Perhaps he was an affable boy or probably the hand of God was with him, that it made him become always well favoured by everyone in his family and friends.

IV. HIS FATHER'S WIVES

As for his father's first wife or as everyone else called her 'tai ma'. She was the woman who controlled the household expenses and always stayed at home to oversee her large family. Early in the morning she would prepare pocket money for all the children to collect before they go to school. She is usually the person who makes the major decisions for the entire family. She had two sons and a daughter. She probably tolerated her husband's behaviour as long as he gave her money.

What the moon saw: - It was well after midnight, in the dark quiet hallway, his second wife sneaked out of the house with just a suitcase in her hand.

On her way out, as she thought that everyone was asleep but lo, there was someone in the dark sitting by the staircase. As she walked closer, it was Andrew playing by himself as usual (because he usually prefer to sleep in the daytime when all the commotion happens). They looked at each other. She smiled and drew near to give him a pat on the head. Andrew felt that she was saying goodbye and good luck to him with the kind expressions on her face. Andrew watched her walk out of the house, down the road and disappeared into the night. No one has heard from her since. She left behind her only daughter with the rest of the family.

In the morning there was a frantic search for her, everyone asking questions and wondered what happened to her. Nobody knew that Andrew saw her leaving and he did not bother to tell them anyway. Why did she leave nobody knows, maybe she had enough of living with such an idolatrous family, a meaningless life always striving for her husband's attention but eventually loosing out to his younger and more arrogant wives.

His third wife has 3 sons and 3 daughters. She came to be his wife when she was only fifteen years old. The most well favoured among his wives,

probably because she was attractive and he always chose her as his escort for special functions or on any social visits.

His fourth wife gave him six more children before she finally died immediately after giving birth of their last child. He lamented what a pity that his wife should die this way, as she was still a young woman. He regretted not taking her out more often for she was always in the house being pregnant continuously year after year until she finally died.

God created Eve for Adam. So, for every Adam there is only one Eve. God only took one rib from Adam, He did not take several ribs from Adam. So, every man should have only one wife, as God originally intended for our own peace and harmony.

V. MEANWHILE IN SWATOW, CHINA

Esther Chan was born in the year of our Lord 1931, January 18th. At that time a great Christian revival swept through the land of China. Western and Chinese missionaries were holding meetings in many towns and villages. For those whose souls who were ordained unto eternal life accepted Christ into their hearts. It was like an awakening for the dead human spirit. Everyone in Esther's household believed in Christ.

Two of Esther's uncles were very much involved as missionaries in China and later in Malaya. In the early years circa 1930, many people sought to leave China because of the growing tension between the Nationalist party and the Communist. In 1934, Esther and her grandmother's family migrated to Singapore. Earlier on, her first uncle who went to Malaya alone, sent back good news of a land with greener pastures, therefore they sought to set off on a boat towards the Malay Archipelago hoping for a brighter future, for they feared the communist might take over China. Sadly, before the family could join their brother in Malaya, first uncle had died suffering from severe fever.

The grandparents of Esther Chan Seik Yoong



VI. THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF ESTHER'S FAMILY

Esther's grandfather was an industrious carpenter who managed to bring up a large family. He had six sons and two daughters. When he passed away, the whole family was reduced to penury. His wife then started sewing for a living, selling her needlework, arts and craft in order to feed her children. One day, on her way home after trying to sell her needlecraft, she stopped at a bridge and looked down to the river below; the waters looked inviting and she thought of suicide because of her hardships but she remembered her children and later decided to not to jump into the river. Not long after, she got to hear about Christ and believed.

With her first son gone and her fourth son disappeared after joining the army in China, her remaining sons helped to raise the family. Her last two daughters were still very young for they were only a few years older than their niece Esther. While her second and fifth sons were probably teachers as well as church workers. Her sixth son stayed at home because he was a hunchback (who fell down a flight of stairs when he was young and injured his spine) but he was a clever inventor of toys and gadgets and he took care of the children at home. Her third son worked as a dentist - who was also Esther's biological father.

*The vicious passion of lust runs through his veins
As well as through the rest of the human race
For it will run your lives and leave it in ruins
Therefore seek to take control by the strength of God's grace*

Her third son was a terrible philanderer. For some of his female patients they would usually end up having sex. In spite of this, he was hardworking, as come rain or shine, day or night, whenever the situation calls for a dentist, there he will be. Seeing all this, his mother said that it is better for him to get married instead of living in sin. So, she gave her handmaid (when she was still a child) to be affianced to her third son (so that when she has matured, they would be officially married) but when her handmaid had barely reached thirteen years old, he took her as his wife and she conceived and gave birth to a son who was a stillborn. Then she conceived again and gave birth to Esther.

(Esther's grandmother loved her handmaid like her own child because a long time ago, she had given birth to a stillborn, in order to comfort her sorrows, she took in a poor neighbour's baby daughter and breast fed the baby, who later became her handmaid).

Soon after Esther was born, her mother (the handmaid of her grandmother) was exceedingly afraid of her husband's unrelenting sexual appetites that she pleaded for an immediate divorce.

Not long after his divorce, he remarried to a wealthy woman who bore him many children. He persuaded his new wife to finance his family's

migration expenses to what is now known as Singapore. His wife agreed but to certain conditions that his ex-wife must not be included or else his second brother must remain in China.

For Esther's grandmother, it was a very difficult decision to make because she loved them both. Esther's grandmother then took custody of Esther who was her first grandchild and thinking that if she was to choose her second son then Esther would become like an orphan without her mother. In the end, in order to ease their mind, Esther's mother sacrificed herself to leave the only family she had known with the hope to start her life again somewhere else in China. With all these complications going on, Esther's grandmother was very angry at her third son's innuendoes, that she changed Esther's name and title, declaring that Esther would no longer be her third son's daughter but belonged to her first son in name and rank, saying that her first son has no descendant and Esther will be named as her first son's daughter.

So, finally in 1934 at the age of 3, Esther together with her grandmother, her second, fifth, sixth uncle and her two aunties, set sail for a new life in Malaya to escape poverty in China. In "Singapore" and "Malaysia" two of her uncles continued their missionary service as well as working in schools as Headmasters.

For the first few years in Malaya, Esther's second uncle worked hard to send money to his brother in China for to buy farm land on his behalf for his retirement days with a hope that he will one day be able to go back to China when he grows old. But when the communist government took over China, he lost everything, all his land was taken from him.

In the early days, when the whole family first settled down in a detached house in Singapore, life was leisurely for the children especially for Esther. Everyone had a hard time adjusting to the warm weather. Esther's sixth uncle soon passed away because of the terrible heat, he had severe fever, which cost him his life.

VII. SIMPLE FAITH OF A CHILD

At the age of four, Esther could remember that her grandmother would zealously bring the children to church meetings. Hurriedly they would eat their meals so that they would not be late. They attended many revival meetings as well. Esther remembered that the preachers were calling out for repentance and they told stories about Sodom and Gomorrah, and of the revelation saying that the second coming of Christ is near.

At such a young age, she could sing and memorise some of the lovely hymns (her favourite song was titled 'The Cross'). She would always sing the hymns at home while playing alone.

There was one day, when she was about six years old, her aunt (the elder of her two aunts) who was in her early teens brought Esther to her school dormitory to have dinner and to play. After dinner, two of her aunt's male schoolmates came and talked with Esther while she was playing by herself. They asked her, "Do you believe that there is a God?" For they themselves were not sure whether there is a God or not. Esther answered assuredly, "There is, God is in heaven and He is the real God."

When Esther was seven years old, she said her first prayer inquiring from the Lord saying, "Lord, if you are a real God, then you could hear whatever that I am saying. Lord, it has not rained for many weeks and if it rains heavily today then I will know that you are a real God. Amen."

That day there was not a cloud in the sky and it was very warm and dry but after her prayer, a few minutes later, suddenly a storm came and it rained heavily. Exceedingly pleased and joyful, she placed her simple faith in God from then on.

When Esther was eight years old, she had a close encounter with danger when she accidentally stepped into quicksand. It happened one day, when she was travelling with her grandmother on foot to visit friends who lived near by a tin mining lake. When Esther saw the lake she was excited and went to play in the shallow waters. Then, as she stepped into a certain area of the shallow waters, she felt as if she was sinking slowly. But in her heart she felt that she will not sink in and proceeded to step out of the area and went back to her grandmother. While she was stepping out of the quicksand, her grandmother was talking to her friend who was holding a chicken. Her friend suddenly noticed that Esther was in the quicksand area and they became frantic. The chicken that she was holding broke loose and flew to the same area in the quicksand where Esther was. While Esther went safely to her grandmother's arms, the chicken flapped its wings in fright but it sank into the quicksand and was gone.

CHAPTER THREE

WORLD WAR II

War, the power of the four horses (white, red, black, pale) and its rider unleashed by God bringing division, devastation, death and destruction. Who could possibly bear it? (Revelation 6:1-8)

The atrocities that man are capable of. For they are just a marionette energized by the devil its proud master puppeteer. One must be careful of this master puppeteer who is capable of both evil and pretentious peace, so as long as the end result is drawing mankind as far away as possible from God.

Often many people who got involved in the war were merely there because of circumstances beyond their personal control. In the end we find ourselves being manipulated like pawns by combating powers in the spiritual realm.

REVELATION 6:1-8

- 1 *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*
- 2 *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*
- 3 *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*
- 4 *And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*
- 5 *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.*
- 6 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*
- 7 *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*
- 8 *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.?*

I. WWII IN MALAYA

The Japanese occupation lasted a little more than three and a half years in Malaya, from late 1941 to mid 1945. For some people, the Japanese occupation meant disruption of their normal daily regimen while for others it was an opportunity to develop new activities. But in fact, many people found that their monotonous lives were never the same again; some became better persons, some became worse and some, well, some people never change.

It was a soulfully grievous and spiritually trying times but it is also a time to practise faith and perseverance in order to see the mighty works of God; for sometimes, only when we are in a perilous state do we truly

appreciate God's graces. Afflictions reveals how deeply rooted a person is in trusting God.

II. JAPANESE BLITZKRIEG

Before you could finish saying, "Japanese Blitzkrieg", suddenly they are at your doorstep. Many small towns and villages where there were no allied armies defending the people, the Japanese army practically strolled in and took control of these areas. Most of the people just went along with whatever the new rulers stipulated, while some form rebellious groups of gangsters and robbers hiding in the jungle. There are also people who joined the communist group thinking that they could get rid of the Japanese, but they were wrong. Any of the communist members caught by the Japanese soldiers were immediately beheaded.

III. A TURNING POINT FOR ANDREW AND HIS FAMILY

When the Japanese soldiers reached Ipoh, they scouted for a nice house as a base for their high-ranking officers. One fine afternoon, they came to Andrew's house and saw that it was suitable because of its central location in town. They proceeded to order everyone in the house to be rounded up and ready to be transported away to the other side of town (there the whole family stayed cramped in an old house except for Andrew who was left behind).

While all this chaos was happening, Andrew was sound asleep as usual taking his afternoon nap in his room upstairs. When he finally woke up, he heard some commotion downstairs, so he went down to inspect. To his horror, there was not a familiar face in sight. Instead, strangers filled the house. It was like walking through a nightmare. He ran out through the garden to the driveway and saw all his family members seated in a lorry, just in time to see them being driven away. His mother from within the lorry, signalled him to be quiet. Andrew did not know what to do. He just stood there observing the gestures of the Japanese soldiers as they bowed their heads each time they greet each other. All this while, questions were racing through his head, why did not his mother wake him up? Why was he left behind all alone? He was never left abandoned like this before. (Unknown to him at that time, God was looking after him).

All the Japanese soldiers seemed to be so preoccupied that they did not even notice a 10 year old boy standing in their midst. When the soldiers finally realised Andrew's existence, they sought to take him away to join his parents but at the same time, a high-ranking officer came to the house (not quite sure of what rank and title the officer held, all Andrew knew was that many soldiers took orders from him). As the officer walked towards him, Andrew quickly bowed his head low even his body bending

90 degrees. It was not out of fear that he bowed himself but out of respect for the officer because he felt that this man was different and not fearsome. Perhaps Andrew's actions were earnest and of goodwill that the officer reciprocated his gestures with a strong laugh and allowed him to stay in his own room. This was the beginning of a special relationship between Andrew and the Japanese officer.

IV. FINDING PEACE WITHIN THE TERRORS OF WAR

In a strange way, Andrew felt more at home with the Japanese than with his parents; it was his distant relationship with his father and his whole family worshipping strange gods that made him feel as if he was a stranger in his own house.

For the Japanese officer, being an alien in a country not his homeland probably made him homesick; perhaps he had something in common with Andrew as both of them were looking for love and a sense of belonging or it could be that Andrew simply reminded him of his family back home in Japan; for they regarded each other with ease.

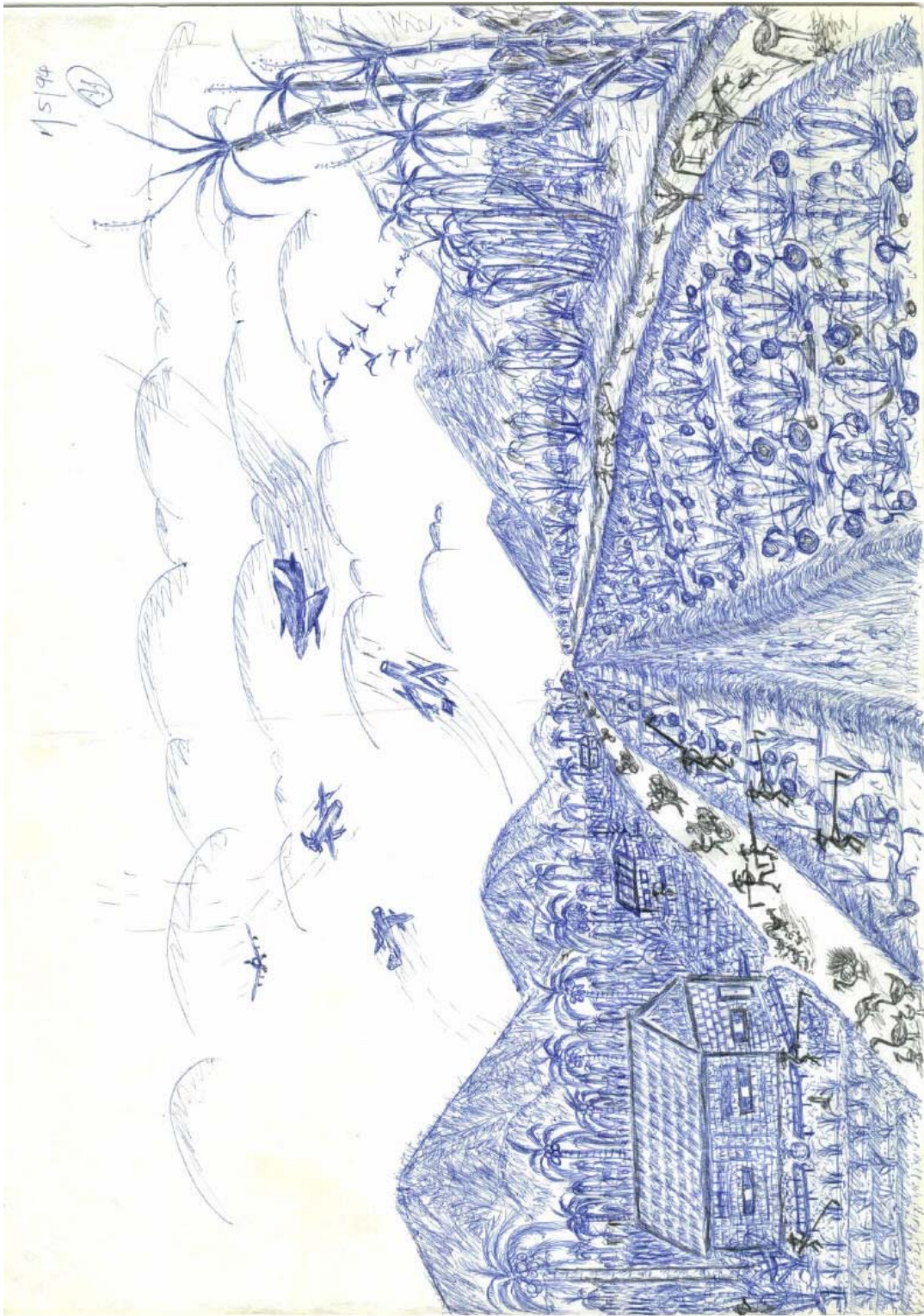
Whatever the reason may be God brought them together for a purpose. Through this experience, Andrew learned about fatherly love, respect and honour of which he could not find even in his own family.

Being children who are not ravaged by time or self-esteem, generally found the war times to be relatively easy to pass by, in the case of Andrew and Esther. In fact, it was the best days of their lives. Living in carefree ways and no need for them to go to school. Unlike for some 'adults', life was unbearable because they considered the Japanese occupation as an intrusion into their well-ordered lives, having believed that they were in control of their own destiny. Therefore the sudden obstruction in their lives meant that they were complete failures because having placed their faith in themselves and not in the higher power of their Creator, ever fretful for tomorrow even while the day is only half spent.

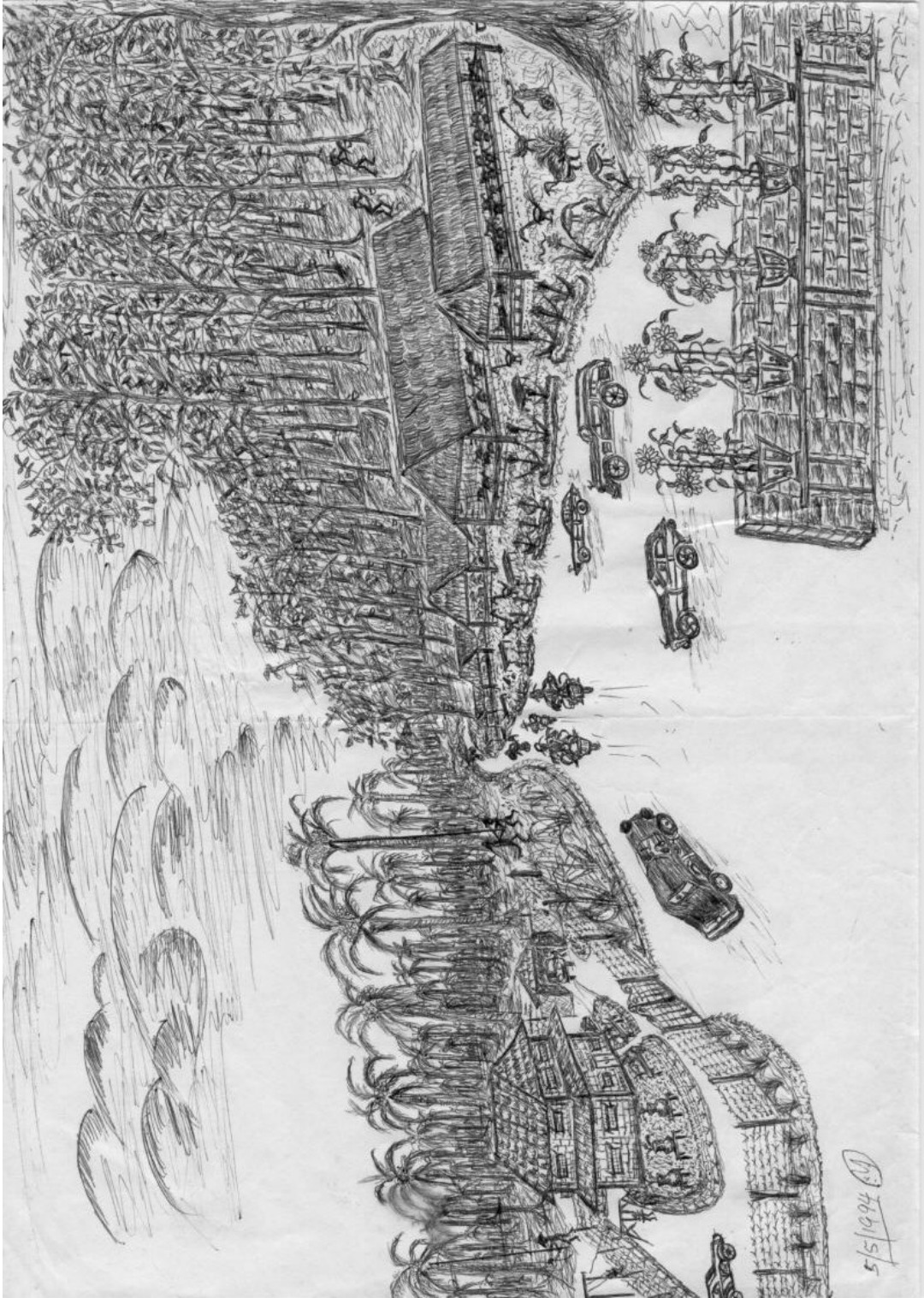
Is it not easier to be like the children; living one day at a time, not being burdened by the little things in life like what to eat, where to go, what is to become of my reputation and et cetera? If you accept that your destiny lies in the hands of God, then you will be at peace with yourself and life will be a little bit easier; not to say that the human mind would ever stop worrying, they never do. Embrace adversity as you would most willingly embrace blessings and pray that the Lord will provide us the strength to see it through. Place whatever adversity you may encounter at the cross of Christ, for He died that you may live life, with the helping hand of God to make it bearable for us to live in this world of darkness. Without Christ, we shall all drown in our own mire.

THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

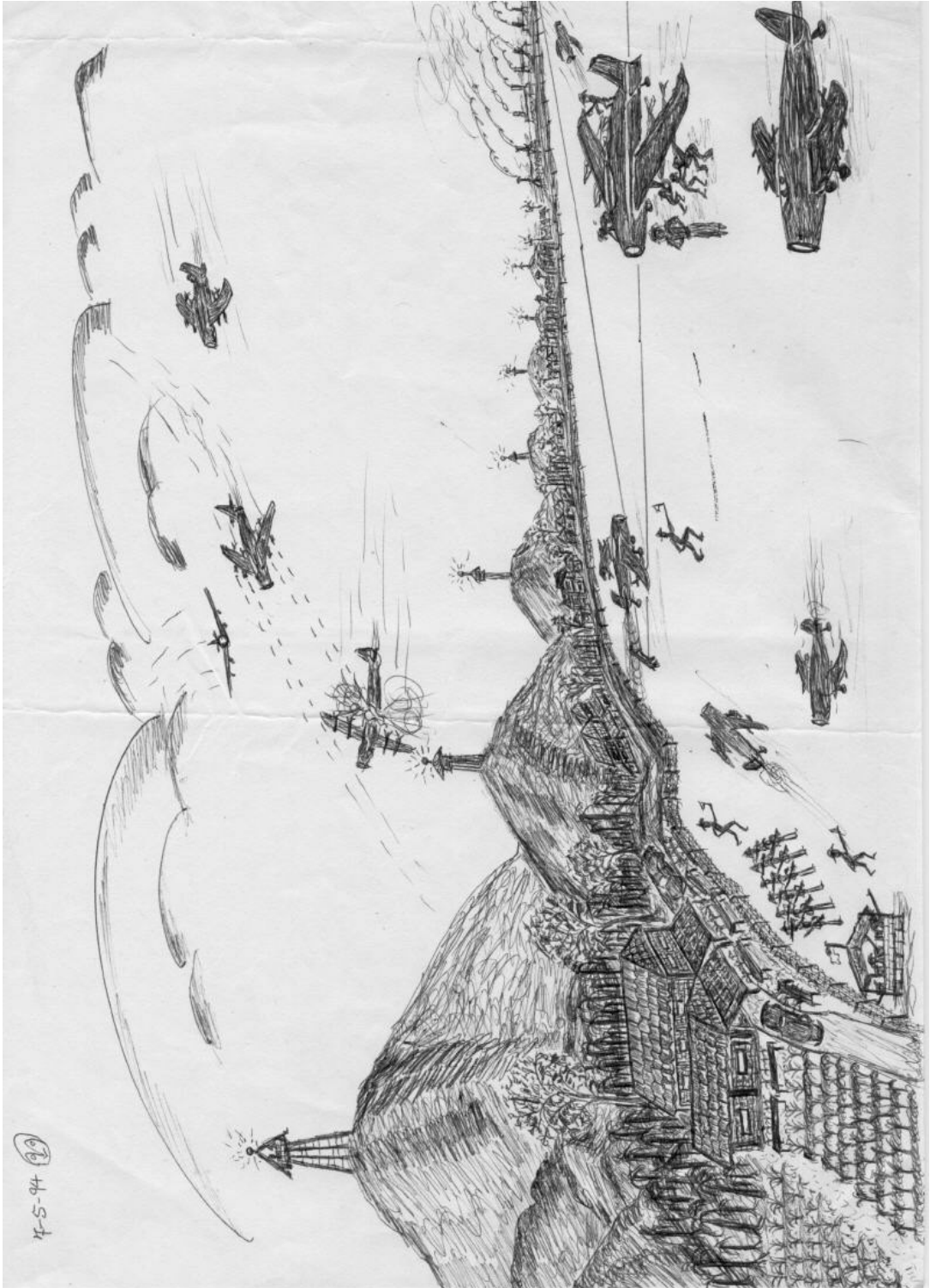
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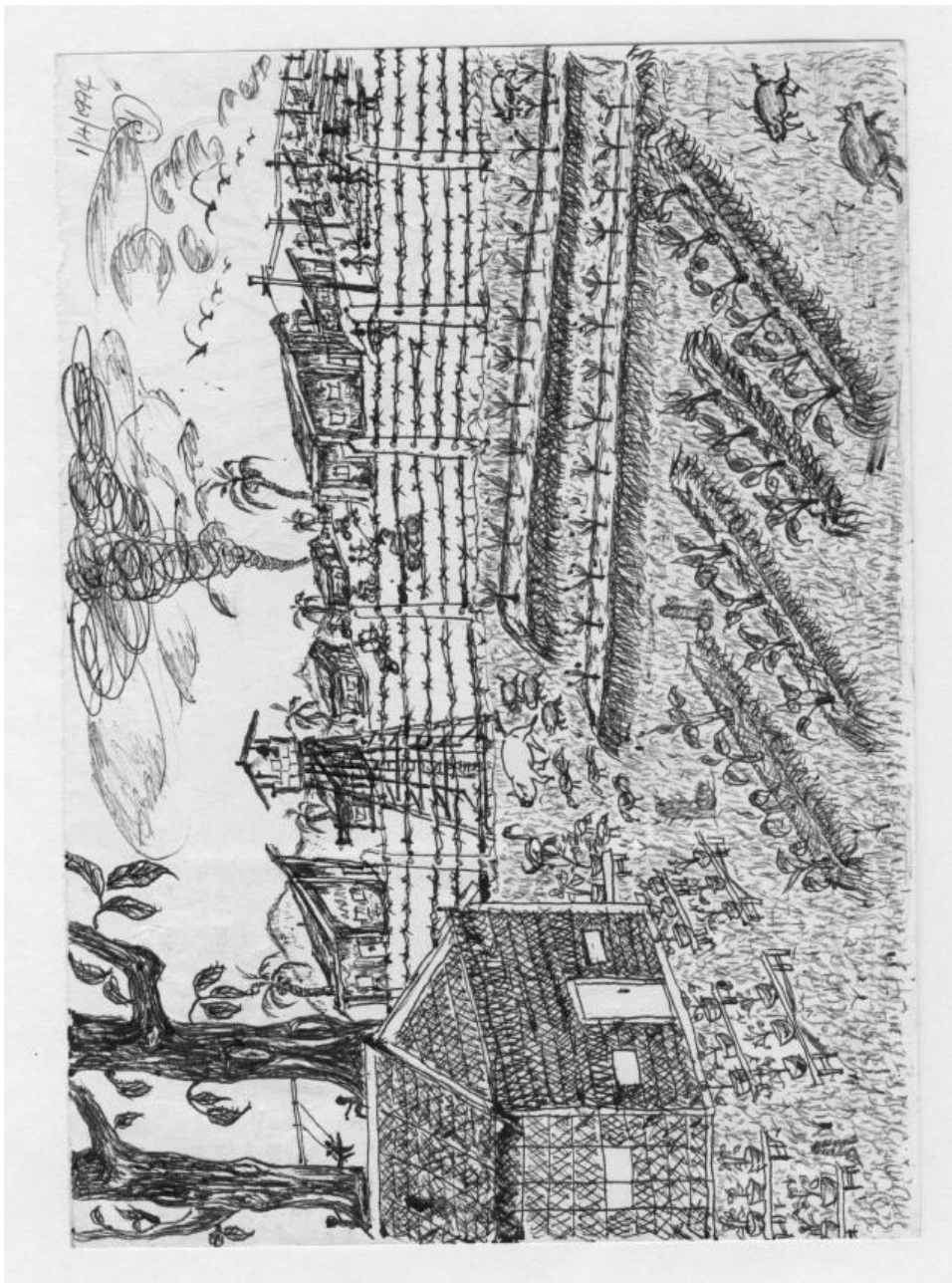
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V. LIVING WITH THE NEW OCCUPANTS

Everyday was like a new adventure for Andrew, living with complete strangers but he was very cautious with his own actions, trying his best not to offend anyone. Being allowed much freedom in his own home, Andrew lacked nothing in material wants. The ground floor of his house became some sort of a command base for the army.

The Japanese officer treated him like family, allowing him to eat with them at the same table. Meals were less in variety but nevertheless tasty and fulfilling. Andrew remembered how the soldiers would test certain people to see if they were telling the truth about their wealth. These people were invited to eat with the Japanese and they would be presented with a large juicy steamed fish. If the guests were to pick at the belly area of the fish, it means that they are rich people because real poor people would go for the meaty part of the fish first instead of the succulent belly. Unfortunately, most of the time this test has proved to be successful in ascertaining the wealthy culprits.

As the days went on to become years, their relationship became like that of between a father and son. The Japanese officer would take Andrew on trips to visit the army bases, farms and plantations. They were probably using his father's many limousines. Sometimes the officer would teach him some Japanese words but Andrew never went to any of the Japanese schools that were set up. Their relationship was a strange silent one and yet maintaining an understanding of each other's feelings based on mutual respect.

Once there was this incident where Andrew saw a lorry load of people who were suspected to be communists and they were on their way to be beheaded. While looking at them, he noticed that his older brother (of his father's first wife) and his brother's wife were in the group. In shock he desperately looked to his Japanese friend for help, pointing his finger at them saying, " my brother, my brother". Miraculously, the Japanese officer heeded his plight and released his brother and wife while the rest of them went on to their fate.

VI. ESTHER'S FIRST ENCOUNTER

Meanwhile in another place, Esther was staying in a small town somewhere in the state of Selangor. The Japanese take over in that particular town was swift and with little bloodshed. Warplanes flew over the town dropping a few bombs at the railway station followed by the Japanese soldiers marching in on foot.

During the initial bombings, a house that was near by the railway station was blown up leaving an empty shell filled with rubble. The family who lived in the house were extinguished and burnt to a crisp. They were the only casualties in that town.

Now, Esther (about 10 years old then) who was staying on the other side of the railway station became curious and went to see the carnage because she has never seen such things before. When she finally caught her first glimpse at the sight, she quickly ran home. For hours her heart was pounding away in fear.

Earlier on, when the news of a Japanese invasion was being circulated, a certain wealthy village chief named uncle Soong built a wooden bomb shelter or 'long house' (enough space for ten families to live in, because they were afraid of a possible air raid) deep in the rubber plantations for the villagers to stay where they could escape should any bombardments occur. Esther and her family (grandmother, two aunties and 5th uncle) together with a few other families moved into the long house and stayed there for a few weeks. (Esther's 2nd uncle lived in another town) At that time, the villagers were oppressed by marauding groups of armed men demanding money and supplies. In time, as the Japanese gained more control of the situation, the robberies stopped.

VII. CLOSE BRUSH WITH DEATH

PSALMS 18:3-6

:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

:5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

:6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Uncle Soong, his wife and his household were God fearing Christians. They lived in a huge bungalow. He was a prudent man and always used his affluence to help the poorer villagers.

At that time a band of robbers demanded \$800 from uncle Soong. (The value of money at that time was high where with 5 cents you could purchase a large packet of roasted peanuts or a packet of lunch) The bandits forced Esther's 5th uncle to be their intermediary and charged him responsible in getting the money. If he does not succeed in convincing uncle Soong to pay up, the bandits warned him to be careful of his life.

When they heard news that the Japanese had entered Malaya, uncle Soong, his family and a group of the villagers went to the bomb shelter to stay. They brought with them provisions and livestock. Esther went with her grandmother, her two aunties and her 5th uncle. The longhouse was made of wood and has ten separate rooms or compartments furnished with huge beds and tables. All the rooms were linked by a covered

common corridor, as each room itself has no door and with only three sided walls. It has no flooring but the ground itself.

One day in the late afternoon, a little boy came running to tell Esther's uncle that his house in the village has been broken into by burglars. The news made him rather unsettled and so he told his mother that he had to go home to check on the damage done. He told her, "If the sun goes down before I am done, then I won't be coming back here. I will be staying overnight at home." That evening he did not return to the 'longhouse'.

In the late hours of the night while everybody was getting ready to sleep, all of a sudden a voice rang out crying, "robbers! robbers!". Esther and her two aunties jumped up in panic and quickly tried to pry open the wooden wall so as to escape into the jungle but a voice called out saying, "Do not come out, if you do we will open fire." (With lightning speed the robbers had already surrounded the longhouse). Everyone in the longhouse was totally flummoxed from fear. They crawled underneath the bed and Esther's aunt grabbed steel basins and covered their heads with it, (like ostrich in fear burying its head in the ground!). Esther whispered, "Why are we covering our heads like this?" Her aunt answered, "If bullets were to hit our head, we will surely die." As she was still speaking, uncle Soong's little daughter ran into their room to hide. Everybody in the room then changed their hiding positions. They also quickly dug a hole in the ground to bury their money and some gold. The girls came out from underneath the bed and hid behind the bedhead all huddled together, while Esther held on to her grandmother who was sitting on a chair beside the bed. It all happened within a few minutes.

When they were settled in their positions, they heard more cries from neighbours begging for mercy. (Their room was situated at the end of the longhouse. The robbers went from the first room moving on to the last room searching for spoils). Then one of the robbers came in and pointed his large knife at Esther's grandmother (his face was partially covered with a handkerchief). He said, "Show me your hands!" He touched her hands and said, "What rough hands you have, you must have been working hard," and he saw that she was wearing a gold ring that she had forgotten to hide.

He took her ring and head for the bedside table to look for more spoils, but there was only a Bible on the table and an oil lamp. He stopped to turn the pages of the Bible and paused in grief. Then he turned around and said,

"You are a believer of Christ, I am also a believer of Jesus Christ but because of money and these hard times I have resorted to robbery and I am even now the head of this band of robbers." Upon saying this, he returned her gold ring and left. He went out and immediately he blew a sharp whistle. Within seconds before he blew the whistle, another robber came in and saw the gold ring in her hand and snatched it. Once the

whistle was blown, all the robbers disappeared into the woods without a sound. Like a ghost in the night they moved swiftly and quietly.

Everyone in the shelter ran outside in a frenzy to see what has happened. To their shock, they saw that all their men, young and old were tied-up each to a tree. Uncle Soong was crying in pain. His thumb was crushed because he failed to pay them the \$800.

One man reported and said that after each of the men were being bound to the trees, he heard the head robber giving out instructions to search out the middleman responsible and shoot him to kill. The robbers could not find Esther's uncle and by the grace of God no one was killed that day.

At dawn, everyone packed their things and went back to the village regardless of what they think might happen when the Japanese arrive.

Whatever happened to the head robber nobody knows, for he was never to be seen again. Did he repent of his deeds like one of the two thieves that were crucified next to Christ?

PSALMS 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The hand of God had sheltered Esther's uncle from the snares of death this time round. Christ shall surely deliver you from death if your time has not yet come.

1 PETER 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

VIII. DURING THE OCCUPATION

One thing that Andrew learned about the Japanese soldiers was that they hated impudence. The sanguinary rulers simply will not tolerate disrespectful people as well as thieves and perpetrators, even though they were considered to be perpetrators themselves at that time.

By nature, mankind alone are not evil but we have become evil of our own choice because of the fallen state of man of which make us susceptible to the devil's control. The pernicious lies of the serpent beguiling men to choose evil and hardening their hearts has churned out beasts and monsters from men.

In this instance the Japanese army like their German counterpart have been brainwashed and filled with lies from the devil to make them think that what they did was right. In spite of this some of them still value respect and have tried to set up their own kind of law and order, did their

best to enforce it. So, whosoever they encountered that did not show respect was immediately dealt with. The good and evil of man alone without Christ are all from the devil.

For example, one fine day, when everybody was going about their own business in town, an incident happened at one of the crossroads. (Usually there are a few Japanese soldiers on guard at the crossroads.) Everyone who passes by must bow their heads before they move on but in the case of an old man who was carrying a bunch of bananas on his shoulders must have forgotten about the rules, he was walking hurriedly towards the sentry. The soldier took notice of him and was expecting him to stop and show his respects but the old man just whizzed pass by the sentry. Immediately the sentry drew his sword and sliced off the old man's head. While his head fell to the ground, his feet were still taking him a few steps forward before his body finally collapsed. Everyone who witnessed the monstrous execution was confounded, not as much as of the execution but more of how the old man managed to walk without his head. Must have been a muscle reflex action they said.

IX. PERENNIAL HOPE FOR FREEDOM

PSALMS 128:1-2

- :1 Blessed is everyone that feareth the LORD, that walketh in his ways
:2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and
it shall be well with thee.*

Throughout the Japanese occupation, naturally like everyone else, Esther and her family hoped for the war to end and to have peace and freedom but meanwhile everybody has to continue their livelihood by whatever means they could.

Esther's family got by the Japanese occupation fairly well. Her two uncles were very industrious and found ways to make money by producing soap, rolling tobacco to make cigarettes and they also learned the skill of making 'bee hoon' Chinese vermicelli. Business was good and there were no shortage in food supplies because everyone was encouraged to be self-sufficient. The Japanese rulers allotted to each family a piece of land where they could grow vegetables and rear chickens and ducks.

Esther could only remember having a wonderful time planting and harvesting fruits and vegetables. There were lots of corn and sweet potatoes to eat and she would spend time in the vegetable garden playing and singing loudly because it was fun hearing her own echoes as the garden was at the hillside. Esther always helped her grandmother to tend to the plants and animals. There were lots of green vegetables, sweet potatoes, yam, corn, rice, sugarcane, papaya, pumpkins, bananas, tomatoes, chillies and also peanuts. The Lord blessed the land and made it bountiful; for a while they had forgotten about their oppressors.

Like a pernicious disease they were made to confront their sufferings again. Esther's elder aunt who was just married, her husband fell victim to the ruler's compulsive communist elimination campaign; not because that he was a communist but rather a jealous female acquaintance had sought to take revenge because he did not reciprocate her love for him, reported to the Japanese, accusing him of being a communist member. He was arrested in his own home and subsequently beheaded. Left behind was his nineteen years old wife and their one-year old daughter. Silently she grieves as her tears run dry thinking why is life so unfair, why did God permit this to happen, what will her future be as a young widow with a child. (A few years later she remarried and had three more children of whom all are well to do. The Lord has restored her family)

What does freedom mean? When a country has regained its independence, does that indicate freedom? Does freedom mean that one can easily idle about and wantonly commit sin? Do you know of a greater reality that governs over us? As long as we are in this temporal dream world we can never be totally free. In Christ lies our real freedom. To be free from sins grasp and our deformed weak human existence is our hope for our future.

X. TIMES UP!

In every beginning there is an ending. In afflictions there are consolations. When evil runs strong, good in the end always proves to overcome.

In September 1945, the Japanese army withdrew from Malaya. One ruler goes another ruler returns to pick up the pieces and to reorganise.

Andrew could not forget the day when his Japanese friend had to leave. He took Andrew to Singapore where he was to sail off to Japan. They travelled to Singapore by car. While travelling in the limousine he gave Andrew a small replica of an aeroplane as a parting gift.

At the pier Andrew watched him as he boarded a ship. As they waved goodbye, Andrew saw tears running down his face. Reluctantly they parted.

Andrew was being chauffeured back to his hometown in Ipoh. When he reached home, he received a telephone call from his Japanese friend. He called to make sure that Andrew arrived home safely. He spoke for a long time on the telephone but Andrew only understood a few words, the whole time he just answered, "Ah,... Ah,... Ah,....". Their paths never crossed again but many times did Andrew wish that he could go to Japan to find his friend. To Andrew, his friend was more of a father figure compared to his own biological parent.

CHAPTER FOUR

AFTER THE WAR

I. BACK TO SCHOOL

The Japanese left as abruptly as they came. It was impossible for the citizens to pick up where they left off, after all the emotional and physical upheavals they had gone through, changed their lives in one way or another.

In Andrew's house there was full of disillusionment and disorientation. Though the house itself was left intact and the furnishings remained undisturbed but business-wise it was difficult to resume in its former glory. People have changed and the social and economic system was under restructuring. The family tin mine, after many years of excavation was exhausting.

Andrew went back to school but not for long. It was difficult for him to pay attention in school when his family was sliding towards poverty. After one year in school, he dropped out and started doing odd jobs and selling hawker style food to feed the family and managed to send his younger brother and sisters to school.

II. ONCE UNITED, THEN DIVIDED

The family was in a process of disintegration because of money. Andrew's father became ill and finally died because of his high blood pressure after he apparently placed a hot 'wok' just above his head. This 'brilliant' attempt to cure his illness only managed to hasten his death.

After his death, his first wife tried to hold the family together but soon, she too passed away and it was everyone for themselves. Then the spoiling of the house began. Her sons took mortgage on the house to survive and later they sold the house.

Andrew and his immediate brothers and sisters moved into an old shack of which belonged to his mother's mother.

The children of his fourth wife managed to take away all the valuables in the house. All sorts of antiques and household articles of certain value were shipped off to England. There they started-off peddling their wares at street markets and later managed to have a shop of their own where they continued on in the antique business.

So, each of his wives and their immediate family went their separate ways, but once in a while the children kept in touch.

III. ON HIS OWN

As he grew older, Andrew found out that it was difficult to find a good job. So, he took up correspondence courses from England in subjects like English, technical studies and salesmanship.

In 1951, his efforts paid off when he got a job as an assistant resettlement officer working for the British government. He was posted to small villages or 'kampungs' (where the people build houses as and where they please) to draw out plans for urban development and to resettle the villagers in order to make way for roads and other infrastructures for easy accessibility. He worked closely with the villagers and made friends with them.

Andrew bought a terraced house with the help of the government for his mother to stay but she preferred to live with one of her daughters (as a daughter of hers married a police officer – a man of social stature at that time). This incident made him very sad because he thought that he was closest to his mother since childhood and naturally she would want to stay with him but he was wrong. The house was left unoccupied. Later, his elder brother (who was jobless at that time) needed money and sold his house to get the money. His brother kept all the proceeds of the house and never returned the money. Andrew never asked him for the money back because he thought of him as family.

IV. RISE OF ANOTHER REGIME

Meanwhile in many towns, after the Japanese rulers left, the communists emerged from their hiding place like a snake rearing its heinous head again and started their campaign to overthrow the British government who came back.

They opened schools and used them as recruitment grounds. The spellbinding words and engaging speeches of the new regime enthralled many boys and girls who have no conviction in their lives.

Esther went back to school and the school she attended, was controlled by the communists. Her 5th uncle advised her not to participate in their activities. Though she was surrounded by communist enthusiasts, her heart was not swayed by their ideals. She was forced to attend their meetings as the communist made it compulsory to do so as part of the school extra curricular activity. She kept silently to herself and attended such meetings on pretence to evade their suspicions.

Andrew's days with the *British Government Service* as an assistant resettlement officer.



Andrew is standing, 6th from the right.

While at school, she was charmed by a good-looking charismatic young boy who was her classmate. Silently they were attracted to each other but never dared to express their feelings. One day he just disappeared along with other communist members. It seems that the local police was cracking down on the communist groups. All its members had fled into the jungle to hide from the government.

Esther wondered what had happened to him and just as she was thinking of him, a schoolmate came to her house and told her that he had been shot to death along with many of the members. Before the police found them in the jungle, he mused with his friend saying that he hoped to get out of his life and death situation because he wanted to marry Esther. But it was not meant to be.

V. MY SHIELD, MY DELIVERER

PSALMS 121: 7-8

:7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

:8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore

Circa 1948 - This is a story involving Esther's 5th uncle's family. His children, his father in-law and sisters' in-law were the ones at home while an incident took place while he himself was at his shop in town.

His father in-law was in the government service as a chief in the cleanliness and waste disposal department. He was looking after his grandchildren at that time.

In those days, many communist loyalists were being hunted down and killed by orders from the government. As a revolt they took revenge on any civil servants that they could find for because of their dead comrades. They have chosen his father in-law's house as a target.

So, one day, the communists surrounded his house and demanded that everyone in the house to come out and face the consequences but the family kept quiet and quickly bolted the doors and windows. (His house was a wooden house with only the bathroom that was made of bricks and concrete.) The enemies outside tried to force their way in by vehemently banging on the door. He was afraid that the door would give way, so he tried to hold it back by leaning against the wooden door.

After failing to get into the house, they threatened to shoot. Still, everyone in the house remained silent, even the children were quiet. His daughters took the children to hide in the bathroom. Then without a warning they opened fire. Bullets were flying everywhere and he was still

standing at the door. Some bullets whizzed over his shoulders and there were some bullets that could have gone through his heart but miraculously it was all stuck in the wood at the door. He never got hit. While they were still shooting, his daughter suddenly remembered that there was another baby still lying on the bed in the room. She quickly ran to the bedroom and grabbed the baby. On her way back to the bathroom bullets flew over her head and again she was not hit.

Furious of their futile attempt to flush them out, they shouted, "If you do not come out now, we will burn your house down." Then they proceeded to splash kerosene on the wooden walls round about the house and even threw one whole can of kerosene on the roof.

They set the house aflame and then they left thinking that the fire will surely kill them. For a while the whole house was engulfed in flames. Everyone started to cry and thought that this time they will surely die. But suddenly, the fire died down, instantaneously it left as if it had an appointment somewhere else. The flames miraculously never reached into the house but the outer parts of the house were all burnt and blackened like charcoal. The hand of God came just in time to snuff out the fiery foes.

The God of this earth has saved his family from imminent death. Death will not come to you unless God wills it to. God is in control of our death and life.

His sister in-law was ill for many days after the ordeal. The whole family moved to another house.

CHAPTER FIVE

MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

I. ESTHER'S SUITORS

During her teenage years Esther met several suitors of good reputation and precedence in the society - young men from good Christian families, wealthy merchants and scholars. Ever so picky, she loved to scrutinize their shortcomings. There was one time she was head over heels absolutely infatuated with a schoolmate of hers. While they were in school they attended the same choir class but she never dared to show her affections towards him. She was waiting for him to make the first move. Eventually he did but only after a few years later when they met each other again through a mutual friend at the theological seminary.

II. AT THE SEMINARY

When Esther had completed her secondary school studies, she was not sure of what she was to do next but deep in her heart she wanted to serve the Lord. She thought to herself, "What job is there in this world which is the best." In her heart she said, "To preach the word of God is the best job that one can ever do." Then she made a conviction in her mind to do God's work. "But how do I go about doing that," she thought, for she had no idea at all on how to get started. She knelt down to pray and said, "Lord, I have decided to be a preacher, for the telling of your word is the best job in the world."

A few months later, a local church pastor came to her house and inquired whether she would be interested to study at the newly opened Trinity College at Mount Sophia, Singapore. (Which was set-up under the direction of the Methodist Church, the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church)

She immediately answered, "Yes, I want to." Esther's 5th uncle sponsored her studies for the first few months and later she obtained a scholarship from the Trinity College where she studied from 1952 to 1954.

While at the seminary, she wondered what had happened to the boy that she had fallen in love with. Everyday she mused on her memories of him. Then one day, out of the blue, he came to her dormitory in Singapore and asked her out on a date through a mutual friend. She was astounded and felt jubilant. They went out on several occasions (usually with a third party). Then one day, after a day's outing with him to the cinema and then a romantic dinner, he sent her back to the dormitory. While walking

Time spent at the Theological Seminary in Singapore.



Esther is seated in the first row, second from the right.
Fourth from the right is one of her good friends Radiance Yang Chiu Pang who recently passed away in 2004.

Mealtime at the Seminary.



2nd from the left, clockwise



Group photo of the students, evangelists and lecturers at the seminary.



Esther was standing in the second row, fourth from the right.



Happily lining up.

back to her room feeling ever blissful, suddenly she felt that the spirit of the Lord was strong against her and said in her heart, "It ends here." Bewildered, she sat down and began to write a long love letter to him, expounding on matters of love; God's love for the human race, her love for him and for God, the salvation of man through Christ and implored him and his family to come to the Lord for salvation. Never did she expect that after he had read her letter he immediately ended their relationship because his carnal love for her had turned into hatred, for he hated God. Since then he was neither to be seen nor heard from again though Esther tried to look for him.

Depressed and with her heart broken into pieces, she prayed to the Lord and said, "From now onwards, the first man who wishes to marry me, he will be my husband for he will be of your choice." From then on she only concentrated on her studies.

Esther attended the Chinese version classes for her bible studies because she was afraid to speak in English though she had learned the language in school before. There was once when she was alone in the school office, the telephone rang, she picked up the phone and an English lady was speaking fluent English on the line. She tried to understand but she had no idea what the lady was talking about. Frightened and confused, she hung up the phone without saying a word. A few minutes later, the woman came to complain and started to shout and curse, complained to the dean of the college. Esther did not mean to be rude but her unfamiliarity with different races and languages had caused her many misunderstandings. Soon after the English lady who was also an evangelist working in Singapore was sent back to England because of her behaviour.

In June 1955, Esther received her Bible school Diploma. She was among the first batches of graduates from the college since it first started. Esther was the only female to graduate that year. Her grandmother and her elder aunt attended her graduation ceremony.

III. LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

In Air Tawar, Perak, 1955. Andrew was posted there working as a resettlement officer. That same year, Esther was also posted by the church to that town to work as a kindergarten teacher in a church. She moved into an old rented house together with another girl who worked as a nurse.

Andrew was their neighbour and he went out to welcome them. For Andrew, it was love at first sight. He said in his heart, "She is the one who will be my wife." Partly because she looked like a Japanese girl and she reminded him of his father figure and friend – the Japanese officer that he got to know during World War II.

Esther was among the first batch of students from the Chinese section to graduate since the opening of the seminary.



Reverend Sone (standing in the center), who according to Esther, was the most gentle embodiment of a true Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit and full of kindness and to Esther's surprise, he is also very proficient in Mandarin.



Esther's elder aunt on the left and her grandmother on the right.

In front of her house was a well that had not been used for a long time. (As there were no water pipe facilities at that time, everyone depended on wells for their water supply. Nearly every household has a well.) The water in the well was murky and had some rubbish in it. Andrew offered to clean up her well and for hours he drew from the well until the water was quite clear.

He loved her fervently, and always hopped over to her house to talk with her. Each time when he came over, Esther would tell him stories from the Bible. It was from Esther that Andrew first heard about the gospel.

He happily accepted Christ and went to church to get baptised. Before he was baptised, Esther's colleagues from the church advised her not to hold company with him. In his desire to marry her, he readily accepted Christianity.

One day, Esther's church pastor came to warn Andrew and told him not to court Esther anymore, the pastor was very serious until his hands were shaking.

Later, Esther was transferred to another state (Melaka), because the church disapproved of their relationship and hoped to keep them separated. When Andrew heard about the transfer, he cried aloud in his house because he was in love and did not want Esther to go away. Esther who was next door, heard him cry and went over to his house to ask him why he was crying so loud. Then Esther reassured him that they could still keep in touch by writing to each other. Andrew kept in touch by sending letters to her and always sent red dates to her grandmother, which was her grandmother's favourite preserved fruit.

The Church tried to separate the marriage of God's preordained children but who can deter a person from the will of God.

IV. WHY?

JOHN 6:28-29

:28 *Then said they unto him, "what shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"*

:29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, "**This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**"*

Why did she not persevere on to work as a missionary?

Why did the church cause her so much grief?

The piousness and sincerity of the early Churches that she was acquainted to as a child (the last traces of the Church of Philadelphia) in the early nineteenth hundreds have totally disappeared after World War II. It was the times of the Laodicean Church, as it crept in unnoticed – since

the late eighteen hundreds to the early nineteen hundreds was the beginning of the Church of Laodicea.

As Esther always kept things in her heart and seldom express her feelings well, she failed to let the church know that she wanted to be a missionary and not a full time kindergarten teacher. As much as she desired to be a preacher, she was not made to follow that path at that time. She was always afraid to give sermons in the church when she was given the opportunity to preach at the pulpit and did not take the opportunity to make full use of her homiletic skills although it was her strongest subject. However, there were several occasions when she did stand before the congregation to deliver sermons. She was more passive than active and she was not a fighter, as she did not fight against the odds to stay on, as it was not the will of God at that time, for God has something else in stored for her.

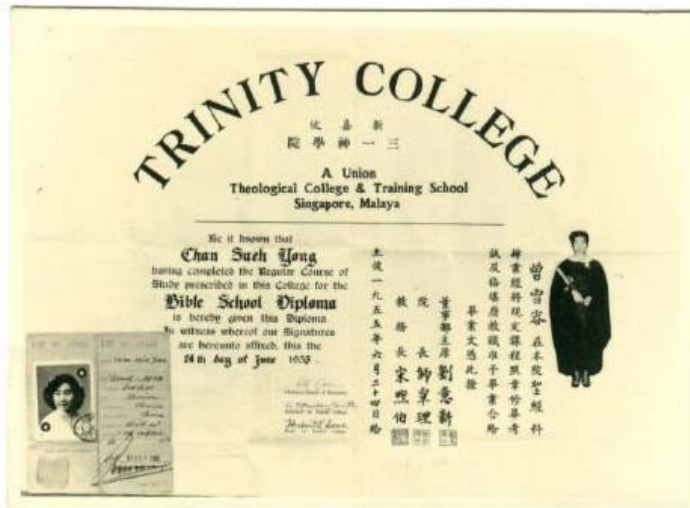
After two years of working for the church as a kindergarten teacher, a local church administrator told her that she would no longer receive any salary for her work which was only \$120 per month. The church administrator always complained about monetary problems to her and it made her sad. She thought that the church should pray to God about their problems and not make a fuss about it everyday.

As she herself had no money and monetary wise could not contribute to the church, Esther left her service and went to stay with her elder aunt in Singapore. Andrew came to visit her whenever he could, she thought of taking up dressmaking skills and Andrew sponsored her classes. Wherever she went, there he would be also. Always keeping in touch with her.

After completing her dressmaking course, her elder aunt's second husband who was a school headmaster in Singapore, seeing Esther sitting around with nothing to do, asked her to continue her studies in Taiwan. He had connections in getting her a scholarship sponsored by the United States of America to study at a teacher's training university in Taiwan.

So, in 1957, Esther went to Taiwan to continue her studies. After graduation in 1959, she went to Kuantan, which is in the State of Pahang in Malaysia for her first teaching assignment in a secondary school. She taught Chinese literature, history, physical education, art and arts and craft.

In 1958, when Esther came back to Singapore for her holidays, her grandmother came to visit her. Her grandmother had a dream, she was very afraid and troubled about it. She told Esther of the dream that she saw a large hole in the ground, it was deep and filled with rice grains. Esther told her, "Do not be afraid, the Lord will take your soul to heaven when you die, you will not be alone in the ground."



Esther's kindergarten class after her graduation from the Trinity College.

THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

At the Teachers' Training University.



Esther, centre row, first on the right.

Esther in Taiwan



A few months later, her grandmother passed away. Her grandmother was sitting alone in her bedroom combing her hair after she had taken a shower.

While she was still combing her hair, her soul was suddenly taken away and she fell to the floor, dead, for she had high blood pressure. All her children and grandchildren were gathered together for her funeral where she was buried in a Christian cemetery.

V. FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, TILL DEATH DO YOU PART

In December 1959, Andrew and Esther got married at the Chinese Methodist Church in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. After working for nearly ten years as a resettlement officer, Andrew resigned and moved back to Ipoh where his mother was and there he stayed with Esther.

Esther was posted to a school in Kuantan, Pahang



Esther seated in the first row, 5th from the left



Esther standing in a classroom, looking over her students during an art class session.

THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

At Esther's grandmother's funeral



Adults from left to right: Esther's 2nd Uncle, 5th Uncle and his wife, Esther, her elder aunt, two of 5th Uncle's sons, her elder aunt's oldest daughter and Esther's younger aunt.

THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Andrew and Esther's Wedding day.



The bride's maids: on the left is her younger aunt's daughter and on the right is her elder aunt's daughter.

CHAPTER SIX

FAMILY LIFE

GENESIS 2:18

:18 *And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

GENESIS 2:21-24

:21 *And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

:22 *And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

:23 *And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

MATTHEW 19:6

:6 *Wherefore they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

On this note: - Family life is the natural order of things that represents love, nurture, growth and security; are some of the elements which is just a projection of a greater reality that is God's love for his children of whom we are His creations, His children.

(1 Corinthians 6:17-20,

:17 *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*

:18 *"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."*

:19 *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"*

:20 *"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.")*

(Revelation 19:7-9,

:7 *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.")*

(Revelation 21:2,

:2 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.)*

God created male and female for to let mankind experience the loving relationship and a kind of bond of which is just a glimpse of Christ's love and relationship with man. In Matthew 22:30, *"For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."* Christ tells us that originally outside the realms of this world we are all like angels and the implications of male and female do not apply. Ever wondered why physically a man is generally stronger than a woman or since the beginning of time naturally the man is the head of the house most of the time? The creation of man and woman is also one of the parables of God to let us know that God is higher than man and yet having a caring, loving and close relationship. That is why marriage between man and woman is natural in the eyes of God but relationships or marriage of the same gender is against the law of God. In fact, such homosexual relationships portray the very nature of the devil because it represents Satan's desire to be equal with God. For example, marriage of the same gender and having children without being married to the other

gender through medical science or adoption is an abomination in the eyes of God for such seek after the imagination of their own hearts and the lusts of their own soul therefore such cannot call themselves Christians and yet practice what the Lord hates at the same time, for if you say that you are born that way then just stop where you are now and come before the Lord with a repentant heart and take up a life of celibacy, if you (“a homosexual person”) are truly a God fearing person.

Lusts and imaginations is in every person and none can escape from it, but to what extend when a person gives in by starting to live out and make his or her lusts and imaginations take control of their lives and assimilate into their outward works and deeds. If everyone were to live out his or her lusts and imaginations then the whole world would not even be here today. Lusts and imaginations come in many forms and homosexuality is just one of them, for example, an angry person would imagine blowing away the entire world with nuclear devices or killing all the people he despises. When a person gives in to the lusts of his imaginations, he gives himself to the will and control of the devil.

Some women today seek to debate on the matter that they want to be equal with men. Do you not know my dear that women can never be equal men, but yes, in the eyes of God, women are the same with men because God looks at the soul and not at outer vessel of which the soul is placed in this fallen world. Therefore, whether a man or a woman is equal or not, spiritually wise, society wise and economically wise should not be an issue nor be finical about it, for it is fine if it is the will of God that has made it so to be equals in certain areas but one must not try to change or challenge in what God has made, both men and women must consider their place in the body of Christ and keep to proper propriety. Do not disturb the natural order of things.

Since the fall, mankind has become fickle minded, seeking after perversion, running after mischief and indulge in self-gratification and self-glorification just to name a few. Of course, all these modes of destruction we have the serpent (the devil) at the tree of good and evil to thank for, coupled with our own naivete and foolishness, what salvation is there left for mankind. But, since the Creator allowed this to happen in the first place, He surely has a way for us to escape our own destruction! Do you know the way home O ye children of men? [John 14:6, *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*]

For now, physically, we can only go home to our earthly abode where we can see visually. (Though spiritually we can have a glimpse of our eternal home in heaven) For those who have no home, what has happened? What went wrong? Why are there so many of you young and old people alike who leave home or those with children why are you leaving your children defenceless because of selfish reasons. Return home!

Are there not enough earthly disasters in this world to separate families that you have to add to the number of broken homes because of sins, weaknesses and absence of respect for another person's body or even your own. Fornication and adultery are among some of the major reasons why there are so many broken families in this world and so many children left unwanted. Do not mistaken lust for love, for both starts with the alphabet 'L' and both have the same pulsating effect. Love is patient, kind and enduring while lust is impatient and is like a piece of tissue paper; once used up is thrown away.

ISAIAH 54:1

:1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

And so it is, according to the prophet Isaiah, that the children of the desolate are more than the children of the married wife (married before the eyes of God and not by some traditional cultural ritual or at the Registrar of Marriage at your local government's office!) Isaiah 54:1 carries a twofold meaning and it is linked to the "parable of the wheat and tares" for the children represented by the tares are more than the children represented by the wheat.

People around the world spend their hard-earned money to buy houses and decorate them. I am sure everybody in one way or another wishes for a nice house to live in. What is the point to expensively furnish your house when your home is empty with no loved ones living with you, for most people who wish to remain unmarried these days are mostly selfish as they do not wish to share their wealth and so called freedom or afraid of what bad things they think might happen because they look to the imperfect society around them that is falling apart with divorces and etc. Look to Christ for an example and never look to your left hand side for they are shadows of your fears nor to your right hand side for they are your weaknesses. Acquaintances and friends come and go but your family will be there for you.

Heaven is our ultimate home. Do you wish to live in hell for eternity? Then why are your feet running so fast towards destruction and disintegration? Your Creator, the God of the earth and the heavens is your father and in Him we are a family. Let our heart be with Him who loves us dearly.

MATTHEW 6:21

:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

I. FIRST FEW YEARS TOGETHER

After settling down with Esther, Andrew quit his long-standing job and tried to follow his father's footsteps in tin mining. He bought and worked

on a piece of land which at first belonged to his father but then later passed on to his father's first wife's children.

Esther had a dream at that time and in her dream she saw that the land was full of tin ore. So it was, for over a year the mining was good and produced much tin ore. So much so that his brother's wife (his father's first wife's son) who was the co-owner of the land came and fought bitterly over the matter of profits. She demanded for a greater share of the profits although she did not spend a single cent in building the mining company.

The argument got out of hand when she suddenly became violent and hit Andrew on the head with a chain saw causing serious injury. Blood gushed out and his whole head was bloody. Then she noticed an axe on the ground and wanted to hack him with it but a colleague quickly stepped on the axe and refused to let her get to it.

Andrew's co-workers quickly brought him to the hospital where he received many stitches for his wounds. While at the hospital, Andrew recalled the time when he saved her from being beheaded by the Japanese during World War II because of her involvement with the communist. Now that same woman had sought to behead him! He regretted deeply of what he did back then and wished that the Japanese should have done to her what they had planned to do in the first place.

Later Andrew decided to give part of his profits to his cousins as some sort of gratuity. Later that year, Esther had another dream and this time, she saw that the ground was nothing but all gangue (worthless minerals).

So, after a year of tumultuous affairs with his family receiving no peace but only envy and greed because of money; that piece of land finally had no more tin ore deposits and was deemed worthless.

When the mining company finally dissolved, Andrew did not have a single cent left to his name. He became poorer than ever before because he was not a shrewd businessman. His whole family has drawn money from him leaving nothing behind for himself. Esther had to resort to borrowing money from her aunt.

About that time (12 May 1961) their first child (Donna) was born. His elder brother came to tell Andrew that Esther had given birth (while he was at the mines). He asked whether he had a boy or a girl, and he was told that he had a daughter; he could only answer with a sigh.

At the tin mines



Andrew working on his father's land.

II. THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

After the birth of their first child, Esther went back to her teaching career in Ipoh. The threesome then lived in a rented room near to Esther's workplace.

Earlier on, when they were newly-weds, they stayed together with Andrew's mother for a season. At the beginning Esther treated his mother like her own mother but soon she encountered trouble with her mother-in-law and the trials turned her into a person always suspicious and bitter over the little things in life. Living with his pagan worshipping family proved to be spiritually trying, as her mother-in-law insisted that Esther should follow their pagan rituals like bowing down at the altar in respect of their dead ancestors but Esther did not give in to their rituals. Her mother-in-law enjoyed incitement and apparently loved to "take" things from her like costume jewellery, handkerchiefs and household items without asking and never returned any of those items. Esther kept quiet but later she highlighted the problem to Andrew. Andrew did not mind his mother taking their things but later he decided that it was best that they should be living on their own.

At the beginning, when Esther started her teaching job, Andrew played the househusband for about a year babysitting their baby daughter and reared chickens and ducks as he was recuperating from his failure at the mines.

He spent time cooking for the family and often neighbours would pay him to cook take-away meals for them.

In 1963, he was given an opportunity to work as an assistant manager for Tahan Mine Ltd, which was in another state (Kuala Lipis, Pahang). It was a remote place and he seldom got the chance to go home. The mines closed down about one and a half years later. Andrew came home looking quite different with a bushy beard; his young daughter nearly could not recognize him. He kept the beard because he was lonely and sad being so far away from his family but when he finally came home for good, he shaved it off.

Life was simple for the young family, living one day at a time, not much money for luxuries and often their pockets would be empty just in time for the next salary payment.

III. DEATH HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM

In 1960 Esther's second uncle died suffering from cancer, and in 1967 her fifth uncle too had an appointment with death.

PSALM 102:19-20

:19 *For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;*
:20 *To hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death;.....*

PSALM 109 :21-23, 31

:21 *.....but do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.*
:22 *For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.*
:23 *I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.....*
:31 *For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.*

Esther's 5th uncle has his own family business selling wine and liquor in a shop-house, which he inherited from his father-in-law. He no longer worked as a headmaster at that time but he was still involved with the Church.

One day, after a long day's work, he decided not to go home but to spend the night in a school dormitory where his wife worked as a teacher. His family lived about 1 kilometre away from the dormitory.

Late at night when he was fast asleep, a man broke into his room and stabbed him several times in the chest with a sharp knife. He gave a loud cry and awoken the headmaster of the school who was sleeping just next door. The headmaster ran out to see what had happened but by the time he came over, the murderer was crawling out through the window and he could not catch him. The headmaster immediately telephoned 5th uncle's wife. His wife rushed to the scene and brought him to the hospital by car. He died in his wife's arms before they could reach the hospital. The knife was still lodged in his chest.

Everybody got to know who the murderer was but he was never caught. His family did not want to pursue the matter because they feared that the killer would go after them too. The murderer was the brother of a rape victim who had accused an old man who was a church pastor of rape. What happened later to the pastor or the murderer was not openly known. Hell bound on revenge; he wanted to kill the old pastor thinking that he would be at the dormitory but that particular night he was not there. So, the murderer probably decided to kill anyone who was working for the church, just to vent out his anger. The spirit of the Antichrist often seeks to give true believers of God a bad name by pretending to be a "Christian" (like the old pastor) and seeking ways to supplant and deceive, always with much subtlety so as long as the end result is to get the whole world to hate the very God who created them.

A few months later the liquor shop was burnt down. It happened by accident when a boy who was playing with rocket firecrackers. He lighted the firecrackers and it landed on some curtains in an open window just above him. As the row of shop-houses was built with the top half of wood and the bottom half of bricks, fire swept easily through all the terraced shop-houses. Earlier on, Esther had thought in her heart, "It is

not good that the people who pass by this shop will shake their heads and be reminded of the terrible murder over and over again.”

Esther’s uncle was always a responsible family man and he worked hard to take care not only his immediate family but his cousins as well. Like the Apostle Paul, who work with his hands and served the Church at the same time, so that he need not take from the church or be dependant upon them.

The Lord had allowed adversities to happen with His own divine purpose which most of us do not understand at times but they that call upon the name of the Lord, He will restore.

After the incident, the whole family moved away to another place and there they managed to set up another shop where his wife and his children grew up and are well. His soul now rests in heaven with our Lord.

ROMANS 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(Romans 8:35-39)

MATTHEW 18:7

Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh.

Those who succumb to evil deeds like revenge causing death will be recompensed in due time.

God often allows adversities and trials to happen as a way to affirm a man’s convictions about God. But sometimes, it is just Satan’s relentless request to God to afflict people. But rest assured that God is always monitoring the situation and to a stop to injustice when the time is ripe. People who are not of God will immediately fall away as in the parable of the sower. (Matthew 13:3-23) i.e. seeds that fall on stony grounds or among thorns will spring up fast but the cares of this world will choke him to death because he has no root in Christ.

MATTHEW 25:29

For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

IV. AT ANGLO-ORIENTAL

In 1965, Andrew began his new job as an assistant security officer at the Anglo-Oriental, a British tin mining company. He worked with this company for the next 10 years, being transferred three times to different mining sites.

Andrew's days with the Anglo-Oriental Mining Company.



Andrew standing - second row, 2nd from the right.

His job had included benefits such as a house, fully furnished with water and electricity provided for but the salary was considerably low.

A couple of years later, Esther was pregnant again but she suffered a miscarriage. By this time, she had already resigned from her teaching profession.

While working for this company, Andrew saw that some of his friends and colleagues were thin and he envied them because he considered himself fat. So, he took slimming pills. When he had finished his prescription, he became very thin and had large bulging eyes. Soon after, he became thinner and thinner and felt uneasy and ill all the time. He found out later that he had an overactive thyroid and was treated with radioactive iodine and constant medication. He regretted taking those pills and he wished that he were big and strong again, for before he was seldom ill.

V. THE VISITATION

EXODUS 20:21

*:21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto **the thick darkness where God was.***

PSALMS 18:9-13

:9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

:10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

:11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

:12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

:13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave His voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

MATTHEW 24:30

:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

In Batu Gajah, Perak, West Malaysia.

The year was 1969, October 10th at about 10 p.m.

After their supper and watching television, Esther decided it was bedtime for Donna because the next day was another school day. They took off their shoes and went upstairs to their bedroom.

At that time Andrew was working on the night shift. So, they were alone in the house. The house had a large compound with a large field in front of the house. It was a double storey detached house. Their nearest neighbour was across the field (about the size of a football field). Across

the field there was a small road with street lamps, illuminating the night a little. It was an ordinary silent night with all the neighbours already asleep.

When they were upstairs, they walked to the balcony barefoot and Esther wanted to adjust the wooden blinds on the balcony when they noticed something different about the street lamps across the field. There was an additional lamp slightly above the others. It looked like it was just above the roof of one of the houses across the field. It was slightly larger, rounded and had a stronger shade of orangey-gold compared to the neon orange street lamps. It looked like a lively burning lamp.

They grew curious and waited quite a while about 10 minutes looking at the lamp. Esther said to Donna, "Let us wait and see what becomes of this new item in the sky, perhaps it is some sort of a comet or a cosmic phenomenon that will fly away; keep your eyes peeled so that we will not miss anything."

While she was still speaking with her face looking at her daughter, Donna saw that in one second, the lamp flew across the field swiftly and effortlessly to about 15 feet away from the balcony where they were standing. Esther noticed that Donna's eyes were enlarged in amazement, she quickly turned her face to look at the lamp and behold it was already in front of the balcony transforming.

With a swish, the lamp drew out a cross in mid-air from left to right then top to bottom facing them. It transformed into a cross, it was perfect with 90 degrees corner angles and the bottom part longer. It was three-dimensional and approximately 20 feet in length (about the height of a two storey building), suspended in mid-air.

The appearance of the cross was exceedingly bright as it brightened the entire house and its compound. It looked like as if all the stars in the heavens were gathered together giving off sparks of diverse pastel colours with light medium fiery combustion sounds. The lightest and sweetest pink, blue, gold, silver, yellow, green and many more light coloured hues. It was the epitome of brilliance, more precious and glittering than all the masterfully cut diamonds in this world put together.

The vision remained for more than 5 minutes. All this while all they could say was, "Oh how beautiful it is, how beautiful....." because they were too much taken by surprise of this wonderful presence. Donna who was only eight years old then, thought in her heart, "It is not New Year's Day and nobody was playing with fire crackers?" She looked below directly in front of the house there were two trees, one on each side of the cross and the trees looked very bright and clear like in the daytime.

They stared at the glorious cross for as long as it lasted and then it began to dissipate slowly and transformed from bottom first moving upwards

into thick dark black clouds. When the entire cross disappeared, behold the whole front view of the balcony was covered in thick black clouds. Donna leaned forward against the balcony to smell but there was no particular smell. Donna felt not at ease as if like a sharp knife had pierced through her very heart because of the black clouds but Esther said, "Oh, the presence of the Lord is before us now, how foolish of us to forget to pray. Quickly, let us kneel down to pray for the Spirit of the Lord is with us and whatever we ask of God He shall surely hear us."

The thick black clouds went higher and higher into the heavens until it finally disappeared. Esther went into her room to pray while Donna remained at the balcony looking at the sky while she prayed.

Esther knelt down to pray. In her mind, she was tempted to think, "Should I ask for wealth and riches?" But her heart was against it. In her heart she desired to pray for another child, for she longed to have a son. She prayed that if God should give her a son, her son would be whole heartedly devoted to God and would love Christ very much and will always be obedient to His words and do the will of God with undying faith.

After her prayers she looked at the clock and it was 10.25 p.m. She felt joy and warmth again, something that she had not felt in a long time, for in the past years life in this world and its worries had vexed her cold.

After midnight, Andrew came home from work and Esther told him about the wonderful vision. Andrew wished that he was there to see the cross and he was sad that he missed it.

VI. WATCH AND PRAY

DEUTERONOMY 4:9

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons,

MATTHEW 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Everyday (after seeing the cross) during school recess time, Donna would go to the school chapel to pray and every night she would look to the sky waiting for the Lord hoping that perhaps He would show another sign. After several months the family moved again to another location because of the nature of Andrew's job.

Soon, months became years and the fervent zeal for the Lord subsided into the background of their lives because of worldly cares. Esther did not tell anyone about the vision but kept it in her heart.

(Once again, the weakness of the flesh ruled, what is man but altogether helpless and of vanity. Therefore, pray and intercede constantly that you may receive strength and able to be on guard against the snares of the devil.)

A couple of years later, Esther was with child and gave birth to a set of identical twins but the elder of the twins was a stillborn. (While Esther was seven months into her pregnancy, she went for a medical check-up and a doctor used his hands and pressed very hard at her abdomen several times. She was frightened and did not know why the doctor needed to do that. It was terribly painful for her each time the doctor pressed hard against her stomach. After the visit to the doctor, she noticed that the baby in her had stopped moving because before the "check-up" the baby was very active and always moved about in her. She decided not to go to that doctor anymore and went to another hospital to deliver her baby.)

She gave birth before her pregnancy came into full-term which was at the seventh month. The doctor who attended to her did not even know that she had twins. When the stillborn came out, they kept silent and were afraid to tell her. Esther wondered what had happened because there was no sound of a baby crying.

Ten minutes later, she went into labour again and told the doctor that she felt as if she was about to give birth again. The doctor was surprised as he was about to scrub down and leave the maternity ward and this time after the child came out she heard a cry and felt relieved. Finally the doctor braved himself to tell her about the stillborn and told her to be glad and grateful that at least one is alive and that she has a daughter.

Esther wanted to see the stillborn but her heart was afraid that the sight of the stillborn would be imprinted in her memory and her sorrows would never go away. Silent tears run down her face as she decided not to see her stillborn baby.

The nurse then showed the stillborn child to Andrew and he saw that the twins truly looked exactly alike. Andrew bought a small coffin and gave the stillborn the name that they had originally planned while for the younger of the twins he quickly thought of a new name. Since she came by breech birth with the bottom out first, (the Chinese called it the lotus position and Lian was the Chinese name for lotus) so he gave her the name Lian.

[That night was 10th March 1971 at 10.25 p.m. and hey, it was yours truly that came out into this world all red and very small (less than 4 pounds). So, I had to spend many weeks in the hospital stuck in an incubator before I could finally go home.]

After giving birth, Esther stayed for about one week in the hospital, as they needed to monitor her health because of the stillborn. That same night, nurses came to check in on her every few hours until the next morning.

A short while after giving birth, when Esther was finally alone in her room, as she was about to go to sleep, she heard a multitude of people whispering as they were sobbing non-stop and gnashing their teeth. The sounds came from a room next door. Esther's eyes were closed and when she opened her eyes, the sound stopped. So she thought that it could be a dream so she closed her eyes again to go to sleep but there it is again, the multitude of people whispering and sounds of mourning non-stop. She cannot make out exactly what they were saying because it sounded like peoples from the entire world whispering and mourning altogether. Again she opened her eyes and the sound stopped. She tried many times to make sure that she was awake and not sleeping or dreaming. Each time to opened her eyes, the sound was gone and when she closed her eyes there it was again. Though Esther was in a room alone she was not afraid because she felt very much relieved after giving birth.

After about ten minutes the sound stopped and she went to sleep. In her dreams, she saw herself vividly, sleeping on a bed in the middle of a vast piece of barren land in broad daylight and suddenly the ground beside her bed began to split wide open. She leaned toward the side of her bed to see below and behold it was a very deep crevasse looking like a dark bottomless pit. Her heart felt very much afraid and thanked God that she did not fall over into the pit. The fright in her dreams made her woke up in a jolt as her heart was pounding. When she woke up and looked around seeing that she was back in her room and felt much relief. After a few minutes a nurse came in and saw her sweating profusely because of the dream. The nurse took a wet towel to wipe Esther's face and neck. Esther asked the nurse for the time and it was about 4 a.m. then the nurse left, she went back to sleep.

Later just before dawn (before 6 a.m.), Esther woke up again and as she turned her body to another side to sleep, she heard the God's voice speaking to her. His voice is like mighty rushing waters, deep and powerful and full of loving kindness. The voice of the Lord is like sweet wine and fills your heart with love and gladness overflowing. Unlike thunder where the sound can be identified from which corner of the sky it came from but the voice of the Lord covered all of the earth, for can a person imagine the sounding of a million thunders from all over the earth coming together all at once.

Esther thought that the whole earth could have heard His voice because His voice was very loud. And the Lord spoke in Mandarin in a slow and steady majestic voice. Thus said the Lord, "This daughter, it is I who gave her to you, when she grows up....."

Well, as for the end part of the sentence it is not needful to reveal it at this point in time.

PSALMS – CHAPTER 29:1-11

- 1 *Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.*
- 2 *Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*
- 3 *The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.*
- 4 *The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*
- 5 *The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.*
- 6 *He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.*
- 7 *The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.*
- 8 *The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- 9 *The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.*
- 10 *The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.*
- 11 *The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.*

After the Lord has spoken, Esther remembered her own prayers for a son and thought in her heart that “even so the Lord has chosen a daughter instead of a son to fulfil my prayers” and also remembered that the time of her prayers after the appearance of the glorious Cross of Christ two years ago was exactly the same time as the birth at 10.25 p.m. For Esther had completely forgotten about her prayers two years ago for a son, even when she was pregnant and that after giving birth to a daughter, she did not remember immediately because she had a daughter and said that “if a son was born I might have remembered my prayers”.

About one month later, while Esther was sleeping in the bedroom at home with my cradle near a window, at sometime after midnight, Esther awoke and suddenly an extremely bright light shone in through the window. The light was so bright that her eyes could not open at all and she felt the fear of the Lord in His presence. After a few minutes, she felt the light slowly moving away and by the time she opened her eyes the night was as usual. In her heart, she felt as if the Lord had come to visit the child.

VII. PUT YOUR EARS ON THE GROUND

For 10 years Andrew worked mostly night shifts at Anglo-Oriental. The events that happened towards the end of his job that caused him to resign was that he caught several lorry drivers shipping equipment and tin ore without proper documentation and other things which Andrew refused to tell us (even until the day he died) of what he saw at the company because he said to us it is better if you do not know then you will not be in trouble. He wrote reports about his investigation. He reported to higher authority on what he thought had happened. Whether it was true or not we do not know but his boss warned him and said, “Put your ears on the ground.” And as he walked out of the office some of the foreign senior officers nodded their heads solemnly at Andrew as he passed by.

The Family Photo
1972



Clockwise: Andrew, Esther with baby *Genesis* and Donna.

He grew ever more weary and a few days later, one afternoon he came home with his face, neck and whole body all red, his eyes were blood shot and teary and his voice was very coarse almost unable to speak. He felt a sharp pain in his throat. A friend took him to the hospital and there he told the doctor that he was poisoned after taking a sip of tea from his flask in his office. So, the doctor performed a stomach-pump procedure on him and gave him medicine and injections afterwards that same night he was released from the hospital because the doctor said that the poison was not in huge amount and that he managed to come to the hospital quick enough before it became irreversible. After the incident Andrew did not expound anymore about the subject and later he resigned on his own accord after being continually harassed by some of his superiors. A few weeks later, Andrew told Esther that he prayed to God while he was in the hospital because he felt that death was imminent, and fearing that God might take his life there and then, he prayed while at the hospital saying, "Lord Jesus Christ, do not let me die now, my second child is still small, let me bring her up first until she is grown then you can take my life when it is time".

VIII. BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN AGAIN

The family moved back to Ipoh after Andrew's resignation. He was jobless for a while, so we stayed at his sister's house for a season. While we were there we paid rent in the form of clearing their monthly water and electricity bills and also to feed their cat in exchange for one and a half rooms in the house. It was a single storey semi-detached house.

Living with his mother and his sister's family taught Andrew a lesson or two. When we were there, Andrew would buy his own provisions/groceries and every time his sister's family would eat from whatever provisions we buy, so Andrew would buy double portions enough for the two families. One fine day, (when I was about five years old) I saw a small can of candies in the refrigerator and took it for to eat. Now, the refrigerator contained food from both families. I was not sure whose candy it belonged to but I ate it anyway without permission and began to play hide and seek with the can in the house. I was walking cunningly about the house trying to hide the can and a few minutes later I would go to retrieve it and then I would hide it in another location. I probably looked quite suspicious. Later in the afternoon, Andrew's mother saw me hiding the can of candies and cried thief! Later, the entire household broke into a long heated argument stemming from my one ignorant mistake.

My mother then told me never to eat anything that we did not buy ourselves and said that if I wanted to eat anything, I should ask from her.

So, never do what other people are doing, for if you do, you will probably be thrown into jail! For what is seemingly right for some may be very

wrong for others. If people drink alcoholic drinks excessively or smoke and experiment with drugs, would you follow if they say it is good? To them it may be an exciting experience for a moment but it has its permanent damage. Therefore, do not look to other people for examples in life for none in the earth is righteous. Only look to Jesus Christ for help and guidance, as He is our perfect example.

IX. THE FATHER OF LIES

One night, while we were still staying at our cousin's house, Donna saw Satan himself in his wretched fallen state walking pass the bedroom when she was about to sleep. Her cousin who shared the bedroom with her was already fast asleep in another bed on her left. The devil walked into the bedroom from her right-hand side where the door was and passed through a cupboard which was a few feet away in front of her and walked straight out of the window which was on her left.

She was frozen in fright. In her heart she knew that it was Lucifer himself because he strode with arrogance quite handsomely and his spirit was full of pride and profanity. His appearance was filthy with long wavy black hair (waist length) like it has not been washed for a thousand years and wearing an old long garment with long sleeves which seemed to be white in colour like an angel's garment but was all dirty with stains and filth.

He did not turn around to show his face as he walked straight out without stopping with his left side view facing Donna.

ISAIAH 14:9-23

Excerpts: -

- :9 *Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.*
- :10 *All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?*
- :11 *Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.*
- :12 *How art thou fallen from heaven, O lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*
- :13 *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*
- :14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*
- :15 *Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*
- :16 *They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, **saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;***
- :17 *That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?*
- :18 *All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.*
- :19 *But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, trust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.*

(continuation in chapter 9 (The father of lies – who told his version of The Truth – part 2)

X. OUR OWN LITTLE HOUSE AT LAST

After the alleged argument while living in his sister's house, Andrew decided to move away. So, a few days later, while Donna was cycling on her way to church, she stopped by some flats and asked a lady (a stranger) whether anyone has a place to rent and immediately she was directed to a flat that was for rent. The coincidence was that the owner of the flat was from the same church that she attended. So, we moved into the flat and stayed there for a while.

By now, Andrew already had a job working as a car salesman. In 1979, Esther found a cute little house and bought it. It was built by the government low-cost housing program, which provided for low-income families costing only twenty thousand ringgit (paid by instalments for ten years). It was a double storey terrace house with two small bedrooms. Esther was very happy that she could finally settle down because all her life she has been constantly moving around.

(During our school days in Ipoh, my sister and I attended the Methodist Girls' School. Once a week there were chapel sessions as part of our curriculum but in 1988 the government abolished the chapel sessions.)

At the beginning, our family attended the Chinese Methodist Church in town but later due to financial problems and other worldly matters, Andrew found it difficult to contribute to the church. As a result we only went to church on certain occasions. We grew up as Methodists but later Donna and I were baptised in a Baptist church.

We spent our time in church asking questions and searching for answers but no one seems to have the answer. We went to several churches of different denominations and everyone speaks of membership, as if it was a club. When we ask about spiritual things and how to grow in Christ, all they could say was the importance of fellowship among church members and nobody seems to know how to explain spiritual things. Blind leading the blind. As we were still babes in Christ, going to church at that time only served to confuse us. Our hearts were full of faith but at that time lack in love, knowledge and understanding.

There was a day in the early 1980's when we attended a revival meeting, where a Chinese American evangelist spoke about the Book of Revelation. He also wrote books about the Revelation. So we thought, "Ah! Here is a man well informed about the works and prophecies of God. We went to inquire from him about the meaning of the luminous cross that we saw in the sky because we could not decipher its meaning at that time and we did not know why the Lord chose to show us the visions. After listening to us, all he told us was to keep silent, and said, "Do not tell anyone about the vision, it is for yourself only." Then he left abruptly. Huh?

Keep silent?? How can I keep silent and not praise the Lord and tell of His wonderful works? How can my soul not bless the Lord all the days of my life and glorify His name forever before all nations? We must praise the Lord in thanksgiving and declare His mighty ways. Can you tell a watchman at the tower to keep silent? Then what is his job for but to tell what he sees? We have witnessed the glory of the Lord and do testify that Christ indeed died on the cross and has risen on the third day and is glorified and victorious. There is no one on earth or in the heavens like Christ. The Lord is beautiful, the Lord is Almighty and Jesus Christ is the living God.

As the years passed by, we told several pastors about the glorious cross and asked them what it all meant. But none of them knew the answer. All of them told us to keep quiet. There was one pastor who after hearing about the good news of the cross, began to curse us and said that the cross was from the devil!! It took more than 10 years later, when we heard news of that particular pastor who said that the cross was from the devil, it seems that he was removed from his position in the church because he had secretly took in a second wife while still being married to the first wife and the church elders did not know about his past until his first wife showed up one fine day and started a commotion.

We have told several friends about the cross and some were glad and praised the Lord for His mighty Salvation.

What then, you O Church, leaders of a congregation, will you not bless the Lord and magnify His name? You, pastors! Who proclaim salvation by the blood of Jesus Christ at the cross; will you now deny Him that is glorified? Have you become the Sanhedrin who demanded that Christ be crucified? Time and time again you have nailed our Lord to the cross, hammering in the nails yourself! Look at the apostate state that you are in today! Why do you bother to read the Bible with your left hand and while you clearly deny Him and push Him aside with your right hand. It is better for you to have torn up the Bible and throw the Bible into a bonfire than to have read it and misuse it for your own gain. God's judgement upon you will be seven times worse than those who outwardly do not believe in God.

MATTHEW 15:8-9

:8 *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*
:9 *But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

MATTHEW 15:13-14

:13 *But he answered and said, every plant, which my heavenly father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.*
:14 *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.*

And to the Children of Israel, will you continually nullify the words of your own prophets. On one hand you read the book of Isaiah and on the other

hand you will use to kill your prophets and pay no real attention the words in the book of Isaiah, Jeremiah and all other prophets. Why consider the prophet Isaiah as a prophet of Israel when you clearly read and refuse to understand his words. Isaiah prophesied about Jesus Christ but you will not listen. Why and how did you ever manage to consider a prophet of God with your left hand and kill him with your right hand?

ISAIAH 42:1-25

- :1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- :2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- :3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
- :4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
- :5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- :6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- :7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
- :8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- :9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.
- :10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
- :11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
- :12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.
- :13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.
- :14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
- :15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
- :16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
- :17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.
- :18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
- :19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?
- :20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.
- :21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.
- :22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.
- :23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?
- :24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.
- :25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

XII. HEART - ATTACK

Ignorance of the truth and the malign influence of bad company had turned Andrew into a very angry and vulgar man, cursing day and night. Before he became a salesman, he was considered as a quiet and reserved man but sin has taken its toll on him because of constant exposure to sin and lack in desire to know the Lord.

His colleagues would often beguile him to accompany them to pubs, nightclubs and etc. He was a heavy smoker and also became a

compulsive gambler. Soon, gambling took over his life and he gambled away all his savings and even began to borrow money from his mother, brothers and sisters just for gambling while his household expenses were being neglected.

One day, when he was at his mother's house to borrow money, his family surrounded him and demanded that he should return to them the money that he had borrowed. His younger brother advised him not to gamble anymore but he did not listen. The scene at his mother's house crushed him because they surrounded him like a pack of wolves and he felt that he was treated like a stranger. "Are these the people whom I love and provided for when they were young? Will they not spare me of these few thousand dollars, which is just a fraction of what I gave them when they were young?" he said to himself. A mother's unconditional love had become conditional because of money. From that day onwards he severed all ties with his family.

As his daughters we tried to preach to him but he said, "Is God going to feed you? Will he drop money from the sky for you?" Being new to the word of God ourselves, we tried to remove a speck of dust in his eye but failed to see the plank in our own eye. We were zealous with faith but ignorant in truth. Preaching is very different from practicing. Anyone can preach but practice comes from the Lord. The truth does not come because of zeal and good works. The truth comes from above as a gift of love from God.

In spite of all his bad habits, constant grumbling and cursing, Andrew was a hardworking family man who pampered his children.

He worked 9 hours a day and when he comes home he would prepare dinner and continue to work on his birdcages at night. He made birdcages of all shapes and sizes with wood and bamboo, to sell them for extra income. The whole family also chipped in to make the birdcages. At first business was good but later the demand for his birdcages dropped because of new competitors. The strain of constant hammering, sawing, pulling and chopping bamboo soon got to him and he suffered a heart attack. He spent two weeks in the hospital. After 10 years of working as a salesman in the same company (1975-1985), he was retrenched because of his heart attack. His boss called him insane because he sometimes tried to preach to his colleagues but no one understood about God. His character of highs and lows at work as he tried to balance the insane world of labour and his faith in God.

After his heart attack, he gave up totally on smoking and also gambling (only because he had no more money to gamble with!). His doctor said that he will probably survive for another few years or so because of his high blood pressure and heart problem, and told us to be prepared. (But Andrew lived for another 10 years after his heart attack)



Making bird cage at home, sometime in the early 80's



A year before Andrew passed away. Behind him is Boxie Terrie Babino.

His younger brother would come to visit him every now and then to give him some money and food but he felt ashamed. He had always been on the giving side, providing for his family but now he had reduced himself to taking and he did not like the idea. He told his brother that he does not want to see anyone from his family again unless he becomes rich. His younger brother was sad to hear this, so, Donna explained to his brother and said that God will somehow manage to supply all our needs.

In the past, Andrew kept on gambling because he thought that if he could strike it rich then his daughters would not have to go out to work. He kept saying, "It is a cruel world out there and if I were rich then my daughters do not have to go out to work." He always said that when you go out into this world you must always be hardworking and do not depend on others for favours.

He kept saying that if he had seen the luminous cross in the sky with his own two eyes, then he would have behaved better. Or will he? Did those who saw the cross did any better? NO. Visions will not make a person do better. Good examples from without cannot change a person. Change comes from within. It is the gift of love from God that will slowly enable us to bear acceptable fruits after Christ.

JOHN 20:29

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

There was a day when Andrew suffered temporary amnesia. It was probably after years of working non-stop and suddenly he had to adjust to a leisurely life just sitting around the house.

One day, he drove home after getting some groceries and he came into the living room and sat down. We asked him where did he go and he could not answer. He signalled with some words that he went to the petrol station to fill up his car and he gave his wallet to the pump attendant because he suddenly forgot how to count. How he managed to drive home remained a total mystery, as he had no recollection at all. (Even when he has recovered later on, he still could not remember how he drove home that day)

He could not speak for hours and just sat there like a vegetable. We panicked. We prayed for him and tried to feed him with some nutritious soup because he had not eaten anything for the whole day. Later at night, his memory gradually returned and we praised the Lord.

CHAPTER SEVEN

LATER YEARS

I. WORK, EAT AND SLEEP

In 1991, Donna and I left home to work in Singapore because of financial problems. Leaving our parents behind at home, much to my regret.....

To most people, life is work, play, eat and sleep as an endless cycle. The dread of daily routines, endless job cycles and fears of life and work can be deadly, but if we learn to live our lives not for ourselves but trust in the Lord, then our burden is lifted for we work for God and not for vanity's sake. Working for self will prove taxing and will only lead to heightened emotional stress and hypertension because the soul finds no solution in itself but a never-ending cycle of repetitions monotonous life which will prove nothing and will at times suddenly be filled with fear leading to suicide.

Suicide has become a very serious problem in the world today as hundreds if not thousands of people commit suicide everyday throughout the world. This problem is seldom publicised by the media but it is there and has become a very serious epidemic. Well-respected people who are engineers, bankers, lawyers, people of high social stature and et cetera suddenly decided to kill themselves because of so called "heightened clinical depression" and worse still when they kill their family members too before doing in themselves. Who says that the devil does not kick a dead horse?

The illusions in the era of Laodicea are truly a very stressful lie. It is because the times of the devil is closing in to an end, he is full of contempt because his time is short and will take as many people with him as possible, thus making them kill themselves before their time. Satan is not only trying to prevent God's children from advancing by making God's children grow lukewarm in their hearts but he also knows that everybody including the children of darkness are the very same people that will go into the new millennium era after the second coming of Christ.

Yes, peoples of earth, whether all the people believe it or not, when Christ reigns on earth at the coming millennium, the very same people that wanted to kill themselves because of monetary problems, the heartbroken because of troubles, personal relationships or problems at work that you think have no solutions to. Well, if you survive through the illusions of Laodicea, you shall see the mighty works of God for yourself and the Lord has prepared a new lease of life for all men who are still alive on earth at that time. There are many things beyond man's imaginations that the Lord has prepared for you and me. Beautiful and

wonderful things the Lord has planned for us. No matter how much you have attempted to destroy the earth and all that is in it today, the Lord will restore all things but this does not mean that you should go on with all these destructions now because when the time comes the Lord will deal with the perpetrators of the earth accordingly.

ISAIAH 29:9-24

- 9 *Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.*
- 10 *For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*
- 11 *And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:*
- 12 *And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.*
- 13 *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*
- 14 *Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.*
- 15 *Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?*
- 16 *Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?*
- 17 *Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?*
- 18 *And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*
- 19 *The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
- 20 *For the terrible one is brought to naught, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:*
- 21 *That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of naught.*
- 22 *Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.*
- 23 *But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*
- 24 ***They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.***

Belief in God is not a way of life or a supplementary token kept aside until the time when we are in trouble nor is it a religion or philosophy. Faith and trust in God is who you are, it is reality itself. How does a person define reality? Do you pinch yourself and when you feel the pain then you would say, "I am awake in reality". When we fall a sleep and dream, sometimes it feels so real. When I dream of a place, sitting on crisp and soft green grass, gentle flowing crystal clear rivers and eating an amazingly delicious fruit from one of the trees tasting like a combination of the most fragrant apple and the most sweet peach, when I woke up, the taste of the fruit juice was still in my mouth. Was I really there or was it just the power of suggestion? Or when I dreamt of a dog biting my leg and I feel the sharp pain in my dream, is that reality? Or when I woke up and still feel the sharp pain of teeth marks on my legs, is that reality?

To most people if not everybody thinks that reality is what we see with our own two eyes that is now in this world, of laughter and crying, of pain and suffering, of music and movies, of song and dancing, of love and hate, of destruction and rebuilding, of land and sea, so on and so forth. The Kingdom of God is all around us, but a curtain of blindness has

covered our eyes so as to make sure that we cannot see the truth. However, if the Lord grants us, sometimes we do feel the closeness of the Kingdom of God because the kingdom of God is within you. The Holy Spirit of God within us is our link to His Kingdom and the present reality. God has driven us out from the true Garden of Eden and is now being guarded by Angels with a flaming sword. What is this curtain of blindness? It is our death and separation from God. When did we die you might say. At the Garden of Eden is where it all began, murdered by the devil himself, we are forced to roam in darkness for thousands of years until Christ returns.

Today people like to label each other with the names of the jobs that they are holding and say, "You are a rubbish collector and you are a lawyer or a doctor." Often, people do not go beyond the boundaries of their label and remained trapped in the prison of job descriptions. The secular jobs that we hold are our contribution to society and without individual contribution our society will fail. But it does not indicate who we are. When you are at work, do your best in the Lord according to the strength He has given to you and try to uphold justice as you go according to His will; even though injustice do reign in this world. When the time comes, on the day of the Lord, there will be a terrible reckoning. The Lord of the earth shall make an account of what we have done. Therefore be careful, of what you do and what you say, for all shall be taken into account and weighed to see if you are wanting. Though the Lord is slow to anger and abundant in mercy and forgiveness, do not put the Lord to the test or continue with our foolish sins but pray that we may receive strength from the Lord to overcome our weaknesses, though sometimes we may take one step forward but later two steps back, resulting in the end our condition may be worse than when we first began. Still, never give up hope and have faith in the Lord, for trials and temptations do come vehemently because of our fallen state but the love of God will cause us to persevere until the very end. When a man is in love, he does not wish to die but wishes to live and be with his love for eternity. Likewise if God loves you, he will not let you fail no matter what happens and if you love the Lord dearly, you will know what it is to love life, for it is God's gift to us and we must treasure it.

Our relationship with God defines who we are. For those who think to sell all their possessions and wait for the end of the world, well you are in grave error. Who ever said the end of the world is coming, instead it is the beginning of a refreshing new era that is coming, the earth shall be renewed, the heavens shall rejoice. The end however is nigh for the rampant beast of destruction. Wait on the Lord and be ever watchful while you are going about your business for the Lord said, two shall be in the field (working), one shall be taken while one shall be left behind and also two shall be grinding at the mill (working), one shall be taken and one shall be left behind. As such everyone should go about his own business and continue to work, for God never asked us to stop working and when He said "sell all you have and follow me", God asks us to sell our

attachments to this world, to not be consumed by the things that we own or the work that we do, but to have our own things and yet not feel attached to them. We buy but as though we possessed not (*1st Corinthians – Chapter 7:30*). The Lord shall gather His elects from the four winds. Prepare your hearts for the Lord to take us to His bosom for He shall search out and gather His beloved to His side.

1st CORINTHIANS 7:25-37

25 *Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.*
 26 *I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be.*
 27 *Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.*
 28 *But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.*
 29 ***But this I say, brethren, the time is short:*** *it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;*
 30 ***And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;***
 31 *And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.*
 32 *But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:*
 33 *But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*
 34 *There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.*
 35 *And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.*
 36 *But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.*
 37 *Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.*
 38 *So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.*
 39 *The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.*
 40 *But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.*

II. OF HOPES AND DREAMS

For the next few years, Andrew or Esther would come to visit us once a month by rotation and we would go home once a year. Donna planned to save money to study theology and for our parents to be able to stay with us in Singapore but it never turned out the way we planned.

Andrew wanted to move away from Ipoh because he felt that death was near and it made him perplexed and frantic. He thought that maybe a new environment would make him feel better (as he always moved around to a new place every ten years or so). He got thinner and thinner by the year. He complained to us that Esther was a very hard woman to please and that she criticized his cooking as their preferences differ while she herself did not cook because she does not know how to cook different types of dishes. As a result, they were not eating properly - without a well balanced diet. He almost cried when he told us that he did not feel like eating while at home because his daughters were not there. We tried to sell the little house to move to a place nearer to us but could

not find a buyer for a long time. Days passed into years as we struggle to find away to stay together again.

III. LAST DAYS TOGETHER

We did not know the seriousness of his cry for help until we came home for the Christmas holidays in 1994. We had not seen him for more than six months and neither he nor Esther ever told us about his condition when we communicated through letters and during Esther's visits for the past six months. To our shock Andrew became like a skeleton, bedridden and could not eat or drink. Slightest food that goes down his throat he would vomit it out laced with blood. He kept on instructing Esther on how to buy a coffin. He refused to go to the hospital. The house was not kept and Esther felt helpless and was obviously oblivious to the problem. Our parents had become feckless. Esther was healthy but she simply did not know what to do neither did she try to bring him to the hospital because he refused to see any doctor. However, we immediately brought him to a clinic to stop his vomiting and made several appointments at the hospital for him (but he never went to any subsequent appointments after we left. The hospital wanted to stick a tube down his throat to see the condition of his stomach and he when he heard that, he was terribly frightened and left the hospital immediately.)

We quickly cleaned up the house and tried to put things in order. After his visit to the clinic he felt better and was able to walk slowly and eat porridge.

The house looked different from the way I remembered it to be. It was dark and eerie even on broad daylight. It sent chills down my spine. It looked haunted and strange, the air in the rooms felt dead and heavy as if the angel of death was sitting in the house waiting and slowly suffocating him to death. It felt as if a war was engaging in the heavens around us, the angels of light and angels of darkness fighting over for his soul. Even the house itself looked perplexed. It was something that I have never seen or felt before.

To add unto our confusion and astonishment, Esther told us that our dog "Boxie Terrie Babino" died just two days ago before we came home. Boxie was a female albino boxer and we loved her very much. Boxie was a very good and affectionate dog, when she saw that Andrew was not eating and felt like dying; Boxie too refused to eat until she became very thin to a point of death. The veterinarian who examined Boxie said that the dog was not sick but he could not understand why the dog simply gave up on life. To ease her suffering, Esther had Boxie put to sleep.

Andrew told us that a few months ago, he became a changed man. He knelt down to pray even in his constant pain because of his stomach ulcer and he prayed unceasingly day and night. He told us that he saw many

things and that he finally understood what life was all about. He said we are no longer his daughters and he is not our father and that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ who is our Father. In his prayers he saw that the riches in heaven are endless, its treasures are beautiful and bountiful beyond measure that will never be used up. He said, "Christ wants me to see Him always and to get my health back."

Though we felt that he was dying but still we denied the fact and hoped that he would eventually get better. Two days after the Christmas holidays, it was time for us to go back to work. When I was about to leave, I looked at him sitting in the living room and in my heart I knew that it was the last time I will ever see him again until the day I die. When we were about to leave the house, he too looked at us in a way as if he too knew that he will not see us again until the second coming of Christ. I felt helpless and grievous. We immediately promised to give notice for resignation and come home within the next few months even if we did not have the means to do so but as long as we are home together again to look after Andrew and Esther but even before we get to resign from our jobs, Andrew had already passed on.

*When we are in transition
Oh, what a situation
Our Lord who has heard our petitions
has always given us His affections
And He shall surely set our positions
in accordance to His propositions
and when He shall accomplish all His decisions
as surely as His ascension
and Him preparing for us mansions
We will be with Him in perfection
and there will be no more commotion
but full of wonderful things beyond our imagination
Then shall we be in total satisfaction.*

CHAPTER EIGHT

FROM DEATH ONTO LIFE

I. LAST FEW HOURS

JOHN 17:24

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: For thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Andrew passed away on the 4th of January 1995, at 3 a.m. A few hours before he died, he told Esther that he felt as if he has been divided into two. He said that the top part of his body could not seem to connect with the bottom part.

Esther did not know what he was talking about and she did not even consider the possibility of his impending death. Then after midnight, he suddenly felt very cold and his whole body was shaking. He went to the toilet several times because of diarrhoea. When he came out after his last trip to the toilet, Esther took hold of him and helped him to sit down because he could barely walk. Before he was fully seated down, he said, " I cannot..." and he fell to the kitchen floor dead. Esther was stunned and did not know what to do. She even tried to rub ointment on his chest but there was no more breath in him, his hands had already started to harden. She sat beside him on the floor until dawn.

At about the same hour (3 a.m.) when Andrew passed away, Donna and I felt him leaving even though we were 600 kilometres away from home. Donna was working in the midnight shift when she felt death and said in her heart, " O death, O death, where is thy sting now." Then this verse came to her mind repeatedly. (John 11:25) - ".....I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:....."

Meanwhile, at that same hour, I was in a rented room (in Singapore) and could not sleep as I tossed and turned. I had a live air plant in my room and it withered that same hour. Its leaves just suddenly fell off and died. My soul was stirred up and my heart was tugging within me. The Lord reassured me with the verse in the book of Romans chapter 9:15. - "*For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*" Salvation is by the grace of God through election and not by works men.

As we did not have a telephone in the house, Esther went to our next-door neighbour in the morning to ask for help. Police came to the house to

investigate and to certify his death. Our neighbour who was a young Malay couple brought Esther to a coffin shop in the city on their motorcycle.

In the afternoon, that same day, Esther called me at my work place in Singapore. When I heard the news, I could not breathe and started wheezing (it probably gave me an instant asthma attack, something which I never had before). I proceeded to call Donna (who just woke up from her sleep because she worked shifts). She said, "What are you saying?" After a few minutes, reality sank in and we were both in tears. We immediately took leave and went home. Our work colleagues were all very kind and compassionate, and everyone at work donated some money for us to bury our dad.

II. PASSAGEWAY TO HEAVEN

JOHN 1:51

And he saith unto him, "verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

JOHN 3:5

Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

JOHN 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus Christ is the only one who has the keys to Heaven and Hell.

When we reached home, we looked at the house from the outside and it was not dark and gloomy anymore. It looked fresh and clear with the sense of our Heavenly Father's abiding love, as if a passageway to heaven was opened. Like Jacob's ladder leading straight up to heaven. We said to each other, "This does not look like a place where someone has just died."

In the house, it was not stuffy anymore. Andrew's body was in a coffin. Behold, an empty shell, just like the coffin which is made of wood, so is the empty shell of a man made of dust.

Another unusual thing happened. For the many years when I was staying in the house, we could never seem to get rid of ants, cockroaches and etc. No matter how sparkling clean the place was or the various insecticides that we used to get rid of them, they always manage to come back. But, ever since Andrew's death, all the insects seemed to have disappeared. Not a trace of them. The house practically became "insectless" for a year.

THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Andrew passed away on the 4th of January 1995.



Coffin in our living room at home.



Andrew's cremation

III. HIS REFUSAL TO BURY THE DEAD

In our hometown, all the burial grounds were controlled either by the church association or the Chinese religion association and the Malay people have their own burial grounds.

When Andrew passed away, the first thing that came to our minds was the ceremonial funeral burial performed by the church pastor. Though long time ago we considered cremation but burial, we thought this was the proper way to go.

The proprietor of the coffin shop had arranged an appointment with the Chinese Methodist Church to discuss funeral arrangements. So, he drove us to the church and there we met the pastor of the church. The first thing that the pastor told us was that we are not members of his church. Esther explained that, we had not been to this church for quite sometime in the past few years but when we first moved to Ipoh we did frequently attend the Sunday services here. "How do I know whether you are a Christian or not," he asked. So, Esther showed him Andrew's baptism certificate and their marriage certificate. When he saw that they were married in the Chinese Methodist Church in Kuala Lumpur, he told us to send the dead body back to the same church in Kuala Lumpur. It was back in 1959 when they got married in Kuala Lumpur. If the church in Ipoh did not recognise us as their member because we have not been there for a few years, what more of a church in Kuala Lumpur of which Andrew had not been there for the last thirty years or so.

Esther told the pastor that she knew his father because they studied together at the same theological college in Singapore. The pastor said that that was another matter whether she knew his father or not, and then stressed on the importance of issue at hand was that he himself does not know us and cannot remember seeing us attending his church services. He said, "but I do not know you." Donna said to the pastor, "God will take note," and she walked out of the church building. Esther tried to convince the pastor and said, "We are prepared to pay with money and we are not asking for free funeral services." The pastor's hands began shaking uncontrollably and he quickly walked off. He did not even offer to pray for us neither did he say a word of condolence.

Our eyes were brimming in tears for what he has done as deep grief filled our hearts and astonishment at the Church had overtaken our minds, what has the Church become? This thing has never happened in this city before. Surely, God too will say to counterfeit "Christians" on judgement day, "but I do not know you".

O Church, O Church, if I were a stranger in the city, a Christian traveller or a pilgrim, and if I should die at your doorstep, will you not bury me? Why are you leaving me at the roadside as if I were just a speck of dust?

In Ipoh, there were no public crematoriums except in a place at the Buddhist temple where they provide old fashion cremation methods for Buddhists and the general Chinese population. We were not given a choice; we were forced to bring him there to be cremated.

Family wise, only three of us were there at his cremation. We watched a man carry wood and gasoline, getting ready to burn the coffin. We stood there stoned staring at the cremation process. Then proprietor of the coffin shop said, "Shouldn't you say a prayer for him?" We had completely forgotten to pray for him due to the all the unexpected happenings within that day, even so, in our heart we know he is already in heaven. Esther led in a solemn prayer after being reminded. The next day we came back to collect his pieces of bones and ashes, and placed them in an urn. It is better being cremated, now that we can take the urn with us wherever we move to.

GENESIS 3:19

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

PSALMS 144:3-4

:3 *Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!*
:4 *Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.*

Lord, what is man that you should consider him? Toiling day and night in vain, suffering for vanities sake. A darkened soul whose spirit is dead that will die unto perpetual death. What is a lifetime of a man on earth, the many days are but a dot on the lifeline of eternity. What is all this suffering for? Why persevere when all ends in death?

How can a man be saved? What can man do in order to be counted worthy to be saved? Does man want to be saved in the first place? Saved from what, one might ask. To be saved from yourself. The scar that man inherited from Adam and Eve. And what scar is that? Death. You died the day you were conceived. No amount of beauty treatment or cosmetics can hide the fact that you are dead. The day you were born, you were encapsulated in time and that is all that is making you look like you are alive. The living flesh of a human being, alive because of the gift of a perpetual soul from God whether be it darkened or in the light. Without the Holy Spirit of God, a human being simply cannot survive outside of this capsule of time. This capsule of time is a phase all of mankind are born into and we must all go through it. When you reach to the end of the capsule, what will you find? Disintegration of the current human flesh (although the human triune "form" is continuous), and what is left is your soul, naked and shameful without the Holy Spirit of God. Although the spirit of the unregenerate is

dead, it cannot disappear into thin air like the flesh that returned to dust from whence it came. God's spirit given to man during creation is perpetual as God Himself is perpetual. Without the life giving light of the Holy Spirit of God, the darkened soul of man lives on for eternity just as God is eternal. As for the placement of the dead souls, well, that is according to God's judgement and we will all get to know of it sooner or later.

ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 7:15-20

- :15 *All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.*
:16 *Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself ?*
:17 *Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?*
:18 *It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.*
:19 *Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.*
:20 ***For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.***

MATTHEW 8:22

".....Jesus said unto him, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead."

The Lord loves His children and He has sent His Holy Spirit to work in us, quickening our dead spirits and will restore us when we wake up to our rightful place in paradise through the blood of Jesus Christ who took away our sins at the cross, (our Lord who has become our sacrificial lamb) reconciled us back to our Father in heaven our Creator. The mystery of being "born-again" can only be understood by those whom the Lord has restored back to life – the quickening of our spirit – the patched connection back to the lifeline of our Creator.

JOHN 6:63-65

- :63 *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*
:64 *But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him.*
:65 *And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*

New heaven and new earth is but a myth to people nowadays. Who cares about the struggle to stay obedient to God when God and the devil have become a myth too, even while a war in the heavens and earth between God and his fallen angels is still waging on. Man has become selfish, blind and naked, and still would not choose to return to his creator in order to obtain a better life even if the key is served to them on a silver platter. The devil has claimed many souls during these more or less 6000 years of war, much more than one hoped would not have happened but it did. What is man to do? The Lord is our Captain, surely vengeance belongs to the Lord and only He is able to wage war for us. Can the exertion of our own strength do any good in this battle? By our strength alone, we cannot move an inch forward in battle without the Lord. Only faith in Christ will win the day. Relax and trust in the Lord, for only our trust and faith in God alone that battles are won. Therefore, have faith and know that Christ is going ahead of us and that He has already won at the cross and that is all that you ever need know. "We

have never been to war and we are not at war now”, some people who are living comfortably at home in some safe corner of the earth may say. Not all wars involves mobilisation of the army. Even though in many parts of this earth today, pockets of injustice, rebellions and fighting are still on going. There are also on-going wars, which are of the invisible sort. It goes on in the heavens since the beginning of time and most of the time the battle is about getting the access to take control of our minds. Evil knows that the quickest way to annihilation is through self-destruction.

AN ELECTS LIFE AFTER EATING FROM THE TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL

*I have been very treacherous
My mind doth conceive vain thoughts
Fantasy rules my waking hours like a dream
Unwilling to return to my appointed sufferings
I runaway again and again
To my dark secret hiding places*

*Christ, save me from my own folly
Lord, do not put your hand against me
For your strength is great and
I am to a point of death unable to bear
Do not keep silent
For my tears run dry, longing to hear from you*

*In the end, ten thousand times have you forgiven me
You always find me again
Never letting me go off too far
You remember your words and your covenant with me
You reel me back to your bosom
Like a kite which has gone astray*

*Oh, Lord, it is difficult living in this world
The power of the flesh is strong
Evil temptations lurks everywhere
My spirit is constantly grieved
My heart pains to stay here*

*Soon all will betray me
Refusing to give me a place of rest
I lie on the streets like the dust
Bring me back to your hiding place
Restore my strength and clothe me again in your glory
May all those who rebel against you be recompensed*

*Let them all learn to say,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
And you will set thy truth again in all the earth
And they shall all live in your truth
And follow your ways in all the days to come. Amen.*

CHAPTER NINE

FROM LIFE ONTO DEATH **- IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN**

I. THE ORIGINAL STATE OF MAN AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD

GENESIS 1:26

*And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

GENESIS 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

God created man in His image, a living being who has a body, soul and spirit. We were formed from God's own breath - His spirit. His Holy Spirit is the light of our spirit. Without the Holy Spirit of God, our spirit in its fallen state is nothing but darkness and is altogether of the devil.

God at one point in time came into this world in the form of a man. His name is Jesus Christ. Christ who is the word of God incarnate, represents the visible form of God. The Father in a way represents the soul of God. The Holy Spirit of Christ is the very essence of God, the divine being who is all knowing and all seeing and is not limited to our time frame nor is He bound by our human limitations. Therefore, since we are born with our limitations in this three/four-dimensional world, we cannot even begin to grasp or imagine the complexity and omnipotence of God and His Kingdom.

THE TRINITY CONCEPT

First of all, the word "trinity" does not even exist in the Bible. Jesus Christ uses the word "Father", "Son" and "Holy Spirit" so interchangeably because those are His attributes / characteristics / manifestations / names, however, so much so that the three names were mistakenly thought to be or that the reader come to his own conclusion that God exists as three separate persons rather than one God. It is because that the word "persons" itself is very misleading as it denotes individuality. God is only one person and not three persons. Jesus Christ used the words, Father and Holy Spirit frequently when He walked on earth because it is merely to show us as an example of how we should behave. It is like if I can do it, so can you, because Jesus Christ will help you through your human weaknesses because He too experienced those human weaknesses and have overcome them triumphantly.

In the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13), the Lord was teaching us how we should pray, not in synagogues or in public places but in your own closet or room in private. He was teaching the individual how to pray in using the word "our" as in "Our Father which art in Heaven.....". In the word "our" in the Lord's prayer, Jesus Christ was also telling us that as we are made in the image of God, the individual person also exist similar to God in the plural form "our". It is our body, soul and spirit, and not that we have split personalities but three distinct mechanism in one person. This is the concept that God made us humans.

JOHN 1:1-3

- :1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- :2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*
- :3 *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Jesus Christ, the Father and the Holy Spirit are three names of God in different aspects of God's own functions and manifestations but are all one and the same. Any attempt to view the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as three separate entities or persons by concentrating, hold higher regard or praying to either one of them individually or separately are in grave error. Just because God can be in a thousand places at one time does not mean that He exist in a thousand persons. What we do not understand and that which were not revealed to us in this time and space, simply does not mean that it is not so. And when Revelation chapter 5, verse 6 says of the "*seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth*" it does not mean that God exists in seven persons but simply signifies that God is all knowing and all seeing.

When God came to visit Abraham in the book of Genesis, "*Chapter 18*", God revealed Himself in the flesh and that was the Word of God revealed so that God may come close and appear to man. And we know that the Word of God incarnate is Jesus Christ. When at first God spoke to Abram to ask Abram to leave his father's house and later establishing His covenant with Abraham, God commune with Abram through His Holy Spirit. So, therefore all these different manifestations are all one and the same God but in different situations.

In the Book of Isaiah Chapter 9 verse 6, we know that some of the names of Jesus Christ are "Wonderful", "Counsellor", "mighty God", "The everlasting Father" and "Prince of Peace". The Jews were indignant at Jesus Christ when He said, "I and my Father are one" they most probably found themselves difficult to imagine that their one true God can appear as an ordinary man. What is worse today when "Christian" doctrines especially the Pentecostals/Charismatic, believe that God exists in three totally separate persons, much to the objection of those who practice Judaism no doubt, who believe that God is one. Unless both Judaism and Christianity begin to see that God is One and that God did indeed come to us in the form of Jesus Christ the Messiah to save us and work in us through His Holy Spirit to

comfort us and to strengthen us, the rift between the two will forever remain for both are correct in one angle and yet both are wrong if we look at it in another angle. Ah, much to the delight of Satan to confuse us ever more with different bible versions and translations and commentaries and et cetera, etc, etc.....and when left with one's imagination, what a disaster. Therefore, trust in God with your heart and not your eyes nor your mind, for they sometimes betray us.

JOHN 10:30

I and my Father are one.

JOHN 14:10

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works.

JOHN 14:16-17

*:16 and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever.
:17 even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

One person (Human) = Body (visible) + Soul (invisible) + Spirit (invisible)

One God (Creator) = Son (visible) + Father (invisible) + Holy Spirit (invisible)

Humans made likened unto God have three distinct functions that are the body, soul and spirit. The body is animated by the soul. The body comes alive (moves) because of our soul. The soul gives us conscience to do what is right and what is wrong. Soul is the character and the mind of which is the main frame of a person that will go on forever even when the present body (flesh) seemingly expires when man moves on from one realm to another and what he left behind is just an image or an imprint on the soil or sand that he was here in this realm, and remember that man was made from the soil – for dust we are and to dust we shall return when we die in this world. Like a person placing his palm onto wet cement leaving his palm print on the cement when it dries, so his palm print is proof that he was there for a while but he went home and so he moved on to another location. So is the lifetime of a man, he leaves his imprint on earth when he dies (his corpse), then he moved on to another location or another realm fully intact.

When we move from one realm to another we still have our visible and complete body like in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31, even in the realms of hell the triune make up of a person remains the same as one still feels thirst and bodily torment (Luke 16:24) and likewise for God's children we shall be instantly be renewed by Christ through His promise at the cross: *"I tell you the truth, today you shall be with me in paradise"* – Luke 23:43. For those who are born maimed or with body parts missing in this world it is because of our fallen nature according to the corrupted laws of nature, which applies only to this world alone. When a

person who was born without limbs in this world but when he passes on to the next realm, be it heaven or hell, his complete body will be seen of what he actually is. That is why during Jesus Christ's days on earth, He possess the power to restore a person's health and missing parts according to the blueprint make-up of the person's actual body structure because He see you from outside of time and He sees you for who you really are for He is the living God who created you in the first place.

Our body now is only a vessel or a casing made of soil, which is entrusted to us when we are born into this world. For example, if you have been entrusted with a very expensive and precious vessel made of pure gold studded with jewels, will you not be very careful to take care of it? Therefore, be very careful not to break that vessel of yours and also do not go around stealing or breaking other peoples' vessels for every vessel is unique and precious. Take care not cut, pierce or destroy yourselves for our body is the temple of God, the dwelling place of His Holy Spirit the breath of life God gave to Adam. In the book of Revelation chapter 3, verse 20, *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Open your hearts to Christ and let Him in so that we may be able to commune with our God ever so closely as is should be from the beginning of time.

Our spirit, be it (alive) bright or in darkness (dead) is our link to God because God gave us His Breath which is His Spirit coming into us. Our spirit is the strength and life of our soul. Without God's quickening of our spirit, we remain dead in darkness. Only Christ can bring back the life and light to our spirit, the condition that He originally created us to be.

JOHN 5:21

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.

JOHN 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

The breath of God is what differentiates us from animals. Animals are not made in the likeness of God and do not have the Spirit of God. Animals do not have soul and spirit. They are special animated creatures made by God. Their unique brain activity gives them individual character. When animals die they do not continue on like humans do. The life of an animal ceases when its bodily functions are terminated.

II. (THE FIRST DEATH) FALLEN STATE OF MAN IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS

GENESIS 1:2-4

- :2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*
:3 *And God said, LET THERE BE LIGHT: and there was light.*
:4 *And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

JOHN 1:4-5

- :4 *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*
:5 *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

JOHN 1:9-11

- :9 *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*
:10 *He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew him not.*
:11 *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

God created our present world within the domains of Satan (inside the prison cell of Satan). The universe as we know it today is a place of darkness where the devil dwelt after his separation from God. God created a separate place of darkness (a prison of some sort) to put Satan and the fallen angels after being expelled from the presence of God because of Satan's rebellion.

God's universe is not dark; the dark galaxy we see today is all of Satan's domain. That is why in the Book of Job we are told that Satan walks to and fro in the earth, because it is his domain, for God had already expelled Satan out from God's Kingdom after his rebellion. *Job 1:7 "And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."*

God merely created some stars and the sun to give off some light to illuminate the darkness a little but the true illuminator is Christ Himself. He is our light. There is only brightness in the domains of God.

REVELATION 21:23

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

God created man with one of His purpose is to bind Lucifer in chains for eternity for the crime of murder. The murder of the human race. Before man was created, Satan already wanted to kill his own creator but unable to do so. As Christ is fair and just, for every crime there is some measure of punishment whether light or heavy depends on the nature of the being (angel or man) and the grace of God. Even when Lucifer was separated from God at the beginning when he exalted himself as the most high, still, God did not bind him in hell yet because God was waiting for Lucifer to carry out the actual crime of murder which was already set in his mind since he first sinned

by exalting himself above God. So, after the murder of the human race, Christ took it as an occasion to put him away for good.

The moment Lucifer sinned, God saw through Satan's thought of pride in eliminating the Most High. The thought of murder was originally directed at God in order to take His throne but obviously the devil could never succeed because being a created celestial being, he has limited powers. A creation can never be higher than the creator. Therefore killing man who was made in the image of God was the next best thing that Satan could do.

ISAIAH 14:13-14

*:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

Lucifer was expelled when he thought of murder, but when he actually did it he was condemned for eternity. Murder alone is not the only act that merits hell fire. Murder is the result of the sin of wilful disobedience towards God. Ultimately it was the sins of pride and disobedience leading to wilful outward rebellion against the Lord our God Jesus Christ that has lead human and celestial beings straight into eternal damnation.

JOHN 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

By the sin of disobedience and outward rebellion against God ("wanted to be as God" – Isaiah 14:13-14) was Lucifer expelled from the presence of God, so was man by the same sins separated from God because man too wanted to be like gods when merely being tempted by the devil in the Garden of Eden. What simpletons we are, being fooled into following the same desires as Lucifer, wanting to be like gods.

By the sin of murder was the devil put away for good in hell, so was man especially Cain and his descendants were condemned for eternity in hell for the murder of Abel. Note that the human race today is all descendants of Noah and not Cain; the lineage of Cain was completely cut off at the great flood. Today, we risk the same of being put away for good in eternal damnation if we do not repent from our disobedient murderous ways, for the evil nature of man continuously find ways to sever himself from the lifeline attachment to God by murdering not only the body but also the spirit by killing what is left of any belief or faith in God.

By the obedience and submission of Jesus Christ to the Father was man reconciled with God (Philippians 2:5-9, 1st Peter 1:2, Hebrews 5:8-9, Romans 5:12-21). Jesus Christ had to sacrifice His own life at the cross in order to

redeem us back from hell to paradise. By the sins of man was man driven out of paradise, therefore only through the Word of God made flesh shall paradise be regained (John 1:14). Therefore only by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, His power over flesh is to help us overcome our flesh of which was sure heading for eternal damnation because of our sins and the weaknesses of our flesh, if not for the victory of Christ reversing our fate.

Christ Jesus came to undo the mistake of what we did at the beginning of time. Only God has the power to turn the tables around and to correct our deadly mistakes. Christ came personally in the flesh and died at the cross, went down to hell to claim its keys and resurrected unto eternal life in victory over death for us.

REVELATION 1:18

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of Hell and of Death.

Liken unto the case of the Apostle Peter who denied Christ three times in the hour of desperation and cowardice. Christ had to pray for Him and later after Christ's resurrection; Peter was made to declare his love for Jesus three times (John 21:14-18) to undo his denial of Christ. The many problems that we get ourselves entangled with, Jesus Christ is the only one able to get us out of the mess.

Before Christ's death and resurrection, Satan and his fallen angels were allowed some measure of freedom to roam in this dark universe of theirs but after Christ's victory, God has obtained the right to deliver mankind from the devil's clutches and has restricted that small amount of freedom which Satan had before.

MATTHEW 16:19

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(THE FALL OF MAN)

Man's five hasty steps towards destruction:

disobedience - rebellion - separation - murder - hell fire

(REDEMPTION FOR MAN – GOD REVERSING OUR DEATH)

What Christ went through to save His beloved from destruction:

obedience - submission - reconciliation - sacrifice - paradise.

BIBLE COMMENTARY - BY ROBERT JAMIESON

.....if the tree of life in the midst of the garden was designed to be a sacramental sign or emblem of immortality,.....

.....the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was of a poisonous nature...

GENESIS CHAPTER 3:14

:14 *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

The serpent does not have legs, and to take away one's legs are a sign to take away their freedom to do anything they so please, for God took away the mobility of the devil and its freedom to move around the heavens for every move that the devil made are not without permission from God and is monitored closely by the Lord.

In the garden of Eden, the "Tree of the knowledge of good and evil" belonged to Lucifer while the "Tree of life" belonged to Christ. Lucifer being a celestial being, an angel has some knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, good works alone is not the way to heaven because the "good works" that mankind do without Christ is altogether of the devil's tree of "good" and "evil". It is the devil's version of good that is being done because all have died and are in the Lucifer's darkness unless we are being set free by the blood of Christ through election. Therefore, good works alone will not get you to heaven.

JOHN 3:17-21

:17 *For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved.*
:18 *He that believeth on Him is not condemned : **but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.***
:19 *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*
:20 *For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*
:21 *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

So, the father of lies has twisted the truth to suit his own ways and beguiled Eve to eat from his tree saying, "*ye shall be like gods.*" In fact, it was Lucifer himself that wanted to be a god, as he exalted himself as god and has caused us to fall into his trap. By eating his fruit, Satan has killed our spirit the light of life within us and covered us in his own darkness because we have partaken of his fruits.

[Eating is a symbol of acceptance, therefore by eating from the tree of good and evil, we have consented to be embraced by the devil welcoming him into our lives of which he immediately killed us and we are left naked and separated from God living in the devil's darkness.] There is another twist to the truth when the devil told the lie. Indeed the Lord has said that those whom he has chosen are sons of God. John 1:12 "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*"

And so we know that most of the time, Satan does speak of half of the truth for he knows the bible more than everybody else but most of the time it is Satan's own manipulated version of the truth, which is altogether a lie. The devil only has to tempt and misdirect us and we go a tumbling down ourselves into the endless abyss of self-destruction. Satan merely

misdirected Adam and Eve from the truth to his “tree of good and evil” but if Adam and Eve have known of the tree of life and eat thereof then it is true that they indeed shall be like gods.

Genesis 3:22 *“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:”*

Without Christ we remain in Satan's darkness. Without the blood of Christ our sins (which is Satan's sins but has become ours also since we partook of Satan) remain for eternity. Jesus Christ is our antidote of life for Satan's poison of perpetual death. In the times before Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again, only through special election and preservation can a person be saved, from the time of Adam, Seth until Abraham and also later through guidance under the Law of which God gave to Moses and because the Law proved to be too burdensome and filled with loop holes and Christ came to take our place and to take the place of the sacrificial lamb. If you have an old rickety car, will you not trade in that old car, when your family offers you a free upgrade to the latest and most expensive model?

GENESIS 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-22

:21 *For since by man came death, by man also the resurrection of the dead.*

:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

Most people simply cannot see nor understand about the “death” that God was speaking about. To any ordinary person, life is when a person is still breathing and has brain activity. Are you sure that you are alive?

There is the “First Death”, Adam and Eve’s separation from God, light of the Holy Spirit within man snuffed out. Then there is the “Physical Death”; to an ordinary person who is still breathing, physical death appears to be an escape from the toils of this world; maybe a long slumber or simply just disappear into nothingness; perhaps a wandering ghost; a skeleton in the coffin; and maybe will you go to some sort of a heaven or a hell.

Physical death is but a transition at the speed of thought. Physical death is an awakening, a beginning of another journey and is like when you are dreaming (sleeping) and someone wakes you up, you open your eyes and you say, I am awake. In physical death, God wakes you up and you open your eyes and see things as they really are. In physical death is the realisation your immortality. Either forever with God being truly alive forever more or forever with the devil unto perpetual death, this is the “Second Death”.

DANIEL 12:1-3

- 1 *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*
- 2 *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*
- 3 *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.*

We have all died in the Garden of Eden. The serpent said, surely you will not die. Once again, it is the devil's infamous lie - his version of the truth. Though we do not immediately appear to be dead, but our physical body began to deteriorate. In the beginning it was not so, our physical body were not meant to deteriorate. The Spirit of God is our key to immortality as He created man as immortals living forever. Once separated from God as our memory of God fails and soon becomes a fable and our belief in God disappeared, we are completely cut off from life itself. The spirit of God is like the air and oxygen in our lungs without which we are as good as dead.

When God spoke of the second death in hell, those people still have feelings and sensations and their five senses are well intact. So do we, our five senses are working and are alive in this world too. Are there any differences in the second death as in the first death? Only that in the second death, suffering goes on and on and we are unable to control the surroundings because after physical death we are out of the controlled environment time capsule, unlike now when you are tired, you can actually go to sleep, or when you feel hot in the summer you switch on the air-conditioning. In hell, when you are tired, you will not be allowed to go to sleep, you feel really hot but there is no air-conditioner and when you are hungry there is no food available because only for those people saved by God will have ample supply of food as God spoke of fruit trees and banquets. Ah yes, even after physical death the ability to eat food is not taken away. For those who are not born again (born of the spirit), the body and human condition of the unregenerate do not change when in hell, only the surroundings change and it is out of their control.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Our human condition since the fall of Adam and Eve is not a natural condition. We suffered an unnatural death - that is our body began to grow old and return to dust eventually. The original condition of Adam and Eve before the fall was that they were created with the capacity of an immortal because the spirit of God is everlasting. The curse, *"till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"* were said after they were tempted by the devil and not before. If we did not fall for the devil's temptation and had been obedient to God, until now no man would have tasted death or would he ever needed sleep because of the free access

to the Tree of Life. Sleeping and dreaming is also a very human and mortal condition applicable to our time frame only because it is a form of rest to alleviate us from the burden of mortality that God gave us after the curse. The only time Adam slept before the fall was when God made him fall asleep in order to take out one of his ribs (Genesis 2:21).

Since the fall, our body has become first and foremost, soul in second place within and spirit either in third place or totally dead. Our mortal state is a very heavy burden indeed as we began to feel tired, thirsty, hungry, sad, lonely, bored, and et cetera because we are in the prison of death. Finally our bodily functions fail and we so called "die" as we go into the second death and for those who have been spiritually reborn we go into eternal life. If you are not born-again, when you finally wake (into the second death), all that you will find is emptiness.

ISAIAH 29:7-8

*:7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
:8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.*

For those who have eternal life, after our physical death, we are immediately transformed into a reversed state of being; spirit first and foremost, soul second and our body in third place within the power of the spirit though the body is still visible as and when we desire. In our immortal state, we no longer feel hunger, tiredness and none of those heavy burdens because we are freed from our prison cell. We have been transformed into the likeness of Christ. That is why God speak of the importance of being born again. (Please refer to chapter 10)

But for those who die the second death, ooh what a death it shall be, to be forever thirsty, forever in pain, forever bored to death but you cannot die for you are already dead and that is the sorry condition.

People in general love to think that death is when everything stops and disappears, or an eternal sleep, well you are dead wrong. You will be forever awake and wishing you can fall asleep but you are unable to. Our freedom now will either be multiplied in Heaven or what is little left of our freedom will be taken away if we go to hell.

REVELATION 2:11

*:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the **second death**.*

REVELATION 21:7-8

*:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the **second death**.*

REVELATION 20:6

:11 *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the **second death** hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

ISAIAH 26:17-21

17 *Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.*
18 *We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.*
19 *Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.*
20 *Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.*
21 *For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*

Just as Christ died and rose again, so shall we by the grace of God, though we that are dead shall we rise together with Christ unto everlasting life.

We are all born wearing Satan's filthy garments, only Christ has the power to clothe us in His glory. Let us therefore call upon the Lord and bless His name forever for He has called us to be His children.

ZECHARIAH 3:2-7

:2 *And the Lord said unto satan, the Lord rebuke thee, O satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*
:3 *Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before an angel.*
:4 *And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold I have cause thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.*
:5 *And I said, let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.*
:6 *And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,*
:7 *Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.*

GENESIS 3:24

:24 *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Come to the Lord all you children of God and eat from the tree of life. For 4 thousand years the way to the tree of life was well guarded but the Lord has revealed that through Jesus Christ the way to the tree of life is now accessible to those He has chosen for **Christ is the tree of life**. Are you so sure that the food we eat everyday is what keeps us alive? In John Chapter 4:32 & 34, the Lord said **“I have meat to eat that ye know not of”** and also **“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work”**. And in John Chapter 4:14, the Lord said **“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life”**.

JOHN 6:54-56

:54 *Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*
:55 *For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*
:56 *He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*

As we most willingly open our mouths to eat delicious food likewise let us open our hearts to receive Jesus Christ into our hearts with faith, for in Him lies all the nutrients that we ever need for now even unto the next life; for in Christ lies the key to eternal life. Let us receive the word of God so that we may be absorbed into His love and His Spirit will cause us to grow to love Him more and more each day. In His love we are able to love our neighbours and even our enemies, for His love gives us understanding and peace.

Do not be forever foolish and choose the devil's food. That junk food will make you fall sick and will plague your body, soul and spirit. The devil has a hold on us like a fatal disease, making our spiritual and physical abilities deteriorate rapidly. Only the wholesome goodness of the Lord will restore us. The Holy Spirit of the Lord within us is a devil repellent. Like strong antibodies, Christ will fight for our well being, be it your body, soul or spirit. Let His Holy Spirit renew your thoughts and refresh your memories for the Lord.

(We partake of the Lord's supper in church as a reminder to our ever forgetful minds about Christ, but be aware and know that those who partake of the Lord's supper in church, it is not a form of guarantee for salvation. There are many who partake of the Lord's Supper and yet are not among the chosen)

JOHN 14-26

But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

REVELATION 1:4-5

:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

The human race constantly labours to feed the stomach but how many of you labour to feed your soul and spirit? All through our lives we labour to feed ourselves and are still constantly hungry until the day we die. Labour now to feed your spirits that you may live forever and will be comfortably full and contented. Labour for life is easy, just place your trust in the Lord and believe in Him who has already done everything for you.

III. FIRST SUBDUED, THEN EXPANDED

DANIEL 7:7

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

The prophet Daniel saw four beasts. The first three had a form (lion, bear, leopard) while the fourth beast was beyond animal description because it has spread and disguised itself. (Daniel 7:7) The iron teeth mentioned, represents the extensive use of iron and steel contraptions (i.e. buildings, aeroplanes, trains and automobiles) that this age is experiencing. The first three had a form because they were the embodiment of men with limited modern resources, if Alexander the great "the leopard" had our modern weapons at his disposal, he would have conquered the entire world and destroyed it.

For thousands of years God has kept the knowledge of today's modern technology from man with a purpose to contain and restrict the antichrist's strength and physical mobility (although the devil can move swiftly here and there spiritually). God kept it a secret for so long because he knew that the devil will corrupt it and make full use of it, as it will provide the speed and coverage necessary for Satan to expand and take control under disguise in the name of high technology without showing his face.

MATTHEW 24:22

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The Lord has shortened the days of Laodicea. If days of Laodicea are as long as for example the days of the Church of Thyatira (the dark ages) which lasted for about 900 years. Already we are about to wipe ourselves off the face of the earth within 100 years what more if the age of Laodicea were to last for 900 years. The pollution we make, the species of animals we make extinct and the counterfeit modern technology of Satan that quickly destroys the earth. Surely by then even remainder of God's children would have diminished left only with the children of darkness, or worse still, the whole of the human race would not have lived that long for the chemical waste that we created ourselves and nuclear science itself would have wiped us off from the face of the earth if Laodicea were to go on for even a few hundred years more. That is why God knew of our weaknesses and have shortened the times of Laodicea.

From the beginning of creation until the age of the church of Philadelphia, the devil has been given limited mobility to perform mass destruction. Now that we have many weapons of mass destruction being invented everyday under the guise of innovation and modern technological advancement. The

beginning of the new trial of temptations, where the people in the age of Philadelphia were spared from experiencing.

REVELATION 3:10

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth.

The dreadful fourth beast was different from the other three beasts because of its unrecognisable form. The previous three beasts were recognisable meaning that when they did evil deeds through a human leader, evil deeds that can be seen and known by man that it looked evil and man was fore warned of it directly. In days of old, generally what is known to be bad is bad and good is good. However, in the era of this fourth beast, bad seems good and what is good will be blurred and diverted to look bad thus resulting in confusion all around. What was once bad (black) or good (white) have now become various shades of grey and all other colours also appeared. This is Satan's last desperate attempt to draw our souls away from God. Making everyone believe that living a spiced up "colourful" and illustrious life is good; while integrity in the Lord is ooh so boring. For example: - in a cosmopolitan city when an adolescent tries to uphold his Christian virtues is often branded as if something is wrong with him and he becomes unpopular or an outcast among his peers.

ISAIAH 32:1-8

:1 *Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.*
:2 *And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*
:3 *And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.*
:4 *The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.*
:5 ***The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.***
:6 *For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.*
:7 *The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.*
:8 *But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.*

Disguises such as love of worldliness desires like money, power and selfish deeds are somewhat beautified to look good. Direct demon infliction and demon possession are now given new names like mental illness, depression and all forms of medical terms used to describe various physical and mental conditions of a person. Lots of money no matter how it was obtained, whether illegally or by means of self-exploitation is termed good and fulfilling lusts of the flesh is viewed as normal. To the general public, they are taught there is no God and so conveniently there is no one we are answerable to except ourselves. All of these and more are nothing except lies. In schools for example, education both true and false information, like theories of evolution are taught in schools as all true, misleading children and adults alike. The earth my friends, is not more than 6000 thousand years old give or take a few years.

In the devil's last desperate act, he has also penetrated the Christian church in full force and large scale planning for mass hallucination with just a little bit of diversion from the truth. One tiny mistake gives the devil chance to slide in unnoticed and take control of you. If the individual person is not chosen by God, he is easily swept away in this mass organisation where in the beginning when Jesus Christ faithfully called it a Church where Christians gathered to receive the word of God and to comfort one another. Ah yes, the Church. What an easy diabolical plan to destroy God's people from within. Like the Trojan horse and like a simple worm in an apple it eats away at the very core. Look at the many cults and many denominations of churches existing today and the different methods they practice and all in the name of Jesus Christ. Are you sure we are talking about the same Jesus Christ? Those who look for outward signs and demand gifts from the Holy Spirit must beware! You are treading on dangerous grounds and invoking the devil himself.

The distress of Laodicea has caused us to grow lukewarm. We are ignited by the desires of spiritual revivals but like seeds that are scattered among thorns and rocky places, we sprung up only to be choked by the cares of this world. Liberal and moderate Christians you called yourselves. The Lord has spit you out from His mouth. The Disciples themselves did not have any building to preach the Gospel of Christ and have to run from place to place, from house to house delivering the Good News, but you now have a huge Church or a lavishly decorated Cathedral to preach comfortably under air-conditioning on your velvet pulpit and what have you gained? Nothing! Instead of thanking God for His gifts of comfort and a roof over your head when you preach, you have lost everything, for the Lord says that you are poor, wretched, miserable, blind and naked!

To the remnants of Laodicea, seek the counsel of the Lord continually all the days of your life and be not afraid of the trials that may come your way for we buy from Him gold tried in fire and be clothed in the white raiment of righteousness of the Lord by following His law and His will that you may not appear naked and anoint your eyes with eyesalve to see with the understanding of the Lord.

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REVELATION 3:14-22

:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.

:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

:16 So, then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be

clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me.

:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne.

:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

IV. THE MALIGNANT POWER

1 JOHN 2:22

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 JOHN 4:3

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 JOHN 1:7

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

The malignant power of the antichrist sweeps across the world in many forms, of which all is to usher in the man antichrist himself. Its source is of course from the mastermind himself Satan, who will possess a man before the second coming of our Lord. The antichrist spoken of by the prophet Daniel already exist without form but later he will enter into a man and work through him. Even so, now there are already many antichrists in this world since the beginning of time, all of which are subjects of the devil, doing his bidding.

God knew of this destructive force even before time began. But know and understand that all things must come to pass, as God has planned to capture the devil and put him away for good. Satan's time left on earth is short and his fate is sealed; that is why he is now more dreadful and terrible than ever before, say, a few thousand years ago. Dreadful not only in a sense that can be seen which is ugly or scary but dreadful also because he has assimilated himself (and all the fallen angels with him) into the very core of society, metamorphosed into something seemingly good and peaceable; acceptable to all!

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12

:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

DANIEL 8:23-25

:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand, and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Whatever Satan devises to do, he must first ask permission from God to execute them, for nothing escapes God. Everything that God allows Satan to do is according to the divine plan and God will never let the devil go beyond his limits. God is in full control from the beginning to the end and even unto eternity. (Job 1:6-12) (Job 2:1-9)

Job 1:12

And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.

Just what are those malignant powers? Lawlessness? Whose law? Not exactly the law made by man but the universal law of Christ. Anyone who is against the truth and does not believe in the truth, practises evil deeds, delights in committing sin and simply anyone who does not believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is the antichrist and is helping the malignant power to succeed. Satan is now so diverse and incorporated into the world that many fail to recognize his signature. The prophet Daniel saw this fourth beast being dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong and different from other previous forms. Evil is not recognisable anymore.

God gave us technological advancement, which is very good, but those who misuse this knowledge and use it against God and against man or nature are altogether of the devil. The theory of Darwin has made its mark with permanent damage to this generation. Economic and political systems are to the manipulation of the devil.

It is easy for all of us to become the antichrist, for all of us are descendants of Adam and Eve who ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All of us have our good and evil but which is the one that you shall choose to have it control your life? Whether you choose good or evil is of no difference. What you must choose is to believe in Jesus Christ. Mankind has a natural tendency to be curious and experiment with things that are specifically told not to do or touch. God specifically told Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree and that made them evermore curious. God has told his people for

thousands of years not to do evil but to keep his statutes. His instructions were left unheeded by many and they went on to do the exact opposite. Only Christ has the power to overcome our evil self, to subdue it now by the His blood and to extricate it later when we physically die. Christ has the power of eternal life with him for He is the Tree of Life. As the tree of good and evil represents the devil. The tree of life represents Christ.

Behold, the devil has spread its tentacles into every aspect of our lives. When we are going about our own business daily, whether at school, at work or at play, pray with the faith that the Lord will put on the armour of God on you; only through faith in Christ will it come into effect (Ephesians 6:11-18), so that we may not forget ourselves and fall into temptation and be led astray.

EPHESIANS 6:11-18

- 11 *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
13 *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
14 *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*
15 *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
16 *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
17 *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
18 *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

1 JOHN 4: 3-4

- :3 *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*
:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

GALATIANS 5:16-21

- 16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
17 *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*
18 *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*
19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*
20 *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*
21 *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Therefore, when we are at work, do not seek after self-glorification, unprincipled behaviour, unfairness, cheating for self-gain, egotism and etc.

One of the works of the antichrist is to stir up fear of the world (and fear of man), for it is the springboard for many sins. Fear happens because of misinformation and lack of understanding. Fear often leads to worry. Worry about money, work and many little things in life, which will manage to keep us preoccupied and forget the Lord. If we feed on fear, causing it to continue and expand, the result will be catastrophic. Anger, insanity, murder and suicide are some of the end results stemmed from a simple fear.

PSALM 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.

MATTHEW 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

V. THE DECEPTION OF THE AGES

THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND TARES.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 13:24-30

- :24 *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:*
:25 *But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*
:26 *But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.*
:27 *So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?*
:28 *He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?*
:29 *But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.*
:30 *Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

MATTHEW CHAPTER 13:37-41

- :37 *He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*
:38 ***The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;***
:39 *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*
:40 *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*
:41 *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*
:42 *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*
:43 *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

God sowed good seed (the wheat) when He created Adam and Eve. But when we have been expelled from the presence of God, we have been propelled into a world of uncertainties and altogether of the devil. Even the first born of Adam and Eve was not spared, as Cain was the first tare that the devil had quickly sowed. Ah yes, even within Christian families the wicked one has not spared you from giving birth to the children of darkness.

Can a mother have a heart to disown her own flesh when she finds out that her child is not of God but of the devil's tares of whom she has carried for nine months and has nourished the child until he is grown up? No. What then can a mother or a father do? What can a brother do? Is Jacob to kill his own brother Esau? No, they must learn to live together in the same world, just as Jesus Christ has lived with Judas Iscariot under the same roof, we must do the same (*but I do not mean those children of darkness who outwardly practice evil and heinous crimes, for those there are the prisons*). The Lord has the power to eliminate His betrayer and yet He did not but was obedient

to the will of God (Isaiah 42:1-9) and so must we be obedient to the will of God.

In Matthew chapter 10, the Lord said that a man's enemies are members of his own household. For example, the sons of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac, Ishmael was raised worshipping the true God of Abraham but the descendants of Ishmael today have gone astray and worshipped another god in a religion that only surfaced some 1600 years ago. As for most of the descendants of Israel, well, simply to say that they did not recognise the Messiah. What do you intend to do then? Wipe out each other from the face of the earth? The Lord has already instructed not to uproot the tares for He said that *"lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them"*. Is it not so true to His word that in any war against the "bad guys", the "good guys" also gets killed in the process?

Can you really identify all of the tares because the time is not ripe yet and the tares may look almost the same as the wheat when it is growing up? In the dictionary, tares are said to be harmful and sometimes poisonous weeds resembling rye or corn when young. Remember that the antichrist's main purpose is to choke and destroy the wheat. Those who claim that they are helping in the name of the Lord to uproot the tares are actually working for the antichrist themselves because they have contradicted the word of God by attempting to uproot the children of the tares. The antichrist has assumed the face of Christianity and in the attempt to make the entire world to hate and fight against the so-called Christian nations as what is happening today for example between "Western countries" and the "Middle Eastern countries".

Those who confess that they love the Lord, ever so religiously attend church, always giving to the poor, claiming to hold high moral standards and yet when it comes to fulfilling the commandments of God, sometimes they actually pick and choose. For example, if you love God, then why do hate your brother over small worldly matters. Not only your immediate family members but also those distant peoples of whom we forgot are our brothers. If all men are from Adam and Eve, then all are brothers and sisters, even though different cultures and religious sets rift in the relationships of men. For what right have you to hate your brother, for example if he of a different religion than your good self? Only God judges, therefore leave it there, do not meet out judgements for yourselves, for mortal men do not have the right to do so.

1st John verse 20 – "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

For in the book of Ephesians (chapter 2:2-3) tells us that without Christ's saving grace we who are elects of God are as the children of the tares walking through the course of this fallen imperfect world. Therefore we must understand the works of the Lord and follow His ways and learn to live with our enemies in peace on earth until the second coming of Christ because

revenge is mine saith the Lord, He is our righteous Judge. We must not take matters into our own hands. The Lord will judge the wicked in due season, and only the Lord can seek out everyone up to the very last of His sheep that has gone astray and to bring them home safely.

Do you not think that Jesus Christ had the power to wipe out His enemies whether be it the Sanhedrin or the Roman Occupiers at the time when he was walking on earth 2000 years ago? Of course He did! But He did not want to disturb the natural order of things in which are to be fulfilled according to God's master plan (*Isaiah chapter 42:1-9*). Instead of thinking of revenge, take time to be close to the Lord that you may bear fruits like longsuffering, temperance and kindness to your neighbours and yes, even to your enemies. Do not wage war as the children of disobedience do but instead learn of the Lord, for we fight with a different weapon, the Holy Spirit of God of whom at the slightest presence of the Lord, devils flee and the wicked ones tremble.

2nd Corinthians 10:3-5,

:3 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:",

:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)",

:5 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,"

ISAIAH CHAPTER 42:1-9

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 **A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.**
- 4 **He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.**
- 5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- 6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
- 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 10 : EXTRACTS -

- 21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.
 - 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
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- 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
 - 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
 - 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.
 - 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
 - 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.
 - 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2

- 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- 2 **Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**
- 3 **Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the**

desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
 4 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*
 5 *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
 6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*
 7 *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*
 8 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
 9 *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
 10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
 11 **Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;**
 12 **That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**
 13 *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*
 14 **For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**
 15 *Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*
 16 **And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**
 17 *And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*
 18 *For through him **we both** have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*
 19 *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*
 20 *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
 21 *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:*
 22 *In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

Dear remnants of Israel, as in these words in Ephesians Chapter 2, that through Christ Jesus we are become one by the Holy Spirit of God. In Christ we are brought together to praise and worship our Lord as one Holy temple in the Lord.

Isaiah 43:1-21

1 *But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*
 2 *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*
 3 *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.*
 4 *Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.*
 5 *Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;*
 6 *I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;*
 7 *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*
 8 *Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.*
 9 *Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.*
 10 *Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*
 11 *I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.*
 12 *I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.*
 13 *Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?*
 14 *Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.*
 15 *I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*
 16 *Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;*
 17 *Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.*
 18 *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.*
 19 *Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*
 20 *The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.*
 21 *This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.*

- 22 *But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.*
 23 *Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.*
 24 *Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.*
 25 *I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*
 26 *Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.*
 27 *Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.*
 28 *Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.*

THE MAN OF GOD AND THE FALSE PROPHET.

1ST KINGS 13:1-34

- 1 *And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.*
 2 *And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.*
 3 *And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.*
 4 *And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.*
 5 *The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.*
 6 *And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.*
 7 *And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.*
 8 *And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:*
 9 *For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.*
 10 *So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.*
 11 *Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.*
 12 *And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.*
 13 *And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,*
 14 *And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.*
 15 *Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.*
 16 *And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:*
 17 *For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.*
 18 *He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spoke unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.*
 19 *So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.*
 20 *And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:*
 21 *And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,*
 22 *But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulcher of thy fathers.*
 23 *And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.*
 24 *And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.*
 25 *And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.*
 26 *And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and*

slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke unto him.
27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.
28 And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.
29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!
31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulcher wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:
32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.
33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.
34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

1st Kings Chapter 13 is a good example about a man of God who instead of listening to God 100 percent, thought it to be harmless to follow to a contradicting message by another person who claims to be a prophet of God as well.

This story is a prime example of the so-called "tares" or counterfeit Christianity. In this case a false prophet. With harmless subtlety and sounding cleverly truthful, the false prophet was successful in misleading & corrupting the man of God without even being suspected. Many Christians (even those who are born-again) can and have been led astray by false teachers.

How to avoid or escape from the traps of false teachers and false prophets: -

- 1) First of all, only if you are born-again, then it will be much easier for you to identify these illusive false teachers;
- 2) If God gave you an instruction, follow it to the tee and if someone else comes along and tells you that you need not follow God's instructions exactly, just ignore that someone;
- 3) Keep your beliefs as simple as possible; the first commandment to love the Lord thy God with all your heart, strength and soul, and to follow the ten commandments; anything fanciful and complicated theology that made you hesitate for just a split second are best left where you found it, as they are usually tricks of the devil to fool people and act as a lure for those who are neophytes or not born-again. But then again, even the most educated theologian maybe enthralled by the complexity of the enigma of life and is driven by curiosity to research and dig deeper and deeper into the never-ending maze of spirituality. The further you go, the more likely you would end up lost. Christ will find you and not you Him;

- 4) When you are born-again, learn to listen to the still small voice in your heart (your God given conscience and intuition), trust that God will give you a advance warning for what is right and what is wrong and which road to take;
- 5) Do not listen and be swayed by persuasive friends or even family members who are suspects of counterfeit Christianity;
- 6) Remember how the first twelve disciples started off? With empty pockets but hearts and minds filled with the words and knowledge of Jesus Christ. They were not scholars who hold "Doctorate Degrees". They were witnesses of Jesus Christ and thus spreading the good news of what Jesus Christ Himself had taught them. Donations were usually distributed to the poor and not for lining the pockets of the Disciples or for setting up a huge-very-hard-to-maintain church building. All church leaders and pastors should follow Paul's example of being self sufficient while preaching the word of God and looking after the young church.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5-18

5 **And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.**
6 *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*
7 *For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;*
8 *Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:*
9 *Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us.*
10 *For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*
11 *For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.*
12 *Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*
13 *But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.*
14 *And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.*
15 *Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*
16 *Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.*
17 *The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.*
18 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

The just shall live by faith but evil lives in pride and is unsatiable.

How to identify the "tares", false teachers and false prophets:

- 1) Firstly, of course people who outwardly deny and show defiance for the Lord and those who practise evil craft.

- 2) Secondly, there are those who believe in the Lord but at the same time believe in every other “gods” in various religions and enunciate that all is the same. The Ecumenical Movement is wrong, an ecumenical church is wrong, for example, Catholics and Protestants coming to a compromise. You cannot negotiate with the devil on his terms and conditions. You do not negotiate with the devil in the first place. Compromise with evil and you are as good as dead.
- 3) Countenance changes at certain times when presented with the truth – the countenance of a non-believer sometimes becomes darkened and certain monstrous shadowy appearance surface or comes forth on the face and at times with strong piercing eyes due to the deep hidden hatred for the truth. Evil is so hidden and camouflaged that most of the time the weak human mind does not even know that it is being used by the devil. Therefore if your conscience is clear and your beliefs are straight forward and truthful, then your eyes shall be single and there will not be any darkness in you. The eyes are sometimes the reflection of your soul. For example, jealous eyes are easily noticeable, so are the eyes filled with hatred. Matthew 6:22-23, “:22 *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. :23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*”
- 4) It is much more difficult to identify the false Christians than the unbelieving tares, for they are fully brain washed into believing that what they are doing is right. The experience of occult powers implanted in men with hidden bewitching solutions to life, wisdom, power and knowledge that they think is from God. A strong delusion has taken hold of them. Therefore it is best not to argue with false teachers. Just pray for their salvation and hope to be spared from talking with the devil. A gentle rebuke in your heart will suffice and constant prayers for our mislead brothers and sisters.
- 5) Uncanny desires for mysticism and all sorts of powers and forces in the mystery of life.

- 6) Meanwhile, there are some who do not display any symptoms at all. These “neutrals” are fully integrated into the church for several reasons. For example, it is expected of them to do so either by their families or society. To them, Christianity is something like “the only thing that they have known since childhood and they have held on to it as part of their culture or norm”. Christianity to them may also represent a goodly choice or maybe even a logical choice to certain people. These people however can be easily activated by the devil to do his bidding as and when he desires. When the final battle comes, they will waiver and fall and will bring down many along with them. For example, King Saul was a goodly young man when he was first chosen to be King but later when test and trials comes, he chooses to disobey God and *“the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.” - 1st Samuel 16:14.* And similarly as in MATTHEW 12:43-45 is also of such. When a counterfeit Christian is among other true Christians, he is actually cleansed due to constant prayers of his born-again family members or friends but when the time arrives, if the devil decides to go back to the “house” then his condition will suddenly turn for the worse, like Judas Iscariot, when the devil entered into him, he betrays Jesus Christ.
- 7) Against the nature of a human being and sexual perversion. Homosexual members of the clergy, if you think you are a homosexual and still want to serve God, then put away your homosexuality and serve God alone, you cannot have it both ways, as it is an abomination if you approach God as such. Abstinence from a married life in what the monks and Catholic priests are imposed upon is also wrong. We are well aware of the consequences of forced celibacy on Catholic priests, as some of them become perverts causing harm to innocent people. Celibacy must not be forced upon but should be under the individual free will to choose.
- 8) Some religion enforces its believers to comply with some of its fanatical ideas such as forbidden to consider conversion to another

religion. What is done, is done, a person should be given the free will to choose instead of imposing hard laws. Listen to your conscience so that you are satisfied with your choice. All of us are given a conscience to choose and if your heart feels something is wrong or you are struggling to follow something, then it is time to give up and stop altogether what you are doing now, and take another road. Take the road that your heart and mind is at peace.

MATTHEW 12:43-45

43 *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.*
 44 *Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.*
 45 *Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.*

Those who are not born of God, the “tares” will freely choose to deny the existence of God because they are not from God but are from the seed of the devil (the tares). Therefore, they are naturally inclined towards being “anti” Christ. Those who are born of the devil have no real choice even if they choose to go to church or believe in God because an evil seed when fully grown will always return to its source. A fallen angel can never return to heaven, but an angel in heaven may choose to follow Satan to eternal damnation. An animal can never become a man though sometimes a man can loose all his senses and become animal-like, but not vice-versa. That is why evil conquerors and kingdoms are compared to and spoken of as different types of animals like rams, goats, bears, leopards and etc, as in the book of Daniel.

Everything that is mentioned here is not a new mystery but a very old truth that even existed when time first began. The first child of Adam and Eve was planted by the devil. It is with much sadness and regret to say that today the tares are very much more than that of the wheat.

Romans 9:11, “(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)”

Satan has made use of God’s Creation – “the human mechanism” to spawn an entire race for his army, billions of people also known as “the tares”. Whether you are a Jew or a Gentile you are not spared, just as the first born of Adam and Eve was not spared. Same as the first born of Isaac and Rebecca was not spared. For those who rejected Christ shall be consumed by evil. It is not that God is unfair to them but it is they that have and will reject Christ in the first place. Counterfeit Christians are worshipping their own version of Jesus Christ after the imaginations of their hearts and not the Truth.

Therefore, violent purging and constant sieving through the grains are part of the birth pains of redeeming the chosen remnants of Israel and also of the chosen among the Gentiles. The birth pains for example are like wars, natural disasters, all forms of social disintegration and etc.

The people of God ("the wheat") are sometimes found in peculiar places and even within strict communities, for example, communist countries or Islamic countries where they are forbid conversions. In certain places, ordinary citizens and even Islamic teachers themselves have come to believe in Christ but are too afraid, confused and unable to confess outwardly that they believe in Christ because they have seen the persecution of some of the converts. Woe to them who causes the little children to sin, as it is better that a millstone be hung on their necks and be thrown down into the sea than to cause God's children to sin. Likewise, woe unto those parents who teach their children to sin; for example, disobeying God's commandments and in coveting neighbour's properties.

Matthew chapter 18:6-7,

"6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

"7 Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh!"

Actual case example: -

On Christmas Eve year 1999, we (Esther, Donna and myself) went to visit a Methodist Church, which is situated in a rich neighbourhood in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. All the church members were driving expensive cars and live in bungalows. Not that I have anything against a rich church but it is their behaviour that is nauseating. Perfect example of a Church in Laodicea, they have all the material things that they ever need and more, and yet they are lukewarm in their hearts. Praising God for their comfortable little world, while deliberately remaining ignorant of the plight of their neighbours. No regard for a travelling pilgrim. Not a word of prayer for those in need. At the end of the church service, there was this popular ritual, where I would come to call it, "hand shakes all around". Shake the hands of the person to your right, "so as long as you do not trouble me with your difficulties" and shake the hands of the person to your left, and do the same to the person behind and in front of you. I have seen better churches and those with genuine faith and goodwill, but sad to say that there are as many bad Laodicean churches as there are true and humble churches in this world.

We met an eight months pregnant Indonesian lady pastor who also visited the church for the first time. She was a convert from Islam to Christianity and she came to visit Johor for a couple of days to do some witnessing to her Moslem relatives in Malaysia. The lady pastor, introduced herself to the pastor of the Methodist Church (who is also a lady) and shared with her some of her ordeals, persecutions and suffering in Indonesia, so that people in Malaysia will be aware of the happenings and she asked if the church can

pray for her and her family. As onlookers, we saw a cold brush off by the Methodist Church pastor, as she slyly ignored the Indonesian pastor.

After the Christmas Eve church service was over, everybody went home in their big expensive cars (BMW's, Mercedes Benz and Jaguars) and not a soul bothered to give the pregnant lady a lift to the nearest bus stop or taxi stand. She was sad at their behaviour as she was talking to us and we brought her along in our taxi and dropped her off at the hotel where she was staying. While we were walking to a taxi stand a few blocks away, she told us the whole story about her conversion. Not long ago, as she was praying as a Moslem, she saw a bright light and a voice spoke to her saying in Arabic, "You are praying in error, I am the truth, the way and the life". In her heart, she knew that He was Jesus Christ and immediately believed. Later, her whole family also believed in Christ except her father who was a staunch Moslem cleric. Her husband, mother and sisters also believed and too became pastors. The lady gave us her church address in Indonesia but when I wrote to her several months later, the letter returned back to me unopened, indicated "building no longer in existence". As she did mentioned to us of some cases of churches being burnt down and destroyed, we prayed, if it is the will of God, let her be still alive to bring the good news of our dear Lord Jesus Christ to the people around her wherever she is now.

Post September 11th 2001 notes:

And so it is fulfilled according to the prophet Zephaniah: -

ZEPHANIAH 1:14-18

- 14 *The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.*
- 15 *That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,*
- 16 *A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.*
- 17 *And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.*
- 18 *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.*



In this age, the countries in the world have been segregated into so called industrialised nations, developing countries and etc (or so called third world countries). Most of today's 'western countries' are called the 'developed countries'. Why? It was your forefathers in the past and also in the age of

the Philadelphia Church era that had called upon the name of the Lord and placed their trust in God. God blessed them and their future generations. But today if you continue to provoke the Lord to anger with your anarchic ways committing treason against your Lord, He is ready to unleash His wrath. Is there not enough destruction in this world today that the devil is itching to do, that you wish for God to permit more destruction? Have you become like the crowd in Jerusalem who shouted, "Let His blood be upon us and on our children." Do you not fear for your children's well being? Do you know that what you do today may affect your future generation? Do you wish for another holocaust? When God bless, He will bless abundantly. When He curses, He will curse terribly.

Imagine, those of you who are parents, if your child rebel against you, are you not sad and angry? If your own children deny your existence and spit on your face, are you not sorely grieved? A domestic dog knows his master and is faithful and loyal but we humans do not even recognise our Father. Renew your relationship with your Creator; do not remain as bastards for all of you have a father in heaven.

The Lord our God is slow to anger but when He unleashes His wrath, who can withstand? You shall be grind into powder. Are we not all God's creations? We are all brothers and sisters but since the beginning likened after Cain we rebelled and followed after the will of our flesh and listened to the devil instead of God, feeding on the power of the flesh we branch out into the endless abyss of vanities and evil deeds of self-gratification. God has tolerated our evil ways for so long. Let us not provoke Him any longer. Just because God made a covenant with Noah by the sign of the rainbow in the sky saying that He will not extinguish the whole of the human race like He did in the days of Noah by the flood, that does not mean that you are safe from total physical annihilation if you continue to sin against God.

MATTHEW 3:10

:10 *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Behold the axe of the Lord God Almighty are hewing down the great tree of mighty nations whose pride are in themselves and being full of corruptions, sexual immorality and covetousness. By your own hands you shall fall. By the makings of man's own devices shall man fall and wither away.

REVELATION 14:8

:8 *And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

MATTHEW 10:14-15

:14 *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.*
:15 *Verily I say unto you, **It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.***

MATTHEW 11:20-27

- :20 *Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:*
:21 *Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.*
:22 *But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.*
:23 *And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.*
:24 *But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.*
:25 *At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*
:26 *Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*
:27 *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

Behold, the Antichrist has been very busy working out his plan to deceive the whole world and controlling the government, world religion, economy, its buying and selling. These are all of the Antichrist's mimicking, imitation of God's final millennium rule where God will be in control throughout the world and shall establish His government. Be careful O Israel. But be of good cheer for the God of your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will not let the abomination stand for long (Daniel 7:26).

DANIEL 7:25

*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

1 JOHN 2:18-19

- :18 *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*
:19 ***They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.***

DANIEL 7:26

But the judgement shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

The spirit and the works of the antichrist are at work now and even so it was already at work since the creation of Adam and Eve, do not give in to him who is the usurper. If he should demand death sentence upon those who resist, it is better to receive the imposed death sentence than to live falsely in his domain but if you are able to escape from it is even better. Christ will reward you accordingly. But a man must never take his own life even in times of trouble. Even a murderer can be forgiven when he repents but a person who kills himself is dead and there is nothing left to forgive, for suicide is a one-way ticket to hell. For God cannot forgive a man who has no regard for his own soul that God has entrusted upon him. Committing suicide is the crime of murder to one's own soul and spirit, no matter what the situation may be, whether the person is in pain or unbearable circumstances. Let nature take its course.

REVELATION CHAPTER 12:10-11

- :10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the*

*power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

VI. THE FATHER OF LIES WHO TOLD HIS VERSION OF THE TRUTH – part 2

Satan appeared (circa 1976) partly because Donna for the first time was being introduced by some of our cousins to attend a Charismatic Church called the “Assemblies of God”. It is more appropriate to call it the “Assemblies of Demons who pretend to be God’s Church”.

Donna received the “holy spirit” through constant “laying of hands” on her head in prayer by pastors and church elders to pray for her to receive the gift of tongues and indeed she did receive the gift of the “holy spirit” and began speaking in tongues and “it” remained with her for many years to come. The so-called “holy spirit” gave her considerable power. Power to interpret the Bible quite magnificently and correctly most of the time, power of foresight, power of physical strength (i.e. do not require much sleep), power of prophecy, ability to know and locate things that she has not seen before. Our parents and I were quite ignorant about the truth behind this phenomenon at that point in time. We were amazed and puzzled at the same time.

Brothers and Sisters, it is not for us to judge but evidence demands a verdict. There are recorded evidence of the presence of satanic influences and forces behind every Church or person that practices speaking in tongues. Wake up, peoples of the earth and do not be fooled anymore. Everywhere in the world there are documented cases of “the tongues” speaking foul languages and blasphemy towards God in another languages and etc.

Several years later, as Donna was speaking in tongues (quite loudly and spinning about) at home presumably to be praying to God, but our neighbours who have studied the Arabic language heard her speaking in tongues and warned that she was speaking blasphemy against God and satanic invocations in Arabic! Of course we had no idea what she was speaking about because we did not learn the Arabic language. Esther finally sensed something was wrong as if a different spirit has taken over Donna, immediately Esther prayed for her and exorcised in the name of Jesus Christ, laying her hands on Donna’s forehead and immediately Donna resisted the devil by the grace of God and said in her heart that she will not listen to the devil’s voice anymore, then she felt as if a gust of wind blew past beside her ears and all tongues stopped and become quieted.

What the Charismatic movement claim to be spiritual rain from God is actually “acid rain poisoned with fumes and industrial waste”. It secretly eats away at your soul and taking over your spirit without your knowledge and soon

enough it will give you a kind of power that you would not want to let go and if left to its own devices will end up permanently becoming part of the devil's regime, a kind of spiritual cocaine that can cause terrible addiction and serious withdrawal symptoms if the person remains ignorant. Satan is a usurper and seemingly being very successful at it nowadays, and trying his best to deceive even the very elect if possible.

To all elect brothers and sisters, if you were once unsure of this matter and have somehow got involved in it whether be it a friend or family member, come out now from this spiritual apostasy and blasphemy.

You may say; will God give stones to his children when they ask for bread? Well, since you are talking to someone behind a veil of lies (someone you cannot see), how can you tell if that person is your father or not. If you insistently ask of something from God who has no plan of giving it to you, Satan will step in and take the opportunity to give it to you since you are the one who asked for it.

When God does not intend to give something to someone, that someone will definitely not receive that something, but if that someone keeps on asking that which cannot be given, Satan will definitely take the opportunity to step in and take over.

Never ever demand anything from God. Charismatic Church leaders teach their flock to "demand" gifts from God in their prayers. It is erroneous behaviour to come before your God in such a rude manner. When we pray, we may discuss our problems with God and inquire for His will be done and not according to our own fancies, even if we sometimes do not like the answers that God gives us because God has His reasons and knows best of what to give or not to give as He can see all of time at one glance while man's limited vision cannot see all of time and space for man cannot know exactly what will happen if he goes down a particular road but God can see, that is why we must trust the Captain of the ship because the knows best how to navigate to our desired destination and to safety, even though the ship may pass through many storms and rough seas. Does a passenger of a cruise ship ever tell the Captain of the ship where to go and how to run His ship and His crew? And we are not talking about when a ship is being hijacked or a run by a careless captain.

Those who speak in tongues have powers to interpret the Bible with much accuracy, gifts of prophesy, gifts of healing, distinct voices in your head speaking spiritual guidance and sometimes interpreting the unknown tongues that you have spoken. These are all Satan's mimicking of God's powers and yes! the devil can heal and cast out his own kind!

Although though Jesus Christ once said in the Bible (Matthew 12: 25-26);".....*Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?.....*"

That was because it was said before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. After His resurrection, Jesus Christ obtained the keys to hell and hades, for He said in the Book of Matthew 28:18, "...**All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth....**"

Therefore after Christ's victory over death, Satan's kingdom is definitely considered as already divided and brought to desolation as the devil does not have any stand in this world anymore, that is why he has nothing to lose when he mimic God by pretending to cast out demons but actually it is just for a spectacle when demons cast out demons.

Those who have an ear let him hear, for the Holy Spirit shall help the elects of God to discern the truth and to help his fellow Christians to cast out in the name of Jesus Christ this evil spirit for behold it has crept into all main stream churches and deceiving even among the chosen of God. It has gained grounds in many parts of the world and even in South East Asia, it is a popular religion, especially among the younger generation because many people wants to have visual and tangible confirmations that God exists, wanting to be able to grab hold of Holy Spirit and be filled with visible power.

In these wicked times, the voice of God is no louder than your conscience speaking and guiding you to the correct path. Through a still small voice in your heart, the sheep of His people will be able to listen and to segregate themselves from the loud and the profane. Like a dog's ears sensitive to a high pitch whistle of which cannot be heard by the ordinary human ears, so shall the spirit of God tune in to us in a different channel like what a high pitch whistle is to a dog.

1 KINGS - CHAPTER 19: 11-14

- :11 *And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:*
- :12 ***And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.***
- :13 *And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?*
- :14 *And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.*

Even in churches like Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and many other denominations, most ordinary people are not sure and cannot confirm that the gift of speaking in tongues practiced even within their church are not from God because those who received the "gifts" are their friends or family members and majority of the people cannot accept that people so close to them had been tricked and possessed by the devil. It is very difficult for anyone to believe that such a popular and spiritual practise is actually wrong.

Woe unto them that practice evil and teach others to do the same, hypocrites! Woe unto those leaders who are bear false witness to his fellow brethren and to teach them to fall by the way side, drawing people away from the truth. Separate yourselves from false teachers. Come out of

Babylon, come out of her who deceives and uses lies as truth. For it is no better than any other cult and worse if you let yourself to speak blasphemies through unknown tongues, then it is no longer a cult but an occult, unknowingly being directed to worship the devil, the final achievement of the usurper. (Matthew 24:24 *"For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*)

The Pentecostal movement of this age started in the era of the church of Laodicea. It cannot and must never be compared to what the 1st century disciples of Jesus Christ had experienced. If you say that Charismatic movement today is from the same Holy Spirit of which the disciples received on the day of Pentecost then you are in grave error and no better than those practising Judaism today who insist that Jesus Christ is not the Messiah. It is because Judaism after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was made void by the blood of Jesus Christ.

By now you should have discerned that God moves and dispenses His gifts and salvation tactics differently onto each generation of men. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is a master tactician, commander of the army of God and General of Generals. God knows that whatever gifts He had given to His children, **Satan will quickly produce a counterfeit.** Therefore, God will not use the same method of which He gave to His people in the era of the Church of Ephesus (first of the seven churches as in the book of Revelation) anymore because it has been compromised. Anyone in the military would know that any secret code that the enemy had decoded will immediately be discarded and will not be used again otherwise it would lead the entire battalion unto certain death.

(Matthew 12:39, *"....But he answered and said unto them, AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKETH AFTER A SIGN; AND THERE SHALL NO SIGN BE GIVEN TO IT, BUT THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAS:....."*)

The gift of tongues in first century A.D. **was to lay the foundation of the Church and it was used solely as a synonym for different spoken languages,** the languages that was cast upon us at the Tower of Bable by God Himself. In those days the world was not as what we experienced today where education is fundamental and study of languages is a common thing to do. Today with the availability of modern technology such as computers, telephones and et cetera, cross border communication has never been easier between different cultures and languages. The Lord has made void the necessities of the gift of speaking in different tongues as an evangelical mode. If you say that tongues are for evangelical purposes, then why God did not sustain this gift throughout all the ages from the church of Smyrna to the church of Philadelphia, especially during the church of Philadelphia when it was considered as the age of the missionary movement.

During the era of the Church of Ephesus, there were no fast communication devices and education was for the privileged and the wealthy, majority of the local citizens and peasants were not exposed to different cultures and high education. Remember that most of Jesus Christ's disciples were fishermen

and farmers as not many of them had the privilege of studying diverse languages. Therefore the gift of tongues then was essential for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in every corner of the world as far as the disciples travel.

To an unlearned person, when suddenly he can speak and understand some other language that he has never heard before would be to him considered as tongues of Angels because it is a great surprise and miracle to him who had no knowledge of other languages before. Paul said in 1st Corinthians 14:33, ***“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints”***. Therefore when anyone speaks other than the known languages on earth would be more accurately described as to be speaking in the “tongues of fallen angels” instead of heavenly Angels from God. For God’s Angels are not allowed by God to meddle with the affairs of men. The meddlers are always fallen angels a.k.a. Satan and his group of devils. Angels that are sent by God are usually only to assist, defend and to protect.

The messages from Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ are among the most widely misinterpreted passages in the whole of the Bible.

It only takes one tiny worm to destroy the entire tree. That worm is the devil’s gift of misinterpretation and mental ignorance of spiritual knowledge. A person may interpret almost the entire Bible correctly but one wrong move or decision will result in many repercussions for it only takes one single misinterpretation to lead into the highway of false doctrine. Just break the main supporting pillar in a tall building and the whole tower collapses. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit of God is will most definitely collapse your entire being into eternal damnation.

A person who is not chosen by God, no matter how many times he goes to church or how exemplary good and spiritual his life may project, is not protected by the truth of Jesus Christ and therefore is considered part of a colony of the children of darkness. Therefore, they are very easily carried away by any passing wind.

For every Christian that minute worm will always try to make its way into man to destroy the very elect of God if possible but Jesus Christ is our insect repellent, the Lord will destroy that worm for you and if you are predestined to be God’s children then the devil will not be able to destroy your soul and spirit though many a time evil is given permission to destroy the body. But be not afraid of the devil if he destroys the body but rather fear Him the Lord God Almighty who able to destroy the human trinity – body, soul and spirit in eternal damnation. For Paul said in the book of Philippians Chapter 1:21, *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

Paul in 1st Corinthians chapter 14 instructs the church in an attempt to draw the believers away from their fascination with gifts of the Lord because Paul

knows that the devil will sooner or later produce a counterfeit and supplant it, especially the gift of speaking in diverse tongues for he said: -

“except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air”

and

“Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian to me.”

and also,

“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”

Therefore if you are already a believer of Jesus Christ, you need not hang on to the outward miracle of “the unlearned being able to speak in many languages like a highly educated scholar” in order to believe in Jesus Christ. If those who defend the gift of tongues claim they are true believers of Jesus Christ, then are they not also contradicting the messages which Paul the Apostle was trying to convey. For Paul said, “..... tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe but to them that believe not.....”

This counterfeit “tongues” have become more of a discouragement for new visitors to the church or unbelievers who come to the church to seek answers, for they see much confusion and many are put off by the outward display of chaos and noise of confusion. What is a counterfeit dollar bill compared to the original? It is nothing but only deception and is worthless.

In 1st John Chapter 4, even the apostle John already warned us of wrong spirits: -

verse 1 - *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”*

verse 5 & 6 - *“They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.”, “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*

Regarding these I am speaking the truth and if you prefer the spirit of error, then you will surely disagree with what is written here and by this we can see clearly as the goats are separated from the sheep.

In 1st Corinthians chapter 13, verse 1 and 2, Paul again brought on a strong remark against the church in Corinth saying:

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

*“And though I have the gift of prophesy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not charity, I am nothing.**”*

In this message, Paul reminded the church of the importance and priority of the believer’s first love that is Jesus Christ. If you do not have a personal relationship with your first love then all else are become as nothing.

For in the book of Revelation chapter 2 verse 4-5, Jesus said to the church of Ephesus (and the church in Corinth was in the era of Ephesus): -

*“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, **because thou hast left thy first love.**”*

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Jesus Christ was against the Church of Ephesus's zeal for spiritual gifts because when they concentrate on something else other than building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, it drained away their first love. Therefore repent and remember your first works, your first priority, your first commandment, love the Lord your God with all your heart or else the Lord will blot out your name from the book of life!

Any married couple will know that if for example a husband who commits adultery and concentrates on work all the time seven days a week and does not spend quality time with his wife to build up their relationship's loving bond, then as time passes the wife will feel neglected and that something is wrong, as if her first love has left her even though the husband claims that all his hard work is to bring home money for the family. The church today is committing adultery with the devil and lusts after the powers of the gods. Most people have become engrossed with what the Lord can provide rather than the provider Himself because most people do not bother to build that personal loving relationship with God. If a wife is only interested in the money that her husband can provide and do not give much attention and love to her husband in person, then such a relationship is bound to end up in divorce. Most "Christians" today know of the works of God fairly well but they do not know Him on a personal level for they are worshipping an image of what God has projected but not projector Himself and their hearts are far from Him.

All this is not to say that the Lord does not impart all those gifts anymore but be aware to discern the counterfeit. Miracles of healing, gifts interpretation from the Holy Spirit, gifts of prophecy still exist even unto this age but you must differentiate which is from the Lord and which is from the devil. You must depend on Jesus Christ to set you free, that still small voice in your heart and your God given conscience is there to help you discern. Do not be desirous in seeking visual powers or proofs of God's existence for error comes when one seeks to prioritise the importance of gifts instead of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

One must not concentrate on the ability to speak in tongues and gifts of the Holy Spirit before the person Jesus Christ. You are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ and not by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are one and the same, you must not attempt to divide or dissect the three names for they are one person. "Be still and know that I am God", said the Lord in the Book of Psalms 46:10. Come to the presence of God with a quiet and contrite heart. Prayers are a two-way conversation but for those who speak in tongues, they say that they need not think of what to say to God and must empty their minds and thus leading to the act of letting the "tongues" do all the praying. Letting your mind go blank is similar to occult practises. When you pray to God, your mind should be in

its full capacity and you are well aware of your prayers and revelations from God.

Have respect to the owner of the house of God, the Holy Spirit within your heart. Talk to God like how you would talk to a friend. Even though sometimes we do not know how to pray, just come before the presence of God with respect and acknowledgement. How does a person normally behave when he goes to visit a house of an acquaintance? Does he shout and disturb the owner of the house with disrespectful actions? Do you force your way into a person's house without even a friendly enquiry on whether they would welcome you or not? Do you shout and behave dishonourably when you are visiting royalty and standing before the King or Queen, do you behave like an animal and scream in vulgar tones? You will be thrown out of the palace or put in jail if you are caught doing so in front of royalty. The evil "tongues" has caused bible believing Christians to show disrespect to Holy Spirit and blaspheming Him along the way. Do not be tricked into blaspheming God. For you will not be so lucky as to be put in jail, blasphemy is a one-way ticket to hell.

For the world of today, God still rain on the just and the unjust. For those who do not believe in the miracle of healing, God still find other ways to heal a person through the gift of discoveries of medicinal properties in plants and nature. And like every good thing, medicine and scientific gifts from God, the devil quickly corrupts by producing counterfeits like medicines that have bad side effects and would require you to purchase other medicines to subdue that side effects and in the end, medicine is all about making money and greed at the expense of human lives. The abuse of the medical profession today has become one of Satan's trademarks. Just look at the cost of healthcare and exorbitant rates doctors charge.

This is the state of which the devil is really in (Isaiah 14:15-16) but Satan has been known to disguise himself with a beautiful appearance before men, as an angel of light and even giving out illusions that he is the Christ. (Matthew 24:23-26)

BEWARE! of false Christs that seem to appear in the earth every now and then, appearing in the inner rooms or in the fields deceiving many. For Christ will not come again in person until His second coming to rule over all the earth, when we shall see Him coming in the sky, riding on a white horse which can be seen from one end of the earth to another. (Revelation 19:11-16) (Matthew 24:27). But note that Christ do come in the Spirit to strengthen man and to deliver man from their damnation as Christ did reveal Himself in Spirit to the Paul in a bright blinding vision and also reveal Himself in His glorified manner to John who wrote the book of Revelation at the Island of Patmos.

Listen, be advised and do not falter. To love the Lord our God is our main purpose in life, to believe in Him is our work. Also, in the love of Christ learn to love thy neighbour as thyself, refrain from being full of prejudice.

There are many cults in this world, one of the devil's work of diversifying but is all one and the same purpose – to draw attention away from the truth. Know that Satan loves to mimic God. He builds a fantasy world in people's minds where his kingdom is the ultimate, his evil deeds admirable and his supplanting temptations desirous. Look at the fruits which you are bearing – are any of them pride, stubbornness, quick-temper, narrow-mindedness, haughtiness, indignation against the truth, a proud look, sexual perversion and etc.? Do not be grafted into the wrong vine that will bear rotten fruits after the father of lies that is the devil.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-3

- :1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*
- :2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*
- :3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

- :1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*
- :2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*
- :3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*
- :4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*
- :5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*
- :6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,*
- :7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

- :3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
- :4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

JAMES 5:1-9

- :1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.*
- :2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.*
- :3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.*
- :4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.*
- :5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.*
- :6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.*
- :7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*
- :8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*
- :9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*

2 PETER 2:1-22

- :1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*
- :2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*
- :3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*
- :4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to*

be reserved unto judgment;

:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

:16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 PETER 3:3-13

:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

MATTHEW 7:21-23

:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven.

:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

:23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.*

Today, as surely as the devil has power to inflict sickness into a person, the devil also can pretend to remove the sickness from a person whom he has inflicted, in the name of healing! There are true healers in Christ and there are also Satan's healers using the name of Jesus. Be watchful! It is good to desire both spiritual and physical healing as Christ is our master Physician. But be careful not to always seek after what you can see with your own two eyes, but rather seek after spiritual healing from Christ himself and you will be at peace with God, yourself and with your neighbour.

For those who are in the mainstream orthodox or fundamental Christianity, do not think that you are always correct; for Satan has a whole new bag of tricks in store just for you. The antichrist has a network of 'agents' working for him (many times without their own knowledge, most of them are probably unaware of the fact that they are being used by Satan) disguised as true believers in Christ working in churches, infiltrating the very core of the Christian society to bring about confusion among the elects of God. This is one of the terrible acts of the fourth beast. Besides Jesus Christ himself, the next person who is most well versed in the Bible is Satan himself. Satan will twist and turn the words in the Bible for his own gain to make us misinterpret the Bible and will lead you up the hill and down the valley in searching for the truth and finally will cause you to end up lost. He is very clever in beating around the bush until it makes you dizzy and fall down flat on your face.

ISAIAH 29:8-16

:8 *It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.*
 :9 *Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.*
 :10 *For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*
 :11 *And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:*
 :12 *And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.*
 :13 *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*
 :14 *Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.*
 :15 *Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?*
 :16 *Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?*

I am sure everybody is well acquainted with monetary problems, pride, fear of the world, prejudice, over emphasis on fellowship in church while having no personal relationship with Christ. Over analyse the Bible, striving for full theological knowledge and very clever in Biblical criticism but lack in love and

personal relationship with Christ are just some of the devil's ways to confuse the very elect. Therefore, continually pray to the Lord that you may not fall into the devil's trap. Pray and worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

JOHN 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

JOHN 4:20-26

:20 *Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.*
:21 *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*
:22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*
:23 ***But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.***
:24 ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***
:25 *The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.*
:26 *Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.*

First, find your place in Christ, then go out and continue to have fellowship. Fellowship in church is important but do not make it a necessity like a club membership of sorts. Learn to stand on your own two feet in Christ and do not lean unto others blindly. Individually build your relationship with Christ in solitude and within your own family unit first, and then you shall be equipped with knowledge of the truth and love, to be able come together in fellowship so that your church may be strong. When we are in the right spirit, healthy relationships and fellowships with other people will be natural to us. Then fellowship with other Christians comes automatically to us making us a full body of Christ.

In the Book of Revelation Chapter 3:20, *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* The Lord is standing at the door of your heart, calling out to each of you "individually" and not collectively. When you invite Christ into your heart, your friend cannot possibly ask if he can join in too. Christ comes to those who open the door to their hearts and this is an individual act. You may be able to pray for your friend but your friend cannot experience the fellowship of Christ through you without himself accepting Christ into his heart. Do not think that when you are in the company of believers in Christ and your salvation stands a good chance. Once again, salvation comes to the individual. Salvation is personal and you have to experience it for yourself.

What if, as a Christian, you live in a place where everybody else does not believe in God and there is no church for you to go to in order to have "fellowship" with other Christians? Do you assimilate yourself into that society or do you stand fast in your belief and trust in Christ? Where ever you are or in whatever type of society, you can work together and build good human relations with non-Christians because you work with them as decent human beings and do not have to meddle with their religions because whatever other people believe is their own business. However, a certain

degree of segregation is compulsory so as to maintain your integrity in Christ, for example, you must not partake of their pagan rituals.

John the Baptist was in the deserts for many years living either alone or some may believe that he was living in a small self-sustaining community of monks called the Essenes. Would you say that John the Baptist was anti-social? God forbid you to even think of such remarks. God has a plan for each person, on how best that person should grow to become the man that he is. Most of the time, if a person (especially if he is a young Christian, just a shoot of a large tree) do not spend some time alone with God, the over crowded social life will choke the life out you.

In LUKE chapter 1:80, *"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel."*

For those who instruct that church fellowship as compulsory and tell you that you are not a true Christian if you do not do so, then they are placing people fellowship above Jesus Christ himself. You will end up being the person who do not have a wedding garment as in Matthew 22:11-14. If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ then you will not be issued a wedding garment and you cannot expect to follow your friends into the wedding banquet without knowing the bridegroom personally and hoping to blend in without being noticed that you do not have a wedding garment.

Once again, please be reminded that fellowship with other Christians will come naturally when you are a born-again Christian and need not be explicitly reminded to do so. And if in given circumstances you do not live a life in constant fellowship with other Christians, it does not mean that you are going to hell. A person can choose to live a quite life with his family. Especially in this age of the church of Laodicea, going to church can turn out to be the opposite of desired results. An elect of God may even become more confused, vexed and led astray by a company of false Laodicean Christian churchgoers. Ever wondered why some people keep changing churches? It is because they wanted to find the truth and the truth is that Jesus Christ is no longer in the Churches. Christ has spit out the churches from His mouth. Revelation chapter 3:16, ***"... ..I will spew thee out of my mouth."***

MATTHEW 22:8-14

- 8 *Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.*
9 *Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.*
10 *So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.*
11 ***And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:***
12 ***And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.***
13 ***Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***
14 *For many are called, but few are chosen.*

1ST CORINTHIANS 12:12-14

- :20 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

- :21 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*
:22 *For the body is not one member, but many.*

If you are grafted to the true vine which is Christ, you will yield acceptable fruits and slowly but surely be conformed to the image of Christ in His time. See that you inquire from the Lord these gifts of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance with constant prayers. The Lord delights in giving gifts to His children.

GALATIANS 5:16-26

- :16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
:17 *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*
:18 *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*
:19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*
:20 *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*
:21 *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*
:22 ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,***
:23 ***Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.***
:24 *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
:25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
:26 *Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

CHAPTER TEN

PARTING THOUGHTS

*What has past you cannot change,
What the future holds you cannot avoid.
The will of God be done.*

I. THE GLORY OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST

JOHN 12:28

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.

Glory be to the Lord our God and blessed be His name. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Lord, Jesus Christ who died on the gruesome Roman cross two thousand years ago has appeared in the form of a glorified fiery cross before the eyes of mortal beings two thousand years later.

The lonely wooden Roman cross two thousand years ago was a symbol of suffering and punishment. But since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the symbol of suffering has become the symbol of victory. A symbol of God's glory and everlasting power. Metaphorically speaking, our master has literally condensed all the stars in the Milky Way and has framed them up in a frame, in a shape of a cross.

We are eyewitnesses of His everlasting magnificence. We have no more excuse to say that Jesus Christ is not the Messiah.

Now that we have seen the glorious burning cross of Christ in the sky and therefore do testify that Christ did indeed come to earth two thousand years ago, was dead and has risen on the third day and is now coming back again soon to personally reign on this earth for the one thousand years more to come before He finally renews everything.

Several early church fathers including Cyril of Jerusalem has concluded and said that the sign of the Son of Man going before the King is the sign of a luminous cross in the heavens. (spoken by Matthew in chapter 24, verse 30 – mentioned in 'The prophecy handbook' by William E. Biederwolf)

*From the pit I heard Him call my name,
Out from the bottomless pit He has lifted me up,
I was in darkness when His light shone in,
Now forever do I behold His glorious face.*

PSALM 143:5-8

:5 *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.*
:6 *I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah*
:7 *Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.*
:8 *Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.*

LAMENTATIONS 3:40

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The iniquity of this world has eroded our faith and has crushed our trust in God; even mutual trust among brethren has disappeared. Today, we live in an age where seeing is believing while neglecting trust and having no faith.

To the non-believer faith is blind obedience. Well there is no such thing as blind obedience when we trust in God, it is either you have obedience or not.

The age-old debate of why Abraham had such strong obedience for God that he brought Isaac up to a mountain in the land of Moriah. If you are one who said that Abraham was blind as to follow God without question even unto death then it is quite obvious that you do not walk with God or even know what it means to have walked with God for Abraham was so close to his creator that he is often called God's friend.

Abraham went up the mountain because he trusted fully in the Lord as his provider (Jehovahjireh) since by so many miracles he had experienced before this event, for example:

- 1) Sarah giving birth at an old age,
- 2) The Lord come in person to eat with him,
- 3) The promise of the Lord that his descendant shall be numerous like the sand and the stars through Isaac, for the Lord said, "and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Abraham had faith in the God who provided him all that he has. For he knows that everything that he had was from God, for the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. And most importantly, Abraham understood that whatever the Lord has said, **His words do not fall empty to the ground.** All the promises that God has made to Abraham throughout his lifetime, God fulfilled every one of them. The Lord made a covenant with Isaac and his seed after him, by this Abraham knew in his heart that the Lord will provide a lamb to replace Isaac as a sacrifice by the Lord's own promises for Abraham said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."

GENESIS 15:6

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

THE NAMES OF GOD

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the name, make known of His wonderful deeds, tell of His glory to His people. For the Lord has said, "I AM THAT I AM" because God is the same since the beginning of time for He is who He is and when you worship the Lord, worship Him in spirit and in truth for the God sees and recognises His Holy Spirit within us when we pray. For those who have not the Holy Spirit of God within him the Lord will not recognise his prayers no matter how correctly that person has called upon the name of the Lord.

After the confusion of languages at the times of the tower of Babel, the peoples of the world has been calling upon God according to his own language. In Hebrew, He is Yahweh (YHWH), and the divine omnipotent being Elohim. But in other places for example, in the ancient China (less than 5000 years ago), just after the separation at the tower of Babel, God's people (the dispersed descendants of Shem) who still worshipped Him who created the Heavens and the Earth called upon His name as "ShangTi". Sad to say ever since around 3000 - 2500 years ago, the devil did his infamous routine of destroying true worship by the introduction of foreign heathenism that has corrupted the worship of the one true God and today, you see idolatry, paganism and atheism controlling most of China.

In Isaiah 9:6, "***His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.***"

In Exodus 3:6, the Lord said, "***Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.***"

EXODUS 3:13-15

- :13 *And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?*
- :14 *And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*
- :15 *And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

REVELATION 19:11-16

- 11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
- 12 *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and **he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.***
- 13 *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is **called The Word of God.***
- 14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
- 15 *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*
- 16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***

II. PREPARE FOR RAPTURE

*Born into this world separated from God,
Born into this world of death and sin,
We were once dead and are now alive again,
We were once in prison and are now free,
Born again our spirit renewed,
Born again in Spirit and in Truth.*

Look at the state that we are in today. The serpent's tail has caught hold of our feet and refused to let us rise up. It has blinded our vision with its venom and made sure that we know not the way to our Father.

Only those who are born again in Christ are light enough to be lifted up into heaven to be with Christ. Pray that you may be given the necessary wings to mount up as eagles and to float in the heavens like sparrows.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

JOHN 3:3-21

- 3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
- 4 *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
- 5 *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
- 6 *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
- 7 *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
- 8 *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*
- 9 *Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?*
- 10 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?*
- 11 *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*
- 12 *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?*
- 13 *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*
- 14 *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*
- 15 *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*
- 16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- 17 *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*
- 18 *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*
- 19 *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*
- 20 *For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.*
- 21 *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

MATTHEW 24:31-51

- :31 ***And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.***
- :32 *Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:*
- :33 *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*
- :34 ***Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.***
- :35 ***Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.***

:36 *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*
:37 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
:38 *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*
:39 *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
:40 ***Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.***
:41 ***Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.***
:42 ***Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.***
:43 *But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.*
:44 *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*
:45 *Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?*
:46 *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*
:47 *Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*
:48 *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;*
:49 *And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;*
:50 *The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,*
:51 *And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

JOHN 1:32-33

:32 *And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him.*
:33 *And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.*

JOHN 16:13

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:2

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing.

1 PETER 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

What is being born again? How can you know whether you are a born again Christian or not? There are two simple signs to look for if need be. Slowly but surely, bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit and being like a child again. And another sign is that it cannot be cultivated or learned only given by God. If there is any form of struggle to achieve this "born again" state, then it is altogether of the devil, for one cannot demand from God to be born again because it is a gift from God given to whom He has chosen. Being born again does not mean that you are instantly made perfect overnight, though it is the ultimate goal which God wants us to achieve when Jesus Christ said in Matthew Chapter 5 verse 48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect".

Some may take years, while some may even take a lifetime to be like Christ but the most important thing is that you love and believe in Christ. Human errors and imperfections are small matters in the eyes of God. He sees your heart and not your mistakes in life for He understands our weaknesses. However, should we break any of His commandments, He would tell us not to do it again and God will forgive us but we must try not break His commandments deliberately in the first place.

JOHN 5:14

:14 *Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

JOHN 8:11-12

11 *She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.***
12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

MATTHEW 26:41

:14 *Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.***

ISAIAH 57:15-21

15 *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*
16 *For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.*
17 *For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.*
18 *I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.*
19 *I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.*
20 *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*
21 *There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*

ISAIAH 55:6-7

6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*
7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

EZEKIEL 18:29-32

29 *Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?*
30 *Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*
31 *Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*
32 *For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.*

Born again is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When you finally feel that God is the one who loved you first and through His love you are able to love Him with all your heart, mind and strength. The dawning of His love for you is like that dove, which descended and remained on Jesus Christ; the same dove alighting on your shoulders will signify the time that is when you are born again. The time when His love surrounds you is different for each individual.

MATTHEW 24:12

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Without the love of God descending upon you, resting in you, man alone with all his zest, fervour and faith for the Lord, cannot bring himself to truly love the Lord and whatever image of that belief and love can only grow cold in time. Only the Lord can ignite the fire within us. By nature, man was not

made with the capacity or ability to light the fire ourselves because we are all dark fallen creatures in this fallen world. Only the Holy Spirit of our Lord has the power to relight the fire within us, to lift us up, restore the light of our spirit and to draw us unto Christ Himself. Since all men are born dead in sin, therefore it is vital for all God's children to be born again in order to receive eternal life with Him. The important element that was taken away in the Garden of Eden when mankind first died must be restored. Our connection and relationship with God as it was in the beginning of time must be reinstated to its original form. To be born again is to be alive again. The life giving Spirit of God must come back to us as in the beginning when Adam was created before the fall. The Spirit of God within us was stripped away from us when Adam and Eve unwittingly accepted Satan's agreement with death.

Without the love of Christ coming down to us, we are likened unto a barren tree in the wintertime. Left with only dry twigs, though still green at the core of the branch because of faith but from the outside view, it looks quite dead, dry and useless. Our Father in Heaven is our husbandman. His love in us is like the first sunshine rays of spring, which melts away the snow. His love will water and nourish us, giving us warmth until the first signs of tiny leaves appear. His love will continue to make us grow until the whole tree is full of leaves and flowers. Then fruits will begin to appear. He will prune and shape us until we bear fruits in abundance to gladden hearts. His love for us is the fertilizer for many other fruits to grow.

GALATIANS 5:22-26

- 22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
 23 *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
 24 *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
 25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
 26 *Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

If you do not have the love of Christ within you then it is not possible for you to bear fruits after Christ. Without the Holy Spirit of God within us, the barren tree remains barren and if weather and soil conditions worsen for a long period of time, the leafless tree finally dies. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are gifts from God. By ourselves we are unable to bear fruits but only death and destruction, that, automatically we are able to do.

JOHN 15:

- :1 *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*
 :4 *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruits of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*
 :5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruits: for without me ye can do nothing.*
 :6 *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*
 :8 *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*
 :9 *As the father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*
 :10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.*
 :11 *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

- :12 *This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.*
 :13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*
 :14 *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

Another sign of being born again is being like a child again, which means there are no self and no pride but only acknowledgement of God where everything is simple to the truth. The so called grown-up is very self conscious as we all experience due to the way children are being brought up in this psychologically challenged world. As corrupted ideas and concepts being introduced to us when we are growing up, as Satan always like to corrupt everything that is good and make it his own version, we tend to forget what is straight forward and good as we begin to sway to the rhythm of the corrupted world. God wants us to come to him like a little child, without self-consciousness, without ulterior motives, only unconditional love towards God, like a child loving and hugging his parents dearly. For God have given us His unconditional love first, even before we knew Him.

At the same time as we must be wise, mature and not be childish in matters concerning our personal behaviour and our interaction with other people. Do not follow blindly the ways of this world without question. Always try to be tactful with others and try to exercise some degree of discretion, determination and conviction in life, though at times it maybe difficult but try to let your yes be yes and your no be no. Indecision and doubt is of the devil.

Matthew 5:37 *"But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."*

A small child may follow his parents without question but God leads us with purpose and clear conviction, although sometimes not immediately made known but ultimately in time all things shall be revealed.

MATTHEW 18:1-6

1. *At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?*
2. *And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,*
3. *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*
4. *Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*
5. *And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.*
6. *But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12

- 11 *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*
- 12 *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known*

PSALM 37

- 1 *A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*
- 2 *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.*
- 3 *Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*
- 4 *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*
- 5 *Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*
- 6 *And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.*
- 7 *Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.*
- 8 *Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.*

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
 12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
 13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.
 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.
 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
 16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.
 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever.
 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.
 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.
 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore.
 28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.
 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.
 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
 36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
 40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Learn to pray in spirit and in truth. If you do not know what to say at first, pray to our master intercessor Jesus Christ to teach you how to pray. In His time, His Spirit will cause you to worship him in spirit and in truth. Only through prayers will you see results and execute miracles. The Lord's Prayer is a perfect example on how to pray.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (our model) - (put in your own words)

Our father who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name	<i>Start by acknowledging our Father in heaven our dear Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Thy kingdom come	<i>Desire for His kingdom and for things in heaven to come</i>
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven	<i>Inquire from Him His will be made manifest and never according to our own fancies.</i>
Give us this day our daily bread	<i>Request for daily sustenance, be satisfied and thankful with what you have</i>
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us	<i>Take time for understanding to forgive our brothers and even our enemies and pray that the Lord may forgive our wrong doings as well</i>
Lead us not into temptation	<i>Pray for to escape temptations if possible.</i>
But deliver us from evil	<i>Pray for the Lord to rebuke the devil for you and to bind the devil in chains for alone we do not have the power to do so.</i>
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.	<i>Give Him the glory due to His name</i>
Amen.	<i>End with in the name of Jesus Christ AMEN.</i>

*Your love surrounds me
With a cloud of warmth and comfort
Your love heals my wounds
With a soft tender touch
Your love has turned my mourning into joy
With your strong hand
Your love has unleashed a mighty river of love within me
With your swiftness
Your love causes my cup to overflow
With your sweet wine
Your love has opened my eyes
With your clarity and truth
Your love has calmed my soul
With your blanket of peace
Your love enabled me to bear fruits
With your mercy and grace
Your love is sweeter than the juiciest fruit in the Garden of Eden
Your love is great towards us and
With your love causes us to praise your name with ease overflowing
Your love has enabled us to draw near to your heart
And to listen to your will
And the desires of the heart and mind of Christ
Praise the Lord all you nations and peoples
For the love of God has dawned upon you.*

III. WAKE UP, IT IS TIME

*Long have we been in slumber,
Long have we been dreaming,
Heavy are our heads upon our pillows,
Heavy are our souls being grounded,
Wake up my love, wake up,
Wake up to receive your inheritance,
A lavish banquet is ready,
A lavish mansion awaits,
Forever we shall be together,
Forever in glory and in love.*

Surrender all to Him that is on High. He is coming quickly with judgement in His hand.

'Many are called but few chosen'

To those whose names are written in the book of Life will be citizens of the New Jerusalem. But for those whose names are not written in the book of life, do not say, "Let us drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." No. God is a righteous God. You shall be judged according to your works. (But for those whose names are in the book of Life all their past sins are covered in

the blood Christ, God will not recall their past sins.) Not all will receive the same judgement as Lucifer. There are other parts in hell and there is the outer darkness and et cetera.

God is infinite and is not limited in time and space, for He rolls out time like a carpet being able to see all four corners of the carpet, but we humans are born into a time frame but when we die we shall see eternity for what it is. So, according to the ages, men are judged according to the times that they live in. (The blood of Christ covers throughout the different ages, when He died and rose again, He also died for those in the old testament times before, after and beyond.)

For those who live after the second coming of Christ, they will be judged differently from those who live in the first two thousand years of Christ, likewise for those who lived in the Old Testament days. One of the reasons would be that during the last one thousand years to come, Satan will be bound. Therefore one can expect trials and temptations to be slightly less severe but trials and temptations will remain in the human race at that time because the sins of mortal man still exist whether Satan is around or not.

JAMES 5:7-9

:7 *Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*
:8 *Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*
:9 *Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.*

MATTHEW 10:37-39

:37 *He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*
:38 *And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.*
:39 *He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that looseth his life for my sake shall find it.*

REVELATION 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

ROMANS 6:8-9

:8 *Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him:*
:9 *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.*

MATTHEW 12:36-37

:36 *But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement.*
:37 *For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

REVELATION 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

IV. PROMISED RESTORATION

JOHN 10:1-5

- :1 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*
- :2 *But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*
- :3 *To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*
- :4 *And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.*
- :5 *And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.*

Sheep of the same fold, listen to our Master's call. To the remnant of the children of Israel, it is time for you to call upon the Lord the Messiah in the Spirit of Truth to restore the heart of Israel. Do not put the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to shame anymore. Call upon His name O children of Israel and let the world know that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the God of this earth.

The hand of the Lord is the strength of Israel; His name is the glory of Israel.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

- :24 *The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:*
- :25 *The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*
- :26 *The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

JOHN 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

JOHN 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

JOEL 2:11-13

- :11 *And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*
- :12 *Therefore also now, saith the Lord, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:*
- :13 *And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

JOEL 2:27

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

JOEL 2:32

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

ROMANS 11:

- :11 *I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*
- :12 *Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*
- :15 *For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?*
- :16 *For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.*
- :24 *For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*

Excerpts from the prophecy handbook by William E. Biederwolf - on Zechariah 4:2

"Its seven lamps", - The candlestick symbolizes the Jewish theocracy and ultimately the church. The seven lamps indicate the fullness of the light that was shed, and the forty-nine pipes the number and variety of the channels by which grace is imparted to the luminary. The seven lamps are united in one stem: so in Exodus 25:32, but in Revelation 1:12 the seven candlesticks are separate. Says Fausset, "The Gentile Churches will not realize their unity until the Jewish Church as the stem unites all the lamps in one candlestick (Romans 11:16-24)

HAGGAI 2:8-9

:8 *The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.*

:9 *The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.*

HOSEA 3:5

Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.

LUKE 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the gentiles, until the times of the gentiles be fulfilled.

ISAIAH 59:1-21

1 *Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:*

2 *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

3 *For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.*

4 *None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.*

5 *They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.*

6 *Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.*

7 *Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.*

8 *The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.*

9 *Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.*

10 *We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.*

11 *We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.*

12 *For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;*

13 *In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.*

14 *And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.*

15 *Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.*

16 *And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.*

17 *For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.*

18 *According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense.*

19 *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

20 *And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.*

21 *As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in*

thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.

EZEKIEL 33:11-20

- 11 *Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*
- 12 *Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.*
- 13 *When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.*
- 14 *Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;*
- 15 *If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.*
- 16 *None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.*
- 17 *Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.*
- 18 *When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.*
- 19 *But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.*
- 20 *Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.*

EZEKIEL 33:24-29

- 24 *Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.*
- 25 *Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?*
- 26 *Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbor's wife: and shall ye possess the land?*
- 27 *Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.*
- 28 *For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.*
- 29 *Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.*

EZEKIEL 33:31

- 31 *And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.*

Today, we live in the days of the fulfilment of the gentile times. The gentile times is now fulfilled in this age. When the Lord comes again, He will make Jerusalem the capital city of the world. But before His second coming, beware of the abominations of desolation spoken of in the book of Daniel. Blessed are those that shall not be swayed by the abomination of desolation for the time of rapture is near. Blessed are those who die in the Lord; to live is Christ, to die is gain. For those who wish to save their lives by complying with the antichrist shall surely die, even unto perpetual death for his subtlety is crafty and will lead you to think that you are actually complying with God. BEWARE OF COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY.

ZECHARIAH 10:1

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

EXODUS 4:8-9

- :8 *And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.*
- :9 *And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of*

the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

The first sign came two thousand years ago, when Christ died on the wooden cross. The second sign has come in the form of a burning cross. Do not be like Pharaoh who remained stiff-necked and continued to provoke the Lord. Repent! Learn of the Lord and return to your heavenly Father; lest the Lord shall put a plug in the springs of the heavens, to stop the outpouring of the latter rain. Do not provoke the Lord to withhold the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. The Lord delights to give you His Holy Spirit to refresh and restore our weary souls.

Return to the Lord all ye children of Israel and the Lord will bless you abundantly. The name of the Lord shall once again be exalted above all the earth. The God of Israel is the God of the earth!

ISAIAH 58

- 1 *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*
- 2 *Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.*
- 3 *Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors.*
- 4 *Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.*
- 5 *Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?*
- 6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*
- 7 *Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*
- 8 *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.*
- 9 *Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;*
- 10 *And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:*
- 11 *And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.*
- 12 *And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.*
- 13 *If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:*
- 14 *Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

ISAIAH 65

- 1 *I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.*
- 2 *I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;*
- 3 *A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;*
- 4 *Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;*
- 5 *Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.*
- 6 *Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,*

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spoke, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

PSALM 50

1 A Psalm of Asaph. The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

ISAIAH 66:1-5

- :1 **Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?**
- :2 *For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*
- :3 *He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.*
- :4 *I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.*
- :5 *Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.*

Think not that that you need to rebuild the temple of Soloman or the temple written in the book of Ezekiel to practice the sacrifices according to the law handed down to you by Moses for the Lord said to the prophet Isaiah (in chapter 66:1-5), *“the heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool where is the house that ye build unto me?”*

The Lord desires mercy and not sacrifices of animals in temples. When you sacrifice an ox in the temple today, tomorrow you sin again but if you sacrifice your life to Christ, you live according to the grace of God and the mercy of the Almighty. Jesus Christ sacrificed His life in your place, so that when He overcame, you too shall overcome according to His abundant mercies.

However, whatever you plan to build in Jerusalem, it is more likely that the Lord will make it government office of some sort in the new millennium because even though the entire earth is the Lord's but Jerusalem will be the centre of all the activities of the world. People will flock to Jerusalem to seek the counsel of the Lord (Isaiah chapter 2).

ISAIAH CHAPTER 2:1-22

- :1 *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*
- :2 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
- :3 **And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**
- :4 **And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**
- :5 *O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*
- :6 *Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.*
- :7 *Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:*
- :8 *Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:*
- :9 *And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.*
- :10 *Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.*
- :11 *The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*
- :12 *For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*
- :13 *And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,*
- :14 *And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,*
- :15 *And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,*
- :16 *And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.*

- :17 *And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*
- :18 *And the idols he shall utterly abolish.*
- :19 *And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*
- :20 *In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;*
- :21 *To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*
- :22 *Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of ?*

V. FINAL REMINDER

Oh Israel, do you remember your fore fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? How far have you gone astray? Why do you strife now with your brother Ishmael? In the beginning, it was not so. Though Ishmael was sent away to live else where, it was only to protect the lineage of Isaac. God still blessed and protected Ishmael and his generations multiplied exceedingly. O descendants of Ishmael, remember what Abraham thought you when you were young. Both Ishmael and Isaac worshipped the same God of Abraham. Return to the God of your forefathers and live. However, now ironically, both brothers have gone astray together each unto his own, worshipping a blur resemblance of a memory of something that you think is the God who created the heavens and the earth. O sons of Ishmael, it is not too late for you to repent also. Just as Satan has blinded Israel, the usurper has also blinded and diverted the children of Ishmael to worship another god.

The lineage of Isaac was protected, separated from all other peoples of the earth in the beginning just because it was to bring forth Jesus Christ. Yes, so much blood was shed at the time of Moses and Joshua because men are weak and segregation at the beginning was important to protect the lineage. Now it is not so anymore. There is no need for segregation now, for all are under the blood of Christ. All sons of men now must work together if you are to survive.

Where men have failed, God will take over to prolong our earth. Jesus Christ is coming back to personally reign with a rod of iron because the sons of men are stiff necked and will never learn. If men will live peaceably with Jesus Christ, why do you think God would need the "rod of iron"? It is because, even after meeting, knowing and seeing Jesus Christ in person with all the peace and restoration He is bringing to earth and yet there are those who hate Him who brings peace, for some of the remnant of the children of the "tares" remains until the end of another one thousand years.

Since the first Adam and Eve, all have gone from bad to worse. One step forward, two steps back. Today, Government systems have failed, judicial systems have failed, economic systems have failed, education systems have failed, areas of medical and health care have failed, lets face it, the first and

foremost simplest task given to Adam by God we have failed to do – that is to govern the animal kingdom and to take care of the animals, but what happened? We call it “nature” when animals go wild and die in the wilderness. People eat all sorts of animals even those specifically told not to eat and subjecting the animals to all kinds of inhumane suffering and neglect. What is worse is that men have also treated each other inhumanely subjecting human beings to torture and neglect and even butchering people like animals during the thousands of different war times or even to harvest organs for sale in the black market and cannibalism, genocide, gendercide and also a horrifying disturbing trend in China - female infanticide. Satan has sadistically given the people in China and other parts of this world; the illusion that giving birth to female babies are a disgrace and useless. Similar to what the Pharaoh in Egypt did, in the days of Moses; the only difference is that he made use of an outside force to subdue the ever growing Israelites population because the Israelites were strong in their faith and Satan could not attack from within. Today unfortunately, Satan attacks from within the individual weak mind.

New systems will be brought forward as all old systems will be demolished and be replaced. A new age is about to be born; where Saints of old shall return with Christ Jesus to help govern the earth. Behold a new era is coming and it is right at your doorstep.

The thickness of God’s sorrow no one can phantom, if such grief was upon man he would only wish for death. Even so when God became man His sorrows could not even be drowned in Jesus Christ’s own death, even as He was most willing to die so that His beloved might have life.

The Lord has waited 6 thousand years for man to change his evil ways but man by himself could not as he has so proved. Instead of using the time to change and repent for the better, man has become from bad to worse, from evil to evil. You find yourself worse off than you first began. Without the salvation of Jesus Christ, we are overcome by our weak human existence and our lethargy weighs us down. Humans have a natural affiliation with the acts of sin but for the chosen of God, by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, in time He can turn our affiliation to what is godly.

The Lord will go all the way out to find His lost sheep to bring him back to the fold. And what joy when he returns for he could be a beggar sitting on the street corner, an executive in a corporate bandwagon buried deep in paperwork and money minded people, a doctor whose soul nearly died while trying to save people’s lives but ended up killing them by charging impossible to pay kind of fees. Those ambitious Advocates and Solicitors who started off with big ideals of defending the helpless and the innocent ending up defending criminals and being paid to intimidate the weak and innocent. Do I need to go on?

Come out now! Stop whatever that you are doing and stop going against your conscience for if you keep on doing so, you will end up feeling numb and become one of those living dead (children of darkness). Realise your mistakes and learn for the better, otherwise there are always plenty of other jobs in this world that does not demand your soul, and so, what if you are used to getting a huge pay cheque, what is your life compared to eternal damnation, there is no need to think twice about having a smaller lighter pay cheque. So you have to change your lifestyle a little or move to a smaller house to accommodate the lesser money you earn and what is that compared to that eternal mansion Jesus Christ has prepared for you.

Let those who do evil continue to do so and those who do after the will of God let him by all means continue to do so and by the grace of God sustain them till He comes again.

HOSEA 14:1-9

- 1 *O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.*
- 2 *Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.*
- 3 *Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.*
- 4 *I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.*
- 5 *I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.*
- 6 *His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.*
- 7 *They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.*
- 8 *Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.*
- 9 *Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.*

HABAKKUK 2:3

- 3 *For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.*

Though it may seem that He has delayed in His coming but it is not so, for His time is not our time. He comes exactly when He has planned to. Not delayed and not too early for the Lord waits for us but it does not mean that we should take our own sweet time and delay our faith or any task for that matter on purpose. But rather we must do our utmost to make haste the best that we are able to because the Lord is coming very quickly.

However, one views Christianity, it is not about being fair or unfair. Not about freedom of choice or predestination. Not about favouritism or condemnation of the rest of the human race who are not chosen. It is all about a Father exercising His rights to redeem His lost children who went a whoring in this world. Those who are not of His seed, He simply cannot redeem because they are not His children but of the Devil's seed. We are not talking about adoption of another person's child. Those who are born of God and born of the Devil are completely different. The father of lies has gained control of our human reproductive system and sprung off a vast majority of

children after his own evil ways. The father of lies has taught his children two things:

1. to do all sorts of evil deeds whether outwardly or inwardly so as to rebel against God;
2. to practise counterfeit Christianity and etc; in order to prevent the children of God from realisation of the truth and to hamper any spiritual advancement.

2 PETER 7-9

- 7 *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*
- 8 *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*
- 9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

PSALM 58:1-4

- 1 *To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David. Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?*
- 2 *Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.*
- 3 ***The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.***
- 4 *Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;*

ISAIAH 45:5-13

- 5 *I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:*
- 6 *That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.*
- 7 *I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*
- 8 *Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.*
- 9 *Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?*
- 10 *Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?*
- 11 *Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*
- 12 *I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.*
- 13 *I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.*

ISAIAH 45:16-17

- 16 *They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.*
- 17 *But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.*

ISAIAH 45:19-25

- 19 *I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.*
- 20 *Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.*
- 21 *Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me.*
- 22 *Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*
- 23 *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*
- 24 *Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.*
- 25 *In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.*

EZEKIEL CHAPTER 18:29-32

- 29 *Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal?*
- 30 *Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*
- 31 *Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*
- 32 *For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.*

FINAL RECAP:

- 1) This letter is basically only for those who already believe in God.
- 2) Jesus Christ is knocking on the door your heart individually, so have faith to accept him into your life. To love our God with all our heart and strength is our main purpose in life. To believe in Him is our work. Get to know the Lord as you would your best friend. Approach in His presence with a contrite heart and a meek spirit. Ascribe unto the Lord all honour, righteousness, glory, power, greatness and strength.
- 3) Bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit is our ultimate goal in life, no matter how long it takes to cultivate them. Knowing that one of the fruits is perseverance: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance.
- 4) Malicious fruits of the devil we must try to avoid at all cost by the grace of God: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.
- 5) Be aware of supplanting "Christians".
- 6) Worship the Lord in spirit and in truth; to Him alone and none else. Praying to so Saints is pure idoltary. Saints are the same as you and me, as such the Saints too are in heaven under the protection of God and they do not have authority yet to communicate with us. Time and time again, the Lord has told us to cast away our idols. Israelites Kings of old have sinned against God with idols of all sorts and it has caused their lives to be forfeited. (*Isaiah 2:18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.*)
- 7) Abstain from idoltary and coveteousness. Be obedient to the Word of God.

- 8) If someone smite you on your right cheek, turn to him also your left. Understanding towards your enemies and do good to those who despitefully use you. If you are born again, you will see everything in a clear and blinding light. You would come know your position in the eyes of God, as such you will be able to understand and forgive your enemies because of their fallibility and that they cannot change due to the nature of their origin. Treating your enemies badly will only bring yourself closer to the devil as your are cultivating ungodly fruits.
- 9) Sheep of the same fold will listen to the master's call.

To the remnants of the Children of Israel and of the redeemed Church of Laodicea,

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee;

The LORD make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Upon the name of the Lord the children of Israel, shall be blessed.

All honour and glory be unto our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours faithfully,
Genesis Yew

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Statement of Faith

- 1 . One God who created the Heavens and the Earth from nothing and created man in the image of God.
- 2 . One God who chose the line of Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to bring about the Son of Man the Messiah.
- 3 . One God appeared to mankind in 3 manifestations, as the Father - creator, as the Son of God Christ Jesus - our saviour and as the Holy Spirit of God - our comforter.
- 4 . The Messiah came near to man in the form of Jesus Christ our Redeemer about two thousand years ago by a virgin birth and was crucified on a Roman cross, died and rose again on the third day to obtain victory over death and over Satan on our behalf.
- 5 . All Honour, Glory and Power be unto God alone.
- 6 . World without end, the continuation of mankind.
- 7 . Second coming of Christ, restoration of Israel, bringing peace, renewal and knowledge to all mankind.
- 8 . Salvation by the Grace of God and since two thousand years ago by the Blood of Jesus Christ through predestination and election of God's people so as to be separated from the children of Darkness.
- 9 . Faith in God is given to man as a gift from God Himself.
- 10 . Continuation of a person after physical death.

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