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THE LORD IS MY ROCK MY FORTRESS AND MY DELIVERER Ps.18:2

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JESUS CHRIST: THE SURE FOUNDATION

“For we are labourers together with God; ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building. According to the grace of God which is given to me, as a wise masterbuilder, I HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATION and another buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is already laid, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.” (I Cor.3:9-11)

Paul specifically addressed the church of God and “...them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.”(I Cor,1:2) He was reminding them, as the Spirit is reminding us today, that we are the dwelling place of God, the church that He has built for His glory. “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” (I Cor.3:16) This is awesome and wonderful indeed. It is why the foundation of this temple, not made with hands, can be none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

Jesus Christ is the Living Word made flesh in us. He came first in the body of the man Jesus of Nazareth, and by His death and resurrection, He gave us His own Spirit that we might also become the Word made flesh. The Living Word that we hear and that we become, is the Living Jesus Christ made flesh in us. As Bro. Eby once said, “The Word was not made a “book”, the Word was made flesh.” And the Word is not made a living Encyclopedia of intellectual knowledge, the Word is made flesh. It is the Word that lives and speaks within us; He is our sure and firm foundation. If we are founded on anything else, we will shake during the storms facing us in the

world today. The living Word is the Rock that is hid deep within, this is why Paul was laboring to lay that foundation. And this is why we go through many phases to reach the true foundation that is Jesus Christ Himself.

Jesus explains with a parable, “Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like; He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it for it was founded on a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.” (Lk.6:47-49)

No degree of learning can help us find the Rock. Peter, was a rugged fisherman, yet, when asked by the Lord, “Who do men say that I the Son of man am? ...Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matt.16:13b,16) Jesus marvelled and told Peter, “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt.16:18)

The Rock is “the Jesus Christ” that the Father revealed to Peter. The Father had just opened Peter’s eyes to the living Rock within Him. Others could only know Jesus Christ as the man that stood before them, but Peter had found the Rock that he could build on. This is the Rock that is the foundation of the church. It is the Christ arising and speaking from

the depth of our spirits. We are not built on our learning and memorizing of doctrines and creeds, we are built on the Word that He speaks directly to us. He is the foundation that will not shake through the hottest fires of tribulation. The living Word made flesh is the only foundation that will never crumble and that will overcome hell and death itself.

For me personally, it took long hours of sitting under the teachings of various anointed and not so anointed ministries expounding the Word. It took endless times spent listening to studies on tapes, or reading pamphlets or books, learning to recognize and take hold of the witness of the Spirit as I read.

The “Jesus Christ” that we meet at the time of our conversion is very real, but until He reveals Himself daily, He is only an image of our imaginations. It is through the Word that He speaks to our hearts, that our faith grows so that we believe, trust and obey, or as Jesus said, “We do His sayings.” *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”* (Rom.10:17)

Moreover, as He speaks His Word to us, He walks us through the fires of life to engrave that Word into our minds and hearts. The writing of His laws, (His Word is Law), becomes flesh in us, as He takes us through the fire. *“For this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.”*(Heb.10:16)

Without fail, our faithful Lord writes His laws, (His Living Word), in our minds and hearts through the every day, nitty-gritty trials of our lives. In this way, He reveals Himself to us and builds our faith and trust in Him.

The apostle Peter speaks of the *“trial of our faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes.”* Indeed, as we find His grace through our many trials, we learn to believe in Him and trust Him. This way, we learn to know His ways, and our faith grows. *“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”*(I Pet.1:9) Peter is speaking of the full salvation of our souls which, of necessity, includes our new, incorruptible, eternal body.

At the beginning of our walk with Christ, our knowledge of Him is very shallow. We are babes and need to grow in order to partake of the strong meat of the Word. Not one single church or assembly can provide all that we need to grow from babes to mature sons. This is why the Spirit often moves us from one church or group to another until we end up in home meetings, small prayer groups, and finally none of the above. This is all part of our digging deeper to find the Rock to build upon.

Paul explains that after his initial calling, *“... it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal His Son in me...”* (Gal.1:15) God did not send him to Jerusalem to consult with the other apostles; God sent Paul on the backside of the Arabian desert for three years. Paul was not speaking of being separated from his natural mother; he was speaking of the separation from his “mother” church, Judaism, the religion of the Pharisees of the time of Jesus.

This separation was a part of Paul’s digging for the proper foundation of the building of the temple not made with hands. It was also the time for him to meet and know the true God. Some may think that the Lord reveals Himself within the structure of the worldly church, but this is a delusion. He calls His people out of the church to reveal Himself to them.

The Rock on which our temple is built is alive. It bears no resemblance to the doctrines that are part of our growing up. He is not in any of these doctrines. Just as we have set aside the doctrines of “rapture in the sky,” and of a literal “city in space,” the Spirit urges us, *“Therefore LEAVING BEHIND the principles of the doctrines of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.”* (Heb.6:1)

All the doctrines of the past that we once held dear, and even the treasures and identity that we once cherished as followers of Christ, are being replaced by the new creation being formed within. Because they were wonderful and met our need then, we had placed our trust in these doctrines and we may feel like we have been stripped for they no longer fit on

the rest of our journey. Yet, one cannot take away another's conviction until they are ready. Only the Lord Himself can successfully accomplish such a feat.

As deceptive as it is, we cannot take away the rapture doctrine from those who rely on it to save themselves from the tribulations to come. How can we take away the doctrines of hell and eternal damnation from those who feel so privileged to know that they have escaped a burning eternal hell, and that they are not as the "damned" majority of unbelievers who will suffer the horrible burning of an eternal inferno. They admire the God of justice who is unable to extend His mercy to anyone who cannot confess His Son, before the time limit of leaving this earth.

Yet the Psalms are filled with words of acclamation for the God of love and mercy that endure forever. Oh the wisdom of our God who allowed the Bible to be written in such a way, that it can easily be interpreted according to what is in the hearts of the interpreter.

It was precept upon precept and line upon line that the Lord brought us out of this wilderness into a clearer knowledge of Himself. These doctrines were the stepping stones to finding the Rock that is hidden deep within each of us. He passed us through the delusion, that we might be able to succor those who are still in that bondage. In His wisdom, our God has made us "overcomers in Christ," that we might lead the way for others to overcome as well. With each step, He reveals Himself in a greater way, and our foundation gets deeper and stronger, until it is only pure Rock.

As the world around us crumbles, we need this firm foundation, that we may not crumble with it. It is in Christ who IS ALIVE and speaks to us from within, that we find peace and stability. Our doctrines, and our memorized verses of scriptures will not stand in the fires of His appearing.

The Rock is our firm foundation. He is the living, daily Word in us who will not collapse under pressure. He will not submit to fear and dread. He

will keep the enemy of our soul at bay and will stop the angel of death from entering our dwelling (mind and heart).

THE FOUNDATION OF APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

"...When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." (Eph.4:8) Jesus gave these ministries as gifts to build His Church. Apostles and prophets work together to impart the Word of life to us. Their words are the foundation that we, as God's building, firmly stand upon. *"And we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."* (Eph.2:20-22)

These gift ministries have been cast out of man's organized churches, and replaced by sophisticated, professional ministers, who took their knowledge from books and not from God. Nevertheless, true apostles and prophets, although the world never knew them, have been diligently at work in the Body of Christ.

Just as Jesus ministered to the multitude as well as to the disciples, these have ministered to the called out who have been hidden within the multitudes. Apostolic ministries have come and gone among us, without making a great name for themselves. They have not always been recognized as apostles, but the Word that they have imparted to us is very much a part of our foundation today. Such ministries are still in operation today, and will continue until the building of God, not made with hands, has reached the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Step by step we have been digging and uncovering our foundation. We have found that to build on the Rock, which is Jesus Christ, we have to dig deep. The Rock has been buried under all the trash of this world's teaching, and of the Babylonish doctrines that had been fed to our minds and hearts. Today, we are entering a time of great tribulation as never was before. Granted we have had world catastrophes

before. We have had earthquakes, floods, warfare and plagues from the beginning of times. We have seen the “pestilence that walks by night, as is this current virus. And they have never hit all at the same time, in the entire world. There is no doubt in my mind, that this is what Jesus was referring to when He declared that at the end of the age *“There shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”* (Matt.24:21-22)

These words should bring peace to our hearts. We know that our God is in charge of us and of all His creation. We know that the company of elect is present among us, or Jesus would not have said that for their sake, the days will be shortened. We know that the “elect” is Christ in His body of sons. We know that the sons are the answer to the yearning and travailing of the entire creation.

It was the old Adam nature that the Son of God took to the cross. He took the old Adam man to his final demise, and He was raised as the firstborn of a new creation of God. This is what the Savior of the world purchased with His own blood, for us all. It is through the same suffering that we will reign with Him. And it is through the same fire that creation will also be saved.

When Jesus gave the warning about the tribulation of the last days, He was answering the question about the coming of the Son of man. So after the explanation of the verse above, He continued to answer that question. He clearly laid out that it is at the time of the tribulation that the Son of man appears. Who is this Son of man? He is the new creation man in the likeness and very image of the Son of God. He is the revelation, or uncovering of Christ in His people- the sons of God.

Jesus warned about the false prophets of that day. He warns about them leading people to go look here and there for Christ as a single person. *“Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, HE is in the desert; go not forth: behold, HE is in the secret chambers; believe it not.”* (Matt.24:26) The Son of man is not

coming as a single man, and he is not found in any particular place. Jesus explained, *“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”* (Matt.24:27) It could not be any clearer. The lightning that this is speaking about is the rising of the sun. Lightening that comes with storms, does not shine from east to west. It is the sun that rises in the east and sets in the west. This is the coming of the Sun or Son of Righteousness that is about to rise with healing in His wings. It is the rising of God’s truth appearing in the persons of the sons of God.

This is the day of the rising of the Son of Righteousness. Malachi prophesied of that Day, *“For behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you who fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.”* (Mal.4:1-2)

Can we not see that this is what is taking place in our day? Do we understand why the sons have to first pass through much fire? They must be made free from the bondage of sin, and from the image of this world. God in His wisdom and mercy has made the way through His only begotten Son. The cross is the ultimate fire. The cross is the fire that can consume the evil in the old creation man. From the top of His cross, Jesus proclaimed the end of that old creation, as He uttered, *“IT IS FINISHED.”*

It was finished on the cross of Calvary. It continues to be finished as we take up our daily cross; and now the whole world is passing through the fire of the cross of God’s holy Son. The cross is the Lord’s judgment and salvation. Judgment began at the house of God, and is now passing over all creatures. This is the beginning of their deliverance.

“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, (for Christ sake), let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the

gospel of God?” (I Pet.4:16-17) We are witnessing the end of them that obeyed not the gospel of God.

SEE YOUR CALLING BRETHREN

“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.”(I Cor.1:26) We know that Paul is not talking about the “salvation,” that we receive by faith in Jesus Christ; Paul is talking about the calling of sons. He is explaining that being sophisticated or having high social standings such as nobility, or having attained a higher education hold no value one way or the other when it comes to God’s callings.

Sons of God are found in all walks of life. What they have in common is that they follow the Lamb wheresoever He leads, and in that way, they are taught and trained by God Himself. They do not follow the ways of men; they are moved by the voice of the Spirit of the Son within. *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Rom.8:14)*

The true identity and calling of a son, is concealed in a mortal body, until the time when death is swallowed up of life and mortality puts on immortality while still here on earth. These will then be seen in their eternal bodies of glory. *“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” (I Cor.15:53)*

The sons of God are the “deliverers” that creation is eagerly awaiting. *“For the earnest looking out of the creation, doth expect the revelation of the sons of God.” (Rom.8:19) (Young literal translation).* The sons are not called to be served by creation, rather they are servants of all. Jesus showed the calling of a Son when He girded Himself with a towel, and washed the feet of His disciples. The Son of God laid His life down to deliver creation from sin and death. And it is in the sons that the Son continues to be the Deliverer.

I once had a dream that clearly depicts the calling of sons. *“I was sent to a place way up in the sky. It was like a massive castle or fortress, suspended high in*

space. The people that lived there were under the oppressive control of a cruel and barbarous giant, who reminded me of Bluebeard in the French fable. I was transported to that place, and found myself in a vast circular lobby-like room. There were closed doors all around the room, and I knew that people were behind these locked doors being kept prisoners and under heavy labor.

I then found the exit door and it was locked too. I looked for the key and found it attached to a long stick, laying on top of the door’s lintel. I opened the exit door and saw that I was way up in space, with only a rope ladder to climb down and out. I began to slowly climb down this ladder. At first it had rope handrails on either side that I could hold onto and balance myself. It was truly difficult and terrifying. But I had no choice. I had to get down to freedom. After a time, the ropes on either sides disappeared, and I was left balancing myself down this rope ladder, being very careful with each step. Finally, I was on solid ground and breathed a sigh of relief. But soon I was told, that now that I knew the place firsthand, and I knew the way out of it, I must go back to free the people who are held prisoners there.” (End of dream).

I may have shared this dream before, but today, the understanding is much clearer than it was when I first received it. It depicts the extent of our calling as sons of God. Deliverance is our banner. We are called to be as Jesus Christ Himself in the world. We have been able to find our way out and walk down from the lofty places of the religious orders of this world. We have walked down the unstable, insecure and even dangerous paths by ourselves, knowing not how it would all turn out. But we have become a beacon for those who have been called out. This has made us stronger. It has brought to surface the courage and tenacity that can only come from the living Christ within. This also is the training of a son of God.

Besides visiting the fortress of bondage within our own minds, most of us have also visited and even been part of the fortresses of bondage that have been created in the world. For a time, we felt at home within these structures, but when Christ arose and gave us light, the struggle really began. Paul teaches

that, *“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high, (heavenly), places.”* (Eph.6:12). Indeed, we are called to wrestle, (close combat), against the forces of evil in these HIGH or HEAVENLY places.

Where are these heavenly and high places? We find that the Greek word translated “heavenly,” in Eph.2:6, where Paul writes that we have been raised up *“...together and made to sit together in HEAVENLY places with Christ Jesus,”* is the same Greek word translated “high” in the *“...spiritual wickedness, in HIGH PLACES”* of Eph.6:12,

Both words speak of the invisible realm of spirit, where man’s thoughts and ideas are formed. They are the realms of our minds and also our affections (hearts). They are our spirits and souls where Christ dwells, but also where spirits and rulers of darkness work to plant fear, anxieties, animosities and all the forces that seek to destroy our faith. From our heavenlies, we can take hold of the strength of Christ and of the knowledge of the Truth, or we can submit to the defeatism and lies of the prince of this world, that work continually with all his wicked spirits, to bring us down to the pit.

In Christ we are raised up together, to sit with Him above all these wicked powers that enter our thoughts and stir up our fleshly desires. This means that Christ gives us His power to quickly overcome each and every one of these forces of hell.

It is in our “heavenlies” that we find Him, who is the Truth. But it is also where the voices of darkness continually harass us with accusations, condemnations, fears and doubts. This is the realm where the giant Bluebeard of my dream, keeps his victims locked behind the doors of lying doctrines and discouraging speculations.

While David fled from Saul, he fought many battles in his “heavenlies”. We read, *“If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou are there.”*(Ps.139:8) David knew that within himself, he could take hold of the Spirit of God, or he could yield to spirits of defeatism, loneli-

ness, desperation, darkness and death. He could choose to turn his thoughts to either one, but through it all, he knew that His God would never leave him. We also have had times when we made our beds in hell. But by the power of His Holy Spirit, we have found the key to come out. We have visited rulers of the darkness in our own minds, and we have experienced their power in congregations at large. By God’s grace, we have also found the door, (Christ in us is the door), and the key that is hid in the high places of the door, (the mind of Christ).

Step by step, we have come out of our lofty prison, and step by step we have found our way into the liberty of the sons of God. *“For we know that creation itself shall be set free from the servitude of the corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.”* (Rom.8:21 Young’s literal translation)

By the power of truth, God’s Holy Spirit has made us free from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the sons. *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*(Jn.8:32). Sons will not accept warped interpretations of God’s glorious gospel. Sons have become a beacon for the rest of creation.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set AT LIBERTY them that are bruised...” (Lk.4:18) Setting the captives free is a part of the glorious gospel of Christ, yet the gospel has been mostly used to put the majority of followers, under servitude of a system. The giant Bluebeard of my dream, represents the “Man of sin” *“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.”* (II Thess.2:4)

The Man of sin is the strong man of the adamic nature who has been keeping humanity in darkness, separated from the true God. *“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not*

hear.”(Isa.59:2) We have all been there; none has escaped.

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Ps.14:1-3)

While man’s intellect has developed and has discovered many ways to make life easier and more productive, man’s godless nature has gradually descended farther into filthy lust, greed and degradation. Man has shown that he can be more cruel and merciless than the wild beasts of the earth. Cities can be more dangerous to life, than the jungles in the wild.

Man’s systems of law and order are no longer able to control the wild beasts that are loose in his world, and to protect the frail and vulnerable among us. All systems, whether they are political, social, educational, economic or religious, have to fail and crash.; They could no longer be sustained; they were only temporal. Creation and all souls belong to God, and He did not turn them over into man’s hands forever.

After His resurrection, Jesus met up with his disciples and taught something extremely important. *“And beginning at Moses and ALL the prophets, he expounded unto them in ALL THE SCRIPTURES the things concerning himself.” (Lk.24:27)*

God’s complete plan for creation is hidden in the Law and the prophets of the Old Testament. Jesus was concealed within these. When He came to earth, He began to fulfill the Law and the prophets, thus establishing the plan of God for creation. In His death and resurrection, Jesus triumphantly seized the keys of hell and death from Satan, and opened the door to the deliverance of the entire world.

Since that time, the Law and the prophets have been being fulfilled, until the time when through His body of elect, He will have fulfilled it all, and wrought cre-

ation’s complete deliverance. The last enemy being death itself. Then will He turn the kingdom over to the Father, that God may be all in all.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the beginning of the deliverance of the deliverers. In God’s time and order, these deliverers will eventually save the world from the beast nature that has usurped the place of Christ. This does not mean that sons should now run to churches and Christian assemblies, to call the people out. This has been tried and failed. Nevertheless, the light of that Day has already dawned, and many are hearing the voice of the Son of God as we did. They are coming out and following the Shepherd to the greener pastures prepared for them.

Just as we found the key out of the Babylon within our own hearts, and just as we came out of the Babylon of the world’s religious activities into the liberty of the sons of God, each one who hears the voice of the Son of God from the obscurity of his own grave, will be led to follow the same path. Howbeit, it will not take as long as it did for some of us. As each one moves out, they will find the courage and support, (rope handrails), to persevere to the end.

As it was in the dream, this is a very unsure, scary and most stressful time of our lives. It means leaving behind the security that we had found in the fellowships we knew; it often means losing the support and understanding of friends and even family. It may mean being reviled and rejected by those we once trusted with our personal struggles and victories. It is by His grace that we persevere and endure to the end.

As we followed Christ through salvation, through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and through the new understanding of His Word, we were faced with the resistance and opposition of these principalities and powers in the heavenlies of our minds and hearts, as well as in the minds of those who are now set against us. Yet, these things cause us to grow stronger in the faith.

By the faithfulness and power of His Holy Spirit, Jesus works to deliver us from the Bluebeard spirit who has held us captive, and has wound his way into our

minds and often into our hearts. We have become the "Delivered," that we might become the "Deliverer."

The day is at hand when the prophecies of old will be fulfilled in Christ in us. *"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, (Christ and His church), shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."* (Joel 2:32) *"And saviours shall come up on the mount of Zion to judge the mount of Esau; (kingdoms of carnal man), and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."*(Oba.21) *"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* (Rev.11:15)

Jesus said, *"If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and MAKE OUR ABODE with him."*(Jn.14:23) When we love the Lord who is the Word, the Way, the Truth and the Life, He makes us His building, His temple, His dwelling place. *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*(Cor.3:16)

It is who and what we love that makes all the difference. The Adam man replaced the love of the truth with the love for self gratification. Speaking of the mystery of iniquity, Paul writes about that "Wicked" that shall be revealed and *"..whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."* Then Paul continues to describe this one *"...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrightousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might believe a lie."* (II Thess.2: 7-10)

That Wicked is none other than the pseudo-religious spirit of the Pharisees, which is the strong spirit behind the hypocritical system of religious works that sits as God in the hearts of man. That system is the work of Satan himself, (the carnal mind), the strong serpent spirit who has wanted to be God from the beginning. We may have never gone to church, yet that

religious spirit is in us. We may call ourselves "atheist," and still reek of that proud spirit of religious "self." Through the literal interpretation of God's Word, pseudo-holy men have concocted doctrines that sound like the way, the truth and the life. But they are a counterfeits of Christ. It is because this is the Day of the Lord, that the Light has come to us and awakened us to who He really is, and who we are in Him. It is not by any works of ourselves, but because He chose and called us that we are now seeing the Truth as He is.

Paul earnestly penned, *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom, and REVELATION in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of HIS CALLING, and what the riches of the glory of HIS INHERITANCE in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of HIS POWER to us-ward who believe, according to the working of HIS MIGHTY POWER."* (Eph.1:17-19)

My dear brothers and sisters, God's sickle has now begun the mighty harvest of all seeds. What man has planted in the earth of his heart, and what the hearts of man have established in the world, are passing through the mighty fire of God.

The disciples asked Jesus, *"...what is the sign of thy presence, and of the full end of the age?"*(Matt.24:3 Young's Literal Translation). He then expounded about the many things that would shake the world, but Jesus explained that it was when we see ALL these things happening everywhere at the same time, that, *"...if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved; but because of the chosen, shall those days be shortened."*(Matt.24:22YLT). And so the "chosen," the "elect," the sons of God, are here during these ominous and tumultuous times.

May the courage and love of the Son of God arise within us, to meet the challenge, and change this world of sin and death into a world of beauty and peace forever and ever.

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*