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UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN TREASURES

A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME

“Simeon hath declared how God at first did visit the Gentiles, (nations), to take out of them a people for his name.” (Acts 15:14) This was the calling of the apostle Paul, and why he asked the church to pray that God would open the way so that the Word he was sent to minister would find fertile soil. *“...praying that God would open us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”* (Col.4:3-4)

In these last days, the Spirit is speaking a special and specific Word to a chosen people. This Word opens up the way for the tabernacle of David to be raised in the earth. *“After this, (after He has called out a people), I will return, (He has returned in the form of His Holy Spirit), and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build the ruins thereof, and I will set it up. That the residue of men, (the remnant of Israel), might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, (nations), upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”*(Acts 15:16-17)

The tabernacle of David was only a tent that sheltered the Ark of the Covenant. And so the tabernacle of David that the Lord has been setting up today, is a people in flesh bodies, (tents), in whom the glory of the resurrected Christ abides (the Ark). The ultimate purpose is so the remnant of the Jews, and the Gentiles who are Christians, might come to seek the truth. These tabernacle people are the firstfruits that have been prepared to bring in the next harvest of those who will seek the Lord. This is what “He that

doeth all these things” has been setting up since His resurrection and ascension. He has been setting up the Ark of the Covenant (Himself as the Word made flesh), in a people called to bear His name; a people in His image and likeness. These are taken from the remnant of Israel, and from all the Gentile nations of the world. They are the tabernacle of David restored.

The Ark of the Covenant, was a little treasure chest made of acacia wood, overlaid inside and out with gold. The wood speaks of humanity, the gold is divine nature. The chest is humanity overlaid inside and out with the divine nature. Inside was found the Law, (Word of God written on our hearts), the golden pot of manna (the daily bread of life), and the rod of Aaron that budded overnight, (resurrection power). These people are the sons of God, the tabernacle of David restored, the saviors on Mt. Zion. (Obad.21)

These were the people, the fertile soil that Paul was seeking for the Word that he had to give. These are still the people to whom the Spirit is addressing His Word of life. They are the ones who understand the Word by the mind of the Spirit and not by man’s natural intellect.

There are many ways of receiving and understanding God’s Word. Much of what Paul wrote in his epistles is still a mystery to many of us. The Word has been revealing Himself more and more as the fulness of Day approaches. Only as we mature in Christ can we fully receive what He, (Christ), is showing us today. Those who have gone before us could only grasp what He was revealing to them in their Day.

Jesus explained that among those who would receive His Word, not all would be able to reap the full potential of it. Some would reap only thirty percent, some would reap sixty percent, and some would reap the full portion. May God bless each one who receives the portion that feeds them, but what a blessing it is when one is able to receive and produce the entire life of that Seed.

There are many streams of God, and many green pastures in the earth today, but His beloved are the “little flock” that He is raising, who are called by His name. When we receive the full portion that the Spirit re-

veals, we bless the Lord and He rejoices within us. *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”* (Ps.103:2)

THE GREATEST AMONG US

The carnal mind loves competition. The disciples had that problem, *“And they, (the disciples), began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do these things. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted THE GREATEST.”* (Lk.22:24)

Jesus may have shocked His disciples when He simply answered, *“And whoever of you may will to become first, he shall be SERVANT OF ALL.”* (Mk.10:44-Young’s Literal Translation). What a contrast to man’s view of things. Truly God’s ways are not our ways, neither are His thoughts, our thoughts.

The servants that Jesus was speaking about, were those who serve food and sustenance that is needed for life. When Jesus spoke to the multitudes, He was serving them the word of life, that they needed so badly. He was serving them God’s truth. He also gave them the natural bread they needed for this life. This is the kind of “servants” that God’s sons are called to be. They are to serve, out of themselves, the peace, wisdom and life of God, which is so badly needed in the world. What the sons will feed the world, is opposite to what man has established in the world.

When one speaks of Jesus Christ and of truth, it quickly stirs up animosity and warfare among the nations. Yet, the systems of governments are badly falling already. Even the best that we have in the world today, can no longer be sustained. The richest nations of the world have lost their treasure and value. The only system that will work and save the world, is the kingdom of God.

THE SONS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD

The word “reconcile” means to make friendly again, to bring into harmony, to settle a quarrel, to make content and submissive. This is what the sons are called to do. Bring creation back to being friendly

and in harmony with God. Christ, (in His many-membered body), is coming to reconcile, to heal and bring peace to the souls who are controlled by the fury of the man of flesh. *“And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to RECONCILE ALL THINGS unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”* (Col.1:20)

This has begun with us, *“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel...”* (Col.1:21-23a) Our part is to keep the hope of the “good news” alive in our hearts and minds. We have been reconciled first, to be part of the reconciliation of ALL THINGS unto God.

Through the gift ministries, Jesus Christ has raised up His true church in the world, and that church has brought forth the sons that shall soon be revealed. This is a mystery that can only be discerned and apprehended by the Spirit. But whether the mystery is fully clear to us or not, it nevertheless functions perfectly to bring about the reconciling of all things (people), into Christ.

The position of the sons in Christ is very important. When God raised Jesus from the dead, He *“...set him at his own RIGHT HAND in the heavenly places.”* (Eph.1:20b) And when we were dead in sins, *“He quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved); And hath raised us up together, and made us to SIT TOGETHER in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* (Eph.2:6)

Christ is seated above all principalities and powers that are in the “heavenlies.” He has power over the invisible realm of spirit that works through the minds and thoughts of men. We as sons, are seated with Him in that same place at God’s RIGHT HAND which denotes the place of God’s action, power and authority over the thoughts of our own minds, and over all other powers in heaven and in earth. This is the full position of the Christ, and of all the sons in Christ.

Furthermore, the sons are joint-heirs of all things, with the Son. *“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”* (Rev.21:7) It was Jesus the Son who overcame death, hell and all its demons, and it is the Son in us, who is overcoming death and hell in us now, and in the rest of humanity in the ages to come.

What are the “all things” that the sons of God inherit? They are the character, knowledge, wisdom and power that belong to the Father. Some believe that the sons will become creators; I believe that God the Father has already created all things in Christ, and the sons are given the power to govern and take care of all of the Father’s creation, which is infinite.

The sons are being raised as kings and priests, to establish and govern creation as the kingdom of God. The Father has GIVEN His Son for that purpose. *“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. 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 forever. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS.”* (Isa.9:6-7)

This prophecy is not for the Christmas season; this is a mighty Word from God to the sons today. And it is being performed in us, by the zeal of the Lord of hosts, (the Lord of the armies of heaven). Truly, the Son is seated in us, resisting and overcoming all the temptations of evil.

When Paul was called to fulfill his calling, he was first set apart, alone. Paul could not have sustained the hardships and abuses that he had to bear, without being fully prepared. He explained, *“When it pleased God to separate me from my mother’s womb* (Judaism), and called me by his grace, TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME...” (Gal.1:15-16)

Paul had to know that the Son was truly IN HIM. He could not have had the boldness, and the endurance

to fulfill his calling without this revelation. The Son reveals Himself within each one of His called out. This is where our strength and stability comes in. We cannot be “faithful and true” without knowing Him as He is IN US.

When we find Him, in us, we find the One who makes us servant of all. A servant cannot serve anything that he does not possess. We are not called to serve the whims of humanity, we are called to serve humanity what they so badly need. We cannot serve anything that we do not possess ourselves. It is the Overcomer who possesses all things. This is why the sons are trained to overcome by the Overcomer within. Then they will possess all things that creation needs for life and they will have the heart to serve it to all.

Creation has been ruled by men and women looking out for themselves and not for the people. From Nebuchadnezzar's head of gold, to the silver of the Medes and Persians, to the brass of the Greek systems of law, to the iron of Rome and the clay and iron mix of our day, the image that man has raised in the earth has been corrupt and can no longer stand. Even what we considered the best of the best can no longer be sustained. It might be patched up for a short while, but it can no longer stand.

God has prepared His government for His creation, and the sons of God are that government. We are now witnessing the harvest of all the evils that greed and the love of money, which is the root of all evil, have produced in the hearts of men. It is compounded by self love and the fear of failure and poverty. It is the result of not knowing the true God. This also is being destroyed by the power of His Word that divides asunder flesh and spirit, the sharp sword out of His mouth.

The new creation is a new man after the image and likeness of the Son of God. It is the last Adam man. After this creation, there will be no more. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and be Omega, the beginning and the END of the creation of God. His creation cannot be corrupted and it stands ready to serve the world in Spirit and in Truth. Creation will not serve these sons, they will serve creation. These are the people

that have been chosen and prepared to rule and reign with Christ in the earth. Looking back at history so far, this sounds like an impossible fairy tale. But through the eyes of faith, we know that it is not only possible; it is more real than anything ever seen.

Jesus is the firstborn of this creation, and the sons are the firstfruits of His resurrection. They are raised into a new nature that no man knows, except those who receive it. *“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone with a new name written, which NO MAN KNOWETH SAVING HE THAT RECEIVETH IT.”* (Rev.2:17) This new name is a new nature. It is written on a white stone which denotes the heart that has been made pure and free from the flesh.

And not only are these people pure and free from sin, they possess all things. This means that these sons will possess the wisdom, knowledge even the love and understanding of the Father. This Christ people will rule the world in a way that has never been known by man. This is what the sons are being prepared to do. They are the Christ of God who will rule His creation everywhere, and on every level of life.

They are God’s gift to the world. *“For God so loved the world that He gave...”* They were taken out of the world, washed in the water of His Word, and purified in the fire of His love. They were transformed by the “renewing” of their minds. They will no longer have any thought coming from the old mind, but their thoughts will be fully from the mind of Christ.

They will serve and shepherd the people with justice and kindness. They will fully represent the Father and no other. This is what the angry, abused, discouraged, conflicted and confused world needs. The unruly world desires the structure of God’s law, His Rod of Iron. The nations have lost all concept of right and wrong and are groping in the murky darkness and confusion of their leaders.

Christ in His body is the only one who is able to shepherd and control the nations. He is the only One who holds the scepter of God’s unbending righteousness. He is the One who possesses the mind, governing authority and heart of God. The scepter, or rod, is

the full authority of God to stop all intruders, and to provide directions in such a way that one cannot err.

HIDDEN TREASURES (Dreams, Parables and Prophecies)

It was often through very simple, easy to understand stories, that Jesus taught the common people His deepest mysteries. The Son of God was not addressing the educated scribes and Pharisees of that day; He was reaching out to such as the unschooled and unrefined and to those who followed Him only for a piece of fish and a morsel of bread.

And as He spoke in parables, the disciples were amazed. *“And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”* (Matt.13:10-11)

By speaking in simple parables, Jesus was confounding the wisdom of the wise scribes and Pharisees. He knew that their high-mindedness and vanity would blur their understanding of the simple language that He was speaking to the common people. The life and language of farmers and laborers were beneath them. They thought much too much of themselves and their position over the people.

“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.” (I Cor.1:27)

The Spirit often speaks to us through simple dreams that depict ordinary, commonplace happenings. The dreams from the Spirit of God take us through various situations that can sometimes be unusual or complicated, but that are mostly of things we can relate to in life. They are geared to show us things that are about to happen in our private lives, or corrections that the Spirit is working out within us.

There are also prophetic dreams. Jesus has anointed some as prophets in His church, and they see through dreams. *“Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to*

the SEER; for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer."(I Sam.9:9).

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets. Jesus opened the time of fulfilling all prophecy, and the time for the kingdom of God to be preached. ***"The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of heaven is preached, and every man presseth into it."*** (Lk.16:16) ***"For I say unto you, among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."*** (Lk.7:28) From that time, all that the prophets had spoken began to be fulfilled, and the kingdom of God began to be established in the hearts of men.

After His ascension, Jesus gave ministry gifts to the church. He gave some to be prophets. They are called to reveal and warn of pitfalls along the way, and to guide the other ministries. They also warn us of upcoming dangers. They prepare us for what God is about to do next. These ministries have been largely misused, abused and even rejected by the majority of "elders and pastors" of the church who prefer to do things their way.

The teachings of the church have often confused the gift of prophecy with the office of the prophets, and many who prophesy are often considered prophets. Their gift is to edify the church, ***"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."*** (I Cor.14:3) On the other hand, prophets mostly hear through dreams and visions, ***"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."*** (Amos 3:7)

One certainly does not need to be a prophet to dream. Most of the dreams from God's Spirit are given to open our understanding and acquaint us with the realities of the invisible things of God. Dreams are God's love letters to us. They never condemn, although they often reveal that which He is correcting in us. When we understand our dreams, we have found a source of new life within. Dreams and visions have been misunderstood, misinterpreted and abused by the immaturity and carnality of man, but in

reality, they are a treasure hidden within us.

HIDDEN TREASURES (Christ in you)

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." (Matt.13:44)

The crowds that followed Jesus loved to gather around Him as He taught about the kingdom of heaven and explained things through simple stories that few if any understood then, and perhaps now as well. Actually, our understanding of Jesus's parables is only now beginning to unfold, for it is when the Word of God comes to pass that we fully understand it. Jesus spoke of the deep mysteries of God by likening them to familiar things. He said, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a hidden treasure.

When Jesus spoke of a man who came looking for that treasure, He was referring to Himself. The field that Jesus spoke about is the heart and soul of humanity. He purchased the entire field of the world in order to find and retrieve the hidden treasure within. Indeed, the treasure within is His inheritance. When Jesus came the first time, He came alone, as a pure Lamb to the slaughter. He did not receive His inheritance then, He only opened the way to it.

Paul prayed fervently, that God would grant us ***"...the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, (Christ): 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..."*** (Eph.1:17b-18) The treasure in the field is **CHRIST'S INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS.** (Eph.1:17b-18) Paul was speaking of the same treasure that Jesus was explaining in the parable.

Jesus came alone the first time, but now Jesus is returning with His brethren. A powerful army all riding on white horses and led by the One called THE WORD OF GOD. He is coming in the saints, in His inheritance. They are positioned in all places of the world, ready to follow Him who is the Word made

flesh in them. They are ready to conquer the kingdoms of this world and bring in the kingdom of God.

Jesus is not coming back to rule alone from any literal throne anywhere. He is coming in Spirit and in truth, to lead His Body of saints to conquer the strongholds of death and hell. Dear ones, don't look for a literal burning fire called hell. Look into the tormented and twisted hearts of those who are blinded by hatred and maliciousness, filled with hostility and venom, ready to murder, wailing and gnashing their teeth, seeking what and who they can hurt and destroy to feed their fury. This is the hell's fire where the devil, the beast and the false prophets are being consumed. This is the hell we need to keep our hearts from today.

Jesus has been gathering His treasured ones from the field, and He has claimed them as His own. He has engraved His laws upon their hearts and they have defeated the forces of evil and the Lie within their beastly carnal nature. Now, they stand ready to defeat the devil, the beast and the false prophet (Lie) that have consumed the rest of creation. That the kingdom might be returned to God, that he may be ALL IN ALL. Not a part of it, but IN ALL. And that Jesus who has triumphed over hell and death and who forever holds the keys, might be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords forever.

This is the next phase in the deliverance of creation. It has been orchestrated in God's heavenlies now. Barbara Allen who writes a monthly study called Pillar Talk, called me recently with this awesome dream, *"I was in a room with others which were surrounding a musician playing a coronet or trumpet. I was behind him and to his left, as he stood with his instrument playing the most beautiful music I've ever heard. It was peaceful and calm as he produced a sound out of the heavenlies. Oh, such peace! He pointed the instrument away from the people. He was playing for his Master! I'm made to understand that he was the lead brass instrument in the Lord's heavenly orchestra. No sound on earth could compare because it was Spirit in concert. LET THERE BE PEACE IN THIS VALLEY!"* (End of dream). The musician with the brass trumpet, represents Michael the Archangel, sending the beautiful message of

God's peace to the gathered saints in Christ. It is the Word we have been eagerly waiting for. The Word that is bringing peace to our hearts and will in time, bring peace to the whole earth. This is being assembled in the heavens now.

The man of the parable sold all that He possessed to acquire this field. Indeed, the Son of God set aside His divinity, and put on the garment of flesh, to come and redeem that entire field. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."* (Phil.2:5-8)

The hidden treasure had to be extremely desirable and valuable to require such an enormous and costly sacrifice. Indeed, the hidden treasure is this Man's entire inheritance. It is the creation that was ordained from the beginning of time, "Man After God's Image And Likeness."

Jesus arose from the tomb as the "Firstborn of this new creation." He is the first of a creation of men that is superior to any creation we have ever seen in this world. At this time, Jesus alone is such a Man. But through His Holy Spirit, He has planted the Seed of this new Man within our souls, (soil). He has nurtured this Seed until the time when this Seed becomes the new Man in the earth. This is the RE-BIRTH that Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus. This is what John meant as he penned, *"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."* (Jn.1:12)

When our eyes and our hearts are opened to believe this, we begin the journey toward BECOMING a new creation of God in Christ. Oh the wonder of it all! The miracle of BIRTH! *"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual."* (I Cor.15:46)

This new creation is the temple of God in the earth. This is the temple that Jesus said He was building in

three days. It is the Father and the Son's abode in the world. The natural creation was this Adam man that we know so well, but the spiritual creation is the Last Adam Man. He is the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End of the creation of God. He has found His treasure in the field of the world. He has sown His seed on the entire field, and the harvest has been varied. As we mentioned earlier some soil, (souls) only yielded a portion of their full potential.

This is the mystery of Christ in you the hope of glory. *"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints. To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."* (Col.1:26-27)

The man of the parable knew about this treasure, and because He desired it so much, He was willing to buy THE WHOLE FIELD in order to possess it. When Paul spoke of the inheritance of the Son in the saints, he was speaking about this same treasure. The man was interested in the treasure within, but he did not cast away the rest of the field. He purchased it and it became his own.

The life of these earthen bodies is only temporal, but there is a life within us which is eternal. The problem is that we have not yet fully connected to that life. Our minds have been blinded to this truth. Paul writes about those who are lost, *"In whom the god of this world hath **blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* (II Cor.4:4) Because of unbelief, the mind is blind and the truth of the GLORIOUS GOSPEL cannot shine through. The Gospel that is in the world has been brought down to less than glorious.

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD has blinded the minds of those who believe not. And we know that the "god of this world" is also the one who keeps believers from moving on to greater light. Through the fears and superstitions instilled in the people's minds, the "religious systems of man" have certainly contributed in keeping their followers in darkness. The god

of this world works through the mind, and is very adept at substituting all kinds of laws and doctrinal rules for truth, and to block the greater Light from penetrating.

The natural mind desires the security of the law, and most doctrinal teachings of the church provide that. Doctrines and laws tell you what is right and what is wrong so it is easy to follow. This is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It tells us that if we obey the Law and follow what is right, we will please God.

But no man could ever follow the Law to please God. If a man thinks he is following the Law and pleasing God through his behavior, he reeks with pride and conceit and is offensive to all. The Law, the work of his own hands, is the offering that Cain gave to God. It is when we realize that trying to please God through our own works and efforts will always fail, that we surrender to Christ.

Obedience to the Law is a beginning, but it comes short of pleasing God. It is indeed opposite of what God wants. It is not obedience to the Law that God is looking for in us; it is by obedience through faith in Christ that we are saved and that we grow and become sons. Jesus never broke the Law of God, but He broke the laws of men every day. He healed on the Sabbath and did miracles on the Sabbath too. Jesus leading us by His Spirit is the Law to us now.

When we follow Him, we will find ourselves at odds with the Law of man. But Jesus is the Tree of Life. He told the rich young ruler who had kept the Law, to sell all his goods and give them away, and follow Him to find life. This is what Jesus is doing in us today. He has led us to sell all that we possess of the Law, and to follow Him by the Spirit.

Some teach us to walk by faith, yet they instill in us the fear of being deceived, and thus make us fearful of walking by faith. The old nature always looks for safety. Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves. We are always looking for fig leaves or excuses in case we fail. Church laws are appealing to the natural man, because when one is able to follow the rules, one feels safe, and superior.

God gave temporary life to Adam and Eve; He gave them so many years. When we quit breathing, the life that is in our nostrils leaves and the body dies while the spirit goes back to God. Then the soul that knows not Christ is naked and is caught into the place of the dead, called Sheol, which the Bible translates "Hell." The Lord has shown me, in dreams, where some of these unsaved souls went after death. It is not in a raging fire as it has been portrayed. There is a raging fire, but it is not the place where the dead without Christ are sent. This is another study.

Some, as the Laodicean church, knew Christ, but because they loved the honor of men and the riches of the world above Him, Jesus said, "*Because thou saith, 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.*" (Rev.3:17)

These are very harsh words. A naked soul has no garment, no eternal body to express life. It is in darkness, most miserable and tormented. Jesus came in the flesh, and suffered to shed the blood of His flesh in death, in order to obtain the seed of a new garment for the soul. It is the soul that needs to be saved. If the spirit needed to be saved, Jesus would not have had to become a living soul and go through the death and resurrection of His soul. See Isaiah 53:12.

Jesus made this very interesting statement, "*I am the resurrection and the life; HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And WHOSOEVER LIVETH and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?*" (Jn.11:25-26)

Jesus addressed the dead and promised them life through believing. Then He addressed the living, and said they would never die through believing. Jesus was saying that those who have died without Him, and are already in Sheol, the place of the dead, will be given a time to believe and be made alive. I am reminded of the dream I had about my brother-in-law. I know that this dream pertained to my actual brother-in-law, but it also pertains to all who walk according to the Law and do not know Christ.

In the dream, "*My brother-in-law had died and he*

was in the morgue laying face down on a gurney. Men in white coats, like doctors, were all around the gurney tending to his body. His body was then turned around and I could see that he was breathing. They were grooming him, trimming his mustache and cleaning his face." This brother knew about Jesus but strongly refused to commit his life to Him. The Lord was saying that in the place of the dead, (morgue), there is still a way to be turned around (come to repentance), and be resurrected to life.

Was Jesus saying that those who believe while they are still here, will never go to the morgue, the place of the dead? This is indeed what the apostle Paul wrote later, "*Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.*" (ICor.15:51) When the body of a believer dies, his soul does not go to Sheol. It goes to paradise with Jesus. And Whosoever is still breathing when the time of the first resurrection happens, will not go to the grave at all.

Believeth thou this, Jesus asked? We know that the body of Moses was never found. Elijah went up in a whirlwind and was never buried. Enoch walked with God, and was not. And certainly Jesus who is the firstborn among many brethren, did not leave His body in the grave.

The treasure has been unearthed, the Man has cleansed it and nurtured it, and now it is about ready to be displayed that the world might believe and call upon the true God.

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to TAKE OUT OF THEM A PEOPLE for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets as it is written, After this I will return and build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the RESIDUE OF MEN MIGHT SEEK AFTER THE LORD, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doest all these things." (Acts 15:14-16) We are this tabernacle in tents. This is our mission to the world.

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*