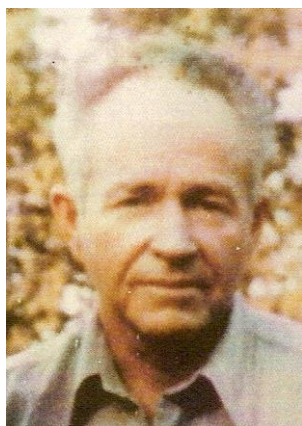


DEEPER TEACHINGS
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TABERNACLE TRUTHS
REARING UP THE TABERNACLE

By Sam Fife



According to the grace of God which is
Given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder,
I have laid the foundation, and another
buildeth thereon. But let every man take
heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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THE REARING UP OF THE TABERNACLE By Sam Fife

Exodus 40:1-16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, [2] On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. [3] And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. [4] And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. [5] And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. [6] And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. [7] And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. [8] And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. [9] And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. [10] And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. [11] And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it. [12] And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. [13] And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. [14] And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: [15] And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. [16] Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

Exodus 40:31-38 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: [32] When they went into

the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses. [33] And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. [34] Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [35] And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [36] And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: [37] But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. [38] For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Across the world today, God's people who are coming out of Babylon and spiritually marching back to Jerusalem are rejoicing in the great restoration truths that the Spirit of God is unveiling once again. Joel's prophecy is being fulfilled, wherein God said, "I will restore that which the cankerworm has eaten." The great mystery of Christ which is in the Tabernacle that Moses pitched in the wilderness is no longer a mystery but is being made manifest to His saints through His apostles and prophets.

For that Tabernacle and Temple old Israel built, which was the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament age, was only a type and prophecy of the true tabernacle or temple of God which He is building today as a dwelling place for His Spirit which tabernacle and temple we are. Even as Ephesians 2:20-22 says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; 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."

The Tabernacle, of course, was not the permanent dwelling place of God. It was only the temporal dwelling place God dwelled in, in the midst of His people, while He was leading them through the wilderness journey, into Jerusalem in their promised land.

Because they were pilgrims on a journey, it was made out of tent curtains, boards, bars and light material so that it could be dismantled easily and carried lightly. But at last when they had come to Jerusalem and conquered their enemies round about, and their pilgrimage was over, the Tabernacle made out of tent curtains was replaced with the permanent Temple made out of stones, that would never have to be moved again.

Even so today, the Spirit of God is restoring the tabernacle that Jesus was setting up during the first century before God's people were taken into 1800 years of captivity to Babylon. He is restoring the divine order that that tabernacle was set in. Some 67 years ago as He began restoring the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, He began overlaying the boards, which boards we are, with the gold of God's anointing. In the last few years, with the revelation of the Body of Christ, and the message of death-to-self and individualism He began drawing the boards together to form one tabernacle, one dwelling place of God, one Body of Christ. As He restored the revelation of the five-fold Spirit ministry, He was restoring the five golden bars that hold the boards together and making them one tabernacle.

However, it is true that this tabernacle He is building us into as a dwelling place for His Spirit is not the permanent place of God. It is only His temporal dwelling place that He might dwell in the midst of us while He is leading us on our pilgrimage journey toward the New Jerusalem. We are not yet come to that glorified, incorruptible body which shall be the eternal dwelling place of God.

Because we are still traveling on our pilgrimage journey from truth to truth, from campground to campground, yea, being changed into His image from glory

unto glory as by the Spirit of the, Lord, we are made out of lighter material that we may be dismantled easily and lightly carried forward. But the day is coming when the New Jerusalem shall be possessed. Our enemies, Satan's demons, shall be conquered round about us. The Solomon ministry of wisdom shall come forth in full maturity. Then the Tabernacle made out of tent curtains shall be replaced by the temple made out of stones, lively stones, which lively stones we are.

Just as there was not heard the sound of an axe or an anvil when the temple was being put together because each stone had been hewn out and perfectly shaped to fit in its place before it was brought to the Temple site, so we will have been hewn out of this world and perfectly shaped by the Spirit of God to fit in our place in the Body of Christ, the true temple of God. Then corruptible shall put on incorruptible. Mortality shall put on immortality, and we shall be changed into the glorified permanent eternal dwelling place of God.

Right now many end-time saints across the world have been brought to the place the children of Israel had been brought to in Exodus 40, our scripture text for this message. God had led them out of Egypt. He had revealed to them that His purpose for bringing them out was that they might build Him a Tabernacle, a dwelling place in the midst of them.

He had called Moses up into the mountain and revealed to him the divine order pattern in which the Tabernacle was to be built. Moses had come back down and revealed the pattern to the people. God had called them to bring all their silver, gold, purple, scarlet, and fine linen and pile it together that it might be used as material for building the Tabernacle. He had anointed Bezaleel and Aholiab to overlay the boards with gold, and shape the shittim wood bars and overlay them with gold.

As we come to Exodus 40, much work had been done. Shittim wood trees had been cut down. Boards and

bars had been sawed out and shaped. The cunning workers in silver and gold had overlaid the boards and the bars. Purple and scarlet and fine linen had been cut to pattern and sewn together according to the pattern with cherubim's intricately woven in.

It must have been quite an impressive sight as these beautiful materials were all laid out on the building site. The golden boards and bars glittered in the sunlight, and the bright colors of the scarlet, purple and fine linen quickened the hearts of all Israel as they gazed on their beauty.

Now they had come to the most important part of the work, the Rearing up of the Tabernacle. For as bright and beautiful as they were, God could not dwell in a bar or in an individual tent curtain or piece of purple or scarlet. Only when every board and bar and piece of scarlet had lost its individualism and all had been joined together into one tabernacle, could God's glory cloud fill it and could it become the dwelling place of God.

Israel might swell with pride as they gaze on the purple, scarlet, and pure white beauty of the curtains and fine linen. They might admire the cunning workmanship of the golden bars and boards, but they would never see the visible manifestation of the glory cloud of God filling His Tabernacle, neither would they have the cloud of perfect guidance over it till every board, bar, and curtain had been set in its place and become one tabernacle, one dwelling place of God.

As this writer has traveled the earth in his own ministry in the Lord, and has observed the move of the Spirit of God, it seems that this is the place in which many who are moving in the move of God have been brought. They have not only been brought out of Egypt in their new birth, but they have been brought out of the Babylonish captivity in which they were born.

Once again God has taken a ministry in our generation up into the mount of God, and revealed to them the pattern of the tabernacle that Jesus was building by His

Spirit during the first century, before God's people were taken into Babylon. That apostolic ministry has come down from the mount as Moses did and preached the pattern to the people. It has been revealed to God's people that the gold (the nature of God), the silver (the redemptive work of Christ), the scarlet (death-to-self), the purple (Sonship), and the fine linen (righteousness) that God has been working in them must not be kept to themselves. But like Israel of old, they must bring their gold, silver, scarlet, purple, and fine linen and offer it all in one pile to the Lord that He may build it into His tabernacle, a dwelling place for Himself through the Spirit.

In this hour God also has cunning workers in silver and gold, as Bezaleel and Aholiab, who can overlay boards with gold, and shape and overlay golden bars. For in the symbolism of scripture, wood is symbolic of man, and gold is symbolic of deity, the supernatural perfect nature of God. Wood overlaid with gold is man overlaid with God, or man under the anointing, or man with the Spirit of God coming upon him. Anointed ministries today who lead people into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and overlay them with the gold of God's anointing are the Bezeleels who are overlaying boards with gold. Apostles who are used of God to call out and train ministries (pastors or elders, prophets, evangelists and teachers) are Bezaleels and Aholiabs who are shaping golden bars to hold the tabernacle of God together.

Today all over the world we see Christians who are overlaid with the anointing of God's nature, and golden bar ministries that have been called out by the Spirit glittering in the Sunlight of Jesus' truth. We see in many of God's people the bright red scarlet of the death of the cross coming forth. The deep purple of Sonship can be seen in many blowing in the wind of God's Spirit. The lovely white fine linen, which is the righteousness of the saints is beginning to flutter in the breeze in the life of many also.

To those of us who know that we are the true Israel of God on our way to the Promised Land, it is a beautiful

sight to behold. As we look at the world-wide picture and we see the glittering gold of the boards and bars and the bright rich colors of the scarlet, purple and fine linen laying on the building site all over the world, our hearts are quickened as were the Israelites of old. And yet we are sobered by the sight for we know we have come to the most important part of the work, the rearing up of the tabernacle. For we know that though every bar may be shaped, and every board overlaid, and every piece of scarlet and purple and linen cut exactly to pattern, as long as they are only individual boards and bars laying on the building site, the glory cloud of God cannot fill them. Not until they have lost their individualism and submitted themselves to the master builder that He might set each one board, bar, and curtain in its place and build them all into one tabernacle, one dwelling place of God, one Body of Christ. Only then shall the glory cloud of God's nature fill it and the world see the glory of God in a manifestation of the nature of Christ in His Body. Jesus referred to this in John 17:23 when He prayed that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. The world is never going to know that Jesus was truly sent by the Father to redeem the world till they see divided Christianity become one Body of Christ with the glory cloud of God's nature filling it.

As beautiful and well-shaped as one golden bar ministry might be, no matter how well it might glitter and reflect the light of the Sun (Jesus), it can never manifest the full glory of God. One golden board may be beautifully overlaid with the anointing of God, but alone it can never contain the full glory of God. Only when we have all died to our individualism and our desire for individual ministry and individual recognition and individual relationship with Jesus, and individual life in God, and let God build us into one body, one tabernacle of God shall the glory cloud of God's nature so fill us that the world shall see a manifestation of

Christ in His Body, that shall make them know that God sent Him into the world.

We, like Israel, might swell with pride as we gaze on beautifully shaped golden bars, that is, ministries that are greatly anointed, and gifted, and can expound the word, prophesy beautifully, and pray down great miracles. We may look out at our various works and see the gold of God's anointing glittering everywhere, as the overlaid boards worship in the Spirit. But the tabernacle reared up presented a different sight than the individual materials laying on the building site. In order for there to be something for the glory cloud to fill, the boards had to be holding the bars up and the bars had to be holding the boards together. Board had to be joined to board. Board had to be joined to bar and bar had to be joined to board. Only then could there be a tabernacle that could contain God's glory.

Even so, it must be with us. The Body must be holding up the ministry, and the ministry must be holding the members of the Body together. Member must be joined to member, and member to ministry, and ministry to member before there can be a dwelling place that can contain the glory of God's nature.

Thus it was that in Exodus 40, Moses heard the voice of God commanding him that it was time to put the Tabernacle together. God said in Exodus 40:3, "And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony." It would be very easy for the devil to trick some into trying to set up the tabernacle without, putting the ark of the testimony in it. In order to understand this, one needs to know what the ark of the testimony is.

This Old Testament Ark was made out of shittim wood. It was overlaid inside and outside with gold. It was given to the children of Israel by God when He gave them the Old Testament covenant through Moses. A covenant is a contract between two parties. When God made the Old Testament contract with Israel, He gave them the Ark as a sign of the contract to signify His presence in their midst.

As long as Israel had the Ark with them, God would keep His part of the contract and Israel would have the power and blessing of God and victory over their enemies. In the days of Saul when Israel lost the Ark, God no longer kept the contract, and their enemies the Philistines had power over them. This Old Testament Ark was only a type of the ark of the new covenant.

Over 1900 years ago Jesus came from heaven and He brought us a new contract from God. When He did, He gave us a new ark to go with the new contract. Only the ark of the new covenant was not a wooden box. It was the Name of Jesus. Old Israel went forth carrying a wooden box, but when Jesus gave us the new covenant, He said, "You go forth in my name." In my name they shall speak in new tongues, in my name they shall cast out devils, in my name they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Whatsoever ye ask in my name believing, ye shall receive.

It is clear that just as God signified to old Israel that He would keep His part of the contract only if they had the Ark with them, that in the new contract with God that we are under, He has only promised to keep His part of the contract and do what we ask when we ask In the Name of Jesus.

When He said, "in my name," He did not mean the word J-E-S-U-S, unless we are standing in the nature of Jesus at the time we use it. For all the way through the scriptures when the term "name of God" or "name of Jesus" is used it is referring to their nature. For the name is only symbolic of the nature. The word J-E-S-U-S means Jehovah Saviour, which reveals the Saviour nature of Jesus. Unless we are standing in the nature of Jesus, in faith, in love, in truth and in all the attributes which make up His nature, our prayers will not be answered. We can tack the phrase "In the name of Jesus" on the end of our prayers all we want to, but it will not bring the answer.

For those who might disagree with us on this, we challenge them to test it. Let them stand before a demon possessed person as we often have. If they are not standing

in the nature of Jesus in faith, in love, in truth, in all those things which make up His nature, they can say, "In the name of Jesus" till they grow weak. The demons will only laugh at them. Not one will come out. They may do them as the demons in the book of Acts did the seven sons of Sceva who tried to use the name without being in the nature, because they had seen Paul use it successfully when he was in the nature.

So they said to the demons, "We adjure thee by Jesus whom Paul preacheth, come out of the man." The demon answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" They made the possessed man tear off their clothes and drive them out naked.

Thousands of Christians pray, and they never get their prayers answered. This is because they think all they have to do is tack the phrase, "In the name of Jesus" on the end of their prayer and God is supposed to answer. Jesus did not say God would keep the contract if we say, "In the name of Jesus" when we pray. It is only if we are in His name (nature) when we ask.

Most Christians make no effort to walk daily in His supernatural nature but walk in the natural nature of this world spending 90% of their time before the television. Yet they think God is supposed to keep the contract just because they say, "In the name of Jesus." Jesus did not say, "With my name they shall cast out devils and heal the sick." He said, "In my name" they shall do so. We see many preachers who spend most of their time walking after bigger salaries, bigger positions and the natural things and nature of this world and not walking in the nature of Jesus. Because they ascribe to the "full gospel," they try to heal the sick and cast out devils with the name of Jesus instead of in the name of Jesus. It cannot be done. This is simply because God has only bound Himself to keep the contract when we are in the nature of Jesus when we ask.

Just as when old Israel accepted the first covenant God gave them, an Ark to carry with them, so when we come to

Jesus and accept the second covenant, God gives us our ark to carry, not with us but in us. The ark of the new covenant is the nature of Jesus that is birthed in us in our new birth, at the time we come to Jesus and accept the new covenant.

When that nature of Jesus that has been birthed in us has been brought to its highest state of perfection in us; to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; then the ark of the new covenant will be in the Holy of Holies in the true temple of God, for we are the true temple of God. Old Israel carried their Ark with them on the outside, but we carry our ark in us, for it was birthed in us at the time of our new birth.

Let us make this truth clear one more way. The old covenant Ark was made out of wood overlaid inside and outside with gold. In the symbolism of scripture, wood is symbolic of man. Gold is symbolic of the supernatural nature of God. Wood overlaid inside and outside with gold is man overlaid inside and outside with God. That is what God is doing with us in our new birth. He has taken man (wood) and birthed the nature of Christ in us which is the golden nature of God. When that nature of Christ has been brought to its highest state of perfection in us, we will be wood overlaid inside and outside with gold, or man overlaid inside and outside with God.

Now that we understand what the Ark of the Covenant is, we can understand why when God told Moses to rear up the Tabernacle He said, "And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony." We have seen men in the earth rear up organizations which claimed to be the dwelling place or tabernacle of God in the earth. We have seen them substitute natural flesh ministries such as the president of denominations, vice presidents, chairman of the board of directors, and educational directors for the five supernatural Spirit ministries: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. We have seen them substitute university and seminary degrees for the anointing of the Lord, and the carnal intellect for the mind of Christ. We have seen these

tabernacles with the natural nature of man brought to its highest point in efficiency and perfection in them, but we have not seen the Ark of the Covenant, the supernatural nature of Christ which is the gold of God's supernatural nature in them.

We even see some who purport to be restoring Divine Order to the Body of Christ going in and too quickly setting a congregation in order by appointing this one to be elder, and that one prophet or teacher, instead of just preaching the truth and waiting for the Spirit of Christ to bring forth these ministries and allowing Him to set His own Body in order so that it will manifest His supernatural nature instead of us doing it for Him, and building another tabernacle with appointed apostles, prophets, elders, and teachers who have been naturally set in these offices and not supernaturally brought forth by the Spirit. Thus we would again see another tabernacle with boards and bars in place but without the ark, the supernatural nature of Christ manifest in it.

Nay, as we rear up the tabernacle today, let us set the ark of the testimony therein. It is so very easy, as first century Christianity did, to lose the anointing and slip back to doing things in the natural nature instead of the supernatural. Substitute flesh ministries for Spirit ministries; man's works for Christ's works; man's nature for Christ's nature. In short, it would be a tabernacle with every board and bar in place but with the ark of the testimony, the overlaying gold of Christ's nature, still on the outside.

Exodus 40:3 "And cover the ark with the veil." When the Ark was to be placed in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle, it was to be covered or hidden from the eyes of man by the veil that covered the entrance to the Holiest of All. To look upon this Ark uncovered would bring instant death. Even when the Tabernacle was to be dismantled and carried forward on their journey, Aaron the High Priest, would come and stand before the entrance to the Holy of Holies. Then they would take down the covering veil and walk forward with the veil held in front of them until they

had covered the Ark with it, lest they accidentally look upon the Ark uncovered and die.

No one dared look upon this Ark uncovered except the High Priest. He could only do so once in the end of the year, on Israel's Day of Atonement, when He went into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat.

The reason for all this is because the Ark uncovered represents the Christ nature that has been birthed into you, with all its potentials and powers that are in it, fully uncovered and released when we come to the end of God's day of atonement and the end of God's redemptive plan in Christ.

The Ark covered over with the veil represents the nature of Christ in you, which is still veiled over or covered. It has potentials and powers in it that you have never seen manifest or uncovered and that you have never been able to release. We long to see that nature of Christ in us fully uncovered and unveiled so that the world and we might see Christ shining forth in us in all His glory and power. And God is going to fully unveil that Christ nature in us so that in the end of His day of atonement the world shall see Christ manifest in us, His Body. When that ark, that Christ nature, is fully uncovered by God, this corruptible is going to put on incorruptible and mortality is going to put on immortality, and we are going to be changed. The world will no longer see our natural man but the glorified likeness of Christ.

But the High Priest was only allowed to look on the Ark uncovered once in the end of the year. To uncover it any other time would mean death. Only after every other order of service had been fulfilled, at every other piece of furniture in the Tabernacle, could the High Priest part the veil and go into the Holiest of All with the people on his shoulders, in the twelve stones that had their names in them, and look upon the Ark uncovered. You can be sure that each year on the day of atonement when the High Priest stood before the veil preparing to go in that he carefully checked

his memory to be sure he had fulfilled every other order of service, at every other piece of furniture.

The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were engraved on the twelve stones on his shoulders signifying he was carrying the people into the presence of God. God has a divine order that had to be fulfilled at every other piece of furniture leading up to the Holy of Holies, before the people were ready for the High Priest to carry them into the presence of God, fully uncovered and shining forth from the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant. If the High Priest had carried them in before every other order of service had been fulfilled, the people outside the tabernacle that were represented by the twelve stones would have died as soon as he stepped through the veil.

Even so, God has a divine order in which Christ, our High Priest, is going to uncover the ark, the nature of Christ in us and let us look upon the full glory of God in Christ in one another. He is going to uncover that nature in us, with all its power and glory according to His divine order plan as He fulfills the order of service in us, at each piece of furniture in the tabernacle. First at the Altar of Burnt Offering where the Lamb suffers judgment for us; at the Brazen Laver where we wash our feet or start cleansing up our walk; at the Table of Shewbread where we eat the hidden manna of God's Word; at the Candlestick where the gifts of the Spirit and Spirit ministries are brought forth in us; at the Golden Altar of Incense where our flesh is consumed in the purifying fires of tribulation and testing and our life and prayers, mount up as a sweet incense in the nostrils of God.

Through this divine order being fulfilled in us step by step, we will then be ready for that once in the end of the year, or in the end of God's redemptive plan in Christ, where we will be prepared so that we can look upon the full glory of God shining out in the nature of Christ, fully uncovered in one another.

To see that nature of Christ in us, which is the ark fully uncovered shining out in the glorified uncorruptible

state, would be more than we could bear to look upon, if it were uncovered before we had gone through every other order of service, at every other piece of furniture to prepare us. It would minister death to us and not life. For to see His glorified Holiness, His purity, His power uncovered in our brother before we were ready, would so reveal our unholiness and impurity it would cause us to turn away and go back into the death of this world to get away from it.

Therefore, the ark, the nature of Christ in us, must not be fully uncovered in us and manifested until God has brought us step by step in His divine order plan to that once in the end of the year when we have been prepared. In Christ, our High Priest, we shall stand before the veil that covers the entrance into the Holiest of All. Then as Paul said, the last trump shall sound, and we shall be changed. In a twinkling of an eye we shall be beyond the veil. Corruptible shall put on incorruptible and mortality shall put on immortality and we shall be changed into His glorified likeness. Then shall we see the ark fully uncovered and the glory of God shining forth, but in one another, and we shall not die.

If anyone tries to uncover that ark and look on it before the time, it will minister death to them and not life. There have been ministers who have tried to run ahead of God in uncovering the nature of Christ in us, and manifest powers and gifts that were not God unveiling and manifesting the nature of Christ in them in His order. They have come under the power of other spirits and ministered death to themselves and to others.

The ark uncovered is us having overcome death. But the revelation as to how we shall overcome death is not going to be given till every other order of service has been fulfilled in us, and we come to that once in the end of the year when the High Priest, Christ, is ready to take us all beyond the veil. There have been over-zealous ministers who have run ahead of the Lord and brought forth big

revelations of how we could overcome physical death and have ministered death and not life to God's people.

That revelation shall be the last trump that shall sound when our High Priest, Christ, has fulfilled every other order of service, at every other piece of furniture. But until that time let us let the ark remain covered over with the veil until God uncovers it His way.

Exodus 40:4 "And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it."

The Table of Shewbread in the Holy Place with its twelve loaves of bread could not be seen from outside the Tabernacle, neither from the Outer Court, neither by the Outer Court priestly ministry. It could only be seen from inside the Holy Place by Aaron and his four sons who are a type of the five-fold supernatural Spirit ministry; apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

This Table of Shewbread was a type of the hidden manna of God's Word. The Spirit of the Word, the hidden truths that shall never be found in anyone's seminary, college, or Bible School, is that deep hidden manna that comes only by revelation of the Spirit of God to those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and no longer minister only the letter of the word. The letter of the word can only be understood by the carnal intellect, but the Spirit of the Word has been brought forth in that Spirit ministry of which Aaron the High Priest's sons were a type.

In the divine order of service in the Tabernacle, hundreds of priests could minister in the Outer Court, but only Aaron, the High Priest, and his four sons could minister in the Holy Place. Aaron's sons, however, were not the ministers of the Holy Place, only Aaron the High Priest was. His sons only had access to minister there by virtue of having come out of his loins and being figuratively in him. Aaron the High Priest alone was the minister there, but he ministered through his sons.

This is to signify that in the Outer Court of the church today all Christians and ministers who, by virtue of their new

birth, have been made priests, can minister in the Outer Court helping people offer their Lamb Jesus, for salvation as the priests of old did. But only those who have received the Baptism of the Spirit and can get so fully in the Spirit, or in the anointing that it is the Spirit of Christ, the High Priest, ministering through them in the five-fold supernatural Spirit ministry, who are qualified to minister the hidden manna of God's word in the Holy Place. For even they are not the ministers of this Holy Place, only Christ, the High Priest, Himself, can minister these hidden supernatural things. We have access only to minister here by virtue of our Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which enables us to get completely out of the natural and so fully in the Spirit that it is the Spirit of Christ, the High Priest, ministering through us as Aaron ministered through his sons. Therefore, we who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and entered into the Holy Place, it is our calling to minister not the letter of the word, but the hidden manna, the Spirit of God's Word.

It is a sad thing that we see many ministries who in their particular church work are trying to rear up the tabernacle without putting the Table of Shewbread in its place. They have received the Baptism of the Spirit and led their people into the Holy Place. Yet they are still ministering the same old letter of the word that they ministered in the Outer Court instead of the Spirit of the Word. We who are the Spirit ministry of this Holy Place are not called to serve God's people the same old letter-of-the-word bread we preached in the Outer Court.

Out there where the Brazen Altar was, on which the Lamb was slain in judgment for men's sins, and the Brazen Laver where flesh was washed, it was right for us to preach just the letter truth that Christ died as the Lamb on the Brazen Altar and that He rose and is coming again. It was right for us to preach the letter laws about this is sin, and that is sin, to help them start washing away the sins of the flesh at the Brazen Laver. But you did not find Aaron's sons in the Holy Place killing lambs or washing flesh. It was their

ministry to prepare shewbread for the table every week and light candles.

Even so it is the calling of those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and entered into the Holy Place not to go on just preaching the letter truths of the Outer Court Christ the Lamb was slain for sins and is coming again. But to get down on their knees and wait for the Spirit of Christ to bring forth in them the Spirit of the word, the hidden manna, the mystery of Christ in you the hope of glory and how He is coming again, coming again first in a full manifestation of His perfection in His Body before any literal appearing.

Some are still preaching the same old letter doctrines of a pretribulation rapture and only a literal appearing, that were handed down to them in their seminaries and Bible schools, that they got from Dr. Schofield's notes and from others who never even had the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some are preaching letter of the word instead of getting on their knees and letting Christ Himself give them the invisible bread for God's people.

The bread on the Table of Hidden Manna was changed every week by the Spirit ministry, the sons of Aaron in the Holy Place. They did not leave the same old bread there week after week until it got stale.

Even so the revelation of the mystery of Christ is not just five first-principle doctrines that are all the church teaches today; repentance and faith, baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection and eternal judgment. Nay, the revelation of the mystery of Christ is a progressive unfolding of the Christ nature in us which is our hope of glory, line upon line, precept upon precept. Therefore, we who minister at the Table of Shewbread in the inner sanctuary are called to stay on our knees waiting on the Lord for that fresh bread we can put on that table when the previous bread has been established in the hearts and lives of God's people.

Peter wrote in one of His epistles, "I pray that ye may be established in the present truth." There is a present truth

that the Spirit is bringing forth at each hour of His dealing with His people. When they are established in that truth, then when He can find yielded ministry, He will put fresh bread on the table.

The tabernacle of God shall never be raised up by those who preach only the Outer Court letter of the Word. For the Outer Court with its Brazen Altar of Judgment where the lamb was sacrificed and its Brazen Laver, where flesh began to be washed was not scripturally the tabernacle of God. It was only the court one went through to get into the tabernacle.

The Tabernacle of God consisted of boards overlaid with gold; hidden spiritual bread which could not even be seen from the Outer Court; and supernatural light from a candlestick which also could not be seen from the Outer Court.

Even so, we cannot be built into the tabernacle of God with the Outer Court letter of the word doctrines, of the death of the Lamb, Christ, at the Brazen Altar for our sins, and the letter truths which begin to clean up the sins of the flesh, as wonderful as they are for those who are just coming in out of the world. It is but the court one goes through to get to the Holy Place where we, the boards, can through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, be overlaid with the gold of God's anointing. Christ coming forth in His Body, His tabernacle hidden supernatural manna, the Spirit of the word and supernatural candlestick light and power coming forth in us, the five Spirit ministries and nine Spirit gifts.

Therefore, let no one think they can rear up the tabernacle of God without setting the Table of Shewbread in its place. Let the elders not get so busy holding meetings and leading people into the Holy Place through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or counseling people over the lunch table that they forget to wait before God for the fresh shewbread that must go on the table to replace the previous bread.

Exodus 40:4: "And set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it." Not only was the Table of

Shewbread to be set up and the bread set on it, but it was to be set on it in order. Aaron's sons did not bring the bread they prepared and dump in on the Table in disarray. They set it in order. Each loaf was carefully stacked upon the other.

Even so, for those of us who minister the hidden bread of God's word, it is not our calling to just toss out a lot of disconnected truths before God's people to thrill them, as true as they may be. We must lay line upon line and precept upon precept, the truths that shall step by step lead them into their promised land and grow them up into Christ.

This is why in our end-time conventions the ministry of the word is not programmed beforehand. All the ministry waits to see who the Head will move through. No one moves unless they are sure they have the next line from the Spirit to add to what the Spirit has already brought forth. When one does not so yield to the Spirit, he may rise up with a truth that has thrilled and fed him in his personal life, but is way out beyond the place the Spirit is moving the whole convention or body. Another younger ministry may move out of order with a truth that is wonderful to him at his level of growth, but far below the level the Spirit has brought the whole convention to, and the minds of God's people are seasawed way out and way back. A convention could pass away and the Spirit of God not be allowed to take His people forward in truth.

Ministries often come into a local assembly from afar and do not have the wisdom to wait and see where and what the Spirit is moving that local body in. Because the divine order pulpit is open, they mount the pulpit and minister something that may be thrilling to them, but far from where the Spirit has been moving in that local body. Then they wonder why their ministry does not bless and edify the people. If they were wise in the Spirit, they would wait to discern where the Spirit has brought that people, and what He is moving them in. Then if he had a line that could take them another step forward, add it. If not be still and let ministry that are hearing from the Spirit put the bread on the

Table, that the Shewbread might be put on the Table in order as God commanded Moses.

Exodus 40:4,"And thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof." What a heavy calling this lays upon those who are ministering end-time truth today. For this Candlestick with its seven lamps shining was a type of all the seven-fold supernatural light and power of Jesus Christ, shining out through His many membered Body through five supernatural Spirit ministries and nine supernatural Spirit gifts.

Six is the number of man in the numerology of God, but seven is the number of Christ. The center branch on the Candlestick was a type of Jesus. The six branches coming out of it typify His body all together making seven, the number of Christ with all His supernatural light and power.

As we rear up the tabernacle of God in this last hour we must bring in the Candlestick and light the lamps thereof. For the light that lights our way on into the Holy of Holies, and the fulfillment of God's plan, must be the supernatural light of the Candlestick shining out through five supernatural Spirit ministries and nine supernatural Spirit gifts.

The light in which the priestly ministry of the Outer Court fulfilled their ministry was the natural light of the natural sun, because the Outer Court had no top on it; no covering over it. But the light in which the ministry in the Holy Place fulfilled their ministry was strictly the supernatural light of the Candlestick. Therefore, there must be no naturalism in this Holy Place.

It is well and good for the preachers of the Outer Court ministry to fulfill their ministry of winning souls with natural gifts, seminary degrees, robed choirs, million dollar buildings and plush covered pews, all those natural light attractions. They are dealing with people coming out of the world of flesh and God condescends to use those things to attract them to the Word of God. They must use that natural light for just as the Outer Court had no covering over it, they have not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and come

under the covering of the anointing and the full Headship of Jesus. But robed choirs, academic degrees, expensive buildings and plush pews and all other naturalism has no place in the Tabernacle Holy Place. In here it is not flesh appealing to flesh, but the Spirit appealing to Spirit, deep calling to deep, the supernatural light of the Candlestick crying out to the supernatural nature of Christ, that has been birthed in us that it might shine forth from us in all its glory.

What a sad thing it is to see so many so-called Pentecostal churches and Pentecostal ministers who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and entered into this Holy Place trying to fulfill their ministries in the natural light of the Outer Court. They have restored the robed choirs, music ministers, educational directors, expensive building and seminaries. Because they would not pay the price in dedication and prayer to bring forth the five supernatural Spirit ministries, and nine Spirit gifts, they have substituted fancy music programs and plush covered pews to attract more members for the supernatural life of Christ shining out through the Spirit gifts and ministries in His whole Body.

Half of the people in the Pentecostal churches today do not even have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. One goes into their worship services and might think they were back in the Outer Court Baptist Church, for there is no difference in the form and liturgy. They are trying to build the tabernacle of God without a Candlestick, like the Baptist, Methodist, and all other Outer Court churches. Their rejoicing is in their numbers and place of recognition in the world and not in the supernatural life of Christ shining forth from the Candlestick. If Jesus through one of His ministry were to rebuke an unclean spirit and cast him out of someone in one of their services, as He did in the service of the synagogue in Mark 1:23-26, and the spirit were to tear that person and disrupt the service, that ministry would never be invited back again. It is not that there are not many unclean spirits in their midst that need rebuking and casting out.

These things are not said to criticize them for we know that in the eyes of the Father they are yet precious, but only to plead with all men everywhere to see the futility of trying to rear up the tabernacle of God without a Candlestick.

Therefore, let that new generation ministry that God is raising up out of those from the denominations who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the last few years, and entered into this Holy Place be warned. Do not make the mistake Pentecost made. Do not try to rear up the temple of God without bringing in the Candlestick and lighting the lamps.

It is very easy to be tricked by the devil into spending all one's time teaching great deep end-time truths and holding meetings or perhaps building buildings and starting Bible Schools, and neglecting that prayer and consecration which is the channel through which the oil flows, to light the lamps and bring forth the Spirit ministries and Spirit gifts. Then we too would have to start substituting music programs and academic degrees, plush pews and church suppers, to keep the show going instead of living, pulsing, supernatural life of Christ Shining out through Spirit ministries and Spirit gifts.

We have learned through experience that great meetings and great crowds are not the life of Christ being made manifest. Our rejoicing is not in numbers but in the strength of Christ coming forth in us, through eating hidden manna, and the supernatural light and power of the Candlestick, which is the very life of Christ manifest, shining forth out of us. So as we rear up the tabernacles let us not fail to bring in the Candlestick and light the lamps thereof.

Exodus 40:5: "And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony."

The Golden Altar of incense stood just before the veil which covered the entrance to the Holy of Holies. Here the High Priest daily placed incense, a material substance, and burned it until it was no longer a material substance but

spiritual odors, which wafted into the Holy of Holies into the presence of God.

This Altar of Incense was a type of the altar God is bringing us to in these last days. We must lay ourselves down in full surrender to God and let Him take us through the purifying fires of the great tribulation that is soon coming on the earth. Just as the incense was burned up till it was no longer material but spiritual, so God will burn out of us all the dross, all the flesh, till we are no longer a fleshly material man, but a spiritual son of God ready to go on into the Holy of Holies.

Long ago John the Baptist came and said, "There cometh one after me who shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire." Our Pentecostal brethren thought the Baptism of Fire was the stomp and holler and zeal they got when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. For years they have said, "I have got the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire." But the Baptism of Fire is not received at the time we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Neither is it an experience that can be given by the laying on of hands.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is given to us so that we can eat hidden manna at the Table of Shewbread, grow strong in Christ, and have the light and power of the Candlestick to give us strength and power to go through the Baptism of Fire, the great tribulation fire. This is the day of fire Paul speaks of in I Corinthians 3 which shall try every Christian's works to see if they are gold (the nature of God) silver (the redemptive work of Christ), or precious stones (supernatural gifts of the Spirit), or whether they are wood, hay, or stubble.

In God's great redemptive plan there are two cleansing agents revealed. They are water and fire. Water is often used as a symbol for the Word in the Scripture. But water as a cleansing agent can only clean the outside of wood. It can never get to the ingrained dirt that is down in the grain. Only fire can do this. Even so until we get to the Golden Altar of Incense, the preaching of the water of the

word can help clean up the sins of the flesh. But only the fire gets to the dirt that is ingrained in our fallen nature.

The Bible makes it very clear that nothing gets to God except through the fire. Israel had seven feasts in their religious year. In each feast they offered many offering, but every offering had to be an offering made by fire. Everything sent to God had to go through fire and for a good reason: because His name is Holy. His Holiness is so far above any concept we have that only that which has been completely purified through the fire can get to Him. Even Jesus had to go back to God through the fire. In Genesis we are told that when man was cast out of the garden, lest he enter back in, in his fallen state, God put an angle at the entrance of the garden with a flaming sword which turned every which way. Of course, there is no angel with a literal flaming sword anywhere. But God is speaking symbolically to us the great truth that no one is going to get back into the place in God that man had before the fall, except he go through the fire that shall purge out of him all the dross that is in his nature because of the fall. In order that he may be able to dwell in the presence of Him whose name is Holy.

It would be very easy to rear up the tabernacle and leave out the Gold Altar of Incense, to place in this tabernacle the Brazen Altar of Judgment, the Brazen Laver of washing, the Table of Shewbread, the Candlestick, and stop short at the Altar of Incense. That is to preach and have fulfilled in our lives the truth of the Brazen Altar, the death of the Lamb, Christ, for sin, the Brazen laver truth that we should wash away the sins of the flesh, even the Table of Shewbread where we receive the hidden manna of the word, and the Candlestick, where gifts of the Spirit come forth, for all these things represent the life and power of Christ coming forth in us.

But when we come to the Golden Altar and see that these other provisions for the life and power of Christ coming forth in us, are only to give us His life and strength to lay ourselves down on the Altar and go through the fires

of tribulation that shall burn out the last of our dross and the fear that grips men's hearts. They would like to stop here and continue preaching and rejoicing in their gifts of the Spirit and these deep revelations.

But let it be known that no sweet odors wafted into the nostrils of God from the Brazen Altar of Judgment, only the stench of burning flesh. Through spiritual gifts of the Candlestick and deep hidden manna are a blessing to us, God's blessing comes only from the sweet odors that rise up from the Altar of Incense which typify a life that has been purified through the fire, the very glorified life of Christ Himself coming forth in us and ascending up, before Him as a sweet savor.

Some read in Revelation 8:3-4 that "the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God." They feel that the sweet odors from this Altar only typify prayer. We must remember that the sweet odors come only from incense that had been burned up in the fire. Therefore, it typifies prayers of saints truly, but prayers of saints that have been through the fire and had all their dross burned out so that they are praying in the pure faith, love, and life of Christ Himself, which is the only life that is a sweet savor in the nostrils of Him whose Name (nature) is Pure, Perfect, and Holy.

The incense had to be beaten by the High Priest in order that it might burn easily before it was placed on the Altar. It is not easy for us who are the ministry to let Christ, the High Priest, work through us to minister the hard word that is needed to break up and soften His saints so that they willingly yield themselves to the burning that the pure Christ-life might go on into the Holiest of All as a sweet savor unto God.

All over the world we see everything seemingly going wrong and falling apart for those who are His in this hour. Businesses and jobs that they were worshipping and depending on instead of Him fall apart. Their bank accounts and earthly possessions which were their security instead of

Him begin to fade away. Yea, as the dollar falls apart and the antichrist confiscates all their bank accounts and possessions that were not given to Him and the bringing in of His kingdom, it is not easy to minister to them that the High Priest, Christ, is only beating and breaking up the incense; softening it that they may surrender fully unto Him that He may place them on the Altar of Incense and burn out the old flesh man completely that they might enter in beyond the veil, a purified spiritual incorruptible son of God. Nay! There can be no true tabernacle of God raised up without the Altar of Incense in its place.

Exodus 40:7 reads: "And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein."

The Brazen Laver stood just before the entrance to the Holy Place. Here each year on the Day of Atonement, as part of the atonement service, the High Priest had to stop and wash his hands and feet before going on into the Holy of Holies.

This is one of the most significant parts of the true atonement that must be fulfilled in us. We were taught all our orthodox lives that the Old Testament High Priest was a type of Jesus alone. But that is only half truth. The head of the Old Testament High Priest was a type of Jesus, who is the Head of the Body of Christ. But the body of that Old Testament High Priest was a type of us who are the Body of Christ.

The reason he had to stop at the Brazen Laver and wash his feet as a part of the atonement, was to symbolically proclaim to us that we who are the Body of Christ must have our feet washed. We must have our walk cleaned up until the walk of the Body is the walk of the Head, Jesus. Hebrews 12:14 says, "And holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." It is not talking about the Pentecostal brand of holiness, or mine or yours, but Christ's holiness.

It was to fulfill this type that Jesus put foot washing in the communion. In the upper room 1900 years ago, Jesus instituted three ordinances in the communion. Each one of

them is a symbolic ritual to set visibly before us a spiritual reality that must be fulfilled in our lives before we can have eternal union and communion with Him.

First He broke the bread and said, 'This is my body.' Bread in Scripture is always symbolic of spiritual bread, the Word of God. Jesus was saying that the Word is His body. We are to eat all the Word that was in Him until we have taken all of His nature into us until our old nature is no more and He is in us in fullness. By this we will have eternal life.

Then He took the wine and said, "This is my blood, drink ye all of it." The Book of Leviticus says that the life is in the blood. Therefore, the supernatural life of Jesus was in His blood. He meant that it is through drinking into us the supernatural, new creation life that is in Him until our old creation life is no more, and He is in us in fullness, that we will have eternal life.

Then in that same hour He instituted that third ordinance that sets before as the third reality that must be fulfilled in our lives. He washed His disciples' feet. Then He said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Thus He instituted literal foot washing in the communion to set before us the great truth that the only way the walk of the Body of Christ shall be made the walk of the Head, is if we spiritually wash one another's feet.

As I minister to another member of the Body and help him clean up the weakness in his walk, I wash his feet. As he ministers to another member and helps him clean up his walk, he washes his feet. As they minister to another member of the Body and help him clean up his walk. they wash his feet until one day the feet of the whole body of Christ has been cleansed up, until the walk of the Body is the walk of the Head, and we will enter into eternal life.

Those apostles of the Lord who are truly sent by the Lord as special messengers to restore all things, you are going to find them restoring the literal foot washing to their communion services to set before the people of God once

again the great truth, that God has no other means of cleaning up our walk except by us spiritually washing one another's feet. I cannot see the dirt on my feet, (the weakness in my walk) and my brother can. So also he cannot see the dirt on his feet, but I can.

When we come to that humility and brokenness whereby we can physically wash one another's feet in the communion service and humbly submit our feet to our brother to be washed, then we will be in a position to see our brother's need and humbly wash his feet spiritually. For that is the only way we will ever help our brother clean up his walk, going to him humbly on our knees, not standing proudly over him with a holier than thou attitude informing him we discern what is wrong in his life. We must also have the humility to lovingly submit our feet to our brother to be washed. That is what we do not like to do. We do not like to admit to ourselves that our feet need washing, that there are weaknesses in our walk that need cleansing.

There are denominations and churches today that have taken foot washing out of the communion service literally and spiritually. They are trying to rear up the tabernacle of the Lord leaving out the Brazen Laver. It is awfully easy to build churches, get members or even win souls, and lead people into the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, pray down healings and miracles, bring forth beautiful gifts of prophecy and tongues. It is easy even to see great visions at the Candlestick and never have the grace to fall on our knees in prayer for our brother, and his weaknesses until God so works in his heart and life that the Lord can send us to him, still humbly on our knees, to show him where he is missing the Lord, and he can receive it. Or we can never have the grace to receive such ministration ourselves.

God will never fill such tabernacles with His glory cloud. For the glory cloud of God did not fill Moses' Tabernacle until every piece of furniture was in its place. Neither will it fill any tabernacle that is reared up today until the Brazen Laver is restored.

Exodus 40:7 reads: "And thou shalt put water therein."

Let us not set up the Laver without putting the water therein. Water, of course, is a type of the Holy Spirit. It is easy to restore the form of literal foot washing to the communion service and it be just a form that is gone through every month, just like eating of the cracker and drinking of the grape juice. This is what it has become in most churches, without the water of the anointing of the Spirit being upon it, and without the members of the Body going on to fulfill it by spiritually washing one another's feet.

Many Pentecostal churches still have literal foot washings in their communion service. They have not the slightest idea what it means, neither do they go under the anointing of the water of the Spirit in their subsequent daily lives to submit themselves to one another, and spiritually wash one another's feet. It is just part of a form they go through each month in their communion service. There may be water in the literal basins they use, but there is no water in the Laver.

Foot washing has been restored to our own communion services, but we do not have a set time for it any more, like once a week or once a month. Only when the Spirit speaks to one of the elders that it is time, do we have a communion and foot washing service. Then the anointing of the Spirit is upon it; there is water in the Laver, and it has meaning in our lives.

Exodus 40:9 reads: "And thou shalt take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy."

Here we come to the most important truth of all. After the Tabernacle was reared up, and every piece of furniture was in its place, the anointing oil had to be poured on the Tabernacle and everything in it. God commanded Moses to anoint the Tabernacle and all that is therein. The Altar, the Laver, Aaron and his sons, their garments, everything had to be anointed.

Even so, everything in the tabernacle God is building out of us today must be anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit, for His Word says, because of the anointing the yoke shall be broken. We can build a fine church or tabernacle, fill it with boards and set every ministry in its place. We can even set up the Brazen Laver and teach all the truths about the Candlestick and Table of Hidden Manna, but unless we continue in all prayer and supplication in the Spirit so that the anointing of the Spirit is continually upon it, it will be the same old form the old-order church goes through.

Many times I have gone into an assembly where the life has departed out of the service. They sing the same songs, they may even lift their hands and praise the Lord, have prophecy, tongues and interpretation come forth, and yet those who walk in the Spirit know there is no life of Christ in it.

The reason is always apparent. One only has to look at the prayer altars ten minutes before the service and see that they are empty. The members are all standing around chatting with one another in the flesh instead of being at the altar praying down the anointing.

Without the anointing, we can do nothing. When Samson was just Samson, he could not tear lions or slay Philistines with the jaw bone of an ass. But when the anointing came upon him, he could do the impossible. When through playing in the flesh with Delilah he lost his hair, his covering, his anointing, he still had the same bulging muscles he always had, the same position in the church of Israel he had always had. Samson still had all the revelation he always had, only one thing was missing, the anointing. Therefore, he had no more power over his enemies.

Many a healing ministry today still has the same revelation about healing that was given it back in the forties and fifties when the anointing of the Lord was upon them. They still have the same tent, pray the same prayers and lay on hands, but they do not see the glory, healings, and

miracles any more because through playing with the Delilah of this world the anointing has slipped away.

Many a Pentecostal church still sings the same songs of victory. "My God Can Do Anything" and "Jesus Breaks Every Fetter." They still loudly praise the Lord. But church suppers and robed choirs have replaced prayer vigils, gifts of the Spirit, and the oil of the anointing is no longer upon it.

We may have all the revelation contained in the Bible, both the letter and Spirit. We may be able to expound it beautifully, lay hands on the sick and pray the same prayers. But without the anointing oil, it is just dead knowledge and form.

God said of Aaron and his sons, "Their anointing shall be an everlasting priesthood unto me." Not them but their anointing. Not us, but the anointing of the Spirit of Christ upon us shall be an everlasting priesthood before God.'

Exodus 40:33-35 reads: "And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

At last the work was finished. Every curtain, every board, every bar was set in place. Every piece of furniture was resting in its appointed place. Then the glory of God filled the Tabernacle and the cloud of guidance settled down over the tent of the congregation.

Even so, it shall be with us in these last days. As God's people wake up and see at last, that as long as we are only boards and bars laying on the building site, God is not going to have a dwelling place that can contain His fullness. As the revelation of the Body of Christ is preached, and they come together in little local bodies across the land, losing their individualism, submitting themselves one to another,

and in so doing submitting themselves to Christ, letting the Spirit lead them into their ministry and gift and finding their place as a board or bar, then the Spirit slowly joins all the little bodies into one big worldwide body. One body, not organizationally but spiritually, then the glory of God's nature is going to fill this tabernacle. It will not be just a physical manifestation of supernatural light and power as in the old Tabernacle, but the nature of God coming forth in a body where every member is so dead to self that he lives only to minister to the other members. Then the world shall say again, "Behold how these Christians love one another." Nay, it shall even go beyond that. They shall say, "Behold how these members of Christ live unto one another and have life in one another."

The cloud of perfect guidance shall settle over us to lead us through the tribulation, on to our promised land, of corruptible putting on incorruptible and mortality putting on immortality, as God speaks and guides by His Spirit confirming every word in the mouth of two or three witnesses in visions through the prophets.

Exodus 40:35 reads: "And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Here is a strange but significant circumstance. Moses built the Tabernacle, yet he was not able to enter into it because of the glory of God that filled it. As we study God's order for the priesthood inside the Tabernacle, we discover that there was no place of ministry for Moses inside the Tabernacle. There were places for Aaron and his sons and the Levite priests but no place of ministry for Moses inside the Tabernacle. This is because this Tabernacle was a type of the Body of Christ. The plural, priestly ministry of Aaron and his four sons inside the Tabernacle was a type of Christ ministering through His five-fold ministry inside His Body, and Moses was a type of the one-man ministry.

Up until this time the people of Israel had only seen the glory of God in the face of Moses, a one-man ministry.

When he stood before Pharaoh in power, they saw the glory of God in Moses. When he opened the Red Sea, they saw the glory of God in Moses. When he came down from the Mount after receiving the pattern, his face shone so he had to put a veil over it, and they saw the glory of God in Moses. Now the Tabernacle was built and the glory of God filled it. The people of God would no longer see His glory in the face of a man but could see it filling His whole Tabernacle.

Even so, God has used a one-man individual ministry to bring His people to the point where they are today and we thank God for it. But now He is building His Body and Christ is coming forth in His Body. The people of God will no longer see the glory only in the ministry of individuals, be it an Oral Roberts, a T. L. Osborn, or a Billy Graham, as wonderful as their ministries have been. They shall see the glory of God shining out through His whole Body as through five Spirit ministries and nine Spirit gifts, He manifests His glory sometimes even through a little child. That is why Body ministry is being brought forth by the Spirit of God all over the world.

The one-man Moses ministry could in the New Testament age be as greatly used of God as was Moses to build the true Tabernacle of God, and it has been. But now it must give way to the ministry of Christ through His Body. Those who try to cling to it will find they have no place of ministry in this Tabernacle, because of the glory of God that fills it.

Sometimes we have ministry come into our own assembly who claim to be special prophets in the individual sense, just because God speaks to them in visions. They seek to impress the Body with their prophetic calling but are quite disappointed to discover that there are fifteen or twenty members of the Body present that God speaks to in visions as greatly as He does them. Some of them are even ten or twelve year old children. The glory of the Lord filling His whole Body is too much for them. They cannot lose their individualism and desire for individual glory, so they cannot bear to stay in our midst, and they slip away.

This is the way it shall be, for just as Moses who was a one man ministry could not enter in because of the glory of God that filled His whole Tabernacle, so when Christ is manifesting His glory through His whole Body, a one-man ministry that has not lost his desire for individualism shall not be able to bear it.

May the Lord hasten us toward that day. Amen.