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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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Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

Too long have God's children stood gazing at the cross of Calvary and rejoiced that their sins are forgiven because of it, with no real understanding of the mystery of Christ and the purpose of God in reconciling us unto Himself through the cross. Too few have seen either the great provision of God in Calvary, or the great purpose of God in Christ. Both are revealed to us in the few verses of Scripture that are our text for this study.

First, in verse eight, we see the great provision of God, as Paul says, " Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence." Notice that word "hath" is past tense. God has already given us all wisdom and prudence, nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus shed His blood to make us clean vessels having ascended to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Spirit (Acts 2:33), He sent Him to indwell us and teach us all things, and lead us into all truth. In that hour He abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence. He hath already done it. When the Spirit took up His abode in us at our new birth, in that hour we were given all wisdom. We do not need to remain in ignorance any longer. The old apostle Paul in Colossians 1

said, "I am made a minister that I might fulfill the Word of God, even the Mystery, which hath been hid from times past but now is made manifest to his saints." The mystery which is "Christ in you the hope of glory." During ages past the mystery of Christ was hid in God, but since the giving of the Holy Spirit through the work of Jesus at Calvary, it is now made manifest to us His saints. The people of the Old Testament age did not know why they killed a lamb every year. Nor why God gave them a specific pattern for building the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Nor why that Tabernacle had three divisions and seven pieces of furniture. Nor why the High Priest had to be dressed a certain way. These things, which make up the mystery of Christ, were all hidden in God waiting to be revealed. But with the coming of the New Testament age and the giving of the Holy Spirit to teach us all things and lead us into all truth, He is unveiling them for us and they are now being made manifest to His saints. We do not have to remain in darkness any longer for He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

They used to tell us there are just some things God does not want us to know; that we just had to take everything by faith, because they themselves were neither dedicated nor consecrated enough to get on their knees and get the answer from God. Then they would quote us the scripture in Isaiah which says, ". . . as the heavens are high above the earth so God's ways are above our ways." It is true that in Isaiah's day three thousand years ago God's ways were as high above our ways as the heavens above the earth, but in this hour the two are getting closer and closer all the time. The day is coming when there will be no difference at all. His ways will be our ways and our ways will be His ways, for we will be in Him and He will be in us. Paul saw this day nineteen hundred years ago and said, "Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face. Now we know in part but then shall we know even as we are known." The "then" that Paul spoke of, when we would see face to face, and know as we are known, is upon us.

Verse nine goes on to say that the Lord has made known unto us the mystery of His will. Again the word "has" is past tense. We are not, in this hour of human history, waiting for God to decide to let us know the mystery of His purpose in creating us. Nineteen hundred years ago, Paul said, He has already made known the mystery of His will. His Spirit, who came unto us when Jesus went back to the Father, is searching out each heart, which is truly hungry, to bring forth the mystery in them.

Then in verse ten, Paul tells us what the mystery of His will is, "That in the dispensation of the fullness of times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; even in Him."

First we need to understand this phrase, "In the dispensation of the fullness of times." A dispensation is a period of time in which God deals with his people in a certain way. The dispensation of the fullness of times is a period of time in which God is going to complete and fulfill all the things He has been laying the foundations for in all the times in the past, and that dispensation of the fullness of times is upon us. That dispensation of the fullness of times is now.

Then Paul goes on, in verse ten, to reveal that God's purpose in this dispensation of the fullness of times is to gather together. All who are able to see by the Spirit can see all over the world today, a great gathering together by the Spirit of God. God's children are growing up and breaking out of the denominational walls their leaders have built around them and are coming together in store building meetings and living room convocations. They are casting aside their denominational labels and doctrines, impelled by the Spirit of God within them to draw closer to their brother and sister in Christ, even though they may have been born in different sects. The men of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship have been greatly used of God to break down the walls and gather together those who are in Christ from every sect and creed. What a thrill it was to see in Dallas two years

ago, the Baptist preacher and the Lutheran preacher, and Methodist, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, and Catholic priest, all standing shoulder to shoulder, with hands uplifted, speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Truly in this dispensation of the fullness of times God is gathering together. But the revelation of the mystery of God's will does not stop there. Paul goes on to say, "That he might gather together in one." If we miss that little phrase "in one" we will yet fall short of the purpose of God. If we miss the meaning of this phrase all of our gathering together will be in vain. For it is possible for people to gather together and yet not be one. And God's purpose is not just that we should all do away with our past denominational names and affiliations, and come together in one big world church organization, but that we might become one Body of Christ, in the fullest sense of the word, even in Him.

We, of course, cannot do this by any plans or effort of our own. He has a divine order plan for accomplishing this, His purpose. All we can do is yield to His Spirit and let Him lead us into the revelation and fulfillment of His plan.

But even this is not the full revelation of His purpose. Paul goes on to say, "That he might gather together in one all things which are in Christ." I am so glad he said, "All things which are in Christ." Many in the world are trying to gather together all things under their banners, and their bondage. The communists are trying to gather all things together under their banner. Politicians of every other nation and ideology are trying to gather all things together under their banner. Each church denomination is trying to gather all things together under their banner. But all are works of the flesh and they are not going to succeed. Paul said, He is gathering together all things which are "in Christ," and that phrase "in Christ" makes this gathering together a work of the Spirit of God. Therefore, it is bound to succeed.

Then Paul goes on to reveal the great scope of God's purpose and to show that it reaches into the heavenlies also,

as he says, "That he might gather together in one, all things which are in Christ both which are in heaven and on earth."

In this dispensation of the fullness of times, God is not only gathering together all things on the earth that are in Christ, but also those that are in the heavens. Too many of God's people are so limited in their understanding of God's plan, that they are unaware that there are those in the heavenlies that are in Christ also. The saints of past generations, that are in the heavenlies, have been waiting for the dispensation of the fullness of times, so they could be one with us. The ministering spirits, that are called angels, are also in Christ, for the Bible says, "Of Him and by Him do all things consist and have their being." And this is the hour in which God is going to remove the veil that has separated those in the heavenlies, who are in Christ, from those in the earth, even the veil of our flesh. And the hour cometh when right here on this good green earth I am going to have the same communication and fellowship with Michael, and Gabriel, and all the heavenly host, that I am having with my brethren in Christ that are here with me now.

You say, "Brother Fife, do you really think you can have communication and fellowship with the angels?" I am already having communication and fellowship with the angels, though it is not as perfected as it is going to be. If it were not for the ministering angels, who watch over my plane as I fly across the earth carrying the Word of the Lord, the devil would have long since knocked it out of the air. How often have they warned me in a vision of the enemies plan to knock it out of the air. One morning a few months ago, three fellow ministers and I were scheduled to fly from Lubbock, Texas, to San Francisco. Early in the morning the angel of the Lord awakened me, and in a vision, showed me my plane flying through the air with several dark clouds following trying to catch it. But also, between my plane and the dark clouds, I saw a golden plane flying. The Lord was saying the angels were flying escort with us, to watch over us. About two hours from San Francisco, Brother Frank

Walker, in the back seat, said, "Brother Fife, I just saw a vision of a plane crashing while landing." I realized the angel of the Lord was warning that the enemy was going to attempt to get us on landing, and made a mental note to watch for it. Sure enough, when we got into the San Francisco area, the airport we were to land on has two runways side by side. One is a mile long, and one is only eighteen hundred feet. I can land on the short runway when I am expecting it, because I approach at a very slow air speed. But when I am landing on the long runway I approach at 100 miles an hour. When I called the tower operator on the radio 15 miles out, he told me to come straight in on the long runway. But when I was about three hundred feet above the end of the runway another plane was coming in from the left, and the tower operator decided he wanted to put him on the long runway. So he asked me if I would move over and take the short runway. Before I thought the thing through I obeyed him. Then I realized I was coming in on the short runway with 100 miles an hour air speed, and that was too fast to land on the short runway and get the plane stopped before going off the other end. By the time I had thought the whole thing through I was only about 6 feet above the ground, and in that split second, when I had to make a decision whether to land and try to get it stopped or give it the power and go around again, I remembered the vision given two hours before, and realized the devil had tricked the tower operator into moving me over at the last minute, hoping I would make the wrong decision and run off the runway. So I jammed the throttle back to full power, eased the plane back up, and went around again and landed on the long runway.

It was obvious that the devil had tricked the tower operator into moving me over at the last minute in the hope that I would make the wrong decision and crack up. But the angel of the Lord had already warned us in a vision. We are already having fellowship with those in the heavens who are in Christ. For the Lord is removing the veil of our flesh, that has kept us separated from them, and in this dispensation of

the fulness of times He is going to bring us all together in one, even Christ Jesus.

In Ephesians, chapter two, there are two verses of truth that must be added to this: "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace" (Ephesians 2:14-15).

In this dispensation of the fullness of times the Lord is breaking down all the middle walls of partition that has divided His people. He is breaking down the walls of partition of denominationalism. A number of years ago in Dallas, Texas, I saw the Baptist preacher, and the Lutheran preacher, and the Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Methodist and Pentecostal, and the Catholic priest all standing shoulder to shoulder and lifting up their hands, and speaking in tongues, and magnifying God.

He is breaking down the middle wall of partition of race and color. Haiti is the only all Negro republic in the world. And not long ago, when I was down in Haiti, I ate with my Haitian brethren, I slept with my Haitian brethren, I hugged my Haitian brethren as I would any of my brethren here in the States. What a shame it is that some very immature Christians, and even ministers, have involved themselves on one side or the other of the current segregation or desegregation battle. For the Christians, that question was settled when we came to Calvary. The Bible says, "In Christ" there is neither male nor female, bond nor free, red or yellow, black or white. For regardless of our race or color, we have all been baptized by one Spirit into one body, and how in the world are you going to segregate yourself from your own body? Let those who are yet in the world fight over the segregation question. They are never going to settle it anyway. The only people who are ever going to be fully desegregated are the Body of Christ, those whom God is bringing together in one.



Then Paul goes on to say, "He has abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances, for to make in himself of twain One New Man so making peace." And that is the ultimate thing God is doing in this dispensation of the fullness of times. He is breaking down all the middle walls of partition that He might make of the twain (all the twos) One New Man.

This man is going to be a New Man for a New Age. For truly we are about to enter into a New Age. Most of us since we were children have heard either our parents, or our preacher talk about the end of the world, the end of the world. The truth is that there is not going to be any end of this world. There is just going to be an end of an age, and the ushering in of a new age.

In the original language of the New Testament we find that Jesus never did speak of the end of the world, but only the end of the age. If you take a Young's Analytical Concordance, this is a big book that takes all the words in the English translation of the Bible, and right beside them gives the original Greek or Hebrew and the meaning. If one would take one of these, and look up all the scriptures where, in the King James, Jesus spoke of the end of the world, you would find that, in the original, Jesus did not say the "end of the world" at all, but only the end of the age." Then if you would look up the scriptures where, in the King James, Jesus spoke of those who would be counted worthy to attain to the next world, you would find that, in the original, He did not say "to attain to the next world" at all but only, "Those who are accounted worthy to attain to the next age."

The truth is, there is not going to be any end of this world. There is only going to be an end of an age. The end of an age of sin, the end of an age of sickness and suffering. The end of an age where Satan and his demons have been ruling over the world, and the bringing in of a new age where this many-membered New Man is going to reign in righteousness. The end of an age in which God is preparing a many-membered New Man. When this New Man, the

Body of Christ, has been prepared, God is going to cleanse the earth of every other man by His judgment day, and turn the earth over to the New Man He has prepared to reign in righteousness in a New Age.

This New Man is going to be after a New Order. He is not going to be after the old Levitical order of Aaron. Neither is he going to be after the so-called "democratic order" of the Church of our day. But he is going to be, "A priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." There is some very important New Testament truth that Paul desired to teach the Hebrew Christians of the New Testament age, concerning Melchisedec and the Melchisedec order, but he could not because their ears were dull of hearing. In Hebrews 5:10-12, Paul says, to the New Testament Christians of this day, that Jesus was called of God, a High Priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec. Then in verse eleven he tells them that he has many more things to teach them about Melchisedec and the Melchisedec order, but he cannot, because when for the time they were Christians, they ought to be teachers of others, they had become such as need the milk of the word again.

Even so, there is still that same New Testament truth for New Testament Christians today, concerning Melchisedec and the Melchisedec order, that God wants to teach them today, but He cannot for the same reason. Because their ears have become dull of hearing, and when for the time they ought to have become teachers of others, they have become such as need the milk of the word again.

But have you never hungered to know what the New Testament truth was that Paul desired to teach New Testament Christianity? I did for many years, and sought the Lord until he revealed it. Melchisedec was King of Salem, which later became Jerusalem, which, in Hebrew, means founded in peace or city of peace. Since Salem, or Jerusalem, means peace, Melchisedec, who was King of Salem, was king of peace. In that sense he was a type of

Jesus, who is king of the New Jerusalem, and therefore king of peace.

But more than that, Melchisedec is the only Old Testament character that is presented without genealogy. As Paul says, without father or mother, beginning, nor end of days. Every other Old Testament character is always presented with their genealogy. We read of so and so who was the son of so and so, who was the son of so and so, until finally we get bored with the genealogy. But no genealogy is given to us for Melchisedec. His mother or father is not given to us, neither his beginning or end. Not that he did not actually have a mother and father, but only that he was presented to us this way in the Scriptures, so that he might be a type of Jesus, who also has neither mother nor father, but abideth a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec.

Jesus was not born of an earthly father, but He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. And though He was born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, down here, since His resurrection He has entered into New Creation life and she is no longer His mother. So, like Melchisedec, He has neither earthly father nor mother, beginning nor end of days, but abideth a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

Now, since God's order for Christ's Priesthood is the order of Melchisedec, and since we are the Body of Christ, then certainly God's order for us is the Melchisedec order.

We who have been born again, we also have neither earthly father nor mother, but abide a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec. For we also, in our new birth, have been conceived of the Holy Ghost, without an earthly father. And we were born from the womb of the mother, the Church, so, in the Spirit, we no longer have an earthly mother. And since Christ is eternal, having neither beginning nor end of days, and since we are in Him, we are eternal also. Therefore we also have neither father nor mother, beginning nor end of days, but abide a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. For this many-membered man God is preparing, shall be the Priest of God in the earth

in the new age. For a priest is only a mediator through whom God ministers to His creation, and, since we will be in Christ and He will be in us, His eternal priesthood will be worked out through us, who are His Body.

Paul says the Old Testament High Priest, in the Levitical order of Aaron, was not suffered to continue on and on by reason of death overtaking them. Therefore, though one high priest might be a good one, and bring God's people back to God, when he died, another would take over, and make a mess out of everything. But after you and me, this many-membered man that God is preparing there is not going to be any other priesthood to make a mess of things, for we are the last priesthood. For we are in Him who is eternal, verily His Body, so we shall abide a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec.

A priest is one through whom God has fellowship with His creation. Since the Bible says Jesus is God's priest forever after the order of Melchisedec, and since we are His body, then His eternal priesthood shall be carried out through us forever. Since Jesus' priesthood is after the order of Melchisedec, and since we are in Him, the very Body of Christ, then God's order for us who are the Body of Christ is the Melchisedec order.

Therefore, this many-membered man that God is preparing to reign in the earth in a new age, is not to be after the order of the old Levitical, Aaronic, priesthood, neither after the so-called "democratic order" of the Church today, but after the order of Melchisedec. Now the next question is, what is the order of Melchisedec. The order for Christ's priesthood is the Melchisedec order, and therefore the order for His Body is obviously the Melchisedec order. If we want a revelation of that order, we simply study God's order for the Body of Christ and its members in their relationship to one another, and to their head Jesus.

The most perfect type God has given us of His order for the Body of Christ is the human body. For the apostle Paul, in 1Corinthians twelve, makes it very clear that the human

body is a type of the Body of Christ. For in the twelfth verse he says, "As the human body is one body with many members, so also is Christ one body with many members." Paul did not use the human body as a type of the Body of Christ just because he needed an illustration, but because the Spirit, speaking through him, knew that in the beginning God made the human body a type of the Body of Christ. And the order that exists in the members of the human body in their relationship with their head, and with one another, is God's order for the Body of Christ in their relationship with their head, and with one another.

We begin with the hand, the five-fingered hand. The hands are the ministry to the human body. It is their ministry to feed the human body, to wash it and to clothe it. And the five fingered hand is a type of the fivefold ministry that Jesus set in the Body of Christ at His ascension. Even as Ephesians 4:8-13 says, that when Jesus ascended He gave gifts unto men, "To some apostles, to some prophets, to some evangelists, some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

The reason you have five fingers on your hand to feed your human body with, is to visibly and symbolically proclaim the revelation that God has set a fivefold ministry in the Body of Christ, to feed it on the spiritual food it needs to grow up into Him. The reason you have five fingers on your hand to bathe the human body with, is to symbolically proclaim the revelation that God has set the fivefold ministry in the Body of Christ, to wash it with the water of the Word. Ephesians 5:27 says Jesus gave himself for His Church that He might sanctify it and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the Word. The reason you have five fingers on your hand, to clothe your human body with, is to symbolically proclaim the revelation that Jesus has set a fivefold ministry

in His Body to clothe it with the fine linen which, the book of Revelation says, is the righteousness of saints.

The thumb is a type of the apostle. That is why it is the smallest on the hand. For Jesus said, "He that is chief among you let him be a servant." On the hand, it is the only one of the five that can touch the heads of the other four fingers. This is because it is the ministry of the apostle to be used of God to call out and train the other four ministries. He ministers to the heads of the other four ministries God's revelation of the hour, and they minister it to the flock. It is a scriptural fact, that in each generation apostles are the foundation stones upon which God builds. Therefore it is not His order to give the revelation of His eternal plan to prophets, or evangelists, or pastors (elders), or teachers, but only to apostles. Then, through their ministry across the earth, the other four ministries are raised up. Prophets to confirm and establish the revelation, pastors or elders to feed the flock and elaborate on it, evangelists to carry it out from the local body, teachers to teach it to the little ones.

This does not mean that pastors and teachers cannot receive much revelation by the Spirit, developing and expounding the revelation given through apostles, but only that the real blue-print of God's plan is given to the apostolic ministry. Scripturally this can be proven by the fact that, when Jesus came from heaven with the New Testament revelation, He did not give it to pastors, evangelists, prophets, or teachers because there weren't any yet. He gave it to twelve apostles, and through their ministries the other four ministries were raised up.

When, through Paul's ministry in every city, the other four ministries were raised up, they were left to feed and establish God's flock in the revelation of God. When Paul passed through Miletus on the way up to Jerusalem, he sent for the elders of the Church at Ephesus and said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God." They did not get it from God themselves. It was declared unto them through God's apostle, Paul. Let no one imagine

this means that the other ministries will not receive revelation through the Spirit, elaborating, and developing the revelation, as they feed the flock. It only means that the blue-print for God's plan will be given through the apostolic ministry.

The second finger on the hand, the forefinger, is a type of the prophet. That is why it is right next to the thumb, because we are built on the foundation of apostles and prophets. The prophet ministry is part of the foundation, because it is their ministry to receive word from heaven in vision and dream, confirming and establishing the revelation brought forth through apostles. The middle finger on the hand is a type of the evangelist. That is why it is the longest of all the five, for his is the outreach. He is the one who carries the message out from the local body, and wins others, and brings them back to the Body, to be fed and matured by the other ministries.

Then the fourth finger on the hand is the elder or pastor. They are the ministry who feed the flock, watches over the flock to keep the wolves from coming in and tearing it; growing them up into that full maturity that God has ordained for them.

Then, last of all, we have the little finger, the teacher. It is their ministry to teach the little ones, and feed them on the word brought forth through apostles and elders. Smallest of the four, but no less important, for no one of these ministries is more important than the other, for only all five, with each in its place ordained of God, can meet the total need of the Body of Christ. The great central truth that we need to understand is that one of these fingers by itself has very little strength to knock over anything. Take one finger by itself, and hit something with it, and about all you will do is hurt the finger. But when all five are joined together in a fist, you no longer have five but one. All five individual fingers have become one. Then you have a battering ram that when you swing it something is going down.

One individual ministry by itself is never going to cause a tremor in Satan's kingdom, be it Oral Roberts, or Billy Graham, or any other. But one day when all five ministries have become one, the ministry of Christ, through His Body, each in his place, then you are going to have a battering rain that is going to move across the world and knock Satan off his throne.

However, there is only one way that all five ministries can become one. You will notice that the fingers on your hand are made so that there is only one way they can bend, that is downward, toward one another, the four toward the thumb, and the thumb toward the four. And it is only as they bow downward toward one another in this way, that they become one, and a fist is formed that moves something when a blow is swung. Even so, until the ministries in the Body of Christ learn to bow down before one another; submitting themselves one to another, and in so doing submitting themselves to Christ, there is never going to be any real power to knock Satan off his throne.

As long as the five fingers on your hand are standing up straight, they may be five perfectly good fingers, but if you swing a blow with them all standing straight out, you will not only not have any real power in the blow, but will probably break some of the fingers. I have seen many ministries in times past broken, and fall out of the ministry, because they tried to strike Satan as individual fingers. But when the five fingers on your hand bow down before one another they become a fist, and therefore no longer five ministries to fight for the body but one, and thus a mighty battering ram against its enemies.

Even so, as long as the ministries in the Body of Christ want to stand as individuals, straight and tall, proud of their individualism, proud of their ministry, they may be a very fine finger, but there will never be any real power against Satan's kingdom. It is only when all five bow down before one another, submitting themselves to Christ, that the five



will become one ministry - the ministry of Christ through His Body. Then there will be a mighty battering ram that will move across the earth and knock Satan off his throne, especially when that fivefold ministry, that God is restoring today, has set the whole Body of Christ in order, and they have the strength of the whole Body behind them. For even if one swings a blow with the fist, from the shoulder, without the strength of the whole Body behind it, it can only have partial power. But when every member in the body is supplying its effectual measure, then you have the full power of the Body behind that blow.

This brings us to the next step in the revelation of God's divine order. We have been revealing God's order for the ministry. Now let us look at God's order for the members of the Body who are not set by the Spirit in the hand ministry. The first thing for you to realize is that you are not the ministry, you are the body. Therefore you must realize you cannot feed yourself. You must be fed by the Lord. You are not anointed to feed yourself. You do not know what kind of food you need and the head, Jesus, is not going to tell you, He is going to tell the hand ministry He has set in the Body to feed you. Therefore it is time for you to stop trying to tell the hand ministry what you should be fed, and submit yourselves to Christ, that, through His ministry, He might feed you, and grow you up into Him. In Joshua 3:2-4, as the wilderness wandering of the first generation of the children of Israel was drawing to a close, and God was ready to take the second generation in, He spoke through Joshua to that second generation and said, "When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place and follow after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it about two thousand cubits by measure. Come not nigh unto it, that you may know the way by which ye must go, for ye have not passed this way before."

This is the hour in which we have come to the end of our wilderness wanderings. The old generation is dead. In the

last few years God has called a new generation out of the denominations and baptized them in His Spirit. Out of them He is raising up a priestly ministry. They are picking up the ark of the covenant, which is the name, the nature of Jesus, that was birthed in you at your new birth, to carry it over Jordan and on into its promised land. To those of you who are that new generation, it is time for you to move from your place and follow after it, from your little doctrinal rut, from your little organizational system, from your place in the world, and follow after. Nevertheless, you must keep a space of two thousand cubits between you, and that ark, and the priestly ministry that carries it. You must not put your hands on it. You must not try to tell the ministry how to carry it. That is, you must not try to tell the priestly ministry God has raised up for you, which is the Ark of the Covenant, how to go on to perfection. You must keep your two thousand cubits, in order that you may know the way which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.

God is taking you somewhere you have never been, and you do not know the way, and He is not going to reveal it to you. He is going to reveal it to the ministry. Secondly, you, who are the Body must realize that you have a ministry to the ministry. Just as the hand on the human body could not work for the food that feeds it, or fight for it, or even lift the fork to the mouth, without the strength that is ministered to it through the members of the body, as that strength flows through the body, out through the shoulders and down the arm, just so the hand ministry in the Body of Christ cannot work, or feed, clothe, and bathe, and fight for it without each member of the Body supplying its part and working in its effectual measure. It is your ministry to minister to the hand in financial and material things, while they give themselves to prayer, and the Word, and minister to you in spiritual things. It is your ministry to strengthen them by giving kind, loving attention as they feed you, that they might receive life and encouragement from you. It is your ministry to send them forth in front of you, and support them as they go in

front of you to fight the enemies of the Body of Christ, just as the human body gives the hands strength to go in front of it and meet its enemies head on.

When the hand of your human body starts to pick up a tool to earn food for the body, there are muscles way down in your stomach that must supply strength, or it cannot do its job. Only when every muscle and member of the body is doing its part to supply strength to the hand, can the hand have the strength to fulfill its ministry to the body. But when every member and muscle in the body is doing its part to supply strength to the hand, then the hand can labor for, and bring food to the mouth that gives strength to the body, so it can give more strength to the hand, so it can minister more life to the body, and thus the body grows up into the fullness of its stature. When the day comes that all the members of the Body of Christ are fulfilling their ministry to the fivefold ministry, that is called to feed, bathe and clothe them with the fine linen which is the righteousness of saints, then the hand will have strength to give themselves to prayer, and ministry of the Word, and minister life to the Body, and thus the Body of Christ will be able to grow up to the fullness of His stature, even as Paul said in Ephesians 4:15-16, "Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up into him who is the head in all things, from whom the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Therefore, there is going to come forth, in these last days, a body of people who will fulfill their ministry to feed and clothe with natural things the hand ministry that feeds and clothes them with spiritual things. Not because offering plates are stuck under their noses, or a preacher throws a law of tithing at them, but because they have the revelation of the Body of Christ, and that God has tempered the Body together, so that the Body must fulfill its ministry to the hand, in order for the hand to have the strength to minister

life to the Body. It is for lack of this revelation that there has been so little life and power in the Body of Christ till now. The members of the Body have seen themselves only as individuals, called only to receive, and be blessed by the ministry, and perhaps tithes as a duty to God. And most of the ministry have seen themselves as individuals, set over the Body to rule over them, and try to make them tithe, and give as a duty to God. Neither have seen that, by the Spirit of God, they, as members of the Body, are set, not over or under, but in one another. Only as they minister life one to another, can the whole Body, of which they are both a part, remain spiritually alive and grow up into His stature.

God help us to learn what the Bible means when it says, "No man liveth unto himself" It means no man can live, can have true life, living unto himself as an individual, for God has made us a Body. If any one of the members of my human body were cut off of the body, and tried to exist as an individual, it would soon wither away and die, without the life of the rest of the body flowing to it. If the members of the human body tried to walk in the petty individuality that the members of the Body of Christ have up to now, there would be no more life in it than there has been of the life of Christ in the Body of Christ till now. What do you think would happen to the human body if it awoke one morning, and the foot said to the hand, "I don't think I'll carry you to work today, you hurt my feelings in church last night." Then the hand replied to the foot, "You weren't too nice to me in church either, I don't think I'll put your shoe on for you." Then the eye said to both of them, "You two are fussing and fighting Christians. I refuse to see for either of you anymore." The foot could not get its shoe put on, the hand could not go to work and get food to minister life to the body, the whole body would go blind and begin to die: And everything would be a mess. Isn't this pretty much the mess that we have seen in the Body of Christ in times past until now? And what has been the cause of the mess has been the lack of

the revelation of the Body of Christ, and what the Spirit means in 1 Corinthians 12 when He says, "God has tempered the body together so that there should be no schism in the body."

We would like to open the reader's eyes to this great truth, by sharing with them the greatest revelation God has ever given me in all my years of life and ministry in Him. That was when He showed me that there is only one thing the hand of my human body cannot do, and that is minister to itself. It can minister to all the other members of the body, but not to itself. It can put on the foot's shoe, feed the mouth, comb the hair, scratch the back, but the one thing it cannot do, is do anything for itself. Then, to my amazement, the Lord went on to show me that this was true of every member of my body. That each existed only to serve the other, and though every member could minister to the other members, the one thing it could not do was do anything for itself. Then I saw that it was because of this order, that existed in the human body, that it continued to have life. And I saw that, though every member ignored its own needs and existed to minister to the needs of others, yet no member lacked for ministry and every need was met. Because, while each member was ministering to the needs of others, the head had the others meeting its need. Thus I saw that this body has life through an order wherein every member in it is so dead to self, that it exist only to minister to others.

And one day soon, there is going to come forth a body of people the Body of Christ, wherein every member in it will be so dead to self, that he lives only to minister to the other members. And yet no member will lack for ministry. For while each one is ministering to another, the Head of the Body, Jesus, will have other members ministering to his need. I have seen this great principle of God working in a measure in my years in this end-time ministry. For when I was in the old order self-life, this body of mine enjoyed only the ministry of one to it, that was me. And you can be sure if I did not minister to it, no one else would, and because I was

so selfish I lived only to myself, I was getting my just deserts. But, in the past few years, since I have left all to live unto the Body of Christ, this body of mine enjoys the ministry of hundreds to it all over the world. I land my airplane in a certain city, and a brother member of the Body is there to meet me, and says, "Use my car while you are here, dwell in my house, eat my food, sleep in my bed." Thus is fulfilled the scripture where in Jesus said, "Whosoever leaveth houses and lands and father, mother, and brethren for my sake shall have houses and lands and sisters and brethren a hundred fold both in this world and the world to come." Thus I see it is a far better order to trade living unto myself as an individual, to living unto the Body of Christ. For in that order I had only the ministry of one to me, while in the new Melchisedec order God is bringing into being, I enjoy the ministry of hundreds, however I can testify to every man, that one can only move into this order by faith.

It takes faith to go forth, spending your time meeting the needs of others, ignoring your own needs, and believing that as you do, the Head, Jesus, will have others coming up behind you, meeting your needs as you go. I can testify that for years I have seen it work.

I well remember one Friday, when I was about to leave my wife on Saturday to go down to Haiti and hold a two weeks' Bible School for about seventy-five Haitian ministers. My wife desperately needed a hundred dollars by Monday and we did not have a hundred dollars. And the reason we did not have it, was because we had just sent the last five hundred dollars we had down to Haiti, to feed the seventy-five Haitians ministers during the two weeks Bible School. I left in faith, and by Monday afternoon my wife had the hundred dollars in her hand, because a woman of the Body of Christ, way out in Missouri, had dropped a check in the mail, with a note saying, "Brother Fife, the Lord told me to send this." This woman had never seen my wife, or knew her name. Months before, in a camp meeting in Missouri, she had approached me with a spiritual need, and I had sat down

for two hours with her and met it. She went away, and I asked for nothing, not even her name. But months later, when my wife had a need, the Head, Jesus, spoke to her and it was met.

This, of course, is a far different order of life from that of the world, and the worldly church in times past. Their order has been, take care of yourself and your own first, then, if there is a few dimes left, toss it in the offering plate for the mission field. Or then, if there is a little time left, give it to the Church. This has not been an order of life, but of death, for it has produced only death. Surely it is clear, it was not this order Jesus taught, but the one that God is bringing into being when He said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his brother's life." It is precisely this same new order that the angels in the heavenly realm live in, for the Bible says they are all ministering (serving) spirits, whose express purpose for existing is to minister to those who are the heirs of salvation. Their life and their joy is to minister (serve) us who are the heirs of salvation.

Therefore let all men know, that in this dispensation of the fullness of times, God is going to fulfill His purpose to bring together into one, all things that are in Christ, both in the earth and in heaven, and make of all the twos, one many-membered man, who lives after the order of Melchisedec. When He has finished preparing this many-membered man, He is going to purge the earth of every other man by His Judgment Day, and there will come in a new age, and a new earth, with a new man living in a new order, where every member is so dead to self that he lives unto the rest of the Body, and that order shall perpetuate eternal life.  
In Jesus Name. Amen