

DEEPER TEACHINGS
(MEAT OF THE WORD)

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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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Rev. 21:22- And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. [23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. [24] And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. [25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

A few months ago, in a morning service, as I was preparing to teach on this passage of Scripture, suddenly the Holy Spirit spoke very powerfully to me one little three-word phrase, and He told me that in this three-word phrase was the answer to all of my problems and to all of the problems of mankind. That little three-word phrase was "in the Spirit." Then He explained to me that no matter what test, no matter what trial, no matter what tribulation one came to in their life, if they would only get back in the Spirit and wait upon the Lord, then the Holy Spirit would show them that good thing that God was working in them through the trial, and through the test and through the tribulation, and suddenly the problem would cease to be a problem at all, and would become a blessing, the mountain would become a plain, and the darkness would be turned into light, the night into day, and they would be dwelling in the City where there is no night there. Then the Holy Spirit explained to me that the only reason our trials and our tests and our tribulations that we go through in this life become problems to us, and sometimes cause many to have nervous breakdowns, is because they get out of the Spirit and try to face life in the flesh, in their own natural strength and intelligence and wisdom, and therefore when trials and pressures come upon

them, they have not the leadership of the Spirit, that they might know why the great God of goodness is allowing them to go through such a thing; but if they will just remember the little phrase, "in the Spirit, " get on their knees before the Lord and get back in the Spirit, and wait upon the Lord, the Holy Spirit will show them that good thing that God is working in them through the trial and through the test, to prepare them for a victorious Eternity: then the problem will cease to be a problem at all and will become a blessing, the mountain will become a plain, the darkness will be turned into light and the night into day and they will be dwelling forever in that City where there is no night there.

The Scripture that we have read, which is the foundation for our message, is found in the 21st chapter of the book of Revelation, that chapter in the Bible which describes the Holy City, New Jerusalem, which John saw coming down from God. In order for one to understand the great Truth that is here, one must understand that the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, is not some literal city that will come down to this earth from heaven some day, as many Christians and ministers carnally interpreting the Scriptures have taught, but there are two verses in the 21st chapter of Revelation, that great chapter that describes the Holy City which make it very clear to us that we, the Church, the Bride of Christ, are God's New Jerusalem City. For when we study these two verses we find that two times here in the 21st chapter of Revelation the Bible calls the New Jerusalem the Bride of Christ.

In verse two, John said he saw the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, descending, out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and then in verses nine and ten the angel said to John, "come up hither and let me show thee the Lamb's Bride." In verse ten, John said "He carried me, away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, the Lamb's Bride." So we find that two times here in Revelation, chapter 21, the Bible calls the New Jerusalem the Bride of Christ.

Now, if we know anything at all about the New Testament, we know that in many other places in the New Testament the Bible also calls us who are the Church, the Bride of Christ. When we discover this Truth, the conclusion that we come to is that there are not two Brides of Christ in the Bible - for the Bible doesn't give Christ two wives -- but the simple Truth is, when the Bible says the New Jerusalem is the Bride of Christ, and it also says that we who are the Church are the Bride of Christ, then the two are synonymous, one and the same. The Church is the New Jerusalem, and the New Jerusalem is us, the Church, the Bride of Christ - in that hour when we will have grown up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ and have been changed into incorruptibility; so that the nature of Christ, which is the nature of God, will be dwelling in us in fullness; and God will be dwelling in His Holy City here on the earth.

It is a shame that for so long, God's people, in their carnal interpretation of the Scriptures have thought that the City of God was some kind of literal city that would be let down on this earth literally from heaven some day. But only when they have been delivered from this carnal concept and begin to see that we, the Church, the Bride of Christ, or the City of God, is slowly coming down from heaven with each line and precept of Truth that works the nature of God in us; only then are they prepared to begin to understand the glorious mystery that is in John's statement here, when he said, "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."

For you see, John, as he described this glorious vision of the Holy City, was only seeing that ultimate state in God that the Spirit of God is bringing us to in that hour when we will have grown up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and the nature of Christ, which is the nature of God, will have come forth in us in all of its incorruptible glory; and therefore God will be dwelling in us, the New Jerusalem, the Holy City.

Dear reader, can you rise up today, high enough out of your own carnal natural nature, and high enough in the Spirit to be able to see behind the carnal symbols God has used here, and to see the glorious spiritual realities that they describe, that are to be fulfilled in you and me. Can you see that when John says, "And its streets are pure gold," that since gold, in the mystery of Scripture is the only metal in the earth that is incorruptible and cannot be tarnished, that it is therefore a symbol and a type of God's incorruptible nature, which cannot be tempted or tarnished. Therefore, when the Bible says, "and its streets are pure gold," it only speaks of you and I having come to a perfect eternal walk in the incorruptible nature of God. Can you see that when the Bible says, "And its light is as a jasper stone, clear as crystal," that since everywhere else in the Bible the term, "light," refers to Truth - it is only saying that in that hour the Truth in us will have been purged of all darkness, and all error, and we'll be pure and clear as crystal. Can you see that the Bible itself, given to us by the various authors that the Holy Spirit has used in different centuries to write its various books, is but the progressive Divine unfolding revelation of the House of God and the City of God that is to come forth in you and me in these last days.

For centuries, since the time of the fall, men have wandered about in the darkness of this earth, searching, seeking, always crying out from the depths of their being for the answer to one question: "Where is God, where is His City, what kind of house does He live in?" and "Where is the road that I may take there, that I may know Him as He is?" And down through the generations, many false priests and false prophets have given them many false answers to these questions, motivated by invisible demon-spirited gods, who, from the invisible spirit realm have established false systems of religion in this earth, that have offered unto mankind false answers which were dead-end streets to the great question, the great heart's cry that has been springing forth from within man since the fall, "Where is God? Where is His City?"

Where is the House that He lives in? Where is the road that I may take to go there, that I may know Him as He is?"

But ever since the fall, as man has groped about in darkness, searching for the answer to this question, God Himself, has been seeking to break through from the spiritual heavenlies and reveal the answer to mankind. But in order to do so, He had to have a Man that He could work through, to reveal to mankind the answer to this great question. Therefore, from the time of the fall, for many hundreds of years the eyes of God were searching to and fro in the earth, seeking to find a Man that would be yielded enough to His Spirit, that He could lift high enough into the realm of spirituality, that He could begin to reveal the answer to this great question through.

The first man that he found was a young man named Jacob, who had schemed his brother, Esau, out of his birthright; and because his brother Esau was angry with him and threatened to kill him for doing so, had to leave his father's house; and God found him one day, wearily treading down the trail, treading toward the country of his mother's brother, Laban, in order to escape his brother Esau's wrath. But as night caught him in his journey, Jacob, tired, lonely and weary, laid down beside the trail and laid his head on a rock and as he fell asleep, he dreamed a dream, and in the dream he saw a ladder ascending from earth to heaven, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon it; and at the top of the ladder he saw God; and God spoke to him and gave him a wonderful promise. He said, "All the land that thou liest upon I have given it unto thee, and behold I am with thee, and I will be with thee in all places whithersoever thou goest, and I will not forsake thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

The ladder that Jacob saw, of course, was God's redemptive plan in Christ, which bridges the gap between heaven and earth; and upon which the angels, the ministering spirits, who are sent forth to minister to us who are the heirs of salvation, ascend and descend.

The next thing we need to understand is that when God gave Jacob the glorious promise, and said, "The land whereon thou liest I have given unto thee," he wasn't just talking about the few square feet or few square acres around where Jacob's head lay; but He was talking about all the land of this earth. And then the next thing we need to understand - when God gave that glorious promise to Jacob it was not Jacob's promise alone, but it was our promise also. For all the promises of God that were given to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob were not given to them alone, but were given to them and to their seed that would come after them. And we are the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob through Jesus; for Jesus descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and we were born of Jesus' seed, therefore through Jesus we are the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and therefore every promise that God gave to our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which were given not to them only, but to them and their seed, is our promise also.

As I write this article, the particular land I am in right now is Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa; and God says to me, "The land whereon thy head liest, I have given it unto thee." A few weeks previous to this I was ministering in Japan, then Taiwan, then Hong Kong, then Singapore, then Malaysia, then Ceylon. Every place whereon my head rested, the promise of God was still given to me, "All the land whereon thy head liest, I have given it unto thee."

And to thee, dear reader, wherever thou art in this hour: California, Mexico, New York, South America, wherever thy head liest, God sayeth unto thee in the glorious promise, "All the land whereon thy head liest, I have given it unto thee." But the promise doesn't end there. God goes on to say to us, "And behold, I am with thee and I will be with thee in all places whithersoever thou goest. I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

Then the Bible tells us that Jacob awoke from his sleep and said. "How dreadful is this place. This is none other but the House of God." And he poured oil upon the rock

whereon his head laid and proclaimed that place forever after to be the House of God. In the progressive Divine unfolding revelation of the House of God to mankind, this is the first step that God took to bring the House of God from heaven down to earth; for, for the next almost five hundred years after that, to all Jacob's descendants, which were the only people in the earth that were worshiping the true God, the House of God was the rock in the wilderness beside the trail that Jacob had poured oil on. For the next four or five hundred years after that, wherever Jacob's descendants were, they believed with all their hearts that the area around that rock where Jacob had laid his head was the area where God's House was; and no matter where they were, even if it was hundreds of miles away from that place, when they would pray they would turn their eyes toward the rock beside the trail in the wilderness, with the oil poured on it, where their father Jacob had met God in such a supernatural manner; and they would pray toward that place.

For you see, before that Jacob had never met God in such a powerful, supernatural experience, or in such a supernatural manner. Therefore, he believed with all his heart that that area around that rock where he had met God in such a powerful way was the only place in the earth where God dwelled, and he taught it to his descendants. For you see, in those days men did not have the revelation that God is an omnipresent Spirit which is everywhere, as we do now. This revelation was first given by Jesus when He came into the world and therefore, not having the revelation that God is an omnipresent Spirit which is everywhere, as we do now, Jacob, having had such a supernatural experience with God in that particular place, believed that that was the particular area in the earth where God dwelled; and therefore he poured oil upon the rock and said, "How dreadful is this place. This is none other but the House of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Of course that rock beside the trail with the oil poured on it, which was the first foundation stone that God laid in

building His House here upon the earth, was only a type of Jesus, who came two thousand years ago and become our Rock, with the oil of the anointing poured upon Him; and the Bible says He was the stone that the builders rejected that became the Head of the corner, or the chief corner-stone. Therefore, for hundreds and hundreds of years after Jacob's experience with God, at the rock beside the trail, the highest revelation of the House of God that mankind had was a rock beside the trail with oil poured on it, and all of Jacob's descendants believed with all their hearts that that area around that rock was the area where God dwelled in the earth, and that it was truly the House of God. However, this was not the fullest revelation of the House of God that God desired to give to mankind, and therefore for the next few hundred years God's eyes continued to search to and fro in the earth, that He might find another Man that He could lift up high enough in the Spirit that through him He might give to mankind a fuller revelation of the House of God. Finally, He found one in a young prince named Moses, a young prince in Egypt. Although he was raised in Pharaoh's house as a prince in Egypt, not knowing that he had been born an Israelite, he felt a strange affinity with the slave people of Israel, who were slaves in Egypt. Finally it became so strong he found himself with a tremendous desire to deliver them from their bondage, but in his youthful zeal he wound up killing more people than he got delivered. Therefore God had to take him to the back side of the desert and pin him down with a little flock of sheep, and there break him for the next forty years, so that when God had finished dealing with him and brought him up out of the desert, it was said that the man, Moses, was meek above all other men.

Therefore, God had a vessel prepared that was yielded enough to Him in the Spirit that He could call him up in the mountain and give him a fuller revelation of the House of God - a revelation of the Divine pattern for constructing the tabernacle of God that Moses pitched in the wilderness. A tabernacle made up of three divisions - outer court, Holy

place, and Holy of Holies, and constructed out of wooden boards overlaid with gold, and held together with five golden bars, also made out of wood overlaid with gold.

Of course that tabernacle that Moses pitched in the wilderness in the Old Testament age was only a type of you and me and the Body of Christ, the true Tabernacle of God that the Holy Spirit, our heavenly Moses, is building in this New Testament age. That tabernacle was constructed out of wooden boards overlaid with gold, and in the symbolism of Scripture, wood, wherever we find it is symbolic of the human nature of man; but gold is symbolic of the supernatural, incorruptible nature of God. Wood overlaid with gold is man overlaid with the supernatural nature of God. Therefore, each one of us, when we have been baptized in the Spirit and have been overlaid with the gold of God's anointing, have become a board in God's Tabernacle.

The five wooden bars that held those wooden boards overlaid with gold together, also made out of wood overlaid with gold, were only a type of the five Spirit Ministries - Apostles, Prophets, Elders, Evangelists and Teachers - that join God's people together today into one Holy Tabernacle: men who have the human nature, who are wood, who are overlaid with the gold of God's anointing for their Ministries.

Therefore, in the Divine, progressive, unfolding revelation of the House of God, the rock beside the trail with oil poured on it in the wilderness, had progressed into the tabernacle made out of tent curtains that Moses pitched, that wandered through the wilderness from place to place for over forty years, always seeking to find its final resting place in the Jerusalem City of God. That tabernacle had no certain dwelling-place in the earth, but day by day, week by week, month by month as the children of Israel would dismantle it and carry it forward on their journey, it wandered from place to place, seeking, searching, always seeking for its final resting place until finally it arrived at Jerusalem.

This, of course, is a type to reveal to you and me that we are pilgrims and sojourners in this world and in this

present age; and we do not have any final resting place, but we are the Tabernacle of God, moving forward in the Spirit from Truth to Truth, from line to line, from precept to precept, always searching, seeking, for our final resting place, which we will not find until we have grown up into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ and come to Jerusalem, that has become the New Jerusalem City of God.

What a shame it is, today, that so many Christians are foolish enough to try to put down their roots deep and build up their estates and their fortunes and their securities in this world and in this present age, afraid to launch out and move forward in the Spirit, afraid to become what we really are, pilgrims and sojourners in this world and in this age - not knowing that we will not find our final resting place until the next age, the thousand-year reign of Christ in this earth through us.

And so, for the next few hundred years after Moses pitched the tabernacle in the wilderness, the highest revelation of the House of God that mankind had was a three-fold tabernacle made out of tent curtains in the wilderness. After that, when the children of Israel would pray, no longer would they look toward the rock beside the trail that Jacob had poured oil on, but they would turn their faces toward the tabernacle, for it was there, now, that the Shekinah glory-cloud of God rested.

However, this still was not the fullest revelation of the House of God that God wanted to give mankind, and therefore the eyes of God continued to search to and fro in the earth to find another Man that God could lift even higher in the Spirit, that He might reveal to him a fuller revelation of the House of God; and after several hundred years He found this Man in David, a young shepherd boy, who, when he was but a youth was so anointed of the Lord and so yielded to the Spirit of God that God could reveal to him man's true relationship to God in that great Psalm, the 23rd Psalm, that he went about singing all the time, "The Lord is

my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Therefore God anointed David, and having become the King of Israel and established the kingdom in Israel, the Bible says David prepared materials to build a house of God that would be a fuller and greater revelation to mankind of the House of God than the tabernacle that Moses pitched in the wilderness. And then having prepared the materials, on his death he handed the kingdom down to Solomon, and Solomon, his son, the man of wisdom that God anointed with more wisdom than any that had ever come before him, built the temple of God; and God filled that temple with His Shekinah glory, until the Priests were not able to minister; and therefore the tabernacle in the wilderness progressed into the temple made out of stones that would never be moved again because its traveling days were over. Therefore after that, when men would pray, they would no longer look toward the tabernacle in the wilderness as the House of God, but they would pray toward the temple that Solomon had built in Jerusalem; and for many hundreds of years after that, the highest revelation of the House of God in the earth was the great temple that Solomon had built in Jerusalem.

However, that temple was not the fullest revelation of the House of God that God desired to give to mankind; for though it was made out of beautiful stones, finely chiseled and beautifully shaped, yet they were dead stones with no life in them; and that temple was made with man's hands, and God spoke in His Word and said, "God dwelleth not in

temples made with man's hands." But it was only a carnal, physical type also, of the true Temple of God that God would build later. Therefore the eyes of God continued to seek and search through out the earth, that He might find a Man that He could lift up high enough in the Spirit, out of whom He could build a living Temple; but of course He could find no such Man in the earth.

Therefore, two thousand years ago, God, Himself, came down and incarnated into this earth - born as a Babe in a manger, named Jesus; and therefore the temple that Solomon built, made out of stones, but dead stones, ceased to be the House of God with the coming into the world of Jesus, and for the next thirty-three and a half years, the fullest revelation of the House of God to mankind was a living Temple named Jesus of Nazareth - and it was to this Temple that Jesus referred when He spoke to the Scribes and the Pharisees and said, "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." For the Bible clearly states that He spake of the Temple of His Body; and when He said, "in three days I will raise it up, He wasn't merely referring to His own resurrection on the third day after His crucifixion , but He was saying that in three great Feast Days, the Feast of Passover, the Feast of Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles, He would raise up a many-membered, corporate Temple that His Spirit would fill in fullness; of which that physical temple - both the one Solomon built and His own physical Body, was here but as a type.

Therefore, Jesus Himself, during the thirty-three and a half years that He was here, though He was the revelation to mankind of the House of God, He was not the fullest revelation that God wanted to give to mankind of the House of God: for His was only an individual Body, and God is a corporate Being, who, in the end, must fill a many-membered, corporate Body. Therefore, Jesus became the chief cornerstone of that many- membered, corporate Temple that God would build out of His many- membered Body.

For you see, dear reader, that rock beside the trail in the wilderness that Jacob poured oil upon, which became the foundation stone for the tabernacle and the temple that came afterward, was a type of Jesus with the oil of the anointing poured upon Him while He was here, who was the Rock which was the chief cornerstone and the foundation for the many- membered, corporate Tabernacle and Temple that God would build after Him.

Therefore, on the day of Pentecost, in the upper room, Jesus, the Rock, as His Spirit indwelt His many-membered Body, one hundred and twenty disciples in that upper room -- progressed into the Living Tabernacle of God, of which the tabernacle Moses pitched in the wilderness was a type. And as the twelve Apostles moved out across the earth during the first century, spreading the Gospel; and as three thousand souls were saved on the day of Pentecost, and five thousand saved and filled with the Spirit when the lame man was healed at the gate of the temple, the boards of God's Tabernacle were being overlaid with gold and as the five Spirit Ministries came forth, five golden bars that drew them together into one Tabernacle began to be fitted into their place and for the next hundred years the House of God was a Living Tabernacle -- wooden boards overlaid with gold, men with the human nature overlaid with the gold of God's anointing, held together by five golden bars, or five Spirit Ministries, moving out across the earth and traveling from place to place on its pilgrimage journey toward the New Jerusalem.

But after the first century the Roman Catholic Church organization took over, God's people lost the anointing, the Baptism in the Spirit was removed from the Church, and the nine Spirit gifts; and therefore the two foundation Ministries of Apostles and Prophets departed, and there were no longer five golden bars to hold the Tabernacle together, and therefore it disintegrated and the Living Tabernacle of God, as the Church, went into captivity to Babylon for nineteen hundred years of bondage to

organizational, denominational Christianity, and the Living Tabernacle of God disappeared from the face of the earth.

But in fifteen hundred A.D., God found and anointed Martin Luther, and began the mighty restoration move of God; Through Martin Luther, He restored the doctrine of Justification by faith. Later on, through John Wesley, He restored the Supernatural, new-birth experience, so that every believer could come into supernatural personal experience with Jesus. Then later on, through the great Pentecostal move of God, He restored the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, then the nine gifts of the Spirit; and now in these last days in this great, end-time move of God, the five-fold Spirit Ministry and the Living Tabernacle of God is appearing again in the earth, still traveling through the wilderness, still wandering from place to place, reaching toward the end of its journey, the New Jerusalem, where, as we grow up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and corruptible puts on incorruptible, the tabernacle made out of tent curtains will be replaced by the Temple made out of Stones, lively Stones, which lively Stones ye are. As God purges out every bit of darkness that is within us, the crystal clear light of the jasper stone shall come forth in us; and as we are changed into the incorruptible Nature of God, God's streets paved with gold will come forth in us; and the Temple made out of lively Stones will go on to become, not only the House of God, but the City of God, the New Jerusalem. And then we will at last have the answer to the great question.. "Where is God? Where is His City? Where is the House that He dwells in and what is the road I can take to get there?" The answer to the question will be - He is in His Body, and His City is His Body; and the House, the Temple that He dwells in, in His City is His Body; and the road that one can take to get there is the Way of the Cross, the Way of Death to Self, death to one's individualism, to their individual life, that they might find their place as a member in the incorruptible Body of Christ, the Temple of God, in the City of God. Then, at

last, we shall all be dwelling experientially in the City where there is No Night There.

But the great mystery that we want to leave with you, in closing, is that we do not have to wait until we have experientially been changed into incorruptibility to dwell in the City where there is No Night There; because all that which is to be manifested in us experientially in the future can be fulfilled in us in the Spirit right now, if we remember that little phrase, "in the Spirit," and if we walk in the Spirit. For you see, in Romans 8:28 and 29 in the Bible, the Bible says that right now, all things work together for good for those who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose.

Many Christians have failed to understand this Scripture, and quite often they have quoted only the first half of the Scripture, and they have said, the Bible says that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. The Bible does not say all things work together for good to those who love the Lord; it says all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose. This is the great key to the mystery. It is not according to our purpose that all things work together for good for us, but it is according to His purpose. For you see, our purpose has always been contrary to His purpose, for our purpose has always been to go up, up to a higher place in this world and in the things of this world, and in the riches of this world, and to a greater position in this world; but His purpose has always been to take us down, down to death to self, until we have no more desire for the things of this world.

Therefore the thing that has confused many Christians, so that they have not been able to really believe this Word, "All things work together for good for those who are the called according to His purpose," is because they have thought it simply said, "All things work together for good for those who love the Lord." Therefore they have sought to go up in the things of this world, and when God has allowed Satan to

hedge up their way every time they have sought to go up, and force them to go back down, down to **death to self**, with a stripping of the things of this world, they have wondered if all things were really working together for good for them. Nevertheless, they were not according to our purpose, but according to His purpose.

And therefore, when we understand this great Truth, no matter what trial, no matter what test, no matter what tribulation, no matter how things go against us in this world - if we will just get in the Spirit and wait upon the Lord, then the Holy Spirit will show us that good thing that God is working in us, to take us to the fulfillment of His Purpose; and the problem will become a blessing, the mountains will become a plain, the darkness will be turned into light, the night into day, and right now, we can be dwelling in the City where There's No Night There.

There is a beautiful type over in the Old Testament that reveals this. For you see, when the children of Israel were brought through the Red Sea, and out of Egypt, they did not have to wait until they came to Jerusalem to be dwelling in the City where there was No Night There, but they were dwelling in that City all the time, from the time they came out of Egypt through the Red Sea. Because the Bible says that as soon as they got through the Red Sea they were baptized in the pillar of cloud that led them by day, and then at night that pillar of cloud would turn into a pillar of fire that hovered over the camp of Israel, and it would light up the camp of Israel; and there was never a time, during their whole forty years in the wilderness, when they were not in the light. For the pillar of cloud would guide them by day, showing them every turn in their way toward the promised land, so that they were never in darkness as to the way they should go; and then at night, when darkness would descend upon the Sinai desert all around them, the pillar of cloud would turn into a pillar of fire; so that though there was darkness in the world all around them, all night long the camp of Israel was lit up with perfect Light. So that for their

whole forty years they were dwelling in the City where There's No Night There.

This is a type to reveal to you and me that we don't have to wait until the time we've come to absolute perfection experientially and changed into incorruptibility to dwell in the City Where There is No Night There; but if we will just stay in the Spirit, right now, all the time - we can dwell in the City Where There's No Night There for you see, the children of Israel, being baptized under the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire, as soon as they got through the Red Sea, was a type of our being baptized in the Holy Spirit as soon as we get saved through the Red Blood of Jesus. And that pillar of cloud that went before them to guide them by day was a type of the anointing that is given to us through our baptism of the Spirit that goes before us to guide us into our Promised Land.

And therefore when it is not time for us to be tested or to grow through tribulation, but the Spirit of God is simply leading us forward in our journey, then the pillar of cloud - the anointing - will go before us and show us every turn and every Truth that we must walk in to enter into our Promised Land. But when it is time for us to grow through testing and God allows us to come to tribulation night and to test and trial, and darkness descends upon us - then, if we will just stay in the Spirit, our pillar of cloud will turn into a pillar of fire, purifying fire that will reveal to us that good thing that God is working in us through the test that we're going through.

Therefore, the problem will become a blessing; the mountain will become a plain; the darkness will be turned into light and the night into day: and right now, we can dwell in the City where There's No Night There.

Thus the Scripture says, speaking of us, the true Holy City, "The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there shall be No Night There." In the Old Testament city of Jerusalem, when the sun would begin to go down beyond the horizon and darkness would begin to descend all around the

city, then the watchmen of Israel had to close the giant gates of the city and ram the giant bar that held them locked shut; because they knew that under cover of darkness the spies of their enemies, the Philistines, would be moving about the walls of the city every night, searching, seeking, always probing, to see if they could find some weak place in the walls, that they might get in and begin to work from within to tear them down and bring them back into captivity again. This is a type to reveal to us today that when we allow ourselves to come into bondage to some spirit of criticism, jealousy, envy, or some spirit of lust for the things of this world, then our Sun, the Light of our true Son, Jesus, begins to go down; and we begin to come under the cover of darkness, and when that happens, right now we have to quickly close the gate of our mind. Because you can be sure if we do not and we allow ourselves to come under that kind of spirit and that kind of darkness, Philistine spirits will be probing around the walls of our City, searching, seeking, always seeking to find some weak place that they can begin to inject thoughts into our minds, by which they can get into us and begin to bore from within to tear down our City and drag us back into captivity to Satan, and to the ways of the flesh.

And especially as we look around the world and see darkness begin to descend upon the world, and the great seven-year tribulation darkness approaches, the hour has come for us to close the gates of our minds, because you can be sure that as the great seven-year night of darkness descends upon the earth, Philistine spirits are going to be searching, seeking, probing always seeking to see if they can find a weak place in our walls of Truth and the Spirit of God, to see if they can break in and begin to bore from within to tear down our City and drag us back into captivity.

But the hour will come when that great tribulation night will be over and we will have grown up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and corruptible will put on incorruptible, and we will have no more need for Jesus as

our redemptive Sun to shine upon us the Light of redemptive Truth; for He will be dwelling in us in all of His fullness, and His Light will be shining out from within us. Neither will we have any need for the Light of the Moon, the Church, any more; and thus the Bible says that this City hath no more need for the Light of the Sun, neither the Light of the Moon, to shine in it- for the Lord God and the Lamb, and that incorruptible Nature that is filling us will be the Light thereof- and the gates of our City will never have to “be shut again by day: for there shall be NO NIGHT THERE.” Hallelujah! The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth! Amen.