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Part 2

In the previous expression of God's first revelation to us, as the curtains are withdrawn, we have with astonishment been made privy to the awesomeness and simplicity, the meekness and humility, the small beginnings of great things, by which He reveals Himself to us and only as He is unveiled, unfolded and made visible to our inner man by the union of His word (logos).

We often hear that this one or that one made a "decision to follow Christ". Of course to the one who begins to follow Christ, it seems as if "he" has made the decision, however, we know that unless our ears have been supernaturally opened to the VOICE, THE SOUND OR THE VIBRATION of the Lord's heartbeat, we cannot and do not possess the awareness or any inclination to distinguish between the many sounds and voices that have reached us and are even then causing confusion within us. Thus it is written, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". And again, "And YOU hath HE quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins".

It then comes as no surprise to us that the Lord of heaven and earth, the One who has CREATED all things, would leave us without any explanation to complete this fantastic statement. But all He brings forth from the mouth of a great prophet is, "in beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth". Of course the great pundits and gurus, scholars and scribes, have translated, interpreted and written commentaries on the verses following this grand proclamation to show what God Himself has not intended to reveal or explain. So they go about interpreting each following verse to prove God, as if God requires proof. And they make a literal, physical step by step six day creation. Of course, we are not to say otherwise regarding this or dispute and debate with them. If they are satisfied with their train of thought and the track upon which this train is running along leads them to life in the Savior, we say, 'Praise be to God, for whom nothing is impossible'.

However, we are convinced that Our Lord would have us dig deeper than the letter of the word only, and hope that searching out the matter, would allow us to come in union with His Word, *the logos*, and appropriate the life that is therein hid, amen. Our Master gave us the principle by which we can ascertain the result. For the longest time we considered the order in which this precept was set as ascending, but now has the Lord revealed to us that the order, since it was coming from the mouth of the Son of God, must be descending or from the highest to the lowest, which simply means that we must apprehend the lowest first and then move on to apprehend the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Remember, man does not live by bread alone but by every word that is proceeding from the mouth of God. Hear then if you have ears to hear what the Spirit says, "Ask , and it shall be given you; seek , and ye shall find ; knock , and it shall be opened unto you".

But Jesus said , "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Who then are these little children but those precious saints who are insistently, consistently, and persistently knocking on the door of the Spirit,

much like a little child that is unaware of the task of the parent, but his only thought is to get what he requires and does not stop pulling on his dad's leg until his father gives attention to his son's immediate need. Did not our Lord while He was in the flesh also bring to light this principle? Come, let us take a look at the testimony. On one such occasion, while the Lord was teaching the disciples "And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his **importunity** he will rise and give him as many as he needeth". Now, the word importunity simply means, persistence in solicitation. This, friends then, is the childlike state, we must all come to practice, so that we would see the first principle in application, hallelujah.

The second principle in ascending order is "seek and you shall find". It is written, "it is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of *kings* is to search out a matter". Our Lord exhorted us to seek first the Kingdom of God, even His Righteousness. The preacher of Ecclesiastes writes over and over again, how he gave his heart to seek, to know, to search out a matter by wisdom. This principle clearly denotes maturity, or an increase in wisdom, it sights an exploratory stage or an age of discovery. The saint is not unaware anymore. He has knocked on the door and the door has been opened unto him. He has experienced a measure of Spirit in his childlike state and now begins to look heavenward, as his vision forms and recognition begins to seep into his perception much like a smile that creeps slowly upon the face, he begins to see the outline of His Father's face. He begins to understand, His Father's purpose and desires to know His nature, His character, His thoughts. There is a cry in his heart and it sounds like, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."

Seeking therefore, saints of God, is much more than simply pulling on our Heavenly Father's leg to get what we want. When we begin to seek our Father's face, we hear like the writer to the Hebrews heard, that God rewards those that diligently seek Him and from the mouth of our Lord we hear that The Father Himself is seeking those worshippers who would worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. It takes more than stubbornness to seek, it takes patience, wisdom, devotion, steadfastness, humility. To search the deep things of God, it takes a crying out, a groaning within our spirit for God's Spirit, it takes being prepared and looking unto His appearing, much like the five virgins, who had their lanterns filled with oil and the wicks trimmed. Are you ready dear friend? Have you put away all other affections of your heart and devoted yourself to the Lord only? Are you a virgin undefiled by other thoughts? Have you been filled with a suffering heart of the Lord? Has every hard experience crushed you until the oil of the Lord's anointing filled your mind and heart, has your understanding, perception and vision been trimmed or made acute to the Lord's will and purpose. Do you hear the cry of groaning creation that waits for the manifestation of the Son's of God? If this is what your heart beats to, if this is what your thoughts are set upon continually, if this is the burden in your heart, then friend, be encouraged and don't give up now, for your redemption draws

nearer and you are even closer now than when you first began and the voice of the Lord sounds clearly now, “seek and you shall find”, or keep seeking and you shall keep finding.

The big question to be answered here is what are we knocking for and what is it we are seeking? Oh precious saint, there is only one thing we need to continue, “*MORE OF HIM*”. We need more Spirit, so we ask for more Spirit. Is it then a surprise that the Lord is standing on the mountain and He is surrounded by the poor and the outcasts of society, by the hungry and the thirsty, by the ill and the sick, and He begins his sermon on the mount by, “blessed are the *POOR IN SPIRIT*, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven”. Yes precious friend of mine, we need more of His Spirit.

In His Spirit, we find *RIGHTEOUSNESS* or every right way in God, we find equity or a just way to operate in and administer by. Just as the head fulfilled all righteousness so must the body partake in and fulfill all righteousness.

In His Spirit, we find *PEACE* which passes all understanding. If the source of our understanding is from peace in the Lord, then can there be no error found in it and continually shall the Wisdom of the Lord, or the Wisdom from above, which is “first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy”, be established within the saints.

In His Spirit, we find *JOY*, for “the joy of the Lord is our strength” and with this new found strength we are able to love our Heavenly Father with all our *STRENGTH*. We are able to conquer and become more than conquerors, we are able to overcome all things, hallelujah, praise be to God, who has loved us, amen.

This, then my friends is the state that, if we keep seeking, we shall find.

In all humility, we must state the one thing that we are learning and that is, that the Lord may reveal something to us, but only when Christ is revealed *IN* us in an increasing, growing and a greater measure, only then will “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 fulness of Christ” Only then, will we come to the place where we, “ask and it shall be given”.

With great joy, let us remember the scene.

Jesus is standing in front of the tomb in which Lazarus has been laid four days ago, tears running down from His cheeks, not because Lazarus, his friend is dead, for to Him who is able to see all things, no one is dead, for God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. No my friends, the tears are not for Lazarus but because no one believes that **CHRIST IS THE RESURRECTION**. You see beloved, Lazarus means, ‘whom God helps’ and signifies His universal worldwide creation, which is dead in sins and trespasses. This creation goes about existing, void of the abundant life of God, it is so to speak in a tomb of its carnal mind or the mind set upon the flesh and to be carnally minded is **DEATH**. Lazarus was of Bethany and Bethany means house of misery. Is it then a surprise that the world is in a miserable state? What can awaken it from its miserable state of death? The mind of the world or the spirit of the world, which is represented by the two sisters Mary and Martha which in their two variations mean rebellious. Oh! How the Lord stands right outside the tomb of our death and filled with compassion, Jesus lifts up His eyes and said,

which signifies His unification with His Divine Spirit. The Father or the Source in Him, which was His soul confirms the Lord's asking and the Lord cries out with a LOUD VOICE, Lazarus, come forth. Which signifies how every one whom God helps is brought forth from their state of death into life. A loud voice signifies the inner vibration of God's will to make one alive. Now hear the Lord asking and receiving, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth". Can we sing a thousand hallelujahs, can we rejoice in our God and sing and dance unto Him, who has made us worthy of sitting at the same table. Can we look ahead and see the SAME CHRIST that is in us and will quickly be revealed to the world standing outside the tombs of their darkness and ignorance and calling out with a LOUD VOICE, as the Father in Him and He in us become one. As we come to that place of union with The Lord of the universe. The Father is seeking such, because it is this body that He has prepared since before the foundation of the world that we may inherit all that God is and that He may indwell all that creation is, that He may be all in all, amen.

We can only say that all those saints that desire to press in to this most closest state must be like the disciple who leaned against the Lord's bosom and heard the heartbeat of the Creator of the universe. These are they who pray without ceasing, these give their time to prayer continually. One example that comes to mind which vividly exemplifies the growth of a believer in Christ is that of Peter. We can only imagine the devastation that Peter went through, when he denied the Lord, it is written that Peter wept bitterly. After the resurrection, we are revealed the conversation that the Lord had with Peter. It is because Peter denied the Lord three times that the Lord also asked Peter to confirm His love to the Lord three times. Now three is a number that is of great scriptural and spiritual significance, however at this time we will not pursue that path. Instead suffice it only to say that after this, and many like encounters with our Lord, Peter along with the others waited in the city of Peace until Power from on high was given unto them and Peter became a great proclaimer of the Lord's testimony. How he had grown in his faith. He was able to raise up the lame beggar outside the temple gate in the name of Jesus, he was able to shut the work of Simon the magician by the Power of the Holy Spirit, he was able to raise Anias from his bed and raised Tabitha after she had died, hallelujah. Ask and you shall receive!!! It says regarding this account that Peter kneeled down and prayed and turning him to the body said, Tabitha arise. How in likeness is this account to the account of the Lord raising up Lazarus. Praise God! Ask and you shall receive.

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