

## Where dwellest thou?

When John had pointed out to the two disciples, “the lamb of God”, they followed Jesus and wanted to know where He lived. Their question to Him was, “*where dwellest thou*”? To which He replied, “*come and see*”.

For those of us who read this humble inspiration, please know that it comes from a sincere and encouraging heart as an exhortation. It is written for us “saints”, who are even now being sanctified and going through the process of sanctification in all aspects of our being and so for us it is of the most importance that we pay attention, be vigilant, stay awake and pray, be watchful and hear the admonition of the Lord, for it is written “***And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth ? and why is thy countenance fallen ? If thou doest well , shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well , sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.***

**Where dwellest thou?** What if one were to ask this question? How would we understand it? Would we say, “surely come and see my house, how beautiful it is. Come, let me give you the directions. And when someone comes over, we would take them through the tour of the house and show them all the wonderful work we have done in and around the house to beautify it. Would we then sit down and discuss all the vanities of how a house can be beautified and what the neighbours have done to their house.

We can be absolutely sure that our Lord had no such intention when He said to the two disciples, “come and see”. For He desired to show them how a Spirit filled man lives, what is the spiritual state of a man who is being loosed, cleansed and delivered by the Life of the Lord. How that man’s every thought, word and actions that proceed from that state are. That is what is meant by ,”where dwellest thou”?

So dear brother, sister in the Lord, examine yourself in the faith, as Paul says. Where do you live? What is your mental condition? What is the first thought in your mind when , you wake up in the morning? David says in psalm 63: ‘early will I seek thee’ and again ‘when I remember thee and meditate on thee in the night watches’. Is the coming of the Kingdom of God the prevalent thought, are the affairs of the Kingdom of God and His will our business in all things we think, say and do? Or is success in this world keeping us from becoming and living and dwelling in the world to come? Where dwellest thou?

Let us hear the admonition and exhortation given to the church at Pergamos, it begins in Rev 2:12 and ends in Rev 2:17 and goes like this, “*and from the Angel of the church(THE SPIRIT OF GOD) in Pergamos (heights or elevation); these things saith He, which hath the sharp sword with two edges (the Word by His Spirit). I know thy works and where thou dwellest , even where satan’s seat (THRONE STILL IN THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER?) is and thou holdest fast my name( HALLELUJAH), and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas (ANTIPAS?) was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth . But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them ( WHO ARE THESE THEM?) that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things*

*sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication . So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans (WHICH IS?), which thing I hate . Repent ; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written , which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

As we can see beloved, there is much said in these few lines and many a commentaries, sermons and messages have and will be made on these powerful words, but suffice it to say at this time we will not go where angels fear to tread, however we do want to touch on and bring your attention to that which has been boldly highlighted and he that hath an ear (to hear), let him hear what the Spirit says.

The admonition and exhortation at hand is revealed by or from the angel of the church and no, it is not the pastor as many have told. The message is given by the angel or the messenger to John who is then told to write to the church or the body of believers including those elders who function in the five fold ministry which Christ has given to the body. The prize on the other hand is only for the saint who overcomes, therefore run the race so that you may win the prize.

The physical location of the church also signifies and reveals and unveils the spiritual condition of the body of believers. Can any of us identify with this? Have we exalted the spirit of the adversary within us? Is there pride and ego residing in us? Do we praise God with our heart and with the same heart desire to build our own kingdom? Do we defend God on one hand and on the other retaliate aggressively to defend ourselves? Hear the Word of the Lord, "I know thy works and where thou dwellest".

Finally dear beloved, we would hear this in closing, where is it that our Lord would have us dwell? *Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; **that where I am (where I dwell) , there ye may be also (there you may dwell as well).***