

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE REGARDING DEATH

Part 51.

The Great Cloud Of Witnesses!

When Jesus spoke to the disciples He always spoke in parables Mt 13:34. If we insist on being literalistic & wish to stick to the letter of the word when studying the Bible we will never grow into what Jesus had in mind for us. Why? Every part of the Bible is a parable that leads us on into a deeper parable until we realise the we are the basis of the parable; it has been said that *"man is fearfully and wonderfully made"* as a matter of fact he, man is the greatest of all of God's creation. Why? Are we not told that **GOD'S OWN KINGDOM DWELLS IN MAN**. Yes! Man is God's greatest dwelling place, even though it is hidden yet to most, it is speedily on the way that we are to **FULLY** realise that we are actually the recipients of God's greatest habitation ever, & no matter who we are & where we are in our thinking there is always more. I could if I chose, still be in the literal or even part literal realm. The moment we begin reading the Bible we are reading a never ending parable that increases with our understanding & receptiveness to the Spirit of God, which is endless as we develop in our God potential as to the realisation that in our true inner **I**-dentity, we are divine beings. We were never ever meant to stay still spiritually, if we do we will become stagnant. We are not referring to the flesh man that we touch, see, hear & smell, we are referring to that part of man & woman that is unseen with the human eye. Praise God for our never ending development in Him.

Clouds, more than we may realise govern our natural state of affairs, they shade the sun, they have a major part in any storm, which also gives them a part in controlling the quantity of rain we receive, this of course means that they can also withhold the rain. God has allotted them a major part of our needful weather patterns. This gives them a wonderful part in the control of our natural food. Have we yet realised that our great God has allotted a similar control to His **spiritual clouds**. Let us receive into our spirit the deeper meaning of the next verse.

*"Behold, He spreads His lightning against the **dark clouds** and covers the roots of the sea. **For by [His clouds] God executes judgement upon the peoples; He gives food in abundance.**"* Job 36:30-31. Amp. One has very ably named the clouds when it refers to God's people, **"The Host Of Heaven."**

*"Who lays the beams of the upper room of His abode in the waters [above the firmament], Who makes the clouds **His chariot**, Who walks on the wings of the wind, **Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His ministers"**.* Psa 104:3-4. Amp.

Not only does God execute judgement by His clouds but also He makes **these clouds His chariot** in whom He is indwelling as His messengers & ministers who are His flames of fire. It is also interesting to note that many of these verses we will be sharing that in in a number of Aramaic translations the word cloud is translated as the feminine word **shekinah**. This is the case especially in Acts 1:9, which we will deal with a little later on.

Whenever clouds are mentioned there is also a deeper parable involved with them, remember when looking at these things if we look at them on the surface we will miss a blessing. In scripture there are a number of references to clouds in a metaphoric & figurative sense & they can symbolise that of a transitory or a changing or an experience that is a parable for a season. Who are these clouds that God uses to execute **His wonderful judgements?** Would they be related in any way to the *"great cloud of witnesses"*? Have we ever paused to consider why these witnesses are related to a cloud. We read that we are compassed about or surrounded by a great cloud, this to myself signifies that there is much more

significance to this parable & in many cases is no doubt related to people or souls in a spiritual form. Clouds in this case are a governing group of spiritual people, **"for by His clouds God executes judgement"** also by His clouds He gives us spiritual food in abundance. I believe that this cloud of witnesses have a greater part in the influencing of our spiritual lives than many can at the moment perceive, they are not only cheering us on because of the fact that they have not yet received the fulfilment of that which is promised, because God had something greater in view for us, so that even though these wonderful heroes & heroines of faith could not yet come to perfection apart from us before they could join us & visa versa; but consider this, these great cloud of witnesses are in a very real sense having a part in governing our thinking & to a point are now executing wonderful judgement & influence over us. What a wonderful plan our great God has for us all. To stress what we are sharing I would like to remind us all that whenever we meet together we also fellowship with the **"spirits of just men made perfect."** Heb 12: 23. As we have read there are at least two sections involved when referring to the clouds that make up the host of heaven, we read of the great cloud of witnesses that are even now in another realm waiting yet to be perfected, then we have the group of **spiritual clouds** that even today God is using to control & illuminate the spiritual elements of His people, we must not confuse the two.

In once again considering the above Job 36:30-31, if we drop down nine verses to 37:7, we read **"God seals up (stops brings to a standstill by severe weather) the hand of every man [and now under His seal their hands are forced to inactivity] that all men whom He has made may know His doings (His sovereign power and their subjection to it)."**

Keep in mind that when originally written there were no verses in the original writings & the thought or theme of the inspired writer was not changed & we are being informed that by the severe weather of **His clouds** He is bringing to pass His plan for & to every man & He forces their hands to inactivity that He may impart something better to them, yes that they would even know His doings, His sovereign power & their subjection to it.

He Takes Away The First That He May Establish The Second!
Heb 10:9b.

If we can only see & receive it the above is an ongoing principle of God. He is always moving ahead or doing a **new thing**. To some, verse 12 in chapter 11 of the Revelation of Jesus Christ is actually partly in effect right now. **"Come up here! And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud."** I ask the question, are God's clouds in existent activity at the present moment? My answer would be in the affirmative **MOST DEFINATELY!**

The increased truth that is being imparted by & through Gods controlling clouds even His son's his man-child is bringing many sincere ones at the moment to a spiritual inactivity, the winds of blessing are not being imparted to many that are in older truths that are passing away at the moment, God has a plan, the truth of perfect love is the aim of God in & by His Clouds. The old is becoming superseded antiquated & void, when we were children we acted & spoke like children, but now in our maturity **as clouds** that now have a control of the spiritual weather we are as an extension of the Christ **"who has come & is now coming and being revealed IN HIS SAINTS."** Every time that we or any of our brothers are imparting truth whether it be by pen or by voice out of **"God's chamber comes the whirlwind & cold from the scattering winds."** Job 37:9, as well as the positive comforting promise of liberty. What is happening here? Some without realising it are causing a re-enactment of Jericho. Whether we believe it or not the dividing walls of the organisation of the flesh, & yes the religiosity of man are by the power of God in & through His clouds, by the withholding of the rain causing not only a ceasing of activity, but in this circumstance a reassessing of their spiritual position & understanding. Once again as with Jericho the insidious beguiling walls of division & organisation are being caused to **fall down flat**. Now when God caused this to happen by His then Clouds - *as it were* - were Joshua & Caleb & their followers, these walls fell down in a way that was incredible. When these then sons walked across Jordan to claim the promised land, the first opposition to the then sons were the walls of Jericho - *only five miles from Jordan* - that were

hiding all sorts of false religious deviations. These walls accomplished two infamous purposes, the first as with any wall its purpose was protective & divisive, that which kept **OUT** that which would try enter in either to expose or otherwise. The second was that which would keep **IN** for people in religious error love that which delusively beguiles. So the severe weather that is brought into action by the **dark clouds** is causing man to cease in his activities & reconsider his spiritual standing.

"NOW JERICHO [a fenced town with high walls] was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in." Joshua 6:1. Amp. **Any religious city** or organisation still has the same purpose even today! Contra-wise it is enlightening to remember that we also *"are a city set on a hill."* God can open up wide any city whether it be literal, allegorical or spiritual by having the walls to **fall down flat** by today's Joshua's & Caleb's who are now ruling **as clouds**.

We need to realise that Jericho represents far more than organisation per-Se; as today for us it represents a way of thinking that would try to keep souls blinded & away from where God is taking us & that is very deeply **WITHIN** into our Most Holy Place. Every man is predestined to this & this of course is away from the flesh & delusiveness of a Jericho & that which would allow man to find his wonderful full Godly inheritance.

I also find it so assuring that even within the city of a Jericho that God would still bless & keep a Rahab who kept her integrity & devotedness to God & His cause, so much so that she became a forerunner in the genealogy of Jesus Christ Himself. So those who today who are in a Jericho, God will act on their behalf. For within the walls of the City of your strong religious Jericho, you also will find that which is **your** Rahab who God is going to bless in EVERY MAN. Also as with Rahab who became a forerunner of the man Jesus; even greater than that is He that is within you the very Christ Himself who told us that *"I and My Father are ONE"* who is your TRUE identity, even your deity.

The **spiritual** Rahab of your true identity who is pure & perfect & untouched by the human seed of corruptibility is alive with you in purity today. Also as Rahab was preserved of God & was the seed of royalty even in Jericho, so within you - *which includes all* - you too have an untouched seed of royalty a Rahab *as it were* dwelling even now in your Jericho experience which is very soon to pass away & the walls of this Jericho experience will also **fall down flat**.

We quoted in an earlier paragraph Job 37:9 *"Out of it's chamber, comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds."* Which are being controlled by God's clouds, in reading from verses 10 down, in verse 13 we read, *"whether it be for correction or for His earth generally or for His mercy and loving kindness. He causes it to come."* Here are some helpful contributing verses. Ex 9:18, 23. 1Sam 12:18, 19.

God's wonderful clouds are now at this moment ruling an unseen spiritual element of man's spiritual destination. This will gradually increase as these **son-clouds** gain in a spiritual momentum which will even overtake our examples such as Enoch & Elijah. The like as hardly imaginable to many even now who are in this spiritual walk. Are we not told in Proverbs *"But the path of the [uncompromisingly] just and righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its FULL STRENGTH and GLORY in] the perfect day [to be prepared]."* Pro 4:18 Amp.

What Is The Deeper Meaning Of The Cloud That Received Jesus?

In Acts 1:9-11 we read regarding the cloud that received Jesus out of their sight. Please let us look a little deeper than the literal & see what is there for us in a parabolic sense. As earlier mentioned this word cloud is translated in a number of Aramaic translations as **shekinah** this verse being one of them & this being the case it rules out any possibility of this word meaning a natural cloud as we once thought. Incidentally this is not the only verse where the word shekinah is applied to cloud or clouds. Also I would like to couple this verse with the following.

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them." Rev 11:12. ASV. Would this event be related in

any way to the **great cloud of witnesses**?

As we have mentioned clouds have a very significant higher meaning than is generally perceived in the literal realm. Would this cloud have anything to do with "**The host of heaven**" God's people; as mentioned earlier. I would suggest to all that these were caught up into a heavenly realm as was Elijah in 2 Kings 2:11. "**Where he went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**" Strong's # 8064 would tell us that this represents "**A higher ether where celestial bodies revolve.**" So we could more than assume that he too was caught up in the clouds or the "**Host of heaven**" where celestial bodies revolve, in very similar experience to those in Rev 11:12 & for those who are a part of the spiritual return of Christ where we are caught **up in the clouds** which is even now an actual experience to many. Acts 1:9. It is surely wonderful to be alive today!

*"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in **like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven."* Acts 1:11. KJV.

Returning to Acts 1:11, it is very interesting to note that the words *in the same way* Amp, are translated **manner** in the Diaglott or in **like manner** by the majority of the translations that I have at my disposal which includes the KJV. Is this significant? Yes very much so! Notice the phrase is in *like manner* & incidentally this does not have the same meaning as *in like form* as some would tend to assume. To further illustrate this point; the word manner is from the Greek word trope or tropos & these Gk words are also used in Mt 23:37b, where we read concerning Jesus; "**as a mother fowl gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused.**" The two words **as a** are also from the very same Gk word trope or tropos. Now it goes without saying that this is not trying to imply that Jesus was a mother fowl, but it is meant as a type, an allegory. In the same way **in like manner** is not implying that the cloud in Acts 1:11 is a literal cloud but once again is an allegory & is referring to the **clouds of witnesses** or the **Host of heaven**. I have in this paragraph used the very literal in explaining this point, but once again we must scratch to see what lies below the surface & we will be amazed at what we will find. All of this is leading us to a deeper higher experience; to-wit, The **secret place** of the Most High.

One Heart And One Way Forever!

*"and I will give them one heart and one way, **that they may fear Me for ever; for the good of them, and of their children after them; and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me.**"* Jer 32:39-40. JPS.

What God is bringing to pass by His plan in using His clouds is absolutely wonderful. The agenda of the Spirit is right now bringing in a plan that men will realise that deep within themselves that is in the secret place, even in their most holy place that there is only one way that they can fear Him forever & that is that we all have **one heart to know Him in only one true way forever**. We have tried outside the perimeter of the Tabernacle plan & we found no life, we then also tried within the fence in the outer court, but this did not & could not satisfy. So then we went within the holy place with the **artificial lighting** of the oil in the candlesticks as with the **leavened bread** which represented false & diverse doctrines & beliefs which are rampant today in this dwindling realm. These were stepping stones to much of mankind, & were necessary **to many**, but **once we are enlightened** no longer necessary **to any**. What good is the artificiality of a holy place to anyone now, what good are the false doctrines & beliefs to anyone any longer when God has moved on & given us one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: The hungry & dissatisfied heart knew that there had to be more. How did we know? The hand of God was on our lives & placed that longing & hunger within us, we could not have moved on if it were not for the Spirit. We have now entered into the true & everlasting way of **divine shekinah light** & not the **artificiality** of a wonderful realm in its hey day, but because God has moved on we must move on also out of that which God has lifted His hand. **Stop, look & listen;** you

will not find anywhere the Pentecost of a yesteryear, we might try to make excuses because of a natural loyalty to a cause that we once loved, but my dear fellow brother & sister our true loyalty is not to a dwindling cause but to our great God in Christ Jesus in **His perfect way**, will & purpose for us now & today in a place of the **unleavened bread of divine truth** which is also full of **uncontaminated pure divine illumination** of the **SHEKINAH GLORY** only found in **the most holy** place deep within ourselves, we, who are the temple of God!

***A Storm That We Could Consider Circumstantial!
All Things Work Together For Good, To The Called!***

*"As we were being dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm, **the next day** they began to throw the freight overboard; And the **third day** they threw out **with their own hands** the ship's equipment (the tackle and the furniture). And when neither sun nor stars were visible for many days and **no small tempest kept raging about us**, all hope of our being saved was finally abandoned. Then as they had eaten nothing for a long time, Paul came forward into their midst and said, Men, **you should have listened to me**, and should not have put to sea from Crete and brought on this disaster and harm and misery and loss. But [even] now I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, for **there will be no loss of life among you** but only **of the ship**. For this [very] night there stood by my side an angel of the God to Whom I belong and Whom I serve and worship, And he said, Do not be frightened, Paul! It is necessary for you to stand before Caesar; and behold, God has given you all those who are sailing with you. So **keep up your courage, men**, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me; **But we shall have to be stranded on some island.**" Act 27:18-26. Amp.*

In what we have just read I would like to share with you what came & is coming to me as we look at the above verses. As all through scripture there is much hidden, a little of what we have already heard & some of what we are yet hearing. In this dangerous storm it was no accident that on the next or the **SECOND DAY** they began to throw freight overboard. Considering our history since the very early Church & the decline of what the early book of Acts church stood for; this second day I would partly liken to those who began to receive revelation from around the time of Martin Luther & onwards. We could even reverse to 100 years earlier where we hear of John Huss being burned at the stake for almost the same views as Luther. The second day to some represents the 2nd thousandth year but more accurately it is really a way of thinking, **namely the holy place or pentecostal experience**. So those in this stormy experience began to throw unwanted & unneeded freight or beliefs overboard. It is in the **THIRD DAY** which is most significant that they began to throw out **with their own hands** the ship's equipment tackle & furniture which up to this point had been that which they had relied on, that which was the visual part of the **physical ship**. Our true ship which is Zion has nothing to do with the physical or that which is perceived by the five senses, or that which is even in the **IN-PART** realm. Interestingly this was not the end of the storm, the sun or the stars were not visible for many days & yet the storm waxed worse still. When God wants to do a thing that is for the best of mankind He will have a way - *even by & through His storm clouds* - for us to be rid of that which is not His best or is **our** second best namely old or discarded truths; these if held to can eventually **become counterfeits**. Please notice that which had been earlier considered essential was now considered a hindrance & was being thrown overboard & discarded with & by their **own hands**. Isn't God good?

When all hope of their being saved was abandoned & they had not taken food for a long time Paul came forward among them & said, you should have listened to what I God's representative told you in the first place & you could have avoided all this trouble, misery harm & loss, but now I beg of you be in good spirits for there will be no loss of life among you but only of **THE SHIP**. - *The ship in this case is representative of that which housed their wrong lower sensed beliefs* - This very night an angel came & stood beside me, an angel of the God who I worship & belong to & he told me not to be frightened for there is something in the future that God has planned for you, you are going to stand before Caesar - & *might I add here that He has planned for His sons to stand before those in high places even before leaders*

& kings & declare to them the truths of God & to rule & reign in the highest place of all, the most holy place within which will also be evident without, & this time is **partly** right now - For God has given us **all** those who are sailing in this ship. So keep up your courage for I have faith that it will be exactly as it was related to me. God was speaking to & through **one man** & so it is today God is speaking to & through **ONE NEW MAN**. But - *if the full realisation of it has not yet happened to you* - we will probably be stranded **on some Island**. When we are brought to a higher place in God it is usually a lonely place in which we are in for awhile until we are grounded in that which God is doing in our lives this is as an allegory of our **Island experience**.

In looking at verse 31 it would seem that there is a contradiction for we read. *"Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers. Unless these men remain **in the ship**, you cannot be saved."* We must realise that there is a spiritual ship as well as a literal one. Unless **these men stayed in the way** of the true spiritual ship **no one** on the natural ship **could be saved**. If the natural ship is to be destroyed verse 22, what is the ship be that we are to remain in to be saved? I immediately think of this very similar verse.

*"Because God had us in mind and had something better and greater in view for us, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection **APART FROM US** [before we could join them]."* Heb 11:40. Amp.

We need each other especially those who are waiting to become perfect, for without us abiding in the ship, the true Most Holy Place uncontaminated **divinely illuminated** experience, which is the only experience where we will find perfection, those who are relying on us **cannot, without us**, be saved or come to perfection. So it seems that whichever direction we go in our thoughts we are again arriving at our great **cloud of witnesses!**

I am so happy to report that of those who stayed in the ship, ALL escaped safely to land. Acts 27:44.

No Stony Heart Is Too Hard For Our God!

*"And do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham for our forefather; for I tell you, God is able to raise up descendants for Abraham **from these stones!**"* Mat 3:9. Amp.

There are some who are by nature very determined individuals & the harder the task the more persistent they become & whatever the project once they have started it they are committed until it is accomplished, no matter what! This of course comes from our creator, God delights in making something out of a seeming nothing & will not cease until he accomplishes this in every man!

*"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And **I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh,**"* Eze 11:19. MKJV.

If there are those reading these words right now who are discouraged & feel that you could never be a part of those who come to perfection, I have news for you in one sense it has nothing to do with your mortal understanding, it is God that does the choosing. God chose a virgin called Mary to birth the Christ, the choosing had nothing whatsoever to do with her own opinion of herself. So God is choosing right now who He wishes to birth the Christ child within their most holy place. You say oh but at times I feel as though my heart is stony. Hear this God is able to raise up descendants for spiritual Abraham from these stony hearts, He is in the process of removing the **stony heart** out of your fleshly thinking & is in the throes of giving you a **spiritual** heart of flesh. Be encouraged son & daughter of God. It will come to pass, so says God's Word.

The very poor, subdued, hated & mistreated Cinderella did not even remotely imagine that she was a future princess until the prince laid his eyes on her recognised her as such & then pursued her until he had claimed her as his own. He saw in her what others did not as most others were looking at the natural, carnal & delusional five sensed circumstances.

The Shekinah Clouds!

"For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah shall rise on you, and His glory - shekinah - shall be seen on you. And the nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning." Isa 60:2-3. MKJV.

If we look closely & consider the setting we will notice that this verse can be referring to none other than what is transpiring right now with God's sons who are even now being partly manifested & are shortly about to come into full manifestation. So let us be edified & be thrilled that the shekinah glory is being seen in part even now in & by His **chariot clouds**.

"For they are Israelites, and to them belong God's adoption [as a nation] and the glorious Presence (Shekinah). With them were the special covenants made, to them was the Law given. To them [the temple] worship was revealed and [God's own] promises announced." Rom 9:4. Amp. This is actually word for word in the Amplified.

"That is to say, it is not the children of the body [of Abraham] who are made God's children, but it is the offspring to whom the promise applies that shall be counted [as Abraham's true] descendants." Rom 9:8. Amp.

This is telling us that the **shekinah** glory that was upon early Israel is now upon His true **most holy place** spiritual descendants, those of our true spiritual Abraham.

"In all their journeys, whenever the cloud - shekinah - was taken up from over the tabernacle, the Israelites went onward; But if the cloud was not taken up, they did not journey on till the day that it was taken up." Exo 40:36-37. Amp.

There are a number of other references that we could also cite that had to do with Moses. Some would like to say that this proves that the shekinah glory was used with Moses who is representative of the law, I would remind us all that the reason for this is that it was to Moses that the tabernacle plan was given the charge & responsibility & this housed **THE MOST HOLY PLACE** which was illuminated by the **SHEKINAH GLORY OF GOD**.

"WHEN SOLOMON had finished praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory - shekinah - of the Lord filled the house," 2Ch 7:1. Amp.

Once again the reason that the whole house was filled with the **shekinah glory** is that the secret place or the most holy place was & has always been the focus point from which all of our life proceeds *"for in Him we live & move & have our being...for we are also His offspring"* & this proceeds from our most holy place even the shekinah glory which is the deep focal point which is found in every man. Yes even **YOU**.

"While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud - shekinah - overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Mat 17:5. ASV.

This as we would quickly realise is referring to the Mount of Transfiguration event & is telling us that as the **shekinah** was with Jesus & also in Him ready to be revealed at the appropriate time, & so it is with us for He being our pattern Son, *"for as He is in the world so are we...I have given to them the the glory & honour which You have given Me, that they may be one as We are one. I in them & You in Me, in order that they will realise that they are one also."* Jn 17:18,22-23. What Jesus Christ has accomplished so will His children even His sons, *"as we wait for the redemption of our bodies from sensuality & the grave, which will reveal our - complete - adoption (our manifestation as God's sons."* As Jesus overcame death & the grave so will His sons, His complete glorified body in which he has returned & is returning in

complete fullness as a many membered corporate son. So the **shekinah** glory that was His, Christ's, is ours also & is being revealed in our type of Mount of Transfiguration experience which is even now. This is a wonderful event that took place even while He was in His flesh. Are we not right now in the same position, revealing that which is emanating from out of us whilst we are in the flesh as **shekinah clouds**?

*"And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud - **shekinah** - received him out of their sight."* Act 1:9. ASV. I have quoted this verse once more considering the several Aramaic versions way of thinking I feel that it adds much light to our subject on the truth of the full meaning of the **clouds**.

In my Lamsa edition which is also taken from ancient Eastern manuscripts, the footnote regarding the **clouds** in Acts 1:9 tells us *"Until recent times Easterners believed that clouds were living creatures."* In the light of all that we have written in this article concerning the clouds my facetious answer would be! I wonder why?

Would we be overstepping the mark in saying that we are the ruling **shekinah clouds of God's chariot even the HOST OF HEAVEN?** My answer would be a loud **NO** we are not overstepping the mark we are chosen of God to rule & reign with Him **NOW** & this does not start to happen tomorrow or at some future time in a future manifestation, **WE ARE RULING & REIGNING WITH HIM EVEN NOW!** Remember this it is increasing every day **UNTIL THE FULNESS IS REVEALED.**

"Then the sanctuary of God in heaven was thrown open, and the ark of His covenant was seen standing inside in His sanctuary; and there were flashes of lightning, loud rumblings (blasts, mutterings), peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a terrific hailstorm." Rev 11:19. Amp.

This is actually beginning to happen in the ark of His covenant within the sanctuary of His most holy place within us who are His people & will increase in intensity until it reaches full force even until the fullness eventuates & there is a full manifestation of our mighty God in Christ & the last enemy death is swallowed up & utterly vanquished forever & the cry will be *"Oh death, where is your victory? Oh death where is your sting?"*

An Apology!

Several articles back I found fault with a brother & judged him, not many would realise who I was referring to but there are those who would I now publicly apologise to that brother & say I am sorry. Quite a lot has transpired in our life of late & I am trusting that that part of me is gone forever. I realise that there can be no place for the pointing of the finger in judgement if we wish to progress in God. One has written my feelings this way. *"I tell you, men if you would censure not till you are perfect, the world would soon forget the meaning of the word accused."*

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If we have been prone to human error in this article it is not purposely, & I trust that a little kindness would allow for any fault, & that we will consider & imbibe the better or spiritual part of that which is presented & intended. RWK.