I'll Take You Back

It is a great tragedy that people are walking around on the earth lost, not knowing where they came from or who they are. Even most of God's people are in despair and despondency because they are living in a false identity, not being able to identify with their true nature.

It is so sad that multitudes of people have a heart for God, yet they are so confused as to who they are, why they are here, and where they came from. Some of you have heard me minister on a song written by Linda Musgrove of Cunningham, Texas. For those of you who have not heard this song, I will quote it here:

I'll take you back to where you were in Me before the fall of man. I'll restore your soul. I'll reconcile your heart. I'll give you back your true identity. I'm removing the veil from your eyes so that you can clearly see you will be with Me in paradise on this earth you'll walk with Me.

The message of this song has been such a blessing to me, confirming many things that the Lord has revealed to me. The more I hear this song, and the more I sing this song, the more God unveils my eyes to the reality of why I'm here. One of the things the Lord said to me through this song was, "My people are beginning to move and minister from the Holy of Holies."

For years, we've had the message of the three feasts (Passover—Outer Court, Pentecost—Holy Place, and Tabernacles— Holy of Holies). For many years, I was in the Outer Court, always confessing my sins and finding forgiveness, but not finding deliverance from the sin principle in my life. Then I spent a lot of time in the Holy Place—in Pentecost. This is where there is a mixture—the natural and the spiritual in the same temple. It is God in me, which is a marvelous revelation. Then I spent many years trying to get from the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies. I did not realize that what I was taught—and how I was going about walking through this experience—was totally opposite from what it should have been.

Living From the Holy of Holies

Finally, God opened my eyes to where I came from and to my true identity. I then began to realize that the Holy of Holies is not some place to which I need to attain. It is the realm in which I (*the new creation man*) really live. When I began to realize that I am a spiritual person on a human journey and God began to unveil my eyes to my true identity, I began to walk in His love and His compassion and His forgiveness. I no longer had to try to get into the Holy of Holies. I just needed to live from the new creation person that I am.

The experience of Tabernacles is not living and ministering from the Outer Court or the Holy Place. Tabernacles is living and ministering from our spirit, the Holy of Holies. We do not live from the Outer Court or the Holy Place. We do not have to attain to anything. Many believe we must be processed into this place. I do admit that it seems like a processing as long as you are living in a religious mindset, trying to overcome by natural means and methods. However, once you experience Christ, your true nature, arising in you, you realize that He does not need to be processed. It is not processing that we need. It is the *renewing* of our mind that will cause us to be who we really are. As the song says, we need to have the veil removed that has been cast over our eyes. People have tried so many ways, so many methods, so many religions, to gain back favor with God, not knowing the depth of His love and His forgiveness. God is now giving us back our true identity. He is restoring our soul and reconciling our heart.

When God unveils your eyes and your mind is renewed, you realize that you are a spiritual being and that you have always been a spiritual being. When you entered into this physical realm, you came into a realm of total darkness and death, not knowing who you were or where you came from. That is what happened to all of us, and that is why we need to be REgenerated. Upon entering into this physical realm, we lost our identity. We are all here by choice and have forgotten why we came. God is now giving us back our true identity, and we are waking up to our true nature. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. 5:14) "Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of **Zion.**" (Isa. 52:2)

Shake yourself from the dust (the carnal human reasoning). You are not a natural carnal human. You are a spiritual being. In Genesis, Chapter 1, God created man in His image. In Genesis, Chapter 2, God formed man from the dust of the ground. These two verses seem to be contradictory. Did God create man or form man? In Genesis 1, God created spiritual beings. That is our true nature and substance. We are spiritual beings. God is the Father of our spirit. "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, and live?" (Heb 12:9) God is spirit, and He created spirits. He is not the Father of our fallen flesh. Jesus said to those that wanted to kill Him, "Ye are of your father the devil." (John 8:44) To live by "your father the devil" is to live from the natural carnal reasoning and understanding. When Jesus told His disciples that He was going to the cross, Peter said, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." (Matt. 16:22) Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me satan." Peter was speaking from his natural mind.

After God created man in Genesis, Chapter 1. He then formed man from the dust of the ground in Genesis, Chapter 2. In Chapter 1, we were created a spiritual being: and in Chapter 2, we were lowered into the flesh realm. WAKE UP, you who are sleeping; and you will discover that you are a spiritual being in the likeness of your Father God. When this realization hits you, your struggling days are over. You can then begin to enter into His rest and watch His life unfold within you. As I have shared before, your spiritual being will flow into your mind so that you have the mind of Christ, your spirit will flow into your emotion so that you walk in the love of God, and your spirit will flow into your will so that you will naturally want to do the will of God. It is your nature to please God and to be pure in all things. You see, this is your true nature and identity. Jesus was our example of what we are once we are REgenerated. I realize you must have your eyes opened to experience this; and if you will ask God, He will reveal to you your true nature.

The Parable of the Sower

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. (Matt. 13:24-30)

We have always been taught that the wheat was the good folks—those who went to an altar, those who had received Jesus—and the tare was the unbeliever, the sinner, and the reprobate. However, the good seed and tare was sown in the same field.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 13:37-42)

Jesus said that a man went and sowed good seed in his field. The field represents the ground, and we know that man was formed from the dust of the ground. The good seed that was sown in the ground was the children of the Kingdom, the seed of God, the spirit of man. And while men slept, the enemy came and sowed the tare. The tare that the enemy sowed was the carnal man, the carnal mentality, the carnal mind, and the carnal thinking. The tare is the false identity that you received by coming into the physical realm. The tare is the seed of the serpent.

You are a spiritual being on a human journey; but because of "the fall," you awoke in this physical realm not knowing where you came from, not knowing who you were or what your destiny was. Although the Lord sowed good seed in the field (in your earth, in your ground), while you slept in this death state, the enemy came and sowed the tare of the carnal mind, the human personality. And so, all your life, you were raised by your parents and teachers to think of yourself as something that was separate from God. In reality, you could never be separate from God because you were created from His substance. You are only separated in your darkened mind and understanding. This is why you need to be regenerated. You came out of God and are returning to God. The religions of the world all taught you that you were

something separate and apart from God. You were totally lost to your true identity through physical birth, and you were then told by religion that, to gain access to God, you must perform a certain way to gain His favor so that you can go to heaven when you die.

The truth is that religion is also the tare. The tare looks just like the wheat while it is growing. Religious leaders want to control you and keep you in subjection to them. Believe me, religion is all about control. It comes in many forms. It sounds so good and right. They say, "You need a covering over you, and we are that covering. You must look to us because we are the bishops (or the pastors or the prophets), and we can hear God; but you are just a child and must look to us, your covering. We know what is best for you." When you accept this kind of mentality, you come into religious bondage. Whenever you subject yourself to anyone's control, you have just put yourself into a prison. You will stay there as long as you refuse to take the time to discover God within you. When you discover God within you and you learn to trust Him, He becomes your teacher. Anytime anyone points you to anyone but Jesus as your example, you need to RUN from that person. They will control you by telling you what to read or not to read, who to listen to or turn away from. After all, they say, "We are the watchman on the wall, and we must tell you what to do. We must warn you about so and so." They usurp the Holy Spirit's control over you, and many let them do so. Jesus said, "When He the Spirit of truth is come, HE will guide you into ALL truth." Many are afraid of the truth because they have submitted themselves to man's control; and when the Spirit begins to reveal truth to them, their religious leaders tell them it is

deception. NEVER let a man or woman control you. I am not telling you that you should not ever take advice from another person, but you should never let another person exercise control over you and tell you what you *must* do. For instance, many say you must be in a traditional church setting to really please God. Some are even saying today that we need to go back to all the religious rituals with robes and candles. If you feel that this is what the Spirit would have you do, then by all means do so; but do not let man convince you that you must do this to gain godliness in your life. The truth is that, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt.18:20) We should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for fellowship, but it does not have to be in a traditional setting. I do not mean by this that we should not have churches. I wish we had more of them teaching the principles of the Kingdom.

Many people like this bondage because they are too lazy to shake themselves and wake up to the truth. Also, religion causes you to fear your true identity. "How could you, a mortal man, make yourself as God?" they will say. This is what they said to Jesus, and this is what they will say to you when you begin to wake up to your true nature and identity. So many people have struggled all their life with the carnal mentality, trying to make themselves godly, not knowing that they are lost in a mistaken identity. That mistaken identity will never be God. The mistaken identity is the abomination of desolation that sits in the temple of God, ruling as a carnal man instead of submitting to the spiritual man. The answer to the sin problem is to discover that you are a spiritual being and that you have the life, the nature, and the character of God. We are

His offspring, His children. How could we be anything less than what He is in His nature?

Well, that is why God is saying today. "I will take you back to where you were in Me before the fall of man. I'll restore your soul." And that is where the problem is, because the carnal mind abides in the soulish realm-in our mind, our will, and our emotions. The scriptures tell us that the natural man—the carnal mind—cannot receive the things of God. It is absolutely impossible! That is why we have such a mess in the world today—because carnally minded men have been trying to figure this out for years. "My God, what do we need to do to get God to show up? What do we need to do to bring some unity into the church?" Men with carnal minds—good men—have devised hundreds and thousands of different kinds of religions and practices and ways and means and methods to be godly and to be filled with the Spirit and to be healed and to be prosperous and so many There are thousands of other things. methods and teachings, and all they do is stir up our carnal mentality and keep us in that realm where we are trying to take a carnal consciousness and make it godly.

Imagine, if you will, waking up one morning to your true identity. You realize as the scripture says, "As He is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:17) Imagine what you would be like with this realization. I remember reading Madam Guyon's autobiography. She had many years of tribulation and much suffering, spending a lot of time in prison locked up by the church of her day for her faith. But after years of suffering, she said, "I woke up one morning, and my soul had become like the New Jerusalem." She woke up one morning in

God's likeness and image. And from that time, miraculous things began to happen in her ministry. That is what has to happen to all of us. We must WAKE UP to our true selves and put on the mind of Christ and begin to reconcile all of creation back to God. This is why I have repeatedly said that, all across the world, in all religions, in all nationalities, in all cultures, the Spirit of the living God is beginning to stir in the hearts of men and women everywhere. We must realize the true nature of every person is that they are a spiritual being. The majority of them have lost their true identity and the realization of why they came to this earth.

In the parable of the sower, it is said, "Let both grow together," but at the end of the age, God's angels will come and separate the wheat from the tares. That is what is happening NOW. But before the wheat and the tare can be separated within you-before God can remove the tare of your human identity-you have have to some understanding and some revelation to be able to go through what you have to go through to have that tare removed. That is part of the reason why there is so much discouragement today among God's people. They are going through some horrible fires of tribulation to remove the tare of human and religious reasoning and worldly thinking. We are at the end of an age, and the dawning of a new age. God will arise within a people on the earth that are going to shine with the glory and the manifestation of God such as has never been seen before. This is the beginning stage NOW.

I wish that people everywhere could see what I see. I don't experience a lot of it yet, but God is removing the veil from my eyes. You need to understand that you are a spiritual person—you are not a carnal human being. You may be carnal, and you may be a failure in your experience. All of us, more or less, are failures in one way or another in the carnal realm; but you need to realize that is not who you really are. You are a spiritual being; and in the very core, the very center of your being, you are a new creation man and woman if you have been regenerated.

We know that the temple represents the human body (Body-Outer Court, Soul-Holy Place, Spirit-Holy of Holies). So, rather than have this concept that you are in the bodily realm, or that you are in the Pentecostal realm trying to enter into the Holy Place, you need to have your eyes unveiled to realize that you are a spiritual being. Your spirit abides in the presence of Almighty God. When you begin to minister from *that* realm, you will experience the renewing of your soul. "I'll take you back to where you were in Me before the fall of man." These are your roots in Genesis 1. "I'll restore your soul." When your soul is restored, you begin to manifest as a son or daughter of God.

Melchizedec Priesthood

This is the Melchizedec priesthood on this earth. The only priesthood that will ever creation back to God is a restore Melchizedec priesthood. A Melchizedec priest has no beginning of days or end of life. A Melchizedec priest stands in the very presence and in the heartthrob of God, and ministers he from that realm. Α Melchizedec priest realizes that he is not a carnal human being. He is a spiritual person. He stands as God on the earth, and he lifts one hand into heaven and stretches one hand toward the earth and brings the two together. He has a message for the

world, and that message is that God, more than you could ever realize, is not holding you accountable for your carnal condition. That is why He went to the cross. God became a man and went to the cross to reveal the love of God for humanity, and that death has no power over a godly person.

The very first thing you do as a Melchizedec priest is minister to your soul. "I will *restore your soul.*" You stand in the very presence of God, and you begin to minister to your soul from your spirit. In the Holy Place were the table of showbread, the candlestick, and the altar of incense. So, as a spiritual person, you begin to eat the showbread. Jesus said, in John, Chapter 6, "As I live by the Father, he that eats me shall live by me." The showbread represents Christ Jesus as the Living Bread. So we feast upon God, and we begin to minister to our souls. David even did that in the Psalms. He used to say things like, "Be still my soul. Why are you disquieted within *me?*" If you go through the Psalms, you'll see that David learned how to minister to his soul. Nobody else is going to do this for you. People can minister to you, but God today is giving us a revelation and a vision so that we don't really need another man to teach us. We need God as our teacher. We need to assimilate God into us by eating and drinking Him.

Once you have the revelation, the realization, that *you* are a Melchizedec priest, your true ministry begins. Every one of you came here for a specific purpose; and generally, that purpose is to restore creation back to God. But we've gotten lost in so many different kinds of religions, philosophies, and man's reasonings that we

really have no idea why we are here. Thank God that is beginning to change.

Two Mysteries

In another song, Linda wrote, "God's seed is in all humanity. You may not see it, but it's there. Within us there lies a great mystery." There are two great mysteries in the earth today-the mystery of godliness (God taking on human flesh) and the mystery of iniquity. Many people think the antichrist is a person who is going to be an incarnation of satan and will one day rule the world. However, antichrist is the tare that was sown in the field. The antichrist is personality, human that the carnalmindedness that was sown in your field. The scriptures tell us that, in the early days of the apostles, there were many antichrists in the world. You don't have to wait for a man called antichrist to come and set up his kingdom. Just look at the carnal, religious, and political systems of our day, and you can see antichrist. You may be very good, go to church, dance and sing-and still be in the antichrist system. As long as you see yourself and God as two separate entities, that is antichrist. That is the mystery of iniquity.

The mystery of godliness is God manifested in the flesh. God removes the veil from your eyes, and you begin to function as Christ on the earth. You begin to see that all of creation was redeemed at the cross, and you have a great love for all. Every man and woman has a spirit, and God is the Father of that spirit even if they do not know it. It is your joy as a son or daughter of God to minister to them the truth of their true experience until they nature too regeneration. God, once again, is in humanity to speak words of life and healing and blessing to all of creation. Think of what Jesus accomplished when He was on the earth. Every one of us today should be exactly as He was. Why aren't we? We all know that is what He taught. The scriptures tell us that, "As He is [not as He was], so are we in this world." Why haven't we experienced that? Well, it's because of the veil of the tare that was sown in our field. Two seeds were sown in the same field—the wheat and the tare. One of them is going to overtake the other in your field.

Two men are growing on the earth today. The Word talks about a corporate man. There is not *a Christ* on the earth in the sense of an individual. There is a *corporate* Christ on the earth. Christ is a corporate group of people who are built up as the Body of Christ, as the one new man that Ephesians talks about, who will rise up and take dominion over the earth. And there is also a *corporate antichrist*, which is nothing but the human mentality—whether good or evil, whether religious or not religious, whether it goes to church or doesn't go to church. It is a mindset. It is a carnal mentality. It is what James called doublemindedness. Whenever you live in a state of double-mindedness, you can be assured that, to some degree, the tare is still operating in your life.

What is it to be single-minded? Jesus said, *"If your eye be single, your whole body is full of light."* You see, from the Holy of Holies, where we truly dwell, we realize that *we are the presence of God on the earth.* You can see this in typology in the Old Testament because the priests carried the ark of God on their shoulders. We all know the ark of God was a type of Christ because the ark was wood overlaid with gold, typifying humanity and divinity. In the ark were the Ten Commandments, the rod that budded, and the hidden manna. The priests carried the ark of God on their shoulders, and today we carry the presence of God within us. But these realities, even though they are true, cannot be experienced with the carnal mentality. Most Christians today cannot accept the fact that they and God are one, because they know by their experience and human consciousness that there is no way they can be as Jesus was upon this earth. And that is as it should be because there is no way in our carnal mentality that we can see the truth of our being.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; but when you have your eyes unveiled to realize that you are a spiritual person, it is the most wonderful thing in all the earth to experience moving in the Holy of Holies. You see, that is where you have to be to experience Chapters 5, 6, and 7 of Matthew. When I first met the Lord and read Matthew 5, I went to several people and said, "Look at what Jesus says here. Is this possible?" They all told me it was not possible. They said it was a goal to try to attain, but there was no way we could be that way until we died. That is not how Jesus taught it. He said that if you want to be in His Kingdom (in fact, if you are living in His Kingdom and walking in the reality of the Kingdom of God), this is how you will react: you will love those who persecute you and do good to those who despitefully use you. The law says, "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," but Jesus said to love your enemies. No matter how good a Christian you may be, if you are living out of your carnal consciousness, not understanding and not having a true revelation of being that person that you really are, there is no way that you can react that way. It is absolutely

impossible. If people are cruel to you or abusing you, how can you possibly sense a love for them? You can if you live in the Holy of Holies because, when you are living in that realm, you understand that you can do it. You see, the only way you can forgive people, and the only way you love people that are abusing you, is if you have an understanding that they do not really know what they are doing. And you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that, if they had the revelation of God, if they had the love of God, if they sensed the heart of God as you do, they wouldn't abuse you. So, like Jesus on the cross, there is a compassion and a loveliness that rises up within you, and you say, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

This is the only thing that can change the world and bring the Kingdom of God on this earth. We are not going to do it through legislation. We are not going to do it by getting good men into politics. We are not going to do it by infiltrating the arts and all of the worldly kingdoms. The Kingdom of God is established in the hearts of men and women in the world as they awaken to their true nature. The more we have the revelation that we are spiritual beings, the more godliness we will express.

A Sinless Life

A verse that puzzled me for a long time in the scriptures is the verse that says, in I John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." That was a very confusing verse for me, because I knew that I had experienced God. I knew that I was born of God, but I sinned all the time! The scriptures were never written to carnally minded men. They were written to the seed of God on the

earth. This verse was written to the new creation man. It is impossible for that life to sin, because that is not a human life. That is not a carnal life. That is the very life and substance of God Himself. That life knows no sin. That life knows no bounds and no limitations. That life knows no sickness, no death, and no disease. And that is the life that is coming forth within us in these days. That life is spilling out from the Holy of Holies into the soul realm. Right in this very day, I'm experiencing the renewing and the refreshing of my soul. I'm experiencing God washing out the carnality and the natural thoughts and the human thinking. I'm experiencing a complete freedom to be who I really am and know that God loves me regardless of what condition I'm in today. From the Holy of Holies, from my spirit, God is beginning to flow to renew my soul. And once that soul is renewed, and the character and the image and the loveliness of God are fully blossomed within my soul, then it will flow into my body. And in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, we shall be changed. We shall be caught up together with Him in the heavenly realms, where no longer will we look at ourselves as mere human beings; and we will fully manifest as sons of God.

We truly are Melchizedec priests on this earth. I know we can't understand this with the carnal mind, but we have no beginning of days or end of life. Your life did not begin when you woke up in a physical realm. You became a seed that fell into the ground and died to all you were so that you might bring forth life in this realm to all of creation. One day you are going to remember that. We all took on flesh and blood and died to who we were. When you see that, you will be a changed person.

I realize that the carnal mind says, "Oh, these people are trying to make themselves as gods, and these people are trying to say they are God." The carnal mind will always try to steal the truth because it does not want to be exposed. But the truth is the truth. When you realize the truth, you will not be a carnal person anymore. Will you be perfect? You are perfect already, and the perfection that abides within you in the Holy of Holies is going to flow out of you. You are going to learn how to stand in the very presence of Almighty God and speak into existence the will of God for the earth. We are going to speak the creative Word of God. Everything that God does, He does through speaking.

One day, all the redeemed of the earth are going to learn how to live in the Holy of Holies. We are going to be able to stand in the very presence of God and speak forth the creative Word that will restore our souls, and it will give us back our true identity. Then God is going to begin to remove the veil that has been cast over all nations. All of creation is going to begin to see the loveliness and the beauty of their Creator, and there will come that day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

If there is one peace of advice I could give you to help you come into an understanding of what I'm sharing, it is to stop the carnal thinking. Stop thinking, "*How* is this going to happen to me, because it's an impossibility?" It comes to you from another realm. You cannot beg for it. You cannot cry for it. You cannot pray for it. You cannot read the Bible for it. About the only thing you can do is say, "Oh God, open my eyes." I can't tell you how many years, how many months I've prayed as the Apostle Paul prayed, "Father, open my eyes that I might see that the same power, the same spirit, the same ability that abided in Jesus Christ now abides in me. Lord, open my eyes to the reality of Christ in me, the hope of glory."

The carnal man is prevailing in most believers—even among the Kingdom folks-those who know the story of reconciliation and the love of God for all of humanity. Some of them cannot even occasionally worship in the same church together. I was in a church last year, and some folks called me and said, "Would you come to our church?" I said, "Well you know, you're just down the street. Why don't vou come up here and join us?" Their comment was, "Well, we don't fellowship with them." How can believers say that they live in the love of God and that God has revealed to them that He is one day going to reconcile all of creation unto Himself, and then refuse to worship with their neighbors?

We have a lot of head knowledge. Some of the most intellectual men today are teaching and preaching, and they are filling us with so much information: but we are so destitute, and we lack the ability to be We think information godly. is transformation; yet I believe it was the Apostle Paul who said, "Knowledge puffs up." I wish Christians could have a divine eraser to erase their minds from all they have been taught so they could learn the simplicity of the gospel, because it is so simple. It is so easy to live godly once you get the clutter of religion out of your mind. Just as you live effortlessly as a human being, you can live effortlessly as God on this earth. It's just simply His life living in you. The human life has its life law. You

do not have to try to be human. You do not have to try to be carnal. You just are. And God has a higher life law. His is a law of life that transcends the law of sin and death. His life transcends the carnality and the carnal thinking and the religiosity of man. His life is simply a life of love—a very stern love at times. Every one of us will go through the purifying fires of God to have this carnal thinking and this mentality burned out of us; but in the end, we are the wheat that is gathered into the barn, and we will shine forth with the glory of God and restore *all* of creation back to the Father.