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## THE 105th INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

*International Overseer*  
~John A. Wilkins, Jr.~



The International Overseer and all the International Headquarters Staff take this opportunity to extend to all the members and friends of the Church throughout the world a very cordial welcome to this 105<sup>th</sup> International Assembly. This great feast is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and close on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in our headquarters located on Edgerton Street in Dunn, North Carolina. We are expecting a nice gathering of delegates from all over the United States as well as several other countries. It is our desire to bring all of our National Overseers in for this meeting but it will not be possible due to the extremely high cost of air travel today. Please pray for all of them and some will pay their own expenses to come for this wonderful time in the Lord.

While this will be a very refreshing time for all with many good messages and instructions will be given, but the main reason for the assembly will be to transact business for the Church worldwide. It is not intended to be a revival although we welcome the Holy Ghost in our midst to save souls, heal the sick and do other marvelous work. We will seek God's guidance to help us to build His Kingdom and His Church. There is much vital business to be dealt with during this time and we want to come with this in mind and in our prayers for His perfect will to be done. This will be the year to select our new International

Overseer who will lead us on toward the perfection of His Church in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our goal is to please God with this selection, not ourselves nor some other man or committee. This should generate in every heart a desire to draw close to the Lord and allow His Spirit to direct us during this time. So we ask everyone to come and help us carry on business for Him as we search for the one that is to carry on in this office for the next 7 years.

The time is very short for this work to be carried out to the pleasing of our God. The Holy Ghost has spoken a number of times regarding this and we must listen to the call of God and hasten our work along as we wait for His return. The politicians are very busy with their work but that is not our work, our work is the government for The Church of God in these "Last Days". Let us move forward in an unafraid manner as we see the end coming near and the enemy working day and night to deceive many, but God's faithful will not be deceived. Please come and join with us as we come to worship, sing praises unto God and search for His perfect will for our lives and the operation of His Church. We pray for those who will come by air, sea, car, bus and all other means of transportation to rejoice in the Lord during this 105<sup>th</sup> Assembly. □

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## NEWS FROM THE FIELD!

### ZIMBABWE, AFRICA

The Churches of God all over the world welcomes to The Church of God of North Carolina, Dr. Ezekiel Zinfungo who lives in Beatrice Zimbabwe. He has worked for a long time with the Church of God of Prophecy and also with The Church of God (Charleston, Tennessee) and has devoted his life to the ministry. He comes from a Jewish Family and has now received a divine revelation of the Church of God from the Bible and tells me that he has been looking for the Church with theocratic leadership and mission. His family consist of his wife Nyasha and two children, David and Janiour. He is the leader of several churches and missions in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique, Maldnil and Zambia and Tanzania. He will serve as our Bishop and Regional Overseer of these countries for the present time. There will be more information available about this appointment at the 105<sup>th</sup> International Assembly. □

### PHILIPPINE NEWS

The National Overseer of the Philippines, Bishop Darwin Gaba has been operating clinics in different areas and doing so without charge to help the Philippine people get dental work when they have no money to pay. Dr. Darwin Gaba is a dentist who works filling teeth and souls because he uses his practice to minister to the physical needs and he then tells them about the love of Jesus Christ to get their souls fed. He is dedicated to his profession and to his God as a Bishop in The Church of God. They have just closed out their Youth Camp which had 80 campers and lots of spiritual experiences with one new member of the Church. He has also just sent one new minister to Spain which is the first one we have had operating a church from Spain. He has a second new minister and I believe he is the pastor of a church in Rombolon, Philippines. If you want to see a country at work for The Church of God just go to the Philippines National Convention next year. □

# “OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE”

International Overseer  
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*And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam 15:22*

Many have sacrificed greatly for the Lord and the message of The Church of God. They have gone without many of the things their family needed and wanted in order to please the Lord. Their lives have been sold out to God and the sacrifices they have made have kept them poor and living in houses that were not desirable at times. Sometimes their children have grown up not liking their conditions and have rebelled against God and the Church. I have known personally a few that would stop at nothing legal and decent in order to work in the vineyard of the Lord and that is commendable to a point. I have sacrificed at times in order to put money into the Church rather than take money out, but if we do that without obedience, then we are only fooling ourselves. To obey is what it takes to

be perfect in Christ Jesus. When we are committed to obey Him, we are well on our way to perfection and this is where the Devil will approach us to turn us around.

Some of the great Church of God preachers of our time have done the above, but later in life became bitter and confused, to the point of doing things that, they thought a few years before, they could never do. An example is like changing the doctrine and preaching a new liberal message that their family and friends would like; one that could be tolerated among all the family while God's Word never leads us to do this because it says, *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

James 4:4

If we sacrifice all the world and then refuse to obey God, our work is in vain, and God will not accept a disobedient person in His Kingdom, not to mention His Church.

In the text verse, God is giving instructions that every living thing is to be destroyed, but when they got there, the spoil started to look like something they wanted to sacrifice to the Lord, so they started gathering the spoil. The Word of the Lord is

given to Saul and his requirement is to keep it, not change it for convenience or to improve upon it.

## Samuel sends Saul to destroy Amalek

*Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. 1 Sam 15:1*

*Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. 1 Sam 15:3*

Now what was so difficult about the things that were told to Saul by Samuel? God had said to destroy everything and he was to hearken unto the Words of the Lord and spare nothing. Now, flesh started to work, and a better plan was in the making as they moved to carry out the Word from the Lord as they saw the spoil was good and desirable. In verse 8 we find the beginning of sorrows because Saul turned from doing the spoken Word of the Lord in sparing some things which should have been destroyed.

*And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. 1 Sam 15:8-9*

Many today who have done likewise before the Lord, say that they are still alright and they are still committed to doing the Lord's will but they, like Saul, have failed and God will reject them as he did Saul. No doubt that Saul really wanted to do what God had said, but the flesh was weak.

### God rejects Saul for his disobedience

*Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.*

*And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king*

*over Israel?*

*And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?*

*And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?*

*Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.<sup>1</sup> Sam 15:10-23*

It is still evil to disobey God regardless of the sacrifice and self-giving attitude of the individual. Many have turned their backs on the Lord after promising Him that they would never turn away but would preach and defend the gospel at any cost to them. They now preach and teach that having another man's wife is okay under certain circumstances and conditions, but it still isn't true no matter who says it and who condones it. The Bible, God's Word is true.

*For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:3-4*

When Samuel approached Saul for accountability, Saul said, *"I have performed the commandment of the LORD."* It was a lie and mattered not that it came from the King's mouth; it was still a lie and disqualified him from being King. Many are disqualified from being the Lord's overseers because they have lied and are no longer worthy of that office. Their lies are no different from lies told by layman; they are certifiable as lies, and disqualify these from being leaders. The Church of God is right and God will have a people called by His name that will preach the gospel and defend it against all of those who refuse. They will be the People of God, THE CHURCH OF GOD, the Church of Prophecy, not just in name, but in action of presenting holiness and righteousness in God to a lost and hopeless world without Christ. Now Samuel asked him what does the bleating of the sheep mean if you have told me the truth? What is the lowing of the oxen in my ears if you have spoken to me the truth? Why are the sheep and oxen still alive if you have complied with the Word of the Lord? We are still accountable to God, regardless of what the Supreme Court does in these United States of America. No matter what the Deacon Board says or the Overseer says, you better be obedient to God if you want to win. Some say, "Well let me call the overseer and see what he says about this or if he will go along with it." You may be getting into →

trouble if he is not following the Word of God. Let me restate that, you are already in trouble if you are consulting with the overseer, because you are accountable to the God who has called you into the ministry.

***Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.***

This is the reply given by Samuel to Saul for what he had already done against God. How would you like to hear that reply in regards to what you have already done? To obey is better than all the sacrifice you could ever make for the Lord. He wants us to all obey Him and be perfect in His sight. You will never get more perfected than fully obeying God! Many have feared the people and families and have reneged on obeying the Lord, but it will be to their demise. I have two sons and one daughter, but if either of them takes a second companion while their first is alive, they have sinned against God and God will hold them accountable for their actions. God will not allow me or you to condone this action because they are our children, and if you do this, you will be a failure for the Lord, just as Saul was a failure and ultimately rejected from being King. Many will be missing in Heaven, because they have been guilty of petting this sin in their children, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers. We must reprove it and warn them against this sin, just as other sins, lest we be guilty of aiding and abetting sin. It will not get you elected as Pastor of the Year or put you in good light with all the family, but we are accountable to God to hold on to the truth and warn every man, woman, boy and

girl to avoid this sin. The ministers who have forgotten this will be searching for relief from the awfulness of the flames of Hell if they do not repent and come back in humiliation before the Lord.

#### **Saul's humiliation**

***And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.*** 1 Sam 15:24-31

We must not write them off nor refuse them our hand of mercy, but love them still and pray that God will abundantly pardon and forgive them. This is The Church of God, not the General Overseer or some committee, but the same Church that Jesus set in order on the Horns of Hattin. He told them what to do and gave them the explicit

instructions on keeping it The Church of God and the Roman Emperor, Constantine, did not destroy it when the Nicene Creed was adopted; it just lost the theocratic form of government plunging it into darkness. Now God has called each of us to fight the good fight of faith and keep it The Church of God instead of some custom driven, world loving, Devil chasing entity with the lust of the flesh controlling Her right here at the end. On June 13<sup>th</sup> of 1903, She came lose from the world and its darkness and once again embraced TRUTH and declared Herself to be His Church in every principle of the doctrine that was ONCE delivered to the saints. You nor I can fix it for the preachers that have gone off the deep end and are now receiving any and all that claim salvation without any change whatsoever in their lives. If there is no change, then there is no salvation!

Many will call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them in these last days because they have refused to obey God and have resorted to the liberal views of the world they once preached against. I cannot preach to suit the world church and if you do, may God have mercy on you when you stand before Him?

**DON'T JUST SACRIFICE---  
OBEY GOD AND PREACH THE  
TRUTH! □**

#### ***Remember in Prayer***

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## “If the Righteous Scarcely Be Saved”

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**I Peter 4:16-18 *Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?***

This is a very sobering thought; yet for years we have read these scriptures and attributed their meaning to be addressed to only the dispersed saints of Asia, which Peter was writing to. Today, we can also see these scriptures as they speak very clearly and loudly to the saints of today's end time church. One may ask if we will face the severe persecution and evil that came upon those who were called Christians, those who, no matter what would befall them, remained firm believers in Christ and His Church. Many paid dearly for the privilege to be named Jesus' followers.

I believe we must be prepared for what we are facing. Today, as then, God is expecting us to live holy and sanctified lives, regardless of the heinous world conditions. I believe that we are all aware of the evil events that are occurring on a daily basis. What more children; it is growing darker and darker as the rapture of the Church is nearer than ever before. We will face many trials

and tests as we approach that blessed hour.

**I Peter 4: 12-13 *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.***

This is not a message of gloom and doom, but rather we need to encourage one another, as we read this, knowing that, in an instant, Christ could appear! All those laboring in these last hours, and many have dedicated their entire life to His service, look up and lift up your heads, for our redemption is drawing very near!

**Hebrews 6:10-12 *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do so minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.***

**Hebrews 12: 1-3 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the***

***right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.***

The enemy of our souls would love to keep us sidetracked, busy with the world, what the government is doing, how we are going to have enough finances, food etc. The devil is hard at work using everything available to discourage us and get our focus off of Jesus. Keep your eyes and minds on the Lord at all times. He is the sovereign God and there is nothing that He is concerned and worried about. **GOD HAS IT ALL UNDER CONTROL!**

**Psalms 37: 25-26 *I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth, and his seed is blessed.***

Twenty years ago, we began an intensified battle against our enemy. We strengthened our borders and fortified our armor. Our mighty Captain of the Host encouraged us and is still in command of this small, but courageous army. Without allies, without supplies, many times in combat for the cause of Christ, His Church and His eternal Word, with those in opposition who once stood with us shoulder to shoulder, we have built ourselves up on our most holy faith and continue to march forward. We have lost precious warriors along the way who fought with us on the front lines, yet our commander encourages us, strengthens us and upholds us with His mighty arm, with a shout to engage our shield and The Sword! Forward, March!

You may ask how I saw →

Her then and how I see Her now. I see Her VICTORIOUS! Challenged on every side as She carries Her glorious Flag into the final battle. I see Her emerge on the other side, strong and beautifully arrayed in the finest of fine linen! Her armor will no longer be needful, all battles finished, won by loyal troops following each command strictly to the commander's orders and joined once more for celebration by the once fallen troops!

How, I ask, do you see Her now? Then has passed. Now we are still marching. There is nothing ahead but victory on top of victory. Glory to God! Well Hallelujah!!! Children, do not fear what you see coming upon this world. We are almost home. Now is not the time to look back; set your faces like a flint and continue to run this race forward. Jesus is going to march before us all the way. He has never forsaken us and He never will! He will present us some day from this world, mounted with banners of love! Stay in the race forward and don't lose sight of Him. Keep your eyes on Jesus and be patient, children. Encourage each other.

James 5:7-8 ***Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.***

He longs to be with us just as we long to be with Him. God is merciful and patient. When we finish what He has told us to do and the last soul that is to be saved is in, He will come for us. Are we ready? Jesus is returning for the Bride who has made

herself ready! He has made every provision for us, as his children, to make it possible for each of us to be ready for the call. If we are lacking in anything, no one knows but ourselves and Jesus. If we do not know for sure, it is vital for us to repent of anything that would keep us out of heaven. Examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith! We are accountable for our thoughts, actions, words and deeds carried out in our minds, bodies, souls and spirits. We must do everything in our power to be absolutely sure. A record is being kept on each of us, and be sure we will answer to God for everything we have done in this body.

Our name on the Church roll, our paying tithes and giving offerings, civil duties, etc. does not excuse us from avoiding repentance when we need to. All sin must be covered by the blood of Jesus. He paid the price for our salvation, so we will be inexcusable for sin against Him small or great. His blood demands us to be flawless and perfect in the presence of the holiness of God. He said: ***Be ye holy for I am holy!*** In order for us to enter into His eternal glory, we must be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing! If we feel any conviction at all, even over the slightest thing, now would be a good time to repent and get it under the blood. Amen.

I Peter 4: 17-18 ***For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?***

And again I say, are we ready? The hour is late, children, and the signs that the prophets

and our Lord said would be happening before the rapture are now happening with an unprecedented speed.

Luke 21:28 ***And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.***

These are the most exciting times for us to be alive! We know that He is even at the door and we are pressed in our spirits and souls to quickly make ourselves ready. He wants us to stay in the state of readiness at all times of the day and night. Are we ready to meet our King Jesus face to face?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ***But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.***

Again Paul says it in 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 ***Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible***

***must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?***

The day that Jesus appears to call us up is our greatest hope. With the world conditions, I feel it is my only hope and I'm glad. There is nothing in this old world that means anything to me any more except The Church of God and my family. We are facing seriously evil times as we watch the greatest courts in the United States make and pass laws that affect millions of people. People will bow down to the evil one and accept these foul and disgusting practices. Many will lose their footing and stumble at the Word of God. Many will forsake God altogether and others will readily agree with anything that this government puts out to the people. But God is not mocked!

Galatians 6:7-9 ***Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.***

These are promises of God and His promises will come to pass! God is aware of everything that transpires – past, present and future. God is sovereign and His will is prevalent throughout all His creation. This entire world is under His direction! Our God gives no thought, worry or

concern about this pitiful government. He places heads over nations and knows all things at all times and He is not a bit worried about it! Rather, God is patient, loving and merciful over the people of all nations. He has no wish to see any individual perish and go to hell. His desire is that all mankind would repent and be saved.

2 Peter 3:9 ***The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

God is a just God as well and will visit this folly and sin and judge the unrighteousness of these that ignore and cast His Word aside and scoff at those who do live godly. God is watching and He will repay.

2 Peter 2:2-10 ***And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of***

***the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.***

Be ready children of God! These are the exact conditions in which we live now. The Lord will call His faithful out of this earth very soon! But first, we will fight many spiritual battles with the wickedness in High places. There are many souls to be won and the time is short. We will win many victories by those who have long ago signed up as strong warriors in the army of the Lord. Our victories won't be achieved through this flesh, but our victories will come through prayer and through the Holy Ghost power that works in us through God.

Ephesians 3:20 ***Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Church, it has always been His power, not ours. But if His power is allowed to work in and through us, then will the following scripture come to fruition in us. Grant us, O God, your strength and power to finish this race.***

Philippians 4:13 ***I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.***

Praise God saints! He will be the One that takes us through all the way to victory – all the way home. Let's keep our faith strong in Him and our eyes on Him. Soon we will see Him face to face.

Are we ready? □



## ARE YOU SURE?

~Cathy Elder~  
Alexander City, AL

Luke 1: 1, 3-4  
*Foreasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among*

*us, 3) It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4) That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

In the day in which we live, as in Theophilus's day, it would behoove us to know the certainty of those things wherein we have been instructed. I'm so thankful for the Word of God today. I'm thankful for those who wrote it and for those who stayed on their faces before God night and day to get a revelation of things we embrace as The Church of God today. The Bible is a declaration of those things!

2 Peter 1:20-21 *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

There is an attack on the precious truths of God's Word all over this world. Many have decided to rewrite His Word to make it fit their lifestyle, but that is a dangerous thing to do. There are still others who choose to ignore it altogether. I'm thankful for those things we embrace today and we need to know the certainty of them and teach them to our children and our grandchildren. Are you sure you know what you believe today and in whom you believe? We serve the almighty God who spoke this world into existence and holds our next breath in His hands.

So why is there such an attack on the Word of God? Because the Devil knows he has but a short time left to do his work. Have you ever seen such a time when there is such turmoil, unrighteousness and ungodliness throughout the world? We haven't seen it until now, but there was such a time which occurred in Noah's day.

Genesis 6: 3, 5-6, 11-12 *And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 5-6 And God saw that the wickedness*

*of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 11-12 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

The Lord was grieved and He numbered the days of the wicked. Man may think he is in control today, but God is still in charge. God provided a way for the righteous to escape the destruction that was to come in Noah's day. It's the same today. The wicked are becoming more wicked everyday. God must be grieved as He looks upon the earth. Are you sure you know what it takes to please Him so that you will be among those who escape the destruction to come? The Bible says that only a few will find the strait gate. It also says that many will believe they are walking in the right way, only to hear the Lord say that He does not know them.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:37-39 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

We are living close to the time when the Lord is going to return for those who are looking for Him. Many are being killed today just because they are Christians. How much longer will the spirit of God strive with this generation. One of those things I have been taught from a child is that the Lord is coming back to rapture us away.

Thessalonians 4: 16-18 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Our days on this earth are numbered, just as they are for the wicked. He did not tell us the day nor the hour, but he did tell us the signs to look for. This

life here is but a vapor, but the life hereafter is eternal. This is just a dressing room where we are getting ready for the world to come. Everything we can see, touch or smell is going to burn with a fervent heat. We should comfort one another with the words that we won't always be in this world of trouble and sorrow. We will not always be where the enemy of our souls can vex us. Our goal is heaven where we will forever be with the Lord!

Jesus gave this warning in Luke 21: 34, 36 *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

Everywhere you look, there is trouble. That is why Jesus said to take heed to yourself. He said that it is possible for your heart to become so overwhelmed by the cares of this life that you lose focus of what really matters – being ready for His coming and getting all those you can to follow Christ. He even said in verse 26 of that same chapter that some would die of heart attacks because of fear of the things coming on the earth. Jesus said in v 36 “... *pray always...*” Prayer is a privilege we have from God. It is not listed as one of the prominent teaching of the church, but be certain that it is one of the prominent teachings of the Bible, as we have been instructed to pray. Jesus taught it by example. If we do not pray, our soul is at stake. If we don't exercise our muscles of faith through prayer, we will become so weak spiritually, we will become unable to even walk. Not to mention the souls that will be lost. God does not want us to worry ourselves until we become unable to do anything, but He wants us to cast all those cares upon Him because He cares for us. He is the only one who knows how to take care of them. He delivers those who trust in Him for their help. Are you sure you know where your help comes from?

David said in Psalms 121: 1-2 *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*

We need to pray for each other like never before. Some who were certain of those things they were taught, have slowly moved away from them and some have even abandoned them altogether. The lack of prayer will cause spiritual blindness, but oh, when a child of God goes to prayer, by faith believing that He is going to take care of the situation, his spiritual

vision becomes clearer. Things that once seemed hopeless are not hopeless anymore. Mighty things happen when a saint of God prays. Are you sure of that today? Sometimes we are even surprised by the outcome because God fixed it in a way we did not even think about!

I am thinking of an example in Acts chapter 12 (please read it). Peter was put in prison with 16 soldiers assigned to keep him. Now this was serious business because Herod was mad at the church and coming after it with fury. In fact, he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword. But guess what? Acts 12:5 *Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.* The Church of God called a prayer meeting. There was probably many of them going on, but the Bible tells us about one that was going on at Sister Mary's house, the mother of John. Now, the Bible tells us that Peter was asleep (not lying awake wondering and worrying what was going to happen to him), but was asleep between two soldiers and bound with 2 chains. I suppose the other 14 soldiers were keepers before the prison door. Herod meant that Peter wasn't going anywhere, or was he? Remember what was going on at Sister Mary's house; many were gathered together praying. I don't know how they were praying, but God heard their prayers and He sent an angel to the prison with a light and the light didn't even awake them; not even Peter. So the angel smote Peter on the side and even raised him up without awakening the soldiers. The angel told him to get up quickly and the chains fell off his hands. The two he was sleeping between didn't know a thing. The angel told him to put his shoes and clothes on and to follow him. Now, Peter thought he was seeing a vision. He didn't think this was really happening. So, they went on past wards one and two, not disturbing the other 14 soldiers either. Then they came to the big iron gate that led to the city. Know what happened? The Bible says it opened unto them of its own accord. They went out and passed on through one street and then the angel departed. It was at this time that Peter realized; this is no vision - it is really happening! He thought about it a little bit and decided to go to Sister Mary's house. He knocked on the door and told Rhoda who he was, but she was so excited that she forgot to open the door, but rather took off to tell the others that Peter was there. They said she was mad, but when she kept insisting that it was so, they concluded that it must be his angel. Now, I don't know what they expected, but apparently God did exceeding and abundantly above all that they had

asked or thought. In the meantime, Peter kept knocking on the door and when they finally opened the door and saw him, the Bible said they were astonished! Then he testified to them of how God had brought him out. Has God ever answered a prayer for you in a way that was absolutely astonishing! Think about it!

Oh, we should be sure about one thing. We may not know how God will bring our family, friends, and the lost out of the devil's prison, but if we will pray, and pray, and then pray some more, we will see what God will do, and it will most likely be astonishing to us. The same applies to any situation you are concerned about today. We want to see our churches grow with souls on fire for God and excited about doing His work! Many need financial miracles, but everything belongs to our God. Praise God! It can happen through prayer! I am sure; how about you? □

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# ASSEMBLY PRAYER AUGUST 2015

An annual call for a special day of prayer in behalf of the International Assembly has been made for many years. But this appeal must not be regarded as just something which we routinely observe. So important event as the Assembly of The Church of God surely deserves our sincerest petitions to God. Without Him the Church is powerless, and the magnitude of the work before us is so great that to attempt it without His favor and blessings would be futile; so, WE MUST PRAY!

We are hereby proclaiming the entire month of August 2015 as PRAYER DAYS for the Assembly. On these special days of supplication to God, it is our desire that prayers ascend to His throne throughout the day. This can readily be done, inasmuch as it may be truly said that "the sun never sets upon the Church of God." In every time zone all around the world there can be thousands of prayers ascending continually in behalf of the 105th Assembly.

Pray for your International Overseer; pray for each Assembly Committee; pray for each preacher and for those who sing; pray for the auxiliary programs and for the work of every department of the Church. Pray especially for the business sessions, that God will so direct that our work for the coming year will be amply provided for according to God's will.

Don't underestimate the value of your prayers in behalf of the many souls who will be affected by this Assembly.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation in this prayer endeavor.

*John A. Wilkins, Jr.*  
*International Overseer*



# ASSEMBLY BAND MOVEMENT

By Brenda Fowler

Yakima, WA

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## THE WEAVER

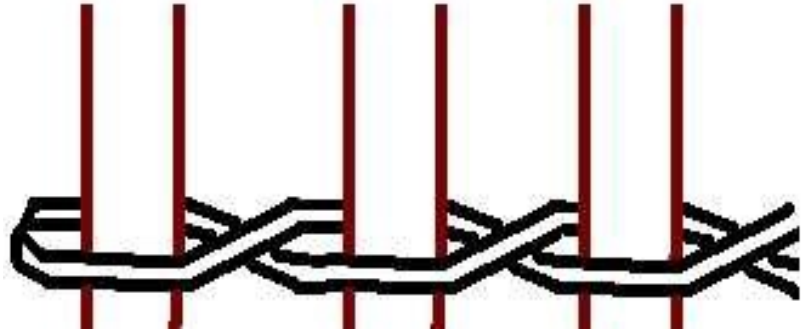
My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me.  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.

Oftentimes he weaveth sorrow.  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I, the underside.

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

Author Unknown



Proverbs 3:5, 6 says, *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Let's trust God for our lives. He knows what you and I are going through, be it health problems, financial issues, loneliness, whatever it may be, we know that these are spiritual attacks of the devil who wants to destroy us. Whatever you are going through, God knows all about it. He cares! He is able to see us through these troublesome times. The Lord Jesus is coming soon and the Devil knows his time is short. We must stand for God and having done all, to stand!

Ephesians 6:13 *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Philippians 1:6 says, *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Keep trusting and believing God. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life!!!

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* □

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

God has a final tapestry for each of our lives. We must let God do the weaving and creating of what He wants for us. So often we try to take control of our own lives and in so doing, we make a total mess of things. If we continue in our own headstrong ways, our very soul can be in jeopardy.

Proverbs 14:12 says, *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

# Philippine National Convention

Country Flag Pledge



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Youth March



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We Too Are Following



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Bishop Gerardo Nolasco Gonzales, Regional Overseer to South America and Spanish Representative to all Spanish Speaking countries, has passed away. He will be greatly missed by his family and the people of Peru, his home country. The Church of God of North Carolina has lost another of our great workers in the Lord's Vineyard. Bishop Nolasco did not know when to quit. He was fired up for the Lord and would work most of us down as he preached, sang and ministered for Jesus, but the Lord saw it was time for him to go to be with Him.

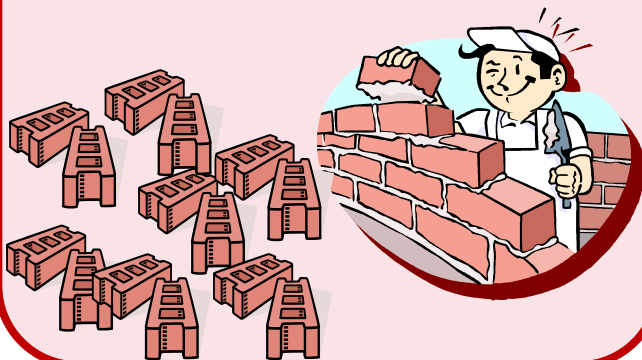


When I was in his home he and Sister Margareta were never able to do enough to satisfy themselves in making me feel welcome and appreciated. When his wife passed away I felt very sad to know that I would never see her again in this life and today I feel the same about this great man of God, Bishop Nolasco. It will be difficult to find someone to take his position and lead the people in the fashion that he did, but God has someone ready to step up to take his position for The Church of God North Carolina/ Peru.

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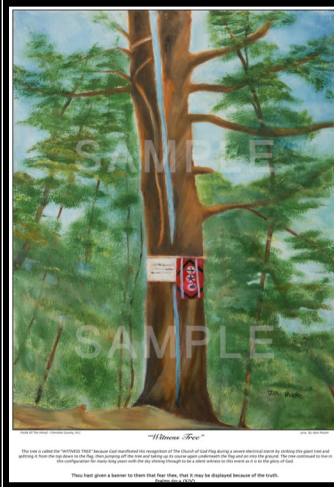
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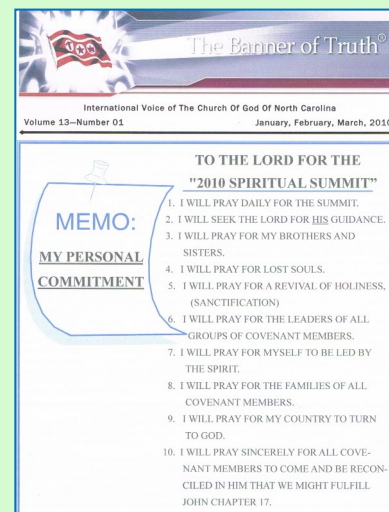
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