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The Late Bishop A. J. Tomlinson

From the Editor...

The Late Bishop A. J. Tomlinson Possessed "Divine Revelation"



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...But whom say ye that I am?

This question was asked by Jesus to His disciples and Peter replied, ... *thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* Matthew 16:15b-18

The term, "Divine Revelation" was a very familiar term to many of us as we grew up in The Church of God but lately this term has nearly been forgotten. Its usage has been diminished during the past couple of decades among the "Covenant People of God" (The Church of God). Many do not understand its meaning or the impact it might have due to never having experienced it for themselves. It has become almost extinct. It comes to those who pay the great price of study, prayer and submitting to the Holy Ghost in prevail before Him and there are few that find it. It does not come from over eating, nightmares, visions nor a sign in the sky but only after one submits to the Lord and becomes a willing vessel, pliable in the Master's hands. The man, A. J. Tomlinson was one such man as he approached unto God and humbly presented himself a living sacrifice, then the Lord used him to build a great work.

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. Jeremiah 30:21

While we probably will not be required to visit

the same spot in the Fields of The Wood where he got his, we must revisit the experience that this man had on the mountain.

He had God's Word in his heart and there he prayed and travailed with God until "Divine Revelation" was his own personal experience. Once he had it, he was like Peter in the sense that no man could take it from him. It is like education, once you have it no man can take it from you. Bishop A. J. Tomlinson received his "Divine Revelation" on June 13, 1903 and he died with it some 40 years later although many tried to steal it and take it by force. He was able to start over in 1923 after losing everything materially that he had worked so hard to build but he still had "Divine Revelation". He knew who Jesus was and where the Church was although the masses had fled. When men arose to take their followings with them to bigger and better things he remained steadfast and strong because of "Divine Revelation" which was personal. His vision remained strong and unwavering through every storm.

The Church of God needs men and women today who have this same personal relationship with God. From the Bible and they will then fight the good fight of faith. "Cheap Revelation" vs. "Divine Revelation" has resulted in ultimate chaos for God's Covenant People. It is time to return to "Divine Revelation" lest we parish and fall into the snare of the devil. Then we will not need 10 or more brands to pick from to get our own flavor—we'll be ONE in Him!

"Divine Revelation" is a MUST with God's Covenant People---The Church of God

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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1

It is time for the Church of God to arise and be healed of all the inflections brought to Her by man because our time is running out on this earth. At a time when we need to shine before men we are dealt an almost devastating blow by men who have divided God's People into factions that are now too numerous to mention and they each call it THE CHURCH OF GOD. We must awake from the spiritual slumber and know that this is not what Christ intended when He prayed,

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:20-23

The Covenant People of God know the TRUTH and they are looking for it in all the wrong places. It must not come from

“Time to Arise”

~John Wilkins~
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leaders who fight for their piece of the Rock and play KING OF THE MOUNTAIN while claiming to be appointed by God and anointed by Him to tell you that if you are not under their leadership then you are lost or at best out of the Church. If they can't control you they destroy you! The true shepherd cares for the sheep and the hirelings scatter them without regard for their soul. How can they reach the world with the message when their own people cannot trust them? It takes a vivid imagination to believe that God has given all these leaders a divine appointment and instructed them to tell the people if you aren't with us then you are OUT. Satan is laughing at the confusion brought about by man on THE CHURCH OF GOD as all the world looks on and sees the chaos and unbelief that is displayed today among God's People. Is your leader willing to come and meet together to seek God's will for us or is he afraid that the Lord will call him out of his leadership role and bless us with a new leader? If we are afraid of what God is doing then we are on the wrong ship because the old ship of Zion will sail on and though Her sails are torn and the vessel has been battered by the storm She will make the journey. It was not my lot to be born in a Church of God home but at the age of 16 I was saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. No man was able to save me. I was then introduced to the Church of God of Prophecy and in 1960 I became a member by covenant and I am still abiding in that same covenant and that makes me a member of that same church, THE CHURCH OF GOD (of prophecy),

the Bible Church. They told me that my covenant was perpetual (eternal, no end) and I believed that and I still do. I then learned more as time went on and then they told me in BTI that the covenant was what made me a part of the Church and I believed that and still do to this day. Then they taught me that as long as I did not dishonor my covenant and turn back into sin that it would be good forever and that I would go up in the rapture as a part of the Bride and I believed that and still do today. In BTI, I learned that there was a difference in the Kingdom of God and the Church of God while studying the Bible and that the covenant was necessary and that it was the covenant that made me a part of that Body and I accepted that from the Word of God. Now I am being told that these things were taught wrong and they don't apply anymore but the things I first believed, I still do and I am not willing to let them go. What is your decision?

The great Apostle Paul said, *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.* Galatians 1:6-9

We must not depart from the faith which does not allow for divorce and remarriage evil nor does it allow for practicing homosexuals or the other sins so prevalent in our society today. The Jews told Jesus, "We're Abraham's seed", but Jesus told the Jews,

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Matthew 12:34

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matthew 23:27-33

Damnation and judgments are coming to those who have corrupted the doctrine of The Church of God (of prophecy) and reduced Her to the laughing stock of the religious world! We are no better than the Jews whom Jesus was talking to here and there is going to be a pay day and not far

off in the future. It is time for His Church to "Arise and Shine" in these "Last Days" in order for the world to believe that God has sent Jesus into the world and that He has a Church that will not be mocked and intimidated by man. Some have said that the Jews are still God's chosen people and they are if they have been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ but if you think they are going to be His chosen while they continue in sin then you must read the BIBLE. His covenant people, His Church, will be made up of all nationalities, colors and tongues but they will not be those that killed Jesus Christ unless like everyone else, they repent. The Jews (Zion) in the Bible is His Covenant People, the Church. Abraham's blood, the Jews, will help us build the Church of God in these "Last Days" by binding themselves with us in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. Jesus was speaking to the Jews (Abraham's Seed) in the above scriptures and the Holy Ghost is talking to us today and many of us are also Abraham's Seed by adoption because we too have believed and been placed into the Body of Christ as it pleased Him. We can't boast of who we are any more than the Jews could! We can say, "I am Church of God" but if we don't have the goods, walk the walk, talk the talk and live holy unto Him then we are like the Jews a generation of vipers who did not know the Lord.

THE TIME HAS COME
TO ARISE AND SHINE AS
THE CHURCH OF GOD!

This is not talking about the one that has all the documents at the court house saying that is who we are but the one that is Her

according to prophecy and the one that is walking in the Word of God without compromise. There are so many factions today calling themselves THE CHURCH OF GOD but where is their love and fear of God? If any leader rejects UNITY and LOVE for God's people he cannot lead in God's Church. He is like a tinkling cymbal. It is time for the Covenant People of God to come together without compromising the deep truths of the Bible in order to be His Church, the one of prophecy found in the Bible. The world is living every day in FEAR but His Church must not fear, She must fulfill Her mission in the face of all that Satan throws at Her. Predictions are being made about the end of the world by man but they were made thousands of years ago by our God, but the only one who receives much attention is MAN. The Church is not made His Church by landmarks or tradition, while these are important they do not define His Church. Please look at the Children of Israel when they lost the "Ark of the Covenant", they did not cease to be God's Covenant People because it was misplaced for a season. The enemy soon decided that it was not properly located so they returned it to the rightful owner. **The Philistines, having brought the ark into Ashdod, set it in the house of Dagon.**

And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early

on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. 1 Samuel 5:1-4

THE RETURN OF THE ARK:

And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us? And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you. 1 Samuel 6:19-21

Never think that those who are against God's House are the winners! He will in due time restore all that is His and nothing will be lost except those who defile and destroy His House. It is time for the CHURCH OF GOD to "ARISE AND SHINE".

In these the last of the "Last Days" He will have His Church in power and glory for the world to see the Remnant of God in Her full array of battle dress. We are not fighting weapons that are carnal so we must not resort to flesh and man-made weapons, but prayer and fasting have worked well in the past. This will work now also as we see the Day of the Lord nigh at hand in our world.

He promised us, "*The gates of Hell shall not prevail against Her.*" Many who call themselves by the same name have put on so much of the world that they are indistinguishable from any other of the denominational systems. He has called us out to be His Church and we must not resort to the world standards if we desire to be a part of His Body. Holiness is still a standard for the Church of God and to be holy we must not have the love of the world in us. Too many have adopted the "Don't ask – don't tell" policies in the so called "Churches of God" while the Bible still says, "*...but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*" Hebrews 13:4b The homosexuals are welcomed into the world system churches today and in many cases they are ordained to preach. Man has Okayed this but God has not and the Bible is clear on the subject while these churches accept them as practicing homosexuals without a stern warning about the disastrous results at the judgment of HELL. The Bible makes no exceptions for these who chose to go on in their sins of homosexuality, adultery, same sex marriage and fornication even though they are members of a church. God has condemned sin in the flesh and called us unto holiness in Him. His Church must set the STANDARD OF HOLINESS and not allow the world to set the STANDARD FOR THE CHURCH!

IT IS TIME FOR HIS CHURCH TO "ARISE AND SHINE"

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of

days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 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. Proverbs 3:1-6

While the world is busy playing church and allowing every sin under the sun without any opposition to it, we must be busy getting His Word out to those whom we love. Satan has struck a deal with most of the preachers of our day. They are telling people that nothing is wrong for them if they have confessed Jesus as the Son of God and believed in their heart. They are permitted to continue in their sins. They refuse to preach the redemptive blood of Jesus at the cost of having a world full of shouting sinners. They speak in other tongues as the spirit gives the utterance, only one problem, it is the wrong spirit. We have arrived at a time when Satan has more Bible totting preachers than the Lord does. Many are self-appointed and self-anointed! Some have forgotten that Satan talks in tongues and so do His followers. The Bible tells us to try the spirits and see if they be of God.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he

shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
John 16:13-15

“ARISE, SHINE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD”

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1

The Church of God fully accepts this as the coming to light of God's Church this side the "Dark Ages" on June 13th, 1903. A man by the name of A. J. Tomlinson climbed through the brush and briars up the side of Burger Mountain to pray. It was there that God revealed to him, THE CHURCH OF GOD of the Bible, the one of prophecy, the one of truth and the one that men had been looking for. Many men had been instrumental in the finding of the Church such as Martin Luther, John Wesley and many others but until that time nothing was solid in the doctrines of the Bible to fulfill the mission of the Church. Others were involved in the coming of this day such as R. G. Spurling, Sr. and R. G. Spurling, Jr. and several others who had been searching for that same light. The light was to come to A. J. Tomlinson, a mountain preacher and Bible salesman who was working the mountainous region on that special time of 1903. It was he who declared this group to be THE CHURCH OF GOD and they accepted him with that understanding. Now the historians can distort that event as much as they want but the facts remain and the truth will prevail and still be preached when the historians are gone from this earth. Tomlinson was God's man for the time just as was Martin

Luther when he did his part in bringing about this new light of the Church.

Many today ask the question, "Where is the Church?" The Church is still where it has been all the time, in the Word of God and is accepted by those who wish to walk in the Light as He is in the Light. They practice His Word without compromise. Now those who will compromise His Word and follow after the darkness of this world can not be His Church. Those who follow after holiness and walk in the "Old Paths" can be His Church today by covenant. The preacher doesn't make it the Church, the overseer doesn't make it the Church, the General Overseer doesn't make it the Church because it was the Church before any of these. The covenant taken and kept makes it the Church! That is just too simple for man to accept but that is the important fact that makes it the Church of the Bible when it is received and kept in the fear of God. The Church is never understood by the intellectual mind but rather the spirit filled mind led by the Holy Ghost through the precious Word of God. This is divine revelation which is needed today to discern truth from fiction in recognizing THE CHURCH OF GOD among so many. They claim to be His Church but do not practice "SOUND DOCTRINE" but they cling to men who are deceivers of themselves and those who follow them.

His Church is functioning today and His Spirit is calling to those who will listen to come and gather around Him that He might lead us into all truth. Don't be afraid to listen to God but you better not listen to man unless he is giving you the Word of God. Too many want to be leaders of men instead of following the leading of the Lord while the covenant people are struggling

along trying to find their way. When TRUTH comes to you it will not be self-serving, it will not be condemning, it will not be puffed up and it will show forth LOVE and kindness to others who might still be searching for the way. Men have virtually destroyed the Church by division and tactics only known to the devil and his followers. They have left a mess that many say the Lord will fix but He already did fix it. The Lord has not caused these divisions but man has. Jesus is calling the "Other Sheep" and He will continue to call them but the "Covenant People" know better than to divide themselves in the shameful manner they have divided and split until the world wonders if anyone is even saved at times. It is about to stop because God is merciful and loving but He will not continue to allow the mess to go on and on using the name that He has given to His Church with His blood. He spilled His blood to purchase something that man has slandered, torn asunder and shamed in a manner not fit for the world to see. While our families die for lack of the TRUTH we continue to hear slanderous remarks about those who will not cave in to man's ideas and opinions.

Many are afraid for their ministers to visit other places and they shame them and intimidate them for even wanting to have fellowship with others. They are afraid and they should be because they want to remain lords over them and in full control of them at all times because that is the only power they enjoy. It is time for God's Church to ARISE, SHINE for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. Ecclesiastes 3:17 □

“We Have Got To Be Perfect”

~Edward Swindle~
Adamsville, AL



Scripture Text Matthew 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

To verify that this subject is of scriptural origin, we need only to look at 1 John 3:2-3 and Colossians 1:28.

1 John 3:2-3 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Colossians 1:28. *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

We will also show that it is a matter of necessity.

It is, indeed, possible to be perfect, as made evident by Job 1:1 and Philippians 3:15.

Job 1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*

Philippians 3:15. *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

It is noticeable that we who are walking in all the light we have, to the best of our knowledge and ability, are still urged by the great apostle, "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before". Philippians 3:13

In Hebrews 6:1, Paul urged that we go beyond the principles of salvation. *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

In Ephesians 4:11-13, there is no mistake about the fact that there is a ministry given to the last days church to see that this work of perfection is carried out in all the church, that everyone who is

a saint will be ready for the Lord's return.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we Henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; Ephesians 5:25-27.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

This passage shows the working of this ministry with the Word in the church, yet all of the perfection of the individual is not done by salvation and the preaching by the ministry. Through a born-again experience, we are freed from our own transgressions which we have committed. By sanctification we are freed from the curse of Adam's sin, but we must work out our own salvation in order to perfectly fit our individual lives to the teachings of the Bible.

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.

II Corinthians 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

Salvation does not free or cleanse us from these things. Neither does it place everything in our lives that we need.

2 Peter 1:2-11 *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

The individual must put forth a personal effort in order to keep the victory and fully develop his/her own talents and abilities in an acceptable manner with God. Philippians 3:12-15 explains that we are to work and press toward perfection as individuals. Each one of us must bear our own cross and serve God the best we can. In this way we will continue to grow in grace and knowledge.

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and

reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

The Word of God is the instrument of enlightenment,

Psalms 19:8. *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

The Word of God is an instrument of precision,

Hebrews 4:12. *And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.*

The Word of God tells us that we shall be sanctified and cleansed by the washing of water by the Word. Therefore, the Church will reach perfection by being transformed through the Spirit by the Word of God. □

Special Notice

NEW CHANGES TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS

On June 06, 2011, we up-graded to a new phone system and carrier in our communications and web-site.



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“Hold to God's unchanging Hand”

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There is coming a time when the faithful will be glad they were —faithful

Isaiah 46:3-4 ***Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: (4) and even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.***

How did we survive? Why are we among the remnant that has kept the vision? Were others less learned? Did we know some secret understanding of the scripture, so that our knowledge kept us? No! The God that made us carried us.

It is only that we love Jesus. Jesus said, ***"If you love me, keep my commandments"*** St. John 14:15.

He also said, ***"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"*** Matthew 24:35.

There is unchangeableness about God's Word that gives security to those that love him, and those that have close kinship with him. How close is our kinship to Him?

Matthew 12:50 ***for whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven; the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.***

Where will he find the remnant to make up His Bride? Remember what Abraham told his servant, when he sent him to find a bride for his son.

Genesis 24:3 ***"Thou shall not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. (4) But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son".***

He will find His remnant, to make up His bride, among His kindred who love Jesus, and do the will of his Father which is in Heaven.

Isaiah 46:5 ***"To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?"***

Men of old times would think up what they thought God may look like. They would hire a goldsmith to make an image of their own thoughts. It could not move. It could go nowhere. It could not answer a word. Yet they would bow and worship an

image that came out of their own mind.

We live in a time much like the time of Isaiah's prophecy. Mankind makes up a god that serves their purpose. They will bow and worship as long as the word continues to serve their wants.

The God of the Bible will not change His Word. He is looking for men, women, boys and girls who will not change His Word. God always keeps himself a remnant that loves Him, and cling to His unchanging word.

Romans 11:4-5 ***"But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. (5) Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.***

II Peter 1:10 ***"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall:***

Let the world have its god, that says one thing for a time, and when the winds of human opinion change their god will change with them. Who can love a god we make conformable to this age? Yet every age has made its gods in their own image.

Isaiah 46:9-10 ***"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:***

What use has The Church of God for a god we can make suited to our purpose? But oh the kinship we have with the God who changes not. "All other ground is sinking sand, but on Christ the solid rock I stand". Sing it on and on oh great Church of the Living God. The old path will give rest for our souls, peace for our mind, and a sure road to glory. Let our preachers preach, our teachers teach, and our people live the pure, everlasting, unchanging, and ***"engrafted word, which is able to save your souls".***

Ezekiel 22:26-31 ***her priest have violated***

my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean. ... And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken... And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: But I found none. therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them;

God did not change, but the message of the priest and prophet did change. Weary of standing for truth among a people who *"heap to themselves teachers,"* II Timothy 4:3, they got a — new vision — one more suitable to the times.

God has always found a remnant that will hold to his unchanging hand. Where will we find *"This God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death."* Psalms 48:14. Look not to this world, or to this age, it hated Him, and it will hate us if we love Him. We will find Him, glowing with the beauty of His holiness, in the pages of His blessed old book. It has been a safe and faithful guide until now. It will take us on. On to His perfect will for His last day's Bride. He is still looking for someone to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. All that stands between God's wrath and this generation, yes! Even our loved ones in our generation, are the prayers of His *"little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"* Luke 12:32.

In this world's most sinful age God looked for a man, and found Noah. A man who stood and preached righteousness to a dying, sin cursed, and evil to the bone generation, while obeying God's every word. When God found Noah — Noah found grace. Noah led eight souls out of God's wrath and into the new age, a remnant to work His will in ages to come. *"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be."* Matthew 24:37. Even so do your will O Father *"in earth, as it is in heaven"* Matthew 6:10.

Hebrews 3:4-7 *"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. But Christ as a son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, Christ will have His house (church).*

We can be it if - if - if we hold fast. O what a world hangs on that small word - if. Will we be the people who, true to our covenant, accept this Bible, love Him, and keep His commandments, walk in the light? We will be if! if! if! we hold fast to God's unchanging hand.

An old course we used to sing said, *"I believe I'll hold on, hold on, and see what the end will be, I believe I'll hold on, hold on, there's something at the end for me.* What is at the for me? let's look at the end of that blessed old book and see.

Revelation 20:2-4 *"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, (3) and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up ... (4) and I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; ... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Oh, yes! There's something at the for me. He will have desire for the work of His hands. His house which He built of those who will hear the Holy Ghost, accept the whole Bible, eat all of it, sweet as honey. There may be a bitter pill here and there as we bring our flesh down to die under the power of His spirit. To *"mortify the deeds of the body"*, Romans 8:13, as He told us. Nothing will have been too much when we hear the voice the bridegroom.

Song of Solomon 2:10,13 *"... Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. Chapter 6:9 My dove, my undefiled is but one;... Vs. (10) Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? Vs. (13) What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies?"*

Oh, the beauty of her two great armies one descending with Christ from heaven, all the dead *"which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him"*

I Thessalonians 4:14. To be met by a rising army of *"we which are alive and remain" vs. 17 changed into new bodies like unto His glorious body, for a meeting in the air, so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

What can we say was too great a price for our bride-hood when we drop off this flesh body, and take our new body. When He presents us to himself a bride that has made herself ready. Oh, yes! There's something at the end for me. □

“This Same Jesus”

Hillard Foster
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Acts 9:1-5 *And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.***

Paul asked the question, “Who art thou Lord? When he heard the answer he was astonished and trembling and asked the Lord. “What will thou have me do?” No doubt Paul was over whelmed at the answer he received when he asked “Who art thou Lord?”

Just who is this Jesus? Many know him as the carpenter, Joseph son. While some still worship him as Mary’s son. In fact he was before Mary or Joseph ever existed. He Jesus existed. Jesus was in the garden when Adam was created out of the dust of the earth.

Genesis 1:26 *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

When God said, “let us make man in our own image, after our likeness” He was there. When the first sin was committed, He was there.

John 1:1-15 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which*

lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

This same Jesus that met Paul on the road to Damascus was with God, He came from God, He came unto His own and His own received Him not. This same Jesus was with the children of Israel as they wondered in the wilderness. This same Jesus was the rock of Numbers.

Numbers 20:1-11 *Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron*

thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

He traveled the hot sandy trip with the Israelites in the Wilderness.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

This same Jesus is referred to, when Paul said, *"and that Rock was Christ"*. We find this same Jesus in many of the Psalms of David. We see this same Jesus in the songs of Solomon.

Daniel 3:15-25 *Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that*

were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

This same Jesus that delivered the three Hebrews has delivered us and he will deliver all who will call on Him. He is an ever present help in the time of trouble.

Romans 10:1-10 *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

This same Jesus tells us how to come into the Kingdom of God.

Hebrews 13:8-14 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.*

This same Jesus brought Sanctification. This same Jesus became the sacrificial lamb for us all his blood was shed to save you and I from our sins, and to sanctify us holy.

John 1:1-16 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

Knowing His departure was at hand he

prepared His disciples for his return to the Father.

This same Jesus did not leave us without help. The gifts are given by the same Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

1 Corinthians 12:24-28 *For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.*

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Acts 20:28 *Take heed therefore unto*

yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

This same Jesus purchased the church, and placed us into the body.

Ephesians 2:18-22 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:9-16 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

This tells us this same Jesus that descends, is the same Jesus that ascended. His body is fitly framed together and She will make Herself ready. He will present it to Himself a glorious church.

We find this same Jesus in the Book of Revelation 1:8 ***I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,** saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

This same Jesus address the seven Churches

of Asia.

Ephesians 5:26-33 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

This same Jesus will present His Church the Bride of Christ to himself a glorious Church without spot, wrinkle or any such thing.

The angels, in acts, tells us this same Jesus which is taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven.

Acts 1:10-11 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 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.

Paul informs us that this same Jesus will descend from Heaven and receive us unto Himself and ever shall we be with Him.

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.

John explains to us that he has a place prepared for the occasion when this same Jesus receives us unto Himself.

John 14:1-4 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

We need to rejoice for this glorious event

when this same Jesus gathers us together for the marriage supper and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

If you are not ready to meet him at this great event. I would like to invite you to find this Jesus and ask him into your heart and life. He loves you while you are in your sins. He will forgive your sins if you will receive Him.

John 1:7-9 *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.* □

“Fear Not For I Am Here...”

~Jona Nelson~
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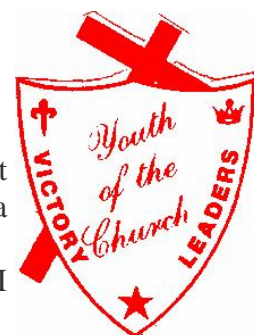
Do struggles and trials consume your daily thoughts? Are you worried about how you're going to make it through to the next day? Is all your stress giving you a migraine headache that won't go away?

Have no fear for I am here, I will meet your every need. Remember what I have told you...

Matthew 6:25-32 *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

Call on Jesus for He knows your every care. Over the passed few months stress has been by my side constantly. God has blessed in so many ways too. Every time I have stressed over something the Lord has harkened. I have stepped back to let the Lord step forward. In life, we try to control so many things around us. I am guilty of this. I would not call on Jesus to help. I am an independent person who tries to do everything myself (or at least the things I know how to do). I have stressed myself out so much I have suffered from many migraines just thinking about the problems and trying to fix them all, but coming up with no solutions.

One day I stopped, I called on Jesus and in an instant my headache was gone. Days later Jesus took control over the many stresses I had. I have learned that I need to turn it over to Jesus. There is not a day that goes by when I am stressed that I don't ask Jesus to help me get through it. I am looking forward to the day when I will totally rely on Jesus. I wear many hats these days but I know who to call on for my help. □



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Pastor Roger Tidwell

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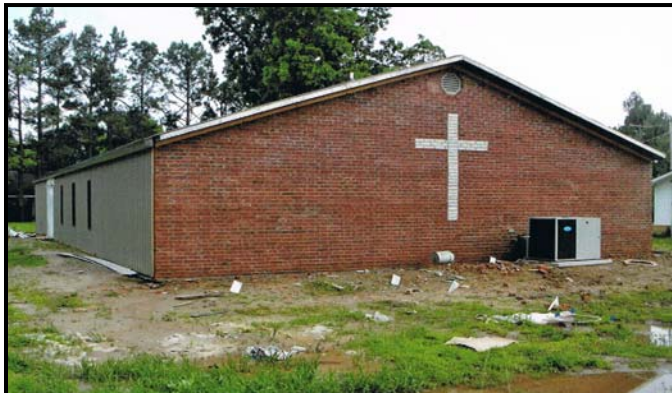
The Church of God of NC in Walnut Ridge, AR has been busy the last few months. We are getting more and more excited as each phase of our new church building is completed. The sheetrock is done and painting has begun. Pews are ready to go into the auditorium.

We are not only excited about finishing the building but for the things God will do through it. Several neighbors around the church have come by and told us they're planning to visit once we start having services.

God proves to us daily that He can do a lot with just a few people. It's not how big we are, but how BIG HE IS! We are hoping to start having service in the next few weeks. Praise the Lord!

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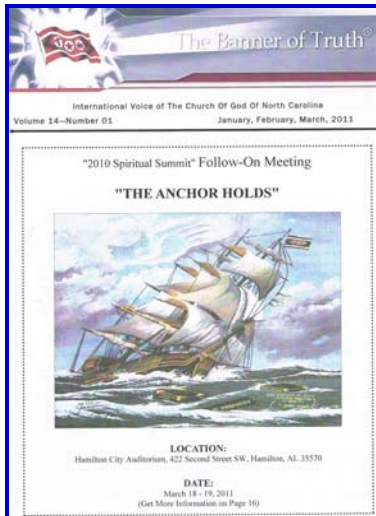
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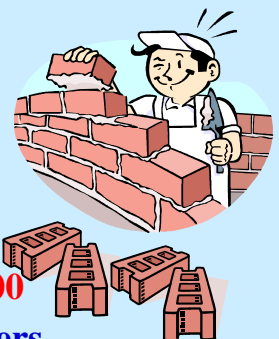
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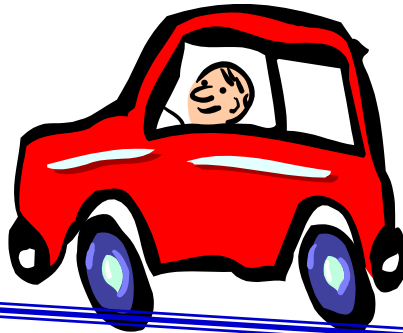
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