

Monday 8/18**Related Verses****2 Cor. 4:3-4**

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in those who are perishing,

4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

John 1:18

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Col. 1:15-16

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

Rom. 12:2

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

John 12:31

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

John 14:30

30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;

John 16:11

11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Eph. 2:2

2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

Christ as the Image of God and the Treasure**Related Reading**

Second Corinthians 4:4-7 shows that we may experience and enjoy Christ as the image of God and the treasure. The image of God refers to Christ as our outward expression, whereas the treasure refers to Christ as our inward content. We should bear Christ as the image of God without, and we should have Christ as the treasure within. We need to enter into the rich and full enjoyment of this Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3205)

It is exceedingly difficult to understand and to define the image of God. Twice the New Testament tells us that Christ is the image of God [2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15]...The invisible God has a visible image, and this image is Christ. John 1:18 says, "No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him." This means that Christ, the only begotten Son of God, came to man to express what God is...Although God is invisible, He is expressed by a living person, that is, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This living person as the expression of God is the image of God.

Second Corinthians 4:4 indicates that the terms *God*, *image*, *Christ*, *glory*, *gospel*, and *illumination* are all in apposition to one another; thus, they all refer to the same wonderful person. God is the image, the image is Christ, Christ is the glory, the glory is the gospel, and the gospel is the illumination. First, the expression *the image of God* shows that the image is in apposition to God. God, who is the source, has an image, and this image is simply God Himself. If we see the image of God, we see God; if God disappears, His image disappears as well...Therefore, the image of God is nothing less than God Himself.

Second, as we have pointed out, the image of God is Christ. As the image of God, Christ is the expression of the invisible God. Third, Christ is the glory. This is confirmed by Hebrews 1:3, which says that Christ is the effulgence of God's glory. Fourth, Christ, the glory, is the gospel. Acts tells us that the believers preached Christ Jesus as the gospel (5:42; 8:35; 11:20; 17:18). This shows that the gospel is not something separate from Christ; rather, Christ is the gospel. Today some Christians in their preaching separate the gospel from

Christ. But according to the divine revelation in the Bible, the gospel is a living person, Christ. Christ who is the gospel is the image of God, and the image of God is God. Therefore, the gospel is God Himself embodied and expressed in Christ.

Fifth, the gospel is the illumination, the enlightenment. The gospel is the gospel of the glory of Christ, which illuminates, radiates, and shines in the heart of man. When the gospel came to us, it came to us by shining, and this shining brought into us Christ, who is the image of the processed Triune God. As a result, Christ, the living person, was illuminated into our being. Many believers can testify that when they heard Christ as the gospel, a certain impression of Christ entered into them. Although they may try to reject this impression of Christ or erase it from their being, they cannot do it. Once the impression of Christ is illuminated into us, it remains within us forever. This illumination is the gospel, this gospel is the glory, this glory is Christ, Christ is the image of God, and as such, Christ is God. Therefore, what has been illuminated into our being is a living person, the Triune God embodied in Christ, who is the image, the expression, of God. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3205-3207)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 317

Tuesday 8/19**Related Verses****John 14:30**

30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;

2 Cor. 3:16

16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Heb. 1:1- 3 (1-2)

1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,
2 Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;

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3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 1:17-18

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

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We need to see that the gospel of the glory of Christ first shines into us, and then it shines out from within us. The more the glory shines within us, the more it penetrates into our being and saturates it. Eventually, the inner glory will consume, swallow up, our entire inward being. Then the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ will shine out through us. Such a shining cannot come by way of teaching; it can come only through the experience of Christ who is Himself the glory of God and the manifestation of God. We praise the Lord that Christ has shone into the depths of our being, that now He is shining within us, and that He will shine throughout our inward being. Therefore, we need to pay attention to the inner shining of Christ as the glory within. The goal of God's economy is that we all shine forth His glory. As we are under such a shining, Christ saturates us with Himself, and we enjoy the sweetness of Christ living in us to be our life and our person. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3207)

The veils that cover today's Christians make them very touchy. If they are touched even slightly, they are offended. The reason for this touchiness is that Satan, the subtle one, the touchy one, is crouching in their minds. Satan is lurking in the mentality of today's veiled Christians. What a pitiful situation that so many genuine believers in Christ are still veiled!

We need to apply this word about veils to ourselves. It is crucial that we be on the alert, for it is possible for

anything that is not Christ Himself to be used as a veil by the subtle one. Satan may use even the Scriptures or the law given by God as veils. In Romans 7 Paul says that the law is good, holy, and spiritual. But even such a good, holy, and spiritual thing in the hands of Satan can become a veil. This indicates that Satan can use even the highest spiritual gift to veil our understanding. Thus, it is possible for anything that is not Christ Himself to be a veil.

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul gives us the general case. In verse 4 he says that the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of those who do not believe. The god of this age is Satan. Those who are blinded or veiled think that they do not worship anything. Actually, their god is Satan. Atheists worship Satan without knowing what they are doing. All people today, whether primitive or highly cultured, have been blinded by the god of this age. Consider all those you see on the street or in the supermarkets. How few of them know God! This is true even among a vast number of those who go to today's chapels, cathedrals, and denominational buildings. There is little revelation of the Son of God, and there is veil upon veil to keep people from knowing Christ. In their blindness many condemn those who have seen the vision of the living person of the Son of God.

Today many of us earnestly desire to live Christ. But to live Christ we need revelation...The only way revelation can come to us is if we drop our concepts. We also need to pray, "Lord, I trust in You to defeat the god of this age. Apart from You, I do not worship anything. Lord, I turn my heart to You, and I drop all my concepts. I don't want to worship anyone other than You." If you pray in this way, the light will shine, and you will receive revelation. If you drop your concepts and turn your heart to the Lord, the veils will be taken away, and the god of this age will have no ground in your being.

The light is here, and it is shining. Our problem is that our heart is turned away to many other things, and therefore, we are covered with layer upon layer of veils. This enables the god of this age to have ground in us. As a result, our thoughts are darkened, blinded, and hardened, and we cannot receive revelation, even though we may read the Bible and listen to messages. Oh, how we need revelation! (*Life-study of Galatians*, pp. 30-33)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Galatians*, msg. 4

Wednesday 8/20

Related Verses**2 Cor. 4:7**

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

2 Cor. 2:10

10 But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ;

2 Cor. 4:5-6, 10

5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

Gen. 2:7

7 Jehovah God formed man with the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Psa. 27:4

4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

Psa. 63:2, 5

2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, Seeing Your power and Your glory.

5 My soul is satisfied as with the rich fatness, And my mouth praises You with lips of joyous shouting,

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God's shining in our hearts brings into us a treasure, the Christ of glory, who is the embodiment of God to be our life and our everything. Because of the shining in our hearts, we have this treasure, a treasure that is wonderful, precious, and marvelous. The treasure in the weak

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earthen vessels is the very God in Christ shined into us...A priceless treasure is contained in worthless vessels! This has made the worthless vessels ministers of the new covenant with a priceless ministry. This has been accomplished by the divine power in resurrection. The excellency of the power is surely of God and not out of us. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3209)

The treasure is the glorious Christ, the embodiment of God, becoming our life and everything to us. This treasure, the indwelling Christ, in us, the earthen vessels, is the divine source of the supply for the Christian life. It is by the excellent power of this treasure that the apostles as the ministers of the new covenant were capable of living a crucified life that the resurrection life of Christ, whom they ministered, might be manifested.

The expression *this treasure* in 2 Corinthians 4:7 refers to verse 6, where Paul speaks of the face of Jesus Christ. The Greek word translated “face” in verse 6 is the same word translated “person” in 2:10, which refers to the part around the eyes, the look as the index of the inward thoughts and feelings, which shows forth and manifests the whole person. This indicates that unless we have the index of Christ’s face, He cannot be a treasure to us in reality...On the one hand, we can all declare that we are the earthen vessels and that Christ is the treasure within us. On the other hand, we need to see that it is only when we are living in the presence of Christ, looking at the index of His being, that we will sense that He is a treasure to us. In the whole universe there is nothing that is more precious than beholding the face of Jesus Christ. The more we live in His presence, the more we will sense His presence.

If we learn to forsake our old person and instead take Christ as our person by looking at the index of His eyes and enjoying His presence, we will have a sweet sense of the preciousness of the indwelling Christ. This experience will cause us not only to be happy but also to shine; the glory of Christ will shine out from within us.

The Christ of glory as the excellent treasure is received by the believers through the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ...Christ is the most excellent One in the whole universe; there is nothing that is more excellent than He. Since we have Christ as the treasure,

the most excellent One and the most lovely One, we do not love the world. It is not that we should not love the world but that the world is inferior to the treasure, the excellent and lovely Christ.

The illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, has shined on us. The gospel of the glory of Christ in 4:4 corresponds with the knowledge of the glory of God in verse 6. We need to note that according to verse 6 the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God is in the face of Jesus Christ. This indicates that the gospel preached by the apostle was not a doctrine, theology, or teaching; rather, it was a lovely person on whose face we can see the glory of God, the image of God. When we experience the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus Christ, this shining brings into us Christ as the image of God. We are attracted to such a Christ. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3209-3210)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 317; *Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, msg. 10

Thursday 8/21

Related Verses**Rom. 9:21**

21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

2 Cor. 13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Rom. 8:9-10, 15, 23

9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father!

23 And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body.

2 Tim. 1:6-7

6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

Related Reading

Second Corinthians 4:4, speaking of “the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ,” refers to four matters: illumination, gospel, glory, and Christ. Verse 6 goes on to say, “The God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” God’s shining in our hearts results in the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that is, in the enlightenment that causes us to know the glory of the gospel of Christ...God’s shining in the universe produced the old creation. His shining in our hearts has made us a new creation, because this shining brings into us, earthen vessels, the marvelous treasure of the Christ of glory. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3207-3208)

The shining of God in our hearts is to illumine us that we may know the glory in Christ’s face. The glory of God manifested in the face of Jesus Christ is the God of glory expressed through Jesus Christ, who is the effulgence of the glory of God (Heb. 1:3); to know Him is to know the God of glory...God shines in our hearts that we may shine on others so that they may have the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that is, the knowledge of Christ, who expresses and declares God (John 1:18).

God’s shining in our hearts is in the face of Christ. In order to experience God’s shining, we need to have direct, personal, and intimate contact with Christ...This is the reason we call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. By calling on the Lord we are brought into face-to-face contact with Him and experience God’s shining in our

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heart. Only when we have such direct, personal, and intimate contact with the Lord do we have the inner shining. Whenever we call on the Lord in a dear, intimate way, we are before His face, and the shining of God is in our heart. Then we may shine out what we have received for the shining of the glory of the gospel of Christ.

We need to preach the gospel in a very illuminating way. This means that while we are preaching, God shines into the hearts of those to whom we are speaking. We also need to help them to call on the name of the Lord Jesus in order that they would be brought to the face of Christ, have personal contact with Him, and experience God's shining in their hearts. To preach in this way is to present not merely a gospel of certain facts but a gospel of glory. Those who receive the gospel of glory will have Christ as the precious treasure dispensed into them. Then, like us, they will be earthen vessels containing this treasure. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3208-3209)

The first step of God's procedure in fulfilling His purpose was to create man as a vessel to contain Himself as life...Do you realize that as a human being you are a vessel? A vessel is like a bottle or a cup. Today, while I was with the Lord, I was rejoicing because I am a vessel. I said to myself, "Man, you are exactly like a bottle. Your mouth resembles the mouth of a bottle. The purpose of a bottle is to contain something, not to contain yourself. You are a vessel designed to contain God."

This is not my concept. It was presented initially in Genesis and then stated emphatically by Paul in Romans 9 when he said, "Who are you, trying to argue with God? Don't you realize that you are clay? The potter has sovereign authority to mold the clay into vessels." Romans 9:21 and 23 reveal that God created man as a vessel. We are vessels to contain God as life. (*Life-study of Genesis*, p. 121)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 10; *CWWL*, 1985, vol. 3, "Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles," ch. 4

Related Verses**Rom. 9:23**

23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

Gal. 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1 Cor. 2:10

10 But to us God has revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

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20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Phil. 1:19-21

19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil. 2:5-6, 13

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

13 For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.

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After God created man, He put him in front of the tree of life. The tree of life was good for food. In John 6 the Lord Jesus said that He was edible, that He was the bread of life (v. 35). Therefore, we all can eat Him. Furthermore, we contain whatever we eat because it comes into our being...Whatever we eat is not only

contained in us but is assimilated into our very element. It even becomes us. Therefore, dietitians say, "You are what you eat." We are not only containing vessels; we are eating vessels, vessels that assimilate what we eat. God is desirous of being eaten by us. If we tell God that we want to eat Him, He will be very happy. We are His eating and assimilating vessels. Eventually, God will become us. Praise the Lord! We were made vessels to contain God as life.

Romans 9:21 and 23 tell us that we are vessels unto honor, vessels of mercy prepared unto glory. This is our portion... One day I will be filled with glory and I will be in glory to express the God of glory. We all are vessels of mercy prepared unto glory. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 121-122)

The New Testament shows us that God wants a vessel loving Him and keeping itself open to Him.

You have to realize that if you love the church but do not open yourself up absolutely, you will still love to do something for the Lord. This is of the fallen nature. This is the natural life with the fallen nature. The proper situation is that I do not need to do anything, yet I need to love the Lord to the uttermost, keeping myself wide open all the time to Him...If you take this as a key and read once again the Epistles written by Paul, you will see that this is the genuine substance in his Epistles.

When you enter into the experience of my fellowship, you will kneel down and worship the Lord. You would say, "Lord, now I know. I must love You. I must serve You to the uttermost. I must have an open heart with an open being to You. O Lord, by Your mercy and Your speaking, You do not want me to do anything. Lord, I am here." This would be wonderful. This is what the Lord wants today...A vessel can only contain something, and the lampstand can only keep itself open for the refilling of the oil...The lampstand does not do anything. It just opens itself to receive the oil and to shine. It receives the filling oil, and then it expresses something; it shines. Actually, a lampstand is a real vessel containing oil.

You love the Lord, and you keep yourself open to Him all the time. Yet you would not do anything, but He

would do everything. Not only is this possible, but this is also required by the Lord. The Lord requires you to stop your doing. But He does not want you to be sleepy or indifferent; He wants you to be very alert. Love Him and keep yourself open to Him. Tell Him every day, "Lord, I love You. Lord, I am here open to You. Lord, have mercy upon me, and by Your grace I do not like to have any part of my being closed to You. I like to keep myself entirely and thoroughly open to You."

If you really get into the Bible to see what is revealed as an underlying line, it is this: you are a vessel created by God. As a vessel full of life, you need to exercise your emotion to love Him. Love the Lord your God with all your heart (Matt. 22:37). As a vessel, you do not need to do anything, but you need to keep yourself open. We all know the principle of the free will. If you do not love Him, the Lord would not force you to love Him. If you do not keep yourself open, the Lord would never force you to keep yourself open. So you must exercise your free will to love the Lord and to keep yourself open. (CWWL, 1980, vol. 1, "Perfecting Training," pp. 243-244, 246-247)

Further Reading: CWWL, 1980, vol. 1, "Perfecting Training," ch. 22

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Related Verses

1 Cor. 15:45

45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Eph. 3:14-21 (16-19)

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,

15 Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named,

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

20 But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us,

21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Related Reading

The fact that we are earthen vessels proves that the excellency of the power is of God and not out of us. In ourselves we are nothing more than earthen vessels; we are sinful, fallen, and low. As such, we do not have the power to manifest the truth and shine forth the glory of the gospel...Although we are worthless earthen vessels, God has shined this precious treasure into us. Now this treasure becomes the source of the power energizing us and enabling us to shine forth God's glory and to manifest the truth. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 3211)

We need to see that Christ as the marvelous treasure in earthen vessels empowers and energizes us from within. He supplies us continually with the excelling power through His dispensing, thereby constituting us, the worthless and weak vessels, as ministers of a new covenant (2 Cor. 3:6). As believers, we have Christ operating within us as a living and active treasure...This treasure is the power, the source of strength, for the apostles to behave themselves in such a way as to shine the gospel and manifest the truth.

We are the earthen vessels to contain the Christ of glory as the excellent treasure. These vessels are like today's camera, into which Christ the figure enters through the flash of God's shining...Outwardly we are earthen vessels, but inwardly we have a priceless treasure—Christ as the embodiment of the processed Triune God to be the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit. This treasure has a power, and this power is excellent. Christ as the life-giving Spirit in us is the One who shines and works.

Within us, we have Christ as an excellent treasure; outside us, we bear Christ as the image of God, the

embodiment and expression of the Triune God...Christ is the effulgence of God's glory [Heb. 1:3]; that is, He is the expression of the image of God. When we believed in the Lord Jesus, we received more than simply a Redeemer; we received the most excellent One, the highest excellence, in the universe...Now Christ, the embodiment and expression of the Triune God, is in us. Within us, Christ is the excellent treasure; outside us, He is the image, the expression, of God. Daily we need to experience and enjoy Christ as the treasure within and the image of God without. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 3211-3212)

Grace...is the very Christ, who lived in the apostles as their life and life supply for them to live a crucified life for the manifestation of the resurrection life that they might carry out their ministry for God's new covenant. As the apostles were under the killing, life was being imparted to others, and grace was abounding through the greater number. As a result, much thanksgiving would also abound. Paul did not care for the sufferings, because he realized that his being killed imparted life to many and that this life became grace to them...This was the life lived by the apostles, a crucified life for the manifestation of resurrection life by the excellency of the power of the hidden treasure in the earthen vessel.

The new covenant ministers with their ministry are earthen vessels containing a marvelous treasure. Their ministry is altogether something in the Spirit, something that is real and living. It is something we can sense, enjoy, realize, and experience...This is the New Testament testimony, and it is what God wants among us...We must live this kind of life and be in a church that has this ministry. Furthermore, we must minister this to others not mainly by what we do but primarily by what we are and by the way we live. This is the ministers with their ministry of the new covenant. Truly, the ministers and the ministry are one. (*Life-study of 2 Corinthians*, pp. 93-94, 264-265)

Further Reading: CWWN, vol. 40, ch. 4

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2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev. 22:3-5, 14, 17, 20-21

3 And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Further Reading:*Life-study of Galatians, msg. 4***Hymn: #548**

1 Earthen vessel I was made,
Christ in me the treasure laid;
His container I must be,
As the content He in me.

2 In His image I was made,
Fit that Christ should all pervade;
Thus the vessel God did form
With the content uniform.

3 In my spirit He remains,
With His power He sustains;
As the Spirit one with me,
He is my reality.

4 Moving in me day by day,
Mingling with me all the way,
All my steps He regulates,
Every part He saturates.

5 Him expressing from within,
Making Him to others seen,
I transparent have to be
That He may be shown thru me.

6 Transformation is my need,
To be broken more indeed,
That the clay may change in form,
To the treasure to conform.

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Crucial Point: A Life of the Altar and the Tent

Scripture: Gen. 12:6-8

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 41

Supplemental Reading: *The History of God in His Union with Man*, ch. 7; *The Gospel of God (1)*, ch. 10; *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 1*, ch. 9; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Calling in the Experiences of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, chs. 4, 7

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