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The Greatest Miracle in Print:
the Record of

The Messiah

According to Bible Prophecy

"To HIM give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43).

"In the volume of the Book it is written of Me"

(Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7).

Let us examine in more detail a few of the many prophetic paradoxes in the predictions of the coming Messiah.

(1) Concerning His birth—notice in the following predictions these striking irreconcilables: a virgin shall bear a Son, something unknown in human experience. And this Man-child will be GOD—"God with us." God-begotten, yet God incarnate!

"The Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name IMMANUEL" (Isa. 7:14).

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful [Heb., miracle], Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

To fulfill these amazing prophecies, God performed a "biological miracle" and Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) and born of the virgin Mary as recorded in Matthew 1:16-25. To fulfill these two predictions quoted above, given seven hundred years before their fulfillment, God, in the Person of His Son, came to earth, and the incarnation became a reality: "the Son of the Highest" became Mary's Son, God manifest in the flesh (see I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1-3, 14; Luke 1:31-33)—and all this though Mary knew not a man (Luke 1:34).

Not only was the Messiah to be the GOD-MAN, born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14, 9:6), He was in some mysterious way to be all of these: "the Seed of the woman" (Gen. 3:15); "the Son of man" (Dan. 7:13); the Son of God (Psa. 2:7); the Seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18); and the "fruit" of David's body (Psa. 132:11). But how can God be man and man be God, and at the

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West Indies

Dear Sir,

I have read your literature and book, *The Messiah*, and they have strengthened my spiritual life. I just want to thank you very much for being so kind by delivering the Word of God throughout the universe. I really want to commit my life to God, our heavenly Father. Thank you once again.

Yours faithfully,

K.C. St. Johns, Granada, West Indies



Pastor Alamo
Photo taken 1986

Are You Living by Faith or Feelings?

By Tony Alamo

Before a person can call himself a Christian, he must begin learning the way of faith.¹ There are rules of faith which must be learned if you want to be a vessel which is useful to God, one He can truly use to perform His work both in and through.² If your decision is to walk by feelings or sensations, rather than by faithfully doing everything God commands you to do, it is obvious that your aim, your desire, is for

self and for pleasure.³ Your works are not at all for God, but for self, for feelings. Because of this, you will refuse to allow God in Jesus to do His works in or through you.⁴ This is because your heart is overflowing with self-love rather than with love for God. If God would, by the Spirit, tell you to do something according to His Word that would interrupt something you would like to do, this would naturally offend your feelings. It would greatly affect your physical and your emotional make-up.

The reaction of those who are offended at God's commandments is to, in their carnal minds, use their reasoning to reason away the Word of God.⁵ It just doesn't make any sense to their carnal feelings. Their carnal thinking will help them pity themselves, and their reasoning will explain away the work God wanted them to do. In their human thinking, it justifies their giving up a life with God living in them and working through them for the achievement of God's purpose.

The work of Jesus our Lord was, and still is, the work of the cross, which is the opposite of a life of comfort, or doing what pleases us.⁶

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Nigeria

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Grace and mercy of God and our Lord Jesus Christ be unto you. Amen. How are you and your family members, Sir? I believe you are all doing very well. Thank you very much, Sir, for your serious attention over many Christians all over the world. I pray that God may bless you richly. Amen. We are very thrilled to write you and your ministry to say thank you for your great commission for our Lord Jesus Christ that you reveal in your goodness to the world. Your newsletters have always inspired and changed many lives. We want to offer our support to you and the ministry of Almighty

God (Jesus) for your constant commission for keeping God's Word. Beloved, by reading your newsletter, we understand the first love of God which is Jesus and His government.

You will agree with me that we are living in the last days. This is clearly evident in Satan's doubled strategy to hinder the world from knowing the Lord. He is creating and using various modern and end-time means to carry out his nefarious and hellish purposes. The visual aid is one, and the internet is the mightiest of them all. Should we Christians fold our hands and resign to the destructive craftiness

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The cross life is the same life we must live in order for God to do His work both in us and through us.⁷ There is great eternal, spiritual happiness, joy, and satisfaction when God is living His life and doing His mighty work in and through us.⁸ This can only happen through our self-denial, our taking up our cross daily, and our following the Lord Jesus.⁹ If you who say you are a Christian have not yet committed your emotions, feelings, sensations, and heart of self-love to the death of the cross, God in Jesus will never be able to live His life out in you.¹⁰ If you have not committed your old life of feelings to the death of the cross, God in Christ cannot resurrect you into the new life, the spiritual life, the life which can only come and continue by a steady faith that will commit its old life and new life to the death of self on the cross.¹¹

The Bible reveals for us the essential path Christians must walk, through verses such as, “The just [or righteous] shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17).¹² “I live by the faith of the Son of God” (Gal. 2:20). “We walk by faith, not by sight” (II Cor. 5:7). “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith” (I John 5:4). Again, we can only live eternally by faith, never by our own feelings.¹³ We are “saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8), and “without faith it is impossible to please Him [God]” (Heb. 11:6). “Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8).

GOD'S WORD BECOMES POWERFUL ONLY WHEN IT ABIDES IN OUR SPIRITS

The commandments of God are rapidly received into the mind but are not so easily received into our spirit, which is the place God is to live, the place our life is.¹⁴ When we hear the Word of God, it must drop from our mind into our spirit in order for it to become alive and active.¹⁵ Unless the Word of God becomes alive and active by abiding in our spirits, it will have no supernatural power of God in it.¹⁶ It is only when the Word of God abides in our spirits that it becomes “rhema,” the double-edged sword. The Hellenic Greek word “rhema” means the “double-mouthed” sword. The term “double-mouthed sword” means the Word of God which comes from God’s mouth as rivers of life,¹⁷ then flows through the mouths of Spirit-filled believers as rivers of life unto others.¹⁸ Jesus confessed,

“The Words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father [the Word of God, the Holy Spirit¹⁹] that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works” (John 14:10).²⁰ Jesus teaches that every believer must be the same as He was and still is in these Words: “Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit [who lives in you]” (Mark 13:11, orig. Aramaic, Heb.).²¹ (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were not written in Greek, but in Aramaic and Hebrew.). Before you can call yourself a Christian, the same God that lived in the man Jesus must not only absolutely be in you, you must absolutely let Him speak from your mouth, and you must also obey Him, doing the works He tells you to do,²² or the work you are doing will not be the work of God.²³

The spiritual Words Jesus spoke from His mouth, Words given from the mouth of the Father living in Him, are meant for us to receive into our spirits.²⁴ When these Words abide in our spirits, and we abide in this world doing the works of Jesus, we “shall ask what [we] will, and it shall be done unto [us]” (John 15:7). This is just one of the many rewards we shall receive for letting God, which is the Word,²⁵ live and work both in and through us.²⁶ In this way we are able to fulfill God’s purpose by the works He dictates from within us that we must obey. If we do the will of God, then all things God owns, which is the entire universe, belong to us as well.²⁷ So it’s very essential and rewarding to allow God’s Word, which is Spirit and life, to live and work in our spirits and through our bodies. This is how the true work of God, God’s purpose, is accomplished both in and through His servants. This work of God can never be accomplished by human feelings, reasonings, thinkings, sensations, or pity.

From the very beginning of the New Testament, when God in Jesus came into the world as a man,²⁸ every evil thing that has occurred has happened because of man’s feelings, emotions, thinkings, and reasonings. It is because the world population at large has refused to allow God in Jesus to live His life out in them. It is not God’s Spirit mingled in the spirit of man that encourages men to make war or to murder others. Such things are the reasonings of unregenerated, unenlightened humans. God never counsels people to commit first degree murder, such as abortion.²⁹ This counsel comes from Satan and it is incorporated with human feelings such as self-will, desire, falsehood, self-

emotion, and reasonings. This is the exact opposite of walking by faith in God’s commandments, His Word.

Human feelings, which cause people to be disobedient to God’s Word, are sin. It is rebellion, which is the same as the sin of witchcraft.³⁰ Again, rebellion or disobedience to God’s Word, which is caused by human feelings, is what has caused all the chaos in the world, which has caused God to enlarge the borders of Hell and is what, at judgment, will cause God to cast the majority of the people in this world into the Hell He has enlarged for them.³¹ Every act of murder, rape, adultery, or fornication, every theft, every lie, every cruelty, and everything contrary to the Word of God, whether seen or unseen in the world, is caused not by God, but by the human, carnal feelings and reasonings of unregenerated, unsaved, disobedient-to-God people. This is why if every rebellious, unlawful person desires to escape Hell, they must immediately repent of their wicked sin of witchcraft, then surrender their old, former lives to the death of the old rugged cross so that they might be resurrected by the Spirit of Christ in God to a godly life void of all rebellion, which is sin.³² When the Bible says that our old lifestyle must be nailed to the cross, this includes our rebellion towards God, our feelings, our self-love, our self-pity, and our self-reasoning. Everything that is of self must be nailed with the old life to the cross.³³

To enter Heaven we must “walk by faith, not by sight” (II Cor. 5:7), “not after the flesh, but after the Spirit [of God]” (Rom. 8:1). We can never be condemned by God if we walk according to His Spirit and life, which is located in the Word of God, the Bible.³⁴ This same verse states that we are condemned if we walk by the flesh, that is by our feelings, our emotions, and our will rather than by the will of God.

The life of faith is totally different from the dead life of feelings. The life of faith is also diametrically opposite to a life of feeling. A person who lives by human sensation may actually seem to follow God’s will or may seek things from Heaven at different times when they get excited by a message from God. But this only lasts for a short time.³⁵ At the moment their “feelings” of bliss end so will every Godly work which could have happened both in and through them if they would have received faith by hearing and reading the Word of God.³⁶

This is not the case with the person who did receive faith by hearing and reading the Word of God. Faith is the rich ground, which symbolizes the spirit of a person who receives the Word of

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God and grows into the full stature of Jesus.³⁷ The more Jesus in the Father enters those of us who are the good soil, the more spiritual product, the more human souls, can be saved and matured on God's farm.³⁸ God's farm grows human souls with the Spirit of the Triune God in each product.³⁹ God cannot produce saved human souls with faithless workers who are idle.⁴⁰ The Bible explains that we shall be judged by the works we let God do in and through us or by the works that we allow Satan to do in and through us.⁴¹ God in Jesus stated, "Without Me ye can do nothing," so it is vain, a waste of time, to even try to do anything without the Triune God living in you (John 15:5).^{41a} A person having faith has the Triune God living in him. Therefore, he is not affected by what happens to him. He keeps his eyes on Jesus, who is the fullness of the Triune God living in and through him.⁴² He knows and remembers that the One he believes in never changes.⁴³ He sees others change, but never sees God change. Because of this, he continues letting God live His life and work His works both in and through him throughout his whole life to the end.

A person who walks by faith has established his relationship with God. The man who has faith never listens to his feelings, because he knows people who do listen to their feelings are not consecrated to God.⁴⁴ They will obey what their feelings tell them to do rather than obey what God's will craves to do in and through them. Faith follows God, while feelings merely depend on how a person feels. A person who lives by faith will reject every satanic teaching that the enemy attempts to plant in his heart.⁴⁵

Faith always looks at God, while feelings behold self. Read your newspapers, watch the news, and see what self-willed people are doing in the world. Read the Bible and see what men of faith do. A person of faith is like God, Who is the same in the storm as He is on a beautiful, sunny day. A person who walks by faith is as unchanging as God.⁴⁶ He allows God to express His life in and through him, and he expresses that same kind of life.⁴⁷ No matter what is happening around them, those who live by feeling and sensation have lives that appear to be hot, cold, and lukewarm. They can be up one minute, then down the next. They may live their whole life and never commit a crime, until one day when their feelings, incorporated with the spirit of Satan, will influence them to do something so evil they can't believe that they did it.

God wants all men to follow Him so that they

might be spared an eternity in Hell.⁴⁸ There are far too many people who call themselves Christians who will only labor for the Lord if they will receive something for it, that is, if they will prosper monetarily,⁴⁹ or if it suits their feelings or their interests, especially if it won't imperil or hurt their feelings. You will see them retreat if the cross should come upon them, which requires their own life, their own spirit, to be broken and be mortified.⁵⁰ We must learn that if God is truly working in and through us, there will be great, Godly, eternal results for mankind.⁵¹

The work God does in and through man is eternal, and only God living in obedient men of faith can accomplish it.⁵² God's work is spiritual in nature, and those who are not of faith cannot comprehend or accomplish it.⁵³ God's work is eternal in character.⁵⁴ How can those who live by feelings ever unite in God's work, since nothing in God's work can ever please their unregenerated, carnal feelings? This is why they reason away everything God says with their own will and reasonings, which are void of faith. If they will not submit themselves to the death of the cross, and if the self-denial life of the cross doesn't cut deeply into their souls until they give up everything they desire for themselves, God will not be able to work in them or through them.⁵⁵ If they do anything such as tithing, attending services, or distributing literature, I call this type of work a limited work because there is much more work God wants to do in them.^{55a} Those who walk by feelings are much more worthless when it comes to spiritual warfare.⁵⁶ It is because to battle our feelings and the devil in prayer is verily, verily a work of total self-denial, I mean a life where our feelings are nailed to the cross.⁵⁷ The renunciation of our feelings and of the devil must be done continuously each day.⁵⁸ It is impossible to calculate the number of times you must do this in your lifetime.

FLIES, MOSQUITOS, AND OTHER PESTS

The devil and our feelings are a nuisance to the spirits of those of us who are saved. They are very much like flies, mosquitoes, and other pests that would irritate us. When the devil and our feelings are attempting to destroy our spirits, our souls, we must continuously brush them away by faith in God's Word, rebuking them according to God's Word, which says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7). You can never get rid of flies, mosquitoes, and other pests, and until the day you die, the devil and your feelings will also not ever leave you alone. Therefore, they must always be dealt with as Jesus dealt

Colombia

Translated from Spanish

Pastor Alamo,

I would like to let you know that I received the package you sent me. May God multiply you and all the material you sent to me to do the will of God that the Lord has put in your hands, praise God. All the literature that you sent me was distributed; beloved brother, your Bibles were a blessing to us. May God keep multiplying this great work to evangelize the nations. Keep sending me more of your precious literature.

Your brother in Christ,
J.S. Medellin, Colombia, South America

with them.⁵⁹ We take the time to brush away flies, mosquitoes, and other pests. How much more must we do the same to spiritual pests if we want to enter Heaven?

We can never gratify ourselves or satisfy our flesh when we deny ourselves, that is, when we stop living our lives for ourselves and others so that God can do His will, and live His life in us.⁶⁰ Self-life can never be found in those who live by faith, those who oppose Satan, our enemy, the way he is to be opposed.⁶¹ After we know God's Word and have faith in the tremendous ability of God to do what He says He will, we can defeat Satan by praying to God, that is, when we become prayer warriors.⁶²

By faith we will feed and give drink to our enemies if they ask.⁶³ We will also pray for their salvation.⁶⁴ If our enemies refuse to receive the message from God by observing our godly actions and hearing the Word we preach to them, then God's Word tells us that God will "heap coals of fire upon [their heads], and the Lord shall reward [us]" (Prov. 25:22). When we have learned to be obedient to God in everything, we have learned the true, lawful art of spiritual warfare.⁶⁵ The scriptures I have just quoted can be found in Proverbs 25:21-22 and Romans 12:20-21. Those of us who are of faith never avenge ourselves because if we did, we would be disobedient to God, and we would be living by our feelings, rather than rebuking our feelings. God plainly says to all who can read, hear, or read Braille with their fingers, that "vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).⁶⁶ The Lord tells us, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles" (Psa. 34:17).⁶⁷ Do you be-

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River baptism held by Alamo Christian Ministries congregation at a village near Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

The Messiah

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same time be a son of man and Son of God? And how can a person be God and yet be born of God? And how can one be a “son of man” and yet have no human father? And how can He be the “Seed of the woman” when the woman “knew not a man?” How in the world—pardon the expression—could one person be ALL these? Wonder of wonders, Jesus was! The Lord Jesus was and is and always will be God (John 1:1); He was man (John 1:14); He was the “Seed of the woman” (Gal. 4:4); He was the “Son of man”—the representative man (Luke 19:10); He was the Son of God (John 3:16); He was the “Seed of Abraham” and the “Seed of David” (Matt. 1:1). Behold, the Miracle of all ages: Christ Jesus, perfect man, yet very God; God begotten, yet God incarnate in one indivisible, loving, matchless personality! John the evangelist explains the supreme mystery, called the “mystery of God...and of Christ,” (Col. 2:2, 4:3) in these Words:

“And the Word [who was God and was with God, in the bosom of the Father] 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” (see John 1:1-2, 14, 18).

(2) **The Place of His Origin—from whence did He come: Bethlehem? Egypt? Nazareth?** Here is another involved series of predictions. Prophecy said, “Out of thee [Bethlehem] shall He come forth...that is to be Ruler in Israel” (Micah 5:2). But another Scripture said, “[I have] called My Son out of Egypt” (Hos. 11:1 with Matt. 2:15). And there was a spoken prophecy commonly known among the people of Israel as one of the predictions of the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene” (Matt. 2:23), based on Isaiah 11:1, where the Messiah is called the Branch (Heb., *neh-tzer*), meaning the separated One, or “the Nazarene.”

Are these contradictory? Not at all when the Person came who unlocked the puzzle by the course of events in His divinely ordained life. He was born in Bethlehem, as Micah said; soon after, He was taken to Egypt by Joseph and Mary,

¹ There is an astounding historical sidelight that adds frightening pungency to the understanding of the prediction and its fulfillment. When Joseph and Mary returned to the Holy Land from Egypt, Joseph was apparently about to settle near Bethlehem, in Judea; “But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: ...he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene” (Matt. 2:22-23). In a fit of wrath just before his death, King Herod changed his will and put Archelaus, the worst of his living sons, to rule instead of Antipas. It was this fear of Archelaus that led Joseph to look for another residence; then God led him to Nazareth! So God, who uses the wrath of man to praise Him, permitted the wrath of a petulant king to bring to pass a fulfillment of His Word! (See Psa. 76:10.) This twist of events to where Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went to Nazareth was foretold of by God hundreds of years before, showing that God knows our every move and that He knows the end of all things from before the beginning of time (Isa. 46:10). This is how God will judge us for every evil thought and intent of our hearts and unrepentant evil deeds on the day of judgment (Rom. 2:16, Matt. 12:36-37, Heb. 4:12-13).

Arkansas

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

I started receiving your newsletters in the mail, and I wanted to thank you so much. I enjoy reading them, and it brings me closer to God. I watched your wife, Susan, on T.V., she was a wonderful person and dedicated to God. Please pray for me and continue sending me the newsletters.

Thank you,
J.J.

Van Buren, Arkansas



A service held by Alamo Christian Ministries Associate Pastor R.C. in which Pastor A.S. was preaching – Muyombe Zone, Malawi

Oklahoma

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Just a few lines to say we will be thinking of you in our prayers. We wish we could come to your church, but we are too far. Do you have a church here some place close, that we might attend? You have been a very great help to me with your literature and tapes. It has brought us closer to God, and we have put out all the literature that you gave us. If you want to send us some more literature, we would be glad to do it again. I hope that the people that have gotten these newsletters and read them, it has done them a lot of good like it did for me. We want to be saved and do God's will. Well, thank you very much, and God bless you every day, as you are a very blessed person.

Your sister in Christ,

M.R.

El Reno, Oklahoma

from whence God “called” Him back to the Holy Land after the death of wicked King Herod (Matt. 2:13-21). And when Joseph and Mary came back to Israel with the Child Jesus, they settled in Nazareth, the city where the Lord was reared.¹ Hence, in His ministry He was called “Jesus of Nazareth” (Luke 18:37, Acts 2:22). Isn't it strange that, though He was born in Bethlehem, no one ever calls Him “Jesus of Bethlehem,” and though He is called “Jesus of Nazareth,” everyone knows He was born in Bethlehem, not Nazareth!

Being of the tribe of Judah and born in Bethlehem, He was indeed a true “Nazarene,” a “separated one,” by living in Galilee instead of with His Judean brethren in Judah! Even as Joseph of old also was separated (“Nazared”) from his brethren by his exile for so many years in Egypt (see Gen. 49:26, where the word “separate” comes from the Hebrew root *nazar*).

The historical record of the life of Jesus makes crystal clear these three apparently contradictory prophecies.

To be continued in the April newsletter.

New Jersey

Pastor,

I was recently on a trip to New York City, and was handed your newsletter entitled, *Free*. After reading your literature, I was inspired to write you. Recently in my life, many changes have taken place. Losing my job and being forced to move have caused me to look at life for more than its monetary value. Having God in my life is what has kept me happy these last several months. But it is always refreshing to hear another brother talk about the Word of God, and relate it to the situations we have in the world today. It is very evident, Pastor Alamo, that you not only understand the Word of God, but you study it, understand it, embrace it, and live it. I have a deep respect for you for that. You are absolutely correct in saying, “God wants everyone to willingly accept God's rule,” and “If all men would freely choose to do this, evil would end.” Because of your statement, I am going to serve God now more than ever. This is part of the reason I write.

First, if possible, I would like to receive every newsletter every time it is printed. Second, please understand that if there is any way I can help your church or you spread the gospel, I would be willing to do so. Thank you again, and don't stop what you are doing. We need you now more than ever.

Praise God.

M.M.

Avenel, New Jersey

New Mexico

Translated from Spanish

Brother Tony,

May God continue to bless you, your family and ministry abundantly. Here in prison, through some brothers I received a world newsletter, and it has been a blessing to me. I have been saved for some time now, and I am being segregated, but that's okay. Please send me your literature to share with other inmates who are being segregated, also. I believe they will be a great blessing to other souls beside myself. Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,

D.O.

Anthony, New Mexico

Nigeria

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of these good inventions being used by satanic forces? No. The Bible says we should be vigilant and sober and fight a good fight of faith. Therefore, to contend with these end-time grips on mankind, God has raised up our ministry which is established to procure and produce Christian modern communication programs to the family, fellowships, rallies, Christian crusades and retreats, deliberately tailored towards evangelism and salvation of souls, edification of believers, and victory over all negative circumstances of life. We are the youth of the Lord on mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, who organized the programs for the Christians/children of God because we believe that we are saved to save others.

Pastor Tony Alamo, we are begging you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and requesting for evangelism materials for the sake to save the sinners, and my people who believe in other gods. These people are ignorant and we need to let them know that we serve the Lord of consuming fire. Amen. Therefore, we are in need of these requirements: A megaphone, because there is no electricity in the village and we have no money to purchase one, two or three Bibles to improve our daily Christian life to be strong, four messages on tape to promote our mode of teaching people, a thousand or more literature books for evangelism and distribution on cru-

Dear Servant of God, Pastor Tony Alamo,

Thank you so very much for your contents received. It has been encouraging to know that the faithful, whole truth is still being preached. The following are the materials received from your respected ministry: Bibles, World Newsletters, and *The Messiah According to Bible Prophecy*. I always give thanks to my God for you because of the grace He has given you through Christ Jesus, for in union with Christ, you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge. The message about Christ has become so firmly established in you that you have not failed to receive a single blessing, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm up to the end, so that you will be faultless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is to be trusted, the God who called you to have fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Alamo, my dearest brother in Christ's work, I am happy to announce to your ministries and to you that from July I was appointed to be an evangelist at our

Beloved Pastor Alamo,

May gracious love and peace come to you from God our Father. I feel greatly honored in the Lord to still be in touch with your ministry, and for regularly receiving the Christian newsletters and soul-inspiring audio tapes. I wish to inform you that these Christian materials have not only benefitted me, but a whole lot of people here. Thanks also for the literature. I have just completed distributing the newsletters and Bibles to individuals and needy institutions, including the Christian center for women where I administer. I am happy to inform you that the distribution of your Christian literature has been very beneficial to many lost souls here, and many

sade grounds, at camp or revival meetings.

Pastor Tony Alamo, you are the man of our generation, and we believe in your grand commission, that is why we are writing you, Sir. We shall be grateful if you consider our request. Thank you, Pastor, and stay blessed.

Yours in Christ,

O.J.

Lagos State, Nigeria

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Calvary greetings in the name of Jesus. I came in contact with your literature entitled, *Steamed Abominations*. The message has kindled me with revival fire. I thank you so much, and I would like to know more about your ministry. I would like to let you know

church. I am now a full time servant of the Savior, so Pastor Tony, I would like it if you could send me more literature, as you asked me to give you the number I need. To tell you the truth, we are seeking the truth as it is written in John 8:31-47. As you know, I am now an evangelist, it is my work to receive gospel materials and distribute them. Our area is so big that I can't complete distributing in just one day, if it means distributing your literature, it may be one week, which is a big job, so it needs a lot of literature. If you could send me the following materials it will be a blessing to you and to your ministries at large: World Newsletters - three to four hundred, including other literature, *The Messiah According to Bible Prophecy* - one hundred, Audio tapes of your sermons - fifty, Christian magazines - thirty, and Bibles - fifteen to twenty.

Pastor Tony Alamo, I know that it is very expensive to send such materials as I requested. I pray to my Lord that He can give you the necessary money so that you can

Ghana

people are yearning to receive more. I would therefore be very grateful if your merciful ministry could send more Bibles, tapes, newsletters, and any other Christian materials for further distribution to the many needy people here. Hopefully, you will give my humble request due consideration, and help by sending Bibles and other Christian materials regularly to enable me to widen my distribution network so as to spread the good news to every corner of my country. Lastly, I will continue to pray for God's richest blessings upon the Alamo Christian Ministry. God bless you all! Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,

S.A.

Tema, Ghana

that my ministry is rural evangelism oriented. Would you kindly receive us as your extended family in this part of the world? We are in need of evangelical and follow-up materials. Can you help us with Bibles for some of the rural dwellers who cannot afford the money for a copy of a Bible after turning their faith to Christ? Even used ones would be appreciated with high regard. We are helping the converts, but we cannot meet the demand, in that evangelism is an every day task, and we are dealing with the poor in the society. Literature and taped messages are also important to us. We shall be on our knees for you and your ministry. May God bless you.

Yours in His labor,

Pastor C.R.

Anambra State, Nigeria

prepare the materials which I am requesting, so that it can come and help our people to understand the Word of God. Our people are thirsty for the Word of God. Dear servant of God, I want to distribute the requested materials, the remaining literature I put in the church library. As for me, I would like if you could send me a Bible dictionary.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters at the Alamo Ministries, as I come to the end of this letter, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and triumph wherever it goes, winning converts everywhere, as it did when it came to me. Pray, too, that we will be saved out of the clutches of evil men, for not everyone loves the Lord. But the Lord is faithful, He will make you strong and guard you and your ministries from satanic attacks of every kind through prayer. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Let's cooperate in Jesus' work.

Yours faithfully, your co-worker in Jesus,

Evangelist C.J.

Luapula, Zambia

Are You Living by Faith or Feelings?

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lieve this? Do you have faith in God doing what He says He will?

The Word of God shows anyone who reads, hears, or feels the Word of God by Braille, that God has destroyed kings and kingdoms.⁶⁸ "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill" (Psa. 113:7). In the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews, there is a list of ordinary men who had faith in God's ability and supernatural power, which enabled them to subdue kingdoms, live righteously, obtain promises, stop the mouths of lions, quench the violence of fire, escape the edge of the sword, out of weakness be made strong, wax valiant in fight, turn to flight the armies of the aliens (Heb. 11:33-34). By faith-filled prayer, we will realize the fulfillment of our GODLY desires, not our human desires.⁶⁹ God kept His promises by sparing the destruction of nations. He has opened prison doors and freed the captives for all those who prayed to Him in faith.⁷⁰ He has raised the dead.⁷¹ With man's feelings or reasonings such things are impossible, but with faith in God's Word all things are possible for us.⁷² This means we must only have faith in God's ability to do the impossible.⁷³

GOD LIVES IN PEOPLE, SO DOES THE DEVIL

God lives and works in the people who believe in Him, and Satan lives in the people who believe in him. Jesus doesn't deny this. Jesus said to love God and hate the devil, or love the devil and hate God.⁷⁴ We must choose right now who we will serve. We are not offered this choice after we die. The choice must be made now while we are alive. Remember, there is a day of reckoning before the great white throne of God.⁷⁵

God will destroy the works of the devil in our lives when we, by faith, pray to Him.⁷⁶ We need no carnal weapons for this, only faith in God.⁷⁷ The Psalmist David, King of Israel, who believed in Jesus, the Messiah, said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies"

(Psa. 18:2-3).⁷⁸ God will do this for anyone who is His child through Jesus, the Messiah.⁷⁹

Resisting Satan means to resist Satan at all times.⁸⁰ At times, this warfare may seem almost unbearable for you if you have not fully matured in the Lord. This is why God's Words tells us, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isa. 26:3). This is because God in Jesus tells us, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). Romans 8:31 tells us, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"^{80a} There is no self-pleasure for the carnal spirit which is burdened with an indescribable burden for the sake of God.⁸¹ It will not be interesting for the self-indulgent person to attack evil spirits with every fiber of their being. But it is most interesting for those who are of faith to do this kind of work. They immediately run to God for help by prayer because they know that God has promised to hear, answer, defend, and deliver them, and they know He will do it.⁸² God will keep all of His promises.⁸³ Gaining victory over our enemy by our praying to God for it is what prayer warfare is all about.⁸⁴ Are you praying to God for victory for others and for yourself? If I were you, I would pray always, as Jesus commands.⁸⁵ There is a lot for us to pray for and about. If you pray, is it for yourself or for God to work His works both in and through you? Pray for others.⁸⁶ God tells us that He comes first, and others are next.⁸⁷ He sees what we are doing, and He tells us all to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). The right prayer is the prayer to God asking Him to war for us,⁸⁸ which is totally void of our own reasonings, our own self-interests, our own carnal feelings, and our own interference.⁸⁹ There isn't anything in this type of praying to make you comfortable when you are trailling in your soul and praying to God to destroy and to build, that is, to destroy your self-life and build up His life in you.⁹⁰ Nothing in spiritual warfare can gladden the flesh if we don't have faith in what God says will be the final result for what we have prayed.⁹¹

Those who are prone to living a self-life prefer churches where they FEEL comfortable.⁹² They have no desire to deny themselves, take up their crosses daily, and follow Jesus as He commands.⁹³ Their hostility towards God's instructions will rise up as a deadly cobra every time the Word of God

touches their feelings. An emotional, professing Christian is easily defeated in conflict with Satan when he is praying or assaulting Satan by prayer to God.⁹⁴ The enemy, with his evil spirit, will attack this immature Christian's emotions. The devil will make him believe that attacking Satan is too hard, too painful, and too hurtful for him, so this professing "Christian's" prayer will become lifeless, void of faith in God.^{94a} His feelings of sorrow, self-pity, and self-concern have eliminated any concern for God's will, purpose, and work.⁹⁵ He is against Christ, he is anti-Christ, because of his feelings, his emotions, and his love for self rather than love for God.⁹⁶ He has stopped calling on the Lord to fight for him.⁹⁷ If he doesn't repent of this sin and seek faith, the enemy will take him back to the prison house from where he was once delivered by Jesus.⁹⁸

A powerless professing Christian is one without the power of God in them to wage war against Satan.⁹⁹ The minute his feelings come under attack by the devil, he will quit and remove himself from the war zone. If he doesn't allow his emotions to experience death, he is giving Satan an invitation to strike him and bring him back into bondage.¹⁰⁰

Every time a self-life person decides to oppose the enemy, he is defeated by one touch by Satan on his feelings.¹⁰¹ We walk by faith, not by sight or feelings.¹⁰² No Christian can hope to expect victory over Satan unless he has first overcome his self-life of feelings.¹⁰³ Spiritual victory over self, sin, Satan, and the world demands a constant dying of one's own self-life and a constant death to one's sensations.¹⁰⁴ We all must have total faith in God, trusting Him and Him only.¹⁰⁵ Only with this daily attitude, by God's power, by reading, and by prayer, are we able to bear up and not search for someone to give us comfort in our combat with the devil.¹⁰⁶ Only this kind of Christian can carry on with the Lord under every sort of anguished feelings. He doesn't care at all for his life or his death.¹⁰⁷ He cares only that God is leading him.¹⁰⁸ He doesn't have any personal interest or wants. He has given himself to the Lord as a gift for God to use in whatever way is pleasing to Him.¹⁰⁹ He lives only for God. God is his life and his eternal life.¹¹⁰ He never misunderstands God or blames Him for any evil that befalls him, because he knows all of God's ways are right and were done out of His love for us.¹¹¹ God has

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victory and is given glory in this rare breed of Christian.¹¹²

People may think, at times, that they are deserted by God and forgotten by men. Still they stay at their posts, their level of authority, their battle station, the watch that has been assigned to them by the Spirit. This person, by his faith in God's Word being truth and by his faith in God's ability to perform all that He has promised He can and will perform, is a zealous prayer warrior. He violently storms the throne of God both day and night¹¹³ to take the promises of God by force and by violence.¹¹⁴ Why? Because those who have faith in God shall not be denied. They will violently take what God has promised, for they are righteous because of their faith in God. This is why the Kingdom of Heaven allows this type of violence. "The violent take it by force," which means they will take God's promises by their "strong faith" in God's Word (Matt. 11:12).

If you are a true Christian prayer warrior, then pray that God will give His entire church, the Body of Christ, immunity from every plague coming upon the earth, which includes every virus, every disease, every infirmity, and every sickness. By faith in God's ability, he overcomes, and God destroys the work of Satan.¹¹⁵ This is possible only because, by faith, he denies his own feelings, and because he believes in God's ability to do this work.¹¹⁶

After believers have thoroughly gone through the spiritual school of faith by the reading and receiving of everything God says in His Word, then by the Spirit letting God do all of His works in them, they are able by faith to walk totally in the Spirit of God, where they will never sin.¹¹⁷ Because they never sin, there is no condemnation from the law of God against their souls, and because they never sin, they are considered by God to be holy and perfect.¹¹⁸ All those who reach this level of spiritual life have entered into a life of rest, or a seven-day-a-week Sabbath, which means a rest from their own life and feelings.¹¹⁹ They have let the fire of the cross destroy their every greedy goal.¹²⁰ They have learned the lesson which God wants to teach everybody.¹²¹ They know that only God's will is to be done on earth if they are to enter Heaven, and that all the things of the world, no matter how desirable, are not compatible with God, with His high calling for them, or with the reward He has laid away for them.¹²² They now find joy in their ability to relinquish everything for God.¹²³

God is right.¹²⁴ He lets us have the things that will not ruin or corrupt us.¹²⁵ This is one of the many reasons we serve Him with joy. We know in Heaven there is a greater reward for us than can be imagined or spoken.¹²⁶ God wants us to reject everything and anything that would destroy our right to Heaven.¹²⁷ His desire is that our souls be preserved by obedience to His Word. All proud murmurings, complaining, self-seeking, and worldly desires, which are sin, have vanished.¹²⁸ We need to constantly remember that the highest kind of life, the loftiest kind of life is the life which is lived for God, the life lived by those obedient to His will.¹²⁹ The mature Christian has lost all things to gain God in Jesus, the Trinity.¹³⁰ He is extremely satisfied that God is fulfilling His purpose within him. He now has perfect rest, the true 365-day-a-year Sabbath. Nothing internal or external can tempt him away from being God's temple.¹³¹ The child of God abides by a will which is united with the Lord's will.¹³² By the fire he receives from the cross he is greatly motivated to constantly be filled with God's strength, the Spirit of God in God's Word.¹³³ His spirit is now able to control his emotions because God's Spirit in his spirit gives him the power to do it.¹³⁴ His walk is steady and is the same daily. There is no such thing as one day up and the next day down with the Christian who walks by faith in God's Word. He is at peace and at rest.¹³⁵ God works in and through him, and he knows it.¹³⁶ To accomplish this, he realizes he must keep his old life nailed to the cross on a daily basis, and by policing himself, that is, by making sure of it, he grows in the spiritual realm of God in Jesus daily.¹³⁷ We must never again be ruled by our emotions, such as self-thought, our reasoning, our feelings, our purpose, or our will, if our desire is to enter Heaven and live there eternally.¹³⁸ We must put to death such sinful affections.¹³⁹

We have a former condition and a present condition.¹⁴⁰ Hopefully your present condition is being at rest with God.¹⁴¹ That is, hopefully you've managed, by God's power, to put the old, sinful life of yours to death with Christ on the cross so that you can be resurrected into the new life, which is the godly life, and be at rest or in Sabbath with Jesus, letting Him continue His life and work both in and through you on earth.¹⁴² If so, you are no longer living in the confusion of your feelings, your emotions, you are now focused on Jesus, watching in prayer.¹⁴³

When we grow to the fullness of the stature of Jesus, we will find that what we have given up of the world in exchange for Jesus was nothing more than dung,¹⁴⁴ and that as a reward, God has given us millions of more things, things that are Godly and wholesome, things that are good for us.¹⁴⁵

Sometimes God allows us to go through many sorrows because our souls needed the fire, the cutting of the cross in order to enter Heaven.¹⁴⁶ Without our lives being totally committed to God, our souls are self-seeking.¹⁴⁷ Our unregenerated souls want too many things that are hurtful to a life which is supposed to be lived for the Lord. Our carnal selves seek many things that are outside God's will.¹⁴⁸ This type of self-seeking action must be cut off or severed by our becoming born again of the Holy Spirit.¹⁴⁹ Once we have given up our own life to the cross, we are able to enjoy the bliss of God within, even though we live in a world filled with doubting, unregenerated, and wicked people.¹⁵⁰ We are to not lose sight of God even though satanic spirits are living all around us.¹⁵¹ We must be obedient to God's Word. We must never go beyond the boundaries God has set for us in His Word if our desire is to spend eternity in bliss with God and to have the bliss of the knowledge of Him living in us today.¹⁵²

ARE YOU HOLDING SOMETHING BACK?

Some people live for God, but also live for self. These love the Lord, yet love themselves as well. Their intention and purpose is to serve God, yet they desire to exalt themselves and live lives of glory, self-pleasure, and self-comfort.¹⁵³ This sort of existence is a defiled existence.¹⁵⁴ These individuals walk by faith a little, but walk by feelings a lot. He follows the Spirit sometimes, but most of the time he follows his flesh, his feelings. He doesn't keep the majority for himself, but the small amount he holds back is defilement to him, by God's judgment, just as it was with Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11.¹⁵⁵ Only that which God deems pure is Godly.¹⁵⁶ Any other doctrine mixed in with the Bible is filthy and accursed.¹⁵⁷

When we live the cross life, we will experience a divine life of purity, holiness, and perfection.¹⁵⁸ Everything will be for God, and nothing will be for self outside of what God has given us. Even the slightest desire outside of what God gives us must be nailed to the cross with Jesus.¹⁵⁹ Self-love must be nailed there as well.¹⁶⁰ The believer's

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sole reason for existence is to do the will of God. Everything that matters to him is geared to please God. Obeying God is his only purpose.¹⁶¹ It never matters to him how he feels. The only thing that matters to him is that he obeys God, not half-heartedly, but with all of his heart, his soul, his mind, and his strength.¹⁶² This is the true meaning of what it means to walk in the Spirit.¹⁶³ When God, for his obedience, gives him peace, comfort, and bliss, he knows this has nothing to do with what his human nature desires. He now sees everything as God sees it. With joy, he has put an end to his old, sinful life.¹⁶⁴ God has given him the highest life in the universe—the life of God.¹⁶⁵

By God's life living in him, he has been able to put an end to the destructive life of sin that he was living.¹⁶⁶ By his obedience to the Spirit of God living in him, by faith, the Spirit, the life of God, began building up in him for more power, experience, and maturity.¹⁶⁷ That which was the worldly, sinful life was destroyed, but that which is spiritual was established in his new life by God's life resurrecting him further and further into God's life.¹⁶⁸

THE PLACE TO ESCAPE

The world population at large knows that the world can't go on any longer. Billions of people are attempting to escape the reality of what they see in the world today by committing suicide, by taking drugs, alcohol, and many other things you already know of. This is what their feelings tell them to do. Human feelings and reasonings destroy people's bodies, lives, and souls.¹⁶⁹ People are even going so far as to delve into black magic and witchcraft, something even found in children's Satan-inspired books, hoping they will

find something to satisfy their souls in it. They are running from one dead end to the other. They are into music, sports, food, worldly education and knowledge, travel, and unlawful sex. Lately, the majority of the world's people are full of dread from the things happening here on earth.¹⁷⁰

The devil and the world system will tell you there are millions of ways out, but the devil and the world are lying to you, and are condemned.¹⁷¹ Obedience to God's Word alone is the only way out, your only escape to safety.¹⁷² God's Spirit through Solomon states, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). "Lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him [God], and He shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

Cease from living your life according to your feelings, worldly knowledge, understanding, and worldly wisdom, and seek only the instruction, the knowledge, and the wisdom of God.¹⁷³ "Take fast hold of [God's] instruction;

let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life" (Prov. 4:13).¹⁷⁴ Cease from leaning unto your own understanding, or on anyone else's understanding except God's. Human reasoning creates things to believe in that are simply not true.^{174a} It is folly to the fool when he is told that God living in Jesus is also living in those of us who are saved. The Spirit in the Word teaches us to become nothing, because God chooses "things which are not, to bring to nought things that are" (I Cor. 1:28).^{174b} We must learn not to glory in the flesh, but to glory in the Lord.¹⁷⁵ "Cast all your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully" (I Pet. 5:7, orig. Gk.). Step out of your dark world of feelings into God's world, the world of light and eternal life.¹⁷⁶ Don't wait any longer. Do it immediately. The Lord is standing before you right now, urging you to open your heart and let Him in.¹⁷⁷ Let Him enter your spirit now by saying this prayer:

170 Psa. 23, 5:8; Luke 21:26; II Tim. 3:1-5; II Pet. 3:3 171 Eccl. 9:5; Matt. 7:14, 13:19; John 8:44; I Cor. 3:19-20; Eph. 5:11; II Pet. 3:10-13; I John 2:17, 4:1-6; Rev. 12:9; 20:10 172 Ex. 19:5; I Sam. 15:22-23; Psa. 23, 5:8; Prov. 1:33, 19:16; Nah. 1:3; Luke 6:47-48, 11:28, 12:37-38; John 14:23, 15:10-11, 14-15; Rom. 6:13-14, 16, 19-23; I John 2:5-6, 17; Rev. 22:7, 14 173 Prov. 1:7, 33, 2:5-8, 5:1-2, 7:1-4, 8:1-17; II Pet. 3:17-18 174a Prov. 2:1-11, 3:6-8, 11-23, 4:4-13, 20-22, 5:23, 6:23, 10:17 174b Psa. 2:1-5, 9-11 174c Psa. 9:12 175 Rom. 15:6, I Cor. 1:29, 6:13-14, 20; Gal. 6:13-14, I Pet. 1:24 176 John 6:68, 8:12, 10:27-28, 11:9-10; Acts 26:18; Rom. 13:12; I Pet. 2:9-10 177 Psa. 95:7; Prov. 1:23; John 14:23; Rev. 3:20

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.² I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.³ I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit⁴ and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁵ I open up the door of my heart and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.⁶ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.⁷ You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus, You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.⁸ Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁹ Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁰ And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.¹¹

1. Psa. 51:5; Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2. Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54; Luke 1:30-33; John 9:35-37; Rom. 1:3-4 3. Acts 4:12, 20:28; Rom. 3:25; I John 1:7; Rev. 5:9 4. Psa. 16:9-10; Matt. 28:5-7; Mark 16:9; 12, 14; John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25; Acts 2:24, 3:15; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:3-7 5. Luke 22:69; Acts 2:25-36; Heb. 10:12-13 6. I Cor. 3:16; Rev. 3:20 7. Eph. 2:13-22; Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20:21; I John 1:7; Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8. Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:21, 4:12; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14 9. Matt. 21:22; John 6:35, 37-40; Rom. 10:13 10. Heb. 11:6 11. John 5:14, 8:11; Rom. 6:4; I Cor. 15:10; Rev. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of au-

thority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the Church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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161 Gen. 18:19; Ex. 19:5; I Sam. 15:22-23; Psa. 103:17-18, 20-21, 119:2, 4-5; Isa. 1:19; I Tim. 6:14, 18; Heb. 13:16; I John 5:2-3, 2:3-6, 17 162 Deut. 6:5-7, 11:13-15, 13:4; Josh. 22:5; Luke 10:25-28 163 Deut. 6:25; Rom. 8:1-6; Gal. 5:16-18, 24-25; Col. 3:1-4 164 Matt. 10:39; 16:24-25; John 12:25; Rom. 6:6, 22-23, 8:12-13, 35-36; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:21-23, 3:5; Titus 2:12; Rev. 12:11 165 John 3:16-17, 36, 5:25, 6:27, 17:2-3; Rom. 6:22-23; Gal. 2:19-20; Titus 1:2-3 166 John 14:16-20, 26-27; Rom. 8:10; I Cor. 15:57; II Cor. 5:15-21; Eph. 3:16-21; Philp. 4:13; Col. 3:1-16; I Pet. 2:9-10, 4:1-5; II Pet. 1:3-4; I John 4:4, 5:4 167 Acts 20:32; Col. 2:6-7, 9-10; I Pet. 2:5; Jude 20-21 168 Rom. 6:4-13, 7:4-6, 8:10-11; II Cor. 5:17-18; Eph. 2:1-7, 4:13-16; Col. 2:12-14 169 Gen. 6:5-7; Deut. 7:4, 9-10, 28:15-68; Prov. 14:12, 16:18, 25; Rom. 6:23, 8:5-7; Rev. 21:8

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