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## AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### GOD'S PLAN

In our recent readings in Chronicles and Ezekiel, we have perceived God's plan - His pattern for His people.

This morning we have read of Solomon as he became king over Israel after David's death;

"... Solomon... was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly."  
II Chronicles 1:1.

At that time, the tabernacle and the altar were at Gibeon, and the ark was in a tent at Jerusalem about ten miles apart. God's plan for the altar and the ark was given to Moses in Mount Sinai:

"... let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shewed thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.  
And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount."  
Exodus 25:8-9,40.

God's plan for His sanctuary required that the altar and the ark were to be in His dwelling place, rather than being ten miles apart.

David, when he became king after Saul's death, meditated:

"... I dwell in an house of cedar (in Jerusalem), but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains."  
II Samuel 7:2.

The Almighty spoke to David, that he, being a man of blood, should not build Him a temple, but when he died, Solomon his son would build the temple. No doubt David sorrowed that he should not build it, but submitted to God's will, and accumulated the materials for the temple, according to the pattern given him by God. He then encouraged Solomon:

"Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the house thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit....

Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD."

I Chronicles 28:10-13.

David said unto all the congregation:

"... I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God....

Moreover, because I have set my affections to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house."

I Chronicles 29:2-3.

David prepared according to God's pattern, so that Solomon would be ready to build the house. For example:

"... the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."

I Kings 6:7.

The stones were all cut and numbered, starting with the cornerstone, and the rest of the stones according to God's pattern would be "fitly framed together" as we read in Ephesians - God's pattern accomplished by the Lord Jesus:

"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 2:18-22.

As Solomon finished the building of the house of God according to His pattern.

"... all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark,  
And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, those did the priests and the Levites bring up."  
II Chronicles 5:4-5.

The altar and the ark were joined together in the house of the LORD according to His pattern:

"... for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God."  
II Chronicles 5:14.

Solomon and Israel rejoiced as the glory of God filled the house, built in accordance with God's pattern, given in writing to David (I Chronicles 28:19).

Solomon and Israel followed God's pattern for a period of time, but turned away from the divine pattern, to follow their own plans. Solomon turned away in his heart through his love for his many wives, and made temples for the worship of their idols. In time, Israel ended as a nation, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the temple of God was reduced to rubble by Nebuchadnezzar in 588 BC.

The Almighty sent Ezekiel to the captives in Babylon to encourage them, revealing His purpose, His pattern. He would lead them in the hope of salvation from their captivity IF they would conform to His plan rather than their own. We have read of God's message through Ezekiel:

"In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten; in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame (building) of a city on the south.

And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.” Ezekiel 40:1-4.

After 25 years of captivity, Ezekiel was shown a vision of God’s temple to be built according to God’s pattern revealed. Also in the vision, there was shown a line of flax and a measuring reed, which would insure that the temple would be built properly and according to God’s pattern. The Almighty revealed to those in captivity that the temple which had been destroyed would be established in God’s time and according to God’s pattern.

Another of God’s prophets, Zechariah, was shown God’s temple to be built:

“I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with measuring line in his hand.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ...

After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.” Zechariah 2:1,8-9,12-13.

God being “raised up out of His holy habitation” in this vision of the “measuring line” (used in the building of His house), was the assurance that it would be built, even though it lay in ruins at the

time of Ezekiel for 25 years, and at the time of Zechariah for 69 years.

The visions of David, Solomon (although at the end of his life he departed from God's pattern). Ezekiel, and Zechariah looked forward to God's promise that His kingdom and His house will come to pass when it is His time. Ezekiel spoke as he revealed God's pattern:

"... The name of the city from that day shall be, **The LORD is there.**"  
Ezekiel 48:35.

The Hebrew for "The LORD is there" is Jehovah Shammah - God is Peace, establishing Jerusalem as the City of Peace.

In God's time, He sent His Son Jesus Christ, in accordance with His plan, His pattern, to fulfill the means of redemption for those who strive to glorify God, according to His gospel - the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived for 33 years, always submitting to God's word and purpose. He was tempted, but never failed, never sinned, as He fulfilled all righteousness on the cross as he cried out in victory:

"... It is finished" (John 19:30).

And further recorded by Luke:

"... Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the spirit." Luke 23:46.

He was the only one who never failed, never sinned; rather, He lived and died unblemished, according to the pattern, the plan of God. All others have or will fail. Those who strive to follow God's pattern, but fail, can be forgiven through the mercy of God, IF there is repentance - such as the publican in God's temple seeking God's mercy:

"... standing afar off, (he) would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke 18:13.

Jesus spoke further:

“... for every one that exalteth himself (Pharisee) shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself (publican) shall be exalted.”  
Luke 18:14.

The Lord Jesus humbled himself perfectly as He ultimately died upon the cross, never having failed to glorify God - fulfilling His plan, His purpose, His pattern.

Brethren and Sisters, we succumb, failing often; yet God in His mercy and grace has provided a means of forgiveness, as Jesus said to Peter and His disciples:

“... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whosoever will save his life (flesh), shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life (flesh) for my sake shall find it.  
For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”  
Matthew 16:24-25,27.

We have the word of God nigh unto us, revealing his purpose, His pattern, His plan. Let us strive to be a part of that pattern, remembering that Jesus warned:

“... for many are called, but few chosen.” Matthew 20:16.

And He added:

“... behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.  
Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gate into the city.”  
Revelation 22:12,14.

We hope and pray for a place in that city!

“... and the name of the city from that day shall be, **The LORD is there**”  
Ezekiel 48:35.

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**“HOLINESS BECOMETH THINE HOUSE”  
PSALM 93:5**

In our subject of study, the focus of David’s praise is directed to God in thanksgiving, lending instructions to us how we today may also worship Him acceptably:

“Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD for ever.” Psalm 93:5.

As used here, the word “holiness” means “to be clean, sacred, or set apart”, while the word “becometh” means, “to be beautiful or comely, and the word “house” is of course a building, but also refers to children or a place of family.

At the end of His purpose, the house of God will be comprised of all those through the ages, whom God has called unto His Truth. His desire is that they endeavor to be holy as He is during their time of probation:

“And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

Exodus 19:3-6.

David’s contemplation of the place of God in man’s life is brought to light here particularly in the instructions to endeavor to be holy or separate, in order to serve Him as He called Israel to be His particular treasure. He gave them His word to obey and made a covenant with them in order to set them apart from other nations. By giving them His law, He taught them the difference between the holy and the profane that they might endeavor to cleave unto Him and His ways. By perceiving the spirit contained within the law,

they were being taught of Christ - the mercy and love within His word - not just blind obedience to the letter.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel,  
and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your  
God am holy.”  
Leviticus 19:1-2.

To be holy is the goal for His children to work towards - to leave behind the wickedness of the flesh inherent in all men and be part of His house, built upon the sure foundation of the Lord Jesus. Christ is the anchor, which makes the house possible - the only means of approach unto God.

As David says in the first part of verse 5 in Psalm 93, “Thy testimonies are very sure:” - His word cannot fail, just as He has promised, so it will be fulfilled. In mercy He has left direction how to obtain eternal holiness - through obedience to His word as perfectly done by His Son.

God called Israel out of the world in order to separate them to a life of holiness living within His law. How important it was to focus on their unique position, to be known as His children, just as Paul wrote to the brethren at Corinth:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:  
for what fellowship hath righteousness with  
unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with  
darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part  
hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?  
For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I  
will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their  
God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,  
saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will  
receive you.

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and  
daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

II Corinthians 6:14-18.

Being separate is a life's work for those endeavoring to be pleasing to God. They must condemn their flesh every day, putting its wants and demands in subjection, in order to be found holy at the judgment seat of Christ. Those striving to attain unto that end are given a vision of the eternal habitation promised:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:1-4.

This is New Jerusalem - the Bride, the Lamb's wife, prepared through a life of yielding to His word, to be now worthy of her husband and eternally holy as He is, and at one with the Father.

How important it is that we focus upon that union between Christ and His people, as did David, when he wrote Psalm 93 in praise of the Almighty for this hope of life. To endeavor to be holy and separate from the flesh is the only way to truly serve Him, as David wrote:

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Psalm 29:2.

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## INVENTIONS

“---When they knew God, they glorified him not as God  
--- but became vain in their imaginations --- inventors  
of evil things. ---” Romans 1:21 & 30.

As the years go by inventive knowledge greatly increases, thoughtful minds may well ask the question, “What is all this leading to?”

Certainly the invention of nuclear power has brought about great fear. Great cleverness has brought about its production, but are men wise enough to bring about the control of their human nature? What a definition of failure is listed by the Apostle Paul:-

“--- they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,  
God gave them over to a reprobate mind.  
--- Being filled with all unrighteousness --- without natural  
affection, implacable, unmerciful ---”

Romans 1:28-29 & 31.

As the World of Invention prospers, the thoughtful mind may well exclaim “What does the future hold out for us?!” A recent ruminating report in the media was very thought provoking. We will herewith give some quotations from the Press.

“--- scientists are winning the global arms race to engineer a robot air force to fight wars of the future --- using state-of-the-art remote control technology, pilotless drones took off --- to display their stealth capability --- a host of --- companies attended the first international air show in the Gulf State. --- Aerospace showed off --- a fully automated aircraft that can carry weaponry and intelligence gathering equipment over vast distances --- the pilotless drones are so sophisticated they can even alert troops when their on-board sensors detect roadside earth has been disturbed to plant an improvised explosive device. Scientists have kitted out the aircraft with high-powered electronic wizardry that removes the need for a pilot or operator to control the drone from the ground. This is the future of warfare. ---”

To talk of warfare that is yet to come, and at such a technological time, does not convey happiness, does it? Oh, how merciful is the Father in Heaven, to convey through His Word, that God through Jesus Christ, His Saviour, will send deliverance to this suffering world. To the faithful comes the Heavenly assurance:-

“And the God of peace shall bruise (or tread) Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Amen.” Romans 16:20

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**“...TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL”**

**I Corinthians 10:12**

Paul reminded his brethren in Corinth:

“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.

But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”

I Corinthians 10:1-5.

God’s guidance and mercy led the twelve tribes when they left their slavery in Egypt. The cloud and the fire directed their way; but they rebelled against God and Moses. They refused to enter the promised land, and as a result, they wandered in the wilderness; over six hundred thousand died in the wilderness.

Paul further reminded his brethren in Corinth:

“Now these things were our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” I Corinthians 10:6,11.

Paul continued to warn his brethren how their fathers fell in the wilderness because they failed to take heed to God’s commandments, but rather did what their flesh desired.

John spoke of the lusts of the flesh:

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

I John 2:15-17.

The lusts that are in all of us, being flesh, can make us feel we are standing fast, but in reality they can cause a falling away from our love for God. Paul continued to warn his brethren in Corinth:

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

I Corinthians 10:12.

One who thinks with the lusts of the flesh, may feel that he is pleasing to God, but rather, he is pleasing himself. The Lord Jesus referred to His parable concerning such a situation:

“... he spake ... unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14.

To be justified is to be righteous. Such has been judged innocent because he has humbled himself, and recognizes that he, like all men (except the Lord Jesus) is a sinner. The publican sought mercy and grace, and was justified. He knew how great was his need for mercy and forgiveness. The Pharisee, however, exalted himself - loving self rather than loving God, and in need of His mercy. We all fail, we all fail! No one in the flesh is perfect; none can think he “standeth.”

God is pleased and helps those who seek His mercy and grace, as Paul reminded his brethren:

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.”

I Corinthians 10:13,15.

Let us heed Jesus’ words, to which we so often refer:

“... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and he shall reward every man according to his works.”

Matthew 16:24,27.

Let us stand “afar off” from self, praying that God will be merciful to all those who are striving to submit to Him.

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## GOD IS A SPIRIT

From our recent portions in John, we read of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. She was not a Jew worshipping the God of Israel, but still she perceived Jesus as a prophet.

The "Samaritans" were brought in from various locations to tend the land left empty when the ten tribes were taken into captivity and transported to Assyria:

"And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they **feared not the LORD**: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let them teach them the manner of the God of the land."

II Kings 17:24-25,27.

The king of Assyria brought in a Hebrew priest to teach the Samaritans the Jewish faith. Just teaching the Word was not enough - for it was not sought in the right spirit. The Samaritans served God in form only, for they continued to follow after the ways of the false gods from their own native lands. They were not His children:

"So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel."

II Kings 17:32-34.

Because of this history, the Jews viewed the Samaritans not as brethren but as false usurpers of their land and had no contact with

them. This is why this Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus, a Jew, would request a drink from her hand. He spoke plainly to her, revealing her false position as not worshipping the true God of Israel:

“Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:21-24.

When we look up this word for “spirit” we find it defined as “a current of air or to breathe”. We cannot see the air, but it is everywhere around us - ever present, like God, filling both heaven and earth. We know too what God is like and what He requires of us, from His word, which Paul describes as:

“...is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12.

Because He is a Spirit, nothing can be hid from His sight. Here is help for us as well in order to worship Him acceptably. He knows our thoughts, our cares, even before we can express them verbally. Does this insight help us in the struggle to curb our thoughts and emotions, so that what is pleasing to God, is always foremost in our minds?

Many mentioned in the scriptures, recorded as examples for our help, walked in faith, believing that God was a Spirit, near at hand and would answer their prayers, as they walked honestly before Him:

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11:6.

Noah was one who walked in faith - contrary to the vast majority of people during his day. God looked upon the earth that

He had created and was grieved for the wickedness of men:

“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Genesis 6:3,5-6.

God looked for those who worshipped Him in spirit and found but one man, Noah:

“And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

Genesis 6:7-8.

It was that same spirit of obedience and desire to worship God acceptably, which sustained Noah for one hundred and twenty years, as he and his family built the ark as God commanded.

Our cities today are filled with violence. Life is not precious to young gangs who roam the streets, causing terror to those weaker than they. Many elderly in urban areas stay indoors at night for fear. We also see political corruption on all levels. There is no leadership undertaken for the good of common people, but rather for the power, prestige and personal wealth their positions can bring to themselves. Yet this should be no surprise, for the flesh unrestrained has always been capable of such wickedness - even in the early days of creation, at the time of Noah:

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”

Genesis 6:11-13

The Lord Jesus prophesied that at the time of his Second

Coming, the state of mankind would be as it was in the days of Noah - a time full of wickedness:

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Matthew 24:37-39.

For 120 years Noah and his family continued to build the ark - obeying God through faithful works - displaying their belief in God for all to witness.

Paul speaks of this same spirit and faith, which should be found within each of us:

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

II Corinthians 3;17-18.

We can see what is reflected in that glass or mirror, as taught by His word. Do we see that same spirit within us? As we look within ourselves, we are to develop a spirit of faith, subjection and obedience in order to become a true reflection of His light - a life's work:

“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.”

II Corinthians 4:8-10.

As we are privileged to partake of this same precious word, we can be fed daily with the spiritual food necessary to sustain our continued growth in Him.

Let us endeavor Brethren and Sisters to diligently study and display faithful works, in order to reflect a spirit pleasing to Him in all aspects of our living.

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## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

“This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves - - - blasphemers, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, unthankful, unholy.”

2 Timothy 3:2.

The deterioration in human behaviour of these times is really a great sign! Cruel violence in various places, and unafraid blasphemy in certain quarters of some cities is the coming to pass of what the Apostle Paul warned. We will quote from the media some striking news comments, as herewith follows:-

“Persistent criminals could escape justice under plans allowing prosecutors to overlook low-level offences, it was revealed. - - - The new guidelines could see offenders being let off if court action is not thought “proportionate” to their crimes - even if there is overwhelming evidence. It is the biggest change in prosecution guidance for ninety years.”

The multiplication of misdemeanours, as indicated by this report shows the deterioration in human behaviour. Things get worse causing us to reflect upon warning events of the past that we can consider, as we read God’s word. Think of what the prophet Isaiah witnessed to:-

“Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.”  
Isaiah 1:9.

History, concerning Sodom, reveals that, as human behaviour there greatly deteriorated, the Holy Father in heaven looked down and at a culminating time acted to judge and take away the people of such wrong doing. This is a lesson from the past, which the people of the world of our time do not take sufficient appreciation of. We will quote some more striking references from the media:-

“Under the code being drawn up - - - officials will decide if a case passes a PROPORTIONALITY test. The new rules will apply to crimes ranging from fraud, to theft, shoplifting, minor assault and criminal damage. They are being

introduced to balance the cost of time involved in bringing a prosecution against the seriousness of a crime and the harm it has caused. - - - This is another blow for those who believe that criminals should be punished. - - - Recent cases which might never have gone to trial under the new system include that of a seventy one year old appearing in court on assault charges after prodding a teenager - - - when stones were thrown at her home."

The behaviour of children and those of teenage is causing some concern. Note a further significant report:-

"Every day - - - children are admitted to hospital after drinking enough alcohol to make them seriously ill. - - - Figures were released as it was also revealed that children as young as eleven are downing almost two bottles of wine or eight pints of beer each week - more than the recommended limit for an adult woman. - - - Hospital casualty departments are literally picking up the pieces of excessive drinking with police resources stretched by loutish behaviour."

The media declares that there is an alcohol epidemic in Britain. The stresses of human modern day life has caused a doubling of drink-related deaths, and that white-collar workers are more likely to consume alcohol every day than the working classes. Overall thirty nine per cent of men and thirty one per cent of women exceed the sensible drinking limit. A great concern about this situation is seen in the media comment:-

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CHANGE PEOPLE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DRINK."

So is coming to pass that which the Word of God warns us of. It is a sign of the return of the Lord Jesus from Heaven, to be THE PRINCE OF PEACE to save a failing world from "perilous times" which scripture warns will need Heavenly intervention.

**NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR APRIL 2010**

Hamburg, NEW YORK, Corner Southwestern Blvd. & Pleasant Avenue.

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Thursday: Bible Class 3:30pm; Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

We continue to receive inquiries from Christadelphians as to our stand for the Truth and from others who request information about God's plan for the earth. We rejoice that God allows us to witness to the mystery of the Gospel. This work gives us hope and sustains our faith as we await the return of the Lord Jesus.

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**MANCHESTER**

Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

The year moves on to the Springtime. Oh, how over-ruling is the stability from the Father in Heaven, which gives comfort to those who look for an ultimate finality to all the wonder of the creation.

A Kingdom from Heaven which will bring about that which will deliver this good earth from all the ills of mans' failing rule as constituted in the present world's arrangement of nations.

That we can still witness to this, which is our Hope, is God's condescending Blessing to us.

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