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## **Minutes From the July Women's Meeting**

The women met Saturday July 13th at Sharon Bauman's home.

Rebecca gave the worship and read an account of a miracle happening when a woman lost her contact while hiking and how the power of prayer worked in that incident.

The donations for the Graceland nurses pantry will continue until Aug. 25th - that next week we will take them to Graceland University.

It was decided to purchase toiletries such as Kleenex, paper towels, etc. to be taken to the G.U. from the women's dept.

We watched Heavenly Messenger, part #9 presented at Living Hope R.B. last October, 2023. This was on *Understanding the Compassion of Christ*.

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## **The Indwelling Spirit**

The works of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer by Andrew Murray.

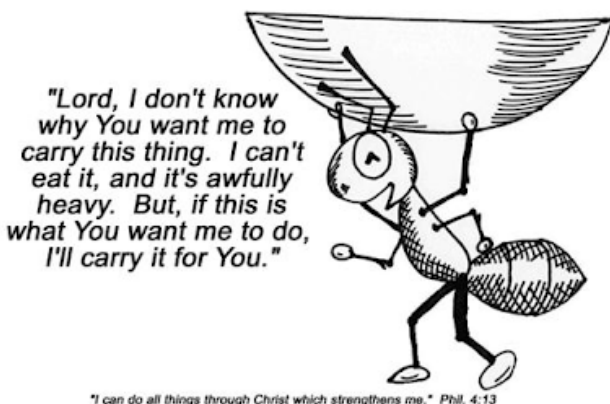
Published by Bethany House, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2006

This book of 286 pages has 31 chapters and contains insights on many aspects of the Holy Spirit's work in the Christian's life. It covers baptism of the Spirit, worshiping in Spirit and in truth, the indwelling Spirit, the Spirit is given to the obedient, knowing the Spirit, liberty of the Spirit, the Spirit of prayer, the unity of the Spirit and more.

The original book was written in the 1880's, the language has been revamped to today vernacular. Andrew Murray was a missionary and prolific writer. Many have at least one of his books, and this is one to have.#

## **Great Truths Children Have Learned**

- No matter how hard you try, you cant baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back, they always catch the second person.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.#



***Humility opens the door to knowledge, pride closes it.***  
(Mark Swanson, Zion's Ridge reunion, June 11, 2024.)

# Heavenly Messenger

Continued from last months issue

## God Initiates All Spiritual Growth

Our Lord's timing but we are to ask, seek, and knock. This is one of the major points of the Heavenly Messenger to Gary and what he has repeatedly mentioned.

### Part Three

*Understanding the Compassion of Christ*

Some of the major points brought were:

- ◆ Gary shared the **incident last class** of being taken by the H.M. to Jerusalem during Passover and the sacrificing done. He said there was so much blood that not all of it was taken by the priests into the temple but was poured over the wall into the river, which ran red with blood for a long time. He then shared the type/shadow of the Spirit of God will flow through out the world like a flood...We are on the verge of these prophecies coming about. Unless you are prepared for the harvest it's only a mental exercise. Are we prepared?
- ◆ One thing we all have in common — **Brokenness.**
- ◆ **Faith** = is the power of creation to make the invisible become real (visible).
- ◆ **Jesus in us:** nothing was made without Jesus. There is faith in Jesus, not that we have faith all the time but there is faith resonate in the Messiah. It is the faith of Jesus, the faith that resonates in Jesus that we need, we need Jesus in us. The goal is not to be like Jesus but to have Jesus live inside of us. This is a clear and precious faith that He offers to us when we make covenant. Because of what Jesus has done for us He has opportunity to live inside of us.

- ◆ **God initiates all spiritual growth:** we know this but, the question is **when?** When do you recognize it? There are certain pivotal points where we recognize God is doing something in a way that changes everything.
- ◆ **God doesn't just want us**—He wants everything of us, in such a way that we will release everything that we think we have so He can replace it with something a thousand times better.
- ◆ **What is our identity?** Is it to have Jesus in us? Dependence on Jesus?
- ◆ **Be a beacon of hope:** mercy, justice and judgment have to be understood in the days ahead because what the world needs is compassion, led by God's Spirit to meet the needs that will take place in the world. God has set everything in motion for you and I to be instruments of compassion. Don't just sit there and watch it happen. If you want to be a beacon of hope you must understand the nature between mercy, justice and judgment.
- ◆ **Mercy, Justice, Judgment:** a thorough understanding of how this trio works can be gleaned from the following scriptures: Alma chapters 16-19 esp. 19:79-80, 15:55 and 77-78, 16:215-217, 19:105, 9:55, 16:135, 19:81-114. This trio of spiritual power is tied together. They are not individual entities, they bond to each other.

What has God not done for us because of the hardness of our hearts? Repentance is aligning ourselves with His Word, it's based on God's word, not what we feel. Repentance activates mercy, Jesus stands between us and Justice and God sees us and judges us through Jesus.

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# Heavenly Messenger

**Mercy, Justice, Judgment** continued:

If we want to have mercy extended to us we need to learn to repent. When we truly repent from our heart it opens a portal for all the value and power of mercy to be extended to us. Mercy is not an emotional value that God has. Those that repent can claim mercy.

The divine pattern is that when we repent it opens up His mercy which has a tremendous value to us, otherwise we are subject to the justice that is around us. Repentance is the key to mercy.

Christ has all mercy and when He sees we are repentant He can move in our life in a way that is not just to be forgiven.

When mercy is activated judgment and justice have to line up together again. When someone finds themselves needing to be cleansed and the Lord hears it and responds to it, justice opens its value up to that person. Mercy will not over-power justice.

Our righteousness is in Christ, allow Jesus to stand in such a way as to release mercy to us.

- ♦ **Spiritual Warfare**—we have no idea what goes on spiritually all around us and in us.
- ♦ **God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is in everything.** Why do we pray *God send us your Spirit?* We should be praying: *help us perceive where God is*, acknowledging the reality of what He is doing, what is not seen—aka faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to be the driving force of your life.

## A few of my own thoughts:

- ♦ Earl Curry in his Study of Spirituality says: *The Holy Spirit is the enabler of our wills.*

- ♦ I believe that repentance is a gift because true repentance brings about mercy, Jesus' mercy and we are made whole on this side of the vale so we don't carry those sins on to the other side and have to deal with them then. See Alma 16:232. The same spirit we leave this life having aka character, attitude, spiritual wounds—we take with us to the other side.

To be continued next month with the final class.#

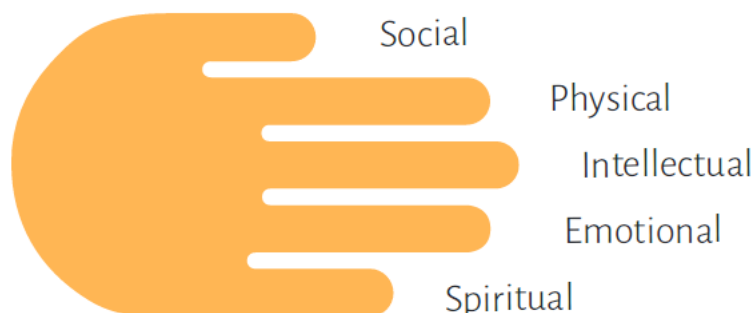
## Barbara's Testimony

One night last month I put a fleece out for the Lord as I had made a decision, something I wondered if it was okay to do. Not wanting to *run before the Lord* I asked for an answer to my prayer in a very specific way so I would know, without a doubt it was His answer not my own desire or thinking. I also asked that He take this away until He gave me the answer. It quickly left my mind.

I got up the next a.m. and went about my day until the afternoon when I thought *I put out a fleece to the Lord, didn't i? What was the fleece? What was it I wanted and prayed about?* I couldn't remember either. I thought and thought but, nothing came to my mind. Then I prayed and asked the Lord if it was His will to bring to my mind what I was questioning Him about and what was my fleece. Immediately into my mind came both answers. I knew exactly what I had asked about and what the fleece was, there was no misunderstanding or interpretation on my part. His response to me was clear. I thanked Him not only for answering my question, reminding me immediately, but for His patience with me.#

*When all we want is the things Jesus wants, we can than do whatever we want because that's all He wants.*

## 5 Fingers are Needed to Grab Hold of the Rod of Iron



1. **Hear the Word**, Ps. 49:1, Matt.13:20-21, 1N4:41, Num. 12:5-6, Deut. 4:10.
2. **Read the Word**, Isa. 34:16, 1 Tim 4:13, Mi. 10:3, DC16:5.
3. **Study the Word**, 2Tim. 2:15, DC9:3, 10:10, 85:36, 3Ne.4:69.
4. **Commit the Word to Memory**, 1 Cor. 15:2. One way to memorize scripture is to repeat the scripture 6 times a day, 6 days a week, for 6 weeks. Why 6, you may ask? One day of rest!
5. **Ponder the Word**, with prayer and fasting. Grab the Word— means to do. James 1:21-25, Mi.10:3#

### Our next women's meeting

will be Saturday, August 10th at 1 p.m. at Sharon Bauman's home. We will watch and discuss the final class presented by Gary Hawley on *The Heavenly Messenger*.

To view any of these classes you can go to Living Hope Restoration Branch website, click on *classes* and scroll down till you find *Heavenly Messenger*. There are handouts available for printing as well. #

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## Twenty Good Reasons to Praise God for His Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit —

1. Comforts us. John 14:26, Acts 9:31
2. Convicts us of sin. John 16:8
3. Enables us to obey God. Rm 7:6
4. Guides us. John 16:13
5. Teaches us. John 14:26
6. Gives us power. Rm 15:13
7. Gives us spiritual gifts . Heb. 2:4
8. Sanctifies us. Rm 15:16
9. Helps us to pray. Rm 8:26
10. Brings us to Jesus. 1 Cor. 12:3
11. Makes us strong. Eph. 3:16
12. Raises us from the dead. 1Pet 3:18
13. Works miracles. Rm 15:19
14. Gives us words to say. Luke 12:12
15. Renews us. Titus 3:5
16. Helps us when we are weak. Rm. 8:26
17. Gives us knowledge and understanding. Isa.11:2
18. Gives us revelation and wisdom. Eph. 1:17
19. Reveals the things of God. 1 Cor. 2:10
20. Assures us that we are God's children. Rm 8:16#

*We're all in the same boat, we just need to figure out how to row in the same direction.* (A. Gross)

# ***I Saw the Face of God***

Marilyn Middleton, May, 2024

*I saw the face of God today  
I see it every day  
In so many common things  
As I pass along the way.*

*I saw the face of God today  
Did you see Him, too?  
Come, join me as we see  
He's in everything we do.*

*I see it in the big things  
I see it in the small  
It is there through all of nature  
When I listen to His call.*

*I see Him in the clouds  
So beautiful and grand  
Majestic, yet so whimsical  
Sculpted by His hand.*

*He is also in the rain and storms  
His awesome power shown  
Followed by a peace and calm  
That is sweet, when it is known.*

*Sometimes when the storm has passed  
God paints a rainbow bright  
To remind me of my covenant  
And set my path aright.*

*I see Him in the sunshine  
Lighting up the earth below  
Its rays are loving sunbeams  
Direct from God, I know.*

*I see Him in the heaven  
With the moon and stars so bright  
Master of the Universe  
So much is out of sight.*

*I see Him in all His creation  
Everything in sky and sea and land  
Each more miraculous than the other  
All appeared at His command.*

*I saw the face of God today  
In people that I know  
Their countenance reflects His love  
With a supernatural glow.*

*He created men in His image  
And sent Jesus, His Son, below  
To show us how to help each other  
To love and serve and grow.*

*The face of God is seen each day  
When an act of kindness, a smile say,  
Lightens a burden or trial  
And somebody offers to pray.*

*There are many ways to see  
The face of God, He's everywhere  
Look with your heart and it will be  
Easy to recognize His image there.*

*When I see the face of God  
I praise and honor Him anew  
I exalt His name above all  
For the love He show to me and you.#*

## Speak the Name of Jesus

(The following song was preformed at the POZ Sunday evening service June 16, 2024 — I found the words so very powerful.)

*In your hurting, In your sorrow  
I will ask my God to move.*

*I speak the name 'cause its all that I can do. In desperation, I'll seek heaven and pray this for you.*

*I pray for your healing, that circumstances will change.*

*I pray that the fear inside will fade, in Jesus name.*

*I pray that a breakthrough would happen today.*

*I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name.*

*I speak the name of all authority, declaring blessings, every promise He is faithful to keep*

*I speak the name no grave could ever hold.*

*He is greater -*

*He is stronger -*

*He is the God of possible!*

*I pray for your healing that circumstances will change.*

*I pray that the fear inside will fade, in Jesus name.*

*I pray that a breakthrough would happen today.*

*I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name.*

*Come believe it.*

*Come receive it.*

*Of the power of His Spirit is now forever yours.*

*Come believe it.*

*Come receive it.*

*In the mighty name of Jesus all things are possible.*

*I pray for your healing that circumstances will change.*

*I pray that the fear inside will fade, in Jesus name.*

*I pray that a breakthrough would happen today.*

*I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name.*

*I pray for revival, restoration of faith.*

*I pray that the day would come to life in Jesus name.*

*In Jesus name. In Jesus name.#*

## Benefits of Being Grateful

1. Opens doors to new things.
2. Improves physical and mental health.
3. Reduces aggression.
4. Improves self esteem
5. Improves mental strength.
6. Helps improve sleep.#

***Contention comes when we focus on ourselves. We build unity when we focus on Christ...The time for getting up and walking out is over, the time for digging in and working it out is here...Regarding D.C. 122:17b—do we desire to re-engage with the body? ...We make a choice to be long suffering with each other. We can react to how others treat us or we can react to how Christ has treated us... It's not the easy way out— it's the hard way through. It is what Jesus asks of us.*** Jason Anderson, POZ July, 2024.