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in earth, as it is in heaven.
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forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil: For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.

When God manifest himself within an atmosphere the environment changes as His presence is felt. This we must understand that when we yield our will to His will within that atmosphere that He will get the Glory!





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For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

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#### Manifestations:

#### Facing What's Seen and Not Seen

By Eunice A. Christian March 1, 2020

Matthew 11:27 ~ <sup>27</sup> All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him [God the Father].

Hebrews 11:1-3 ~ <sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

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#### **FOREWORD**

This article's theme is: *Manifestations*. As we are aware, manifestations in life are and can be both positive and negative, given the situation. As we also know, it is assuring to believe or have confidence when it comes to something that is seen or felt. The root word *manifest* means, in part: to show; make plain; reveal, develop, bring to fruition, or to materialize; the evidence. ~ The manifestation of snow made it obvious that the road became dangerous and slippery. ~ The manifestation of joy and excitement on the runners' faces spoke volumes as they crossed the finish line. Question: How strongly do you believe in what is to come compared to what you see? In other words, is it hard for you to believe in what you cannot see?

#### Faith

As Believers in Christ Jesus, there is and can be a great deal of comfort in knowing that something or someone exists (of course it depends on the situation). To see or feel evidence gives us confidence. However, for the most part, it is not the foundation of a spirit-filled faith life because requiring first to see or feel something does not require faith—this is obvious. One need not have much faith in the manifestation of something that is seen or felt. Yet, believing in what has not yet manifested is what our Lord and our God requires of us to do—it is His Will for us to have faith. Faith in believing in the gospel. Faith in believing that Jesus is His Son. Faith that Jesus is the Messiah; that He came and will come again to redeem His chosen, to spare our souls from damnation, while bringing judgment to those who denied Him. Faith that the scriptures were inspired by Him [God] to

serve as life's application to humanity. Faith that the Holy Spirit rests, rules, and abides with us and is our Comforter because His Son, Jesus, willingly gave His life on The Cross. When it comes to the evidence of our beliefs, God wants us to trust and believe in Him for all things seen and not seen according to the scriptures; for as it is written, without faith, it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6).

#### Acknowledge God and Our Lord Jesus

There are, of course, countless and immeasurable experiences when we should and must appropriately demonstrate wisdom and knowledge by wanting to first see the evidence or manifestation of something wanted or desired. God did not create His chosen to be foolish! One should demonstrate wisdom and knowledge applied appropriately, and not blindly subject oneself into a situation that is reckless, premature, or precarious. So the question is: How do we know when to step out on faith for something that is not yet seen? To have the answer to this question as it pertains to a multitude of scenarios is to be God—He is omniscient—so the answer is only God knows for sure. As Believers, our decision-making process should be based upon a close relationship with God; by drawing closer and trusting in His Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Relying on God for direction is all we can do; He is our all in all.

Jesus is the Light of the World; without Him we have no true sense of direction or purpose. Asking God under the power of the Holy Spirit to allow us to hear His voice more clearly can be one way to start. So acknowledge Him for who He is and what He is to you—to us all. Accept Him for the sovereign God that He Is. You may find that you have been hearing His voice all along. Hearing from God can be where you are right now. I am a believer that God the Father speaks to whom He wills. If you have doubts that you are hearing from God, know that He will not go against His Holy Word. It is imperative for our faith-walk to develop a relationship with the Creator. We should pray, fast, praise, listen, and obey the voice of God as He speaks to us through His Son; through the power and unction of the Holy Spirit.

#### Assuredly, I Say To You

Remember the two criminals—one on the left and one on the right of Jesus? (Luke 23) Remember the one who chastised the disrespectful criminal, and then turned to humbled himself to Jesus; admitting that he was getting what he felt he deserved? The humbled criminal asked Jesus to remember him as they were both hanging on their cross. That was enough for Jesus to say to him, Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43). Jesus did not rest on remembering this criminal, He took it further and told him that he will be with Him in Paradise that very day! For the unbeliever, a question: If God willingly gave His Son to us to be crucified for sins He never committed, why pass Him by? Why not see Him manifest in your life by acknowledging who He is? As Believers, we are Jesus' remnant, whether Jew or Gentile, and should believe in Him for His name's sake. If this criminal who asked of Jesus to be remembered was able to develop a soul-saving encounter with Jesus as they both hung on a cross, why not believe and receive that God can perform a miracle and a blessing your way too? Let Him into your life—glorify the Lord and our God. Seek the Comforter while the blood is still running warm in your veins. Let God arise, and praise Him so that the manifestations of His glory can come through.

#### When To Step Out or Wait

Many would like to start their own business—pick an industry (culinary, publication, a green job, etc.). However, does it mean that one lacks faith if he or she does not want to quit the 9-to-5 in order to do it? Would it be prudent to wait until the 9-to-5 provides the cushion for a sizable savings account, but demonstrate a lack of faith? One would say, Go for it if it is in your heart! God's gotcha!

Someone else would say, That's too risky; don't do it! The question is: What does our Lord and our God say? How does the manifestation of things seen and unseen impact the decisions you make? Do you exercise faith, discipline, and control? What has been your line of defense against the harmful manifestations in your life?

It is important to have faith, but faith without works is dead. We must activate a right relationship with God, knowing that He will not leave us nor forsake us. That while we are in this world, we are not of this world. That even if the things we desire do not manifest as we planned, we have the blessed assurance that Jesus is ours, for the Holy Bible informs us so. Jesus' death gives us life because God the Father planned it so. Furthermore, it is written that Jesus will have a place prepared for you and I—for those who believe. Remember, this world is not our home. The manifestations of things to come may not be as we think; but with God, all things are possible again to those who believe. So our spirit should yearn for the manifestations of prophesies that give us hope of things to come—to God be the glory.

#### **The Living Word**

Manifestations are prominent throughout the Living Word. From the Book of Genesis through the Book of Revelation, the Holy Bible reveals to us how God loves us so; this being manifest in the birth of Jesus, born of a virgin by the power of God the Father and the Holy Spirit. As Believers, we accept that Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection became manifest because the Creator and His love for the world declared it so, and through it all, even after what Jesus did for this world, it is not over. As it is written:

Revelations 22:12-17 ~ <sup>12</sup> And behold, I [Jesus] am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. <sup>16</sup> I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. <sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

#### The Will of the Father

Matthew 16:17 ~ <sup>16</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, *Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.* 

The manifestations of God are not evident to everyone. This is true because not everyone knows who God the Father is, nor His Son, nor the Holy Spirit. To know for oneself the manifestation of The Most High God, one's spirit would have to be quickened by the spirit of God. One should surely have a desire to acknowledge that God is real, that He is who He says He is. Importantly, for one to understand and receive the manifestation of God—that being that Jesus has come and will come again—such revelation has to be given by God the Father. Humans, while God's created vessels, are not in charge of God's Holy Spirit—God is in control at all times. Man is God's vessel to spread the gospel, and I believe He choses whom He wills to spread the gospel. Only the Lord and our God have the power to bring light (revelation) to the darkness (sinful state) of our lives; to cast down and bring up; to save, set free; thereby delivering us from the grips of hell.

Luke 10:21 ~ <sup>21</sup> In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, *I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.* 

Why do you think Jesus thanked His Father that not all received His Father's revelation? I think it is because Jesus knew the hearts of those who were wise and prudent in their own eyes, and

that they thought their intellect would be enough to get to heaven. Perhaps because Jesus knew that many of those who held astute positions lacked humility and were full of themselves to the point of believing they did not need to learn more about who Jesus is and what He meant to them. It could have been Jesus thanked His Father for hiding such a powerful revelation because He knew that they possessed hearts of stone; that their impression of Him were in contrast to who He is—their Messiah. Remember, there are many of God's chosen who still believe the Messiah has not yet come in spite of the writings of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

#### **Day of Judgment**

There will be many that will not believe until the day of judgment when all will have an account before the heavenly throne. If you believe in God's Holy Word, it is important to believe, and believe in it all the way. To wait for the prophesies of the Holy Bible to manifest before taking the Lord at His Word will be too late. Remember, we know not the day nor the hour of Jesus' return. If the Word of God declares certain actions as sinful states that will prevent one from entering into His kingdom, why take that chance, especially if you are convinced that God is real? Claim Him as Lord of all right now!

If it had not been for the Lord and our God who is on our side, where would we be? The answer is, in part, that we would be lost in our sinful state, bound for spiritual death. Yet, because Jesus, the Lamb of God, manifested as God in the flesh, having dwelt among man over a thousand year ago, even today, His spirit continues to bless us with His unfailing power which is being demonstrated through signs, miracles, and wonders—to those who the Father wills. Yet, even with all this, there will be many who are called, but will not receive His warnings of things to come. When Jesus comes again, the evidence of His manifestation will be beyond compare to anything this world has ever experienced before. Perhaps that is the problem for unbelievers; they cannot believe in someone like Jesus because they never saw Him. Unbelievers cannot fathom that the accounts of God's messengers; in particular, His apostles, are true. Unbelievers lack faith in the Creator and His Word, in part, because Jesus is the Word, and to believe in the Word means to also believe that He is the Son of God. There are many who simply will not believe.

John 20:24-29 ~ <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, *We have seen the Lord.* So he said to them, *Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.* <sup>26</sup> And after eight days, His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, *Peace to you!* <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, *Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.* <sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, *My Lord and my God!* <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, *Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* 

#### You Do Believe

In the Book of Acts, Chapter 26, it is written that Paul was held prisoner based upon the allegations brought against him by Jews who wanted him persecuted for his teachings. Paul pleaded his case, from one authoritative figure after another; to one ruler after another. Yet, one stands out to me more than the rest. It was depicted in the scriptures of when Paul appeared before King Agrippa:

Acts 26:19-26 ~ <sup>19</sup> Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup> but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. <sup>21</sup> For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— <sup>23</sup> that the Christ would

suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles. <sup>24</sup> Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad! <sup>25</sup> But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. <sup>26</sup> For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

With everything that was shared in the Book of Acts 26 (NKJV), from the exchange between these two men—Apostle Paul and King Agrippa—I found the following statements, which begins with Apostle Paul asking a question, to be so profound:

Acts 26:27-28 ~ <sup>27</sup> King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe. <sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, You almost persuade me to become a Christian.

King Agrippa's response to Apostle Paul was You almost persuaded me to become a Christian. How many are there who will hear testimonies of Believers, will come so close, and yet not believe to the point of salvation? The answer is, unfortunately, multitudes. Why? Because the Master's Plan deemed it so. Many are called, but few will be chosen; it is His will that will be done. While God blessed man to have a free will, the Creator will pour His Spirit upon whom He desires.

#### **Many Will Still Not Believe**

For many, the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit will not be acknowledged or received. Many will make excuses that the Holy Bible is this and that—discounting its content in whole or in part. Many will simply choose not to believe—and that is that. While others, in spite of an inability to explain the wonders that surround us—the planets and stars that are in alignment in the heavens; the billions of diverse creatures that exist in the air, that dwell here on earth, and that make the waters below their habitation—many will not believe—but do you?

Most importantly, in spite of an inability to explain how the Old Testament contains recorded accounts by prophets declaring that the Son of God will come on earth—and return again—to redeem His own for everlasting life—both Jew and Gentile—many will still not believe. In spite of the fact that Jesus was declared in the New Testament by the apostles that He is the Lamb of God—many will still not believe. In spite of the multitude of miracles that were performed by Him on earth, many will still not believe. In spite of the fact that historical records prove that the 66 books of the Holy Bible were written over 1,000 years ago, many will still not believe. Finally, even though there have been manifestation of plagues, and wars, and warnings against unrighteousness in today's churches; which unfortunately, seems to be commonplace—many still will not believe. It is because many are called, but few are chosen. Many will turn from God, knowing who He is. Coming so close, but yet so far; choosing to gravitate to the darkness by denying the Creator, His Son, and Holy Spirit—even after coming so close to knowing who He is and how He sacrificed Himself to save us.

Matthew 22:1-14 ~ <sup>1</sup> And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup> Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' <sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> But when the king came in

to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.

#### **Be Not Conformed To Sin**

Whether we believe God is a loving, compassionate, mighty, merciful, and willing to forgive, forbid we should tempt the Lord and our God due to a belief that we can present ourselves to Him in any way we desire. This is a premise that the direction of this world is taking that is becoming more and more prominent—that anything goes. This is false—the Word of God informs us so. We should not be conformed to the contrariness of what is happening in the world today. Not if we want to be accepted by The Most High God. Not if our focus is upon the manifestation of what is to come that has yet to be seen by those who believe based upon His Holy Word. Forbid that because we believe we are under the umbrella of God's grace, that we think we can commit sins willfully and without repentance, and still claim to be heaven-bound, when the Holy Word indicates that it will not be so.

#### Manifestations of Faith

(Scriptures from the New Kings James Version of the Bible)

**Hebrews 11:8-11** ~ <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Hebrews 11:23-29 ~ <sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. <sup>29</sup> By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again.

#### **Suffering for the Cause of Christ**

(Scriptures from the New Kings James Version of the Bible)

Hebrews 11:35-40 ~ <sup>35</sup> Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith,

did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup> God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

What is that something better? What is the promise? That something better and the promise is not here on earth as we currently know it. It is seeing God face-to-face; knowing that Jesus will have a place prepared for those who believe that He is a rewarder to those who seek and receive Him—Jews and Gentiles alike. It is one thing to believe because you see, it is another to believe and have not seen. That is where true manifestation of evidence in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abides.

Revelation 22:20-21 ~ <sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, *Surely I am coming quickly.* Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of our Lords Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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#### Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus walked this earth—and knowing how He lived and died for us—should cause us to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit—we know this—but the way we can honor Him is to love and obey Him.

We should, therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 2:14-16** <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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So, if you've have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.

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Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:11

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," 2 Chronicle 7:14

It is very apparent that this scripture needs to be applied to our world today because of the paths/decisions that man has chosen which effects us all, because they going against the order of God that was determined from the foundation of the world. The compromises of man is bringing forth judgment. With disobedience comes accountability, we are not allowed to change the divine order of God. Everything God has ordained works according to his divine will and produces that which will honor him. Sin doesn't produce that which honors God and therefore produces judgment and the wrath of God. We have to go back to honoring God as a nation. Stop dying to perversions, freestyle living, disobedience to God's word. Don't turn a blind eye or a deaf ear and wind up in the Lake! Repent!





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## OT THINK ABOUT IT

Something to really consider generational differences. Society likes to refer to it as a "Generation Gap" Well I'd like to reflect some truths. When you have a family everyone is important because if it had not been for the older generation your existence would not be possible.

When we were young we liked seeing our Grandparents for several reasons, mine was because of the stories they would share and often time the gifts they would bring. Our Parents are just that important also they responsible for us being here they nurture, cloth and feed us the best way they knew how with the means they had to do it.

Well, one day will become Grandparents and we will become parents and the cycle will continue. Two of the worst things that can happen within this process is when our children don't have a strong relationship with their Grandparents because they lose out on history, which provides for them gaining so much need information to expand their wisdom and knowledge. It's okay to read things from a book but when you have a person who experienced a lot of things and events throughout their lifetime and has first-hand knowledge that priceless.

You can't get that information from a DNA kit and some photographs. Your Legacy and your children's legacy is tied into these relationships.

Get past your differences and communication issues, so as not to have any regrets. Because when they are gone you don't want to be singing the I wish I should a coulda. Mend those bridges and sow up those gaps, you will thank me for sharing this. Be blessed and remember it's gonna take a lot of patience because in their eyes they will always be the parent.



# THINK ABOUT IT

### Getting to the place of a Transformed Mind

Off this hypothetical example keyword, hypothetical "If an announcement would be made that the Lord was coming today" and you did a self-assessment of your life. Would you have reason to pulse with concern? Would you recall an incident within your life that didn't come out favorable and your participation in it might be viewed as questionable, based on your confusion? Would you then seek to have a different outcome since it may be brought up in question as we stand before Jesus? If that same incident would have caused harm to another and reconciliation has not taken place due to pride. Do you feel you would be held accountable especially when there were several opportunities for reconciliation?

As Christians, we have to remind ourselves of these possibilities, the enemies job has been to divide and conquer. The division is the primary focus, because of unity being an advocate to strength. We fail when we allow ourselves to be an instrument used to create confusion which leads to devastation. This is the reason we have to follow the instruction of the Word of God because it re-establishes virtue within the Body of Christ and continued growth can ensue, along with an elevation in the faith. Otherwise, we find ourselves reliving the same outcomes until such time as we are able to get it right. We have to transform our way of thinking to Gods way which is yielding our thoughts and ways to the principles of God. For God is the author and finisher of our fate.

It is through our obedience that we become stronger and knowledgable, gaining more wisdom and understanding. But we have to follow the Word of God in its full application and put pride aside. For he desires our whole heart and not just the part that makes us feel comfortable within ourselves. Simply because we have not learned anything within this test. Understand that we all go through these periods in our lives and we must die to self on a daily basis. Honest self-assessment is a must!





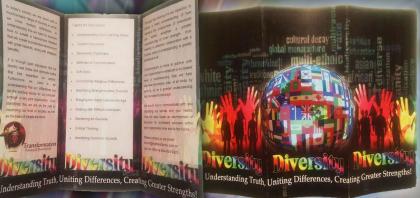
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#### Would they be disappointed?

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

A thought came to mind regarding some of the Civil Rights pioneers and even others in history who have sacrificed themselves that we would be able to have some of the rights, privileges, and comforts above that which they were limited to or completely had no access to.

My answer would be maybe, even though some have tried to continue the move forward for all to continue the work which was started. It just seems that the attitudes are more about entitlement without continuing works to bring about more cohesiveness in general. We continue to play the same silly mindset games of inclusion and exclusion. Which is nothing but divide and conquer, depending on where you are positioned, nobody wins in the long run.

Stereotypes are becoming actual realities in most cases because we as a society have failed to understand that words have power. When you release something in the atmosphere you activate it and subsequently bring it to life. To really gain an understanding of this, one has to really slow down and even stop and consider the things that we have uttered out of our own mouths and check our personal history and recognize it's truth. A lot of times we fail to think before we speak. We fail to gain an understanding by asking the significant questions that will eliminate the fear of the unknown. The only dumb question in life is the one in which you did not ask because you don't know or have an answer.

We all have to do more than just react to our fears due to a lack of knowledge and understanding. God has provided us a unique source and that is the art and ability to communicate and then to reason. When we don't do this simple task we will eventually fail to exist simply due to a lack of effort on our own part. Everything within our life begins and ends with us as individuals. So we don't have the benefit of blaming someone else. So many questions could be launched at any given event that was not favorable. What motivated the event? That always goes back to self-evaluations on both sides of the event because it speaks to cause and effect.

Having a relationship with God is very substantial for everyone who has breath within their body. It will become the most intimate experience you can have. You will find that you can be transparent without shame and you will come into the true knowledge of your purpose during your time here on earth. Gain a clearer understanding of the impact and influence you bring to those whose paths you cross throughout life's journey. Activating and operating in your gifts and talents that were placed in you at your creation. Yes, your creation that means you and I are purposeful, we were actually planned out by God. Each sequential part of our being was designed to carry out a meaningful task for His glory to be revealed and recognized. When we really stop, take the time to truly gain the understanding our whole outcome in life will place us on the right path for our designed fulfillment.

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#### **SHOW ME**

#### Evangelist Ella J. Alexander

"For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light." (Luke 8:17, ESV)

This month we are focusing on MANIFESTATION, which means "an event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something, especially a theory or an abstract idea."

Throughout our time spent in church, we have heard many statements surrounding or having to do with manifestation. We have even gone as far in prayer asking God to manifest His power. What are we really asking God? Take a moment and consider that question. We are asking God to show us HIM. Reveal himself to us in a way that we could receive or comprehend.

God has been in the Manifestation Operation since time began. I would not say show business because some make think that God is not real and it is just like the circus or some magic show, but this is real and it goes far beyond Houdini.

Before Man, God manifested his power when he spoke (Genesis 1) and created not only the Heaven and Earth but everything on it and in between, above and beneath. God manifested his love and tolerance of disobedience when He put Adam in the Garden, gave him a job, and then gave him a mate only to have to put Him out instead of killing him on the spot (Genesis 2-4). God manifested His sovereignty and every bit of character when He sent His only Son down to earth to die for people who cared nothing for him or his Father (John 3:16). Yet, while Jesus walked the earth, people still uttered the words, "SHOW ME" (John 14:8). We can look at it from this view, were they asking for Jesus to show them the Father because they did not believe or was it because they couldn't see? (John 14:8-9)

Jesus said blessed are those who believed and have not seen (John 20:29). Even by faith and belief, God in his love and interest in our everyday life wants to Manifest Himself to us in different ways. As children we need the guidance of our Father, so we have to ask God to "SHOW ME". We look for God in almost every area of our life. Jesus made it very clear that HE was (and still is) our example for us to follow. In order for us to follow, we must see what is before us. In order for us to pray correctly, we have to follow the Holy Spirit. We must ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in the path of righteousness. God will show us things that we have absolutely no knowledge of and that is what makes the manifestation of who He is so beautiful.

God is not trying to hide things from us. He wants us to see into the spirit the things that the natural eye can not. He wants us to see with an understanding of His power, grace, love, mercy, compassion. In other words, God wants us to ask Him to SHOW US because it brings Him pleasure to bring us into the place that He is in that He could manifest Him to us.

If we are going to live this life, we must ask Father to SHOW US.

If we are going to forgive people, we must ask Father to SHOW US.

If we are going to go forth in ministry, we must ask Father to SHOW US.

If we are going to have a successful relationship in Him, we must ask Father to SHOW US that relationship with Him first.

If we are going to intercede for others and know what to pray for, we must ask Father to SHOW US, that we could do according to His will. If we don't know His will, then once again, we ask Father to SHOW US.



# Remember you are unique and marvelously made don't allow others to devalue your worth. You are priceless because there is only one you!

### TIME TO RISE

It's time to rise up to your purpose, you are not just here to occupy space. You have been created by God with a Devine Purpose.

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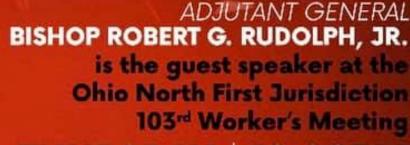
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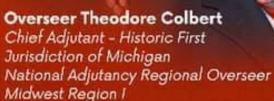
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#### **Manifestation**

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

When God Manifest Himself you have to pay attention because He is the I AM that I AM and He commands the room. His presence shuts everything down which causes us to sit still and recognize that the true authority has commanded our full attention. All movement and chatter cease causing us to stop and reflect.

We have become too rambunctious, overzealous in the wrong things. We have escalated into the things that are contrary to the characteristics of our Heavenly Father and don't represent Him well. We have become too grown for our own pants so to speak, when we fail to follow the instructions of our Father. Placing our affections and focus on temporal things. Things that when our time here is completed will not follow us to our next destination.

Let's reflect honestly for a moment we are so busy running around doing things to boost and stroke one's ego and arrogance. With claims of how great we are and better than another. Doing crazy things for notoriety and so-called fame. Seeking to have others worship and praise us for the abilities that God has placed within us. Having our will and disregarding His will for our life. Neglecting to remember we were created by Him with a purpose, He breathes the breath of life within us that we may fulfill His divine will. Distractions have us way off course heading into dangerous areas not designed for fulfilling our mission within life.

Yes, it is easy to get caught up, but at some point, we have to wake up to true reality. Realizing that each person as strange as it may seem or sound, have a uniqueness that unfortunately some may never tap into, simply because they are looking from without of them self rather than an inward search for the hidden treasures. Our focus must change from fades and trends, keeping up with Jones so to speak. Every Tweet or ridiculous post on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and many other social media sites are really irrelevant. Understanding that these things place you in bondage by grabbing every moment of your attention. While time just continues to roll on by and you fail to accomplish things that are very relevant within your scope of time.

It has been said "The richest place on earth is in the graveyard because there are many untapped gifts and talents bury with individuals who were created to bring them to life. However, never took the time to discover or understand that which God had freely given unto them. The question is where would we truly be if we were to understand what God has in store for us. We fail or lose time when we don't follow just the basic aspects of that. We tend to rely on those who surround us for answers rather than consulting the true source our creator God Almighty.

We have to study in order to realize and understand when God manifests Himself before us so that we benefit from His presence. When we understand His nature, we recognize His blessings, we hear His voice and we see him clearly in our everyday life. Because His presence is omnipresent meaning He is all around us within everything we see and do according to His will. This is why it is significantly important that we all establish a relationship with Him.

When I really came to the full understanding of why a relationship with God is so important to understand myself and even the abilities he has placed in me. Life took on a truly new meaning, I was able to identify the areas in me which focused on superficial things that truly had no value or real merit. I quickly noted all of the time-wasters I had gravitated to in my life. The

biggest thing was seeing that the simplest things around me we the most valuable and it wasn't about stuff, but the relationships with him and others I have come to value the most.

When the Word of God truly came alive around me and in me was the real point I started to truly live. The wholeness in life was unveiled and the blinders removed. Material things really don't move me as they had previously. I'm not overly concerned with trends or fades which we know are subject to change rapidly. Once I was focused I began to identify Word in action and scriptures revealing themselves where I could see them manifest in real-time. My spiritual maturity increases and my desire to learn more and understand more has definitely made me hunger for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Knowing the sky is the limit therefore there is no limit to what I can learn.

All throughout the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation we see examples of how God manifest His presence to man. Moses experience His presence and gain instructions, The World experiences His presence in the person of His son Jesus as He walk amongst man and trained His Disciples and became the living sacrifice for man by dying on the cross for our redemption back to God. Before He left He promised another comforter that would dwell within us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Manifesting His presence in the upper room on the day of Pentecost Which is now with us and operating in us today. As we study the Word of God we see more examples other than the ones I have mentioned here to reiterate the various times noted to help expand our understanding of Him.

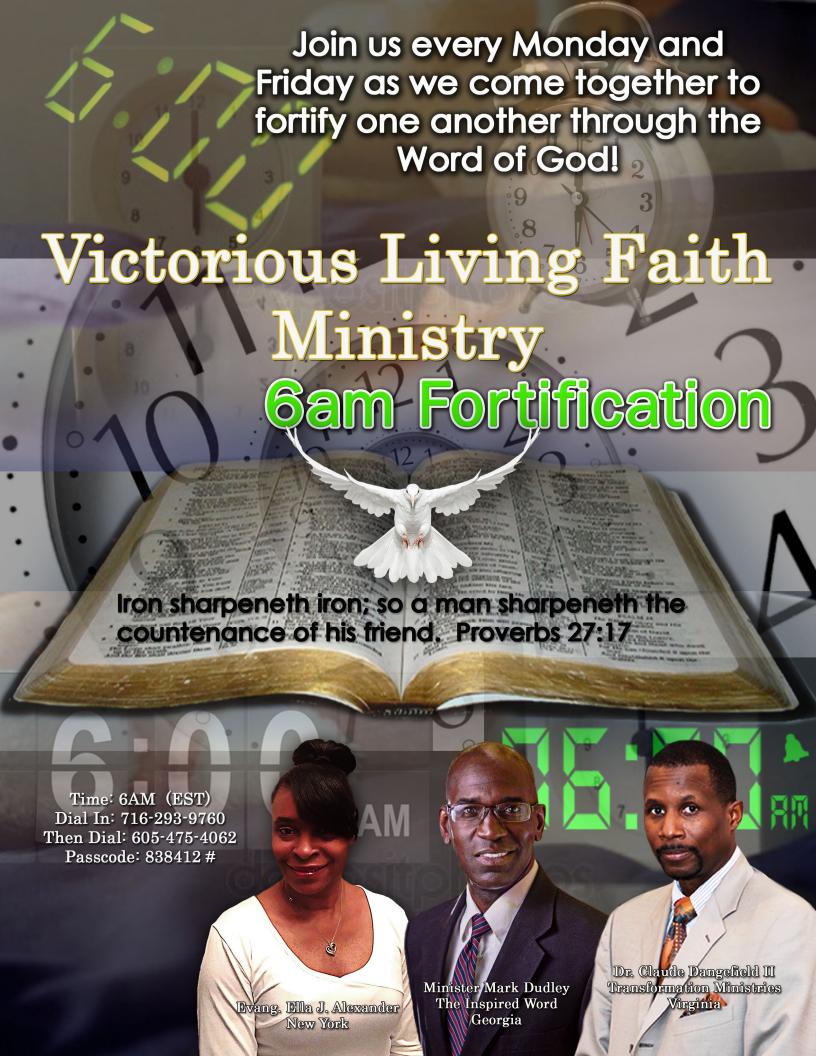
So today I invite you to establish an even closer relationship with God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit with the understanding of knowing the closer you get the better life will become. For you will see life through and totally different lens and your wisdom and knowledge obtained will simply blow your mind. Not to mention the transformation you will encounter will increase you faith and trust beyond your natural understanding. This will prove to be a great place for you all you have to do is step into the bigger room of faith which resides in Him!

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understating. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths Proverbs 3:5,6

#### **Just a Random Thought**

Here's a thought that you may or may not have considered. The enemy of one's soul has been basically using the same tactic for generations and yet we struggle playing defense in response to his offenses. When you get right down to it there are really no trick plays. Just us the unfocused no real defense easy prey. Lust of the eyes and the flesh, pride of life., then there is the greatest tactic of divide and conquer, which weakens strength because there is no unity. That takes out the ability to be on one accord. The remedy in all thy getting get an understanding, so you can be on the offense and strike first with effective tactics fasting, prayer and studying to be more effective. That why we don't have to continue to react to life. Respond when you have the ability to see things afar off. Think about it and put the proper plan into effect.







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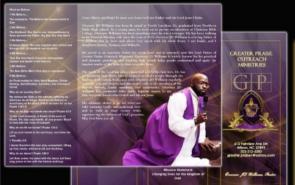
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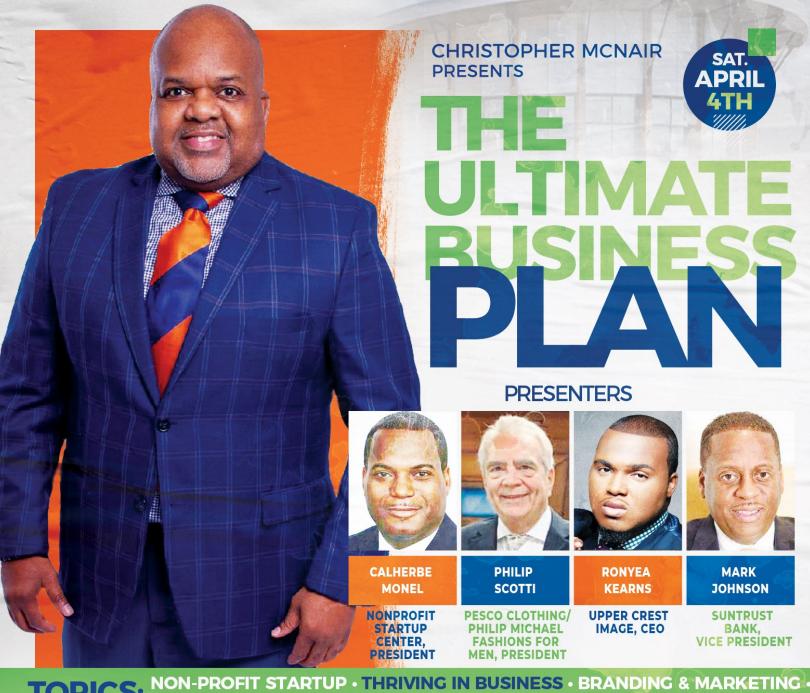
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#### **Understanding the Times**

Paying attention to the Signs Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

With everything that is taking place these days, our world has become so self-centered that it has disconnected from the source. The source is God, why you might ask would I make such a bold statement. It is true in a lot of ways society has compromised values and principles that were established way before our current generations were ever formed. The subtleties that have been adapted are spiraling us back to a place where God has to send another wake-up call into the land to get our attention and focus back on Him our Father and Creator.

We have placed everything in front of Him as if it were the be-all and do-all with no repercussions. We have adopted lifestyles that go totally against His principles and purpose. No way shape or form that we can truly view these things and say they are pleasing in His sight. Then we would be saying His Word is a lie. We all know for a fact that it is the most dangerous thing to utter out of our months. When all we need to do is acknowledge our wrongs, repent and begin again in the right direction that honors Him the most.

Traveling down the road that leads us towards another Sodom and Gomorrah is not wise. Just to compromise what we know is true for the sake of disobedient behavior and by accepting things and looking the other way. At the end of the day when your parents come home the punishment which was prescribed if their instructions were not followed will apply. We had ample time to correct our behavior before they returned but did not and chose to remained defiant. God is not interested in societies whelms to be politically or socially correct. He desires that man, His creation be forthright and obedient to His will.

Within the last four years, the world has faced a series of things to happen to wake us up to our disobedient nature. Blindly following after someone who has created discord, division tactics and played the decisiveness hand to the letter and you worship them as if they were a god. It truly makes the outcome look bleak, to say the least. Judgment has now parallelized the world and everything that so many have put their trust in has come to a halt.

We have no power outside of what God gives to us through our obedience to Him. He has sent His Word which contains the answers to all of life's problems. But an arrogant and disobedient nature will keep those away from the remedy and the truth which lends to their demise. 2 Chronicles 7 chapter starting at the 12 verse." And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. 13: If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; (Key verse towards the remedy to avoid judgement) 14: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15: Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16: For now, have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 17: And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee,

and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; 18: Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. 19: But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20: Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it be a proverb and a byword among all nations. 2 *Chronicles 7:12-18, 20 KJV.* Even throughout the scriptures the Bible continues to demonstrate cause and effect that we would come to understand our purpose while looking at our present situation worldwide.

And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. *2 Chronicles* 7:21-22 KJV

These passages of scripture are direct and to the point, they do not minces or compromise words. Showing no longer is it time to test the waters to see how far one can go. The limit has been reached and a change or payment is due. Repentance is always accepted, judgment is costly. So it comes down to these choices. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord . Joshua 24:15 KJV

We as man must understand the true fact as recorded in Matthew when Jesus said: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." *Matthew 6:24* 

We don't want to be found guilty of or hear the words spoke to us from *Revelation 3:15* I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

We all have to do a self examination of ourselves to ensure that we don't fall short of the mark to remain in the Will of God and that He would find delight in us.



### TRUTH

No matter how hard one tries to hide or suppress the truth, it always at some point rises to the surface and shines a very bright light on untruth.

### On THINK ABOUT IT

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