DEWITT TABERNACLE TEACHING SERIES

The following letter will be excerpts from a much longer letter, the Holy Bible that God has recorded for all man-kind. The words herein penned will be a love letter, and although they are to all mankind, they are no less spoken to each person individually. One of our great mistakes is not realizing the Bible's personal intent. It is written to me as though you did not exist, and written to you as though I did not exist. It is a love letter, intended to stir the hearts of millions of people, but on an individual basis. Those of us who have children know that we speak to them as individuals, love them as individuals, and meet their individual needs. How much more does the Creator have the ability to single us out as individuals, love us as individuals, and meet our individual needs?

There is a revelation coming forth in these last hours that is totally changing our thinking toward our Heavenly Bridegroom. Whereas in times past we have considered ourselves AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE called His Bride, now He is opening a chapter in His Book that has been a secret until now. We will compare this revelation with a groom and his Bride in the natural world. As the time for the wedding approaches, there are not thoughts of MANY WOMEN in the mind of the groom. No! His thoughts are only for the one he has chosen out of the many. He thinks of her only, and of her individual character and her beauty. He thinks of how she has accepted his invitation to be his Bride.

Perhaps before they became engaged they had other relationships, but now those had ended. Between the two of them there had been a decision made. They committed themselves to each other. In many respects, that commitment excluded all others. From now on it would be as though they were the only two. No other person could enter into, nor interfere with that relationship. Oh

"TO ALL OF US, FROM GOD, ONE ON ONE"

By C.W. Wood

friends, this is only an earthly shadow of the relationship you and I now have with our Heavenly Bridegroom. The earthly couple still has friends and family on both sides, but no other person can share what the two of them now have together. It is that one plus one equals two and the two have become one again, as we were first created (Gen. 1:27).

Can we get the picture? The Heavenly Bridegroom is one person and He has searched over the earth and chosen His Bride. They, as individuals, have accepted His invitation to be wed. The wedding is now in progress. Now, here is the great mystery, and we must take this part by faith! Our Heavenly Bridegroom has the supernatural ability to exclude all others from the wedding that is taking place between you and Him. It is as though you and He were the only two. His great mind is filled only with thoughts of you. He sees your heart's desire to be with Him and be like Him. He has watched your desire to end your relationship with others in order to be His first

Now, I say that is how it is between you and Him at this very moment. In His great Mind you are the only two. His love for you as His individual Bride fills His mind. There is only the two of you. His love is toward you and for you only, even as an earthly bridegroom's mind is only toward one woman, his bride. But now here is the mighty, supernatural miracle, and here is where He asks us to use our faith and accept this powerful revelation. While His relationship with YOU is exactly as we have described it, so is His relationship with ME. He has the ability to have such a relationship with every individual Bride member.

Do not try to understand this ability; just believe what He says about it. Jerm. 31:3, ".....Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Notice the pronoun "Thee." It is a personal word, personal to me and personal to you, a personal love relationship with each Bride member. The need for this personal love letter to each Bride member is great indeed, for modern man has grossly failed in understanding God's love for him. Because of our failures, we have shut ourselves off from the blessings and privileges that God's love yearns to shower upon us.

Our Bridegroom would have us to receive every word in His love letter as to us personally, for only then is the door opened for Him to bless us personally. Do you know He has called you, and have you heard and answered His call? Did He take the sin load from your shoulders, and can you tell the place and the time? If not, all you have to do is desire such an experience and you shall have it. He loves even you. He created you didn't He? If you have answered that call and believe that your sins are gone, did you then get before Him and lay your life on the altar, promising to serve Him all the days of your life? If not, then you can do so today. To make Him such a promise will make you a candidate to receive the Holy Ghost Baptism.

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Do you have the Holy Ghost? If not, you don't have to wait until you reach a certain place in holiness or righteousness, for He will give you the Holy Ghost to help you attain to these places. A very wrong conception is that God waits until we have matured then sends His Spirit. This is the enemy's doctrine, and has fooled many. Do you wonder whether or not you have the Holy Ghost? Many are asking this question in these desperate days! Did you take the Holy Ghost by faith alone, receiving Him on the grounds that God promised Him to all He has called? Did you then, after this step of faith, have an actual experience wherein you KNOW He came into your heart?

If you cannot answer yes to these questions, then you must take these scriptural steps at once. The time God has allotted for this world as we know it is almost over, yet He waits for that last one to come in. In order to have the revelation of His supernatural love for you, you must have His Spirit in you to teach you. We stress the importance of the revelation of His love for us because it is the answer to all our needs being met. Many Believers in the End-Time Message still need this revelation.

When it strikes our hearts, we will no longer doubt His willingness to take care of us. We will not wonder whether or not He wants to heal all our diseases. We will know without question that Ps. 34:19 is meant for us, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, BUT THE LORD **DELIVERETH HIM FROM THEM** ALL." It is true that He allows afflictions to come on us, and for different reasons. At times to correct us, at times to build our faith, and at other times to give us compassion for those who are sick and needy. In order to effectively pray, we must have compassion for those in need! Therefore, we must share in their suffering at times. But know this, never are we afflicted without it being in God's plan for us. If He Himself declares that He heals us from every affliction, then we are to understand that when they come, they are only temporary. Believe it and live.

To further show that God's Bride is made up of individuals, and that as far as His love and care for them is concerned, it is as they were the only one. We offer the following scriptures. The Holy Ghost spoke through James and asks, "Is ANY sick among you? (James 5:14) The word "any" is to us as individuals. It is personally to me, as well as to you, if we are sick. We do not say that God is not concerned about His Bride collectively, only that this concern manifests itself in individual fashion. You are His individual Bride, you are His individual responsibility. He is handling your case as a newlywed earthly groom would for his bride.

In Numbers 2:19, we read "AS MANY as looked at the brazen serpent lived." Every single one was invited to look, and to look was to be healed. If they were not in a position to see the pole with its serpent, then if they took the steps to be brought in sight of it, they lived! It was a step of faith. Still today, as many who look at Jesus the Word, will be healed, for scripture says, "He sent His Word and healed them." (Ps. 107:20) In I Peter 2:24, the Holy Ghost said, "....by whose stripes "ye" were healed." Who does "ye" mean? It means you and it means me. He is speaking to us personally. In Ex. 15: 26 the Lord says, "I am the Lord that heals "YOU". Who does "you" mean? It means you and me as individuals. In Ex. 23:25-26, God said, "I will take sickness away from "you," the number of "YOUR" days I will fulfill." Do you see how personal He has made His promises to His Bride? You are the apple of His Eye!

When Jesus stood on the ridge of Olivet and looked down on the sacred city of Jerusalem, it was with tear-dimmed eyes. He saw a people who had rejected His call of love. For three years He had gone in and out among His people. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the Devil; giving sight to the blind, causing the lame to walk, raising the dead, cleansing the lepers, and setting at liberty those that were bound, and preaching the Gospel to the poor. (Acts 10: 38, Luke 4:18, Mat. 11: 5) His gracious call was addressed to all classes of people alike, "Come unto me ALL ye that labor and are heave laden and I will give you rest." (Mat. 11:28)

Although rewarded with evil for His good, He continued His mission of mercy. Never were those turned away that sought for His Grace. His life's purpose was to minister to the needs of the people, and lighten their load by forgiving sin and healing their sicknesses. Here we see that great, undying love of Christ, of which we speak, in full operation. Although His waves of love and mercy were refused by the stubborn hearts of the leaders, His warnings ridiculed and His council spurned, He stood on the mountain that day and shed tears of terrible grief over their plight. His love for them would not die, and they are a type of His Bride.

The hour of hope and pardon was fast passing for Israel even as it is fast passing for America and the world today. This same Christ has come and gone again in the body form of His Prophet. He performed the same mission of love and grace in our day, performing miracles on sick bodies and healing sin-sick souls. The cloud of apostasy and rebellion that had hung over Israel was now about to burst over a guilty people, and He who alone could save them from their terrible fate had been abused, ignored, and rejected, and was soon to be crucified. So does the same dark cloud of woe hang over the world today and the Christ that came in His Prophet to warn before Judgment, is again shedding tears of terrible grief. For once again He has been rejected by the masses, His Prophet ridiculed, scorned and rejected.

On the mountain over Israel that day long ago, He could see in the future the walls of Jerusalem surrounded by alien armies. He heard the voices of mothers and their children crying for food. He heard their screams as the armies broke through the walls and killed a million and a half of them. He saw their Holy Temple burned with fire, and where it had stood only a heap of ashes and overturned stones. Looking down through the coming ages, He saw His Covenant People scattered in every land like, "wrecks on a desert shore." And so He stood that day, after He had drawn near the city, and wept! (Luke 19:41) I do not believe that He only had a few tears dropping from His beard, but that He wept strongly with great sadness and compassion, sobbing out of a broken heart. For you see, He loved the people with an undying love. They were, and still are, a type of His Bride!

Today, in our great land of America, although the masses have despised the last day Prophet that God sent, and they mocked the Messenger of God, Jesus has remained faithful in Love with His arms wide open to receive any and all who will come to Him. His mercy continues its pleadings, His warnings still going forth. The great point is this: if our God has so far continued His love for the unrepentant and hard-hearted in our land (And this is evident in that He has not yet destroyed it), then how much more is His love, mercy and healing power poured out on the repentant and obedient? Will we, who believe His Prophet and the Message He sent by him, again break the Heart of God by not reaching out with a hand of faith to receive all that He desires us to have?

Today, it is as it was 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ is looking down on this great land of America and the people that He planted on this soil by His own Hand. We cannot know how much we owe to Christ for the peace and protection we have enjoyed. It has been the restraining Hand of God that has, so far, kept us from passing fully under the control of Satan. Once again, the Lord Jesus is looking into the future as He watches America. He sees the time just ahead when the anti-christ has gained full control of church and govemment. He sees the Mark of the Beast being enforced by the Federal Government in America. (Rev. 13:15)

He sees those who would remain true to Him being killed for their refusal to worship the Beast (refusing to join in worship with the great World Council of Churches). He sees the great masses of people who will be forced to join this evil church so that they may continue to "buy and sell." The masses will join because they do not have the God-given faith to trust God for their needs. They will join Satan's church and be forever lost. He sees America in its final day of judgment when the seventh vision, given to His Prophet, William Branham, is brought to pass, the land completely destroyed. He sees multitudes crying for the rocks to fall on them and end their suffering!

To those who have had a revelation of His powerful, undying love, they see Him once again weeping with a broken heart! The disobedient and unthankful have great reason for gratitude for God's long suffering in holding back the cruel power of the evil one. But finally, when men have rejected God's love and mercy for the last time, and have passed the limits of Divine Forgiveness, then that restraint is removed! God has no choice but to leave the rejecters of mercy to themselves! They must reap what they have sown.

A Prophet taught us that God does not send people to Hell; they choose that road for themselves and will only end up there after they have rejected God's every effort to save them.' Every ray of light rejected, every warning despised or rejected, every evil passion indulged in and held to, is a seed sown and it must yield its harvest. The Spirit of God continually resisted is at last withdrawn from the sinner, then there is no power left to control the evil passions of his soul. The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful warning to America today. All who are trifling with the offers of Divine Grace should take note at once! Never was there given a more clear testimony of God's hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that it brings to those who will not repent. And never was there a more clear proof of His love demonstrated than in His efforts to save Israel. In the fate of God's chosen city, Jerusalem, we can see the fate of the

world, because it has rejected God's mercy and trampled on His Laws. Nevertheless, there will not be one of God's own lost in this soon coming destruction. As it was in Jerusalem, they will be delivered. We call this deliverance the Rapture, caught up to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:16-17). Let men beware lest they ignore the warnings that God has sent through His Prophet, William Branham. As He sent warnings to Jerusalem before and after His own ministry, so has He done before and after the ministry of His Prophet, William Branham. As He warned His true Disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them signs of the approaching ruin, so has He warned the world today, and especially America, so that all who so desire may escape. But the fact that breaks His heart all over again is that the world, including America, is no more ready to receive the Message for this time than they were 2000 years ago. What ever time judgment comes, it will come unaware to the ungodly. When life is following its unchanging way (refusing to repent), when men are absorbed in pleasure, in business, in money making, when religious leaders are proclaiming the world's spiritual progress and enlightenment, and the people are lulled into false security, then shall sudden destruction come upon the careless and ungodly, and they shall not escape. But this is only after love has spent itself in an effort to save. "He would not that any be lost." (II Peter 3:9)

We have stated that this sermon is a love letter to God's needy people. His people are dying for "Lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6) Not a lack of worldly knowledge, but a lack of revealed knowledge concerning His mighty, powerful love for His Creatures. We have said that this letter will be excerpts from a longer letter, the Holy Bible. May we now read His own words, telling what He has accomplished on the deadly Cross because of that love? His love has REDEEMED us while we were still His enemies! "No greater love has any man than this, that he would give his life for his friends." (John 15:13) We will let Him explain to the lost what He has done to save them, and what we are all to believe once we have truly repented of our sins!

We are to remember that His Body, His flesh and blood Body, was given for us on the Cross. What did He actually accomplish by dying on the Cross?

<u>Col. 1:20-23</u>, "And having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in Heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled

22 In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under Heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister."

Shedding His Blood is love demonstrated!

<u>Col. 2:12-14</u>, "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the un-circumcision of your

flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross."

His love forgives all our trespasses!

<u>Rom. 6:6-7</u>, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

<u>Rom. 8:33-39</u>, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's Elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, not things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember, this is His swom oath! Rom. 3:26, "To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Do we believe He has justified us?

John 8:36, "If the son therefore shall make you free (of sin) you are free indeed."

QUOTE: INVISIBLE UNION, PAGE 37, "This is my message to the Church now....as we go off the air just in a minute. You are standing, if you are standing on God's Word and with God's Word. Every amen, every jot, every tittle. Where are you standing? I am trying to tell you: pull away from those shucks and get out here in the wheat where you can get ripe before the sun. I hear the coming of the combine. You are standing complete, justified like you never did it in the first place. Hallelujah! Talk about a Thanksgiving, I feel real good. I am more thankful for that than anything I know of. You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the Living God. Every man and woman that is born of the Spirit of God, washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned in the first place. You are perfect. The Blood of Jesus Christ." (End quote) The Prophet's statement came straight out of the Word! II Cor. 5:21, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

This is love that cannot be understood, only believed!

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