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Mother...
*"a gardener,
planting the seeds
of faith, truth, and love —
that develop into the
fairest flowers of character,
virtue, and happiness in the
lives of her
children."*

W. Harold Gwynne



"A Mother's Special Love"

Our heavenly Father could have sent
His Son with angels bright;
He could have sent Him fully grown
To save man from his plight.



But He who is all wisdom
Chose to place in hands of love
The future of the Universe,
The glory of above.

He knew there was no other love
On earth which could compare
To the unique devotion
Of a Mother's special care.

So deep His trust in this rare love,
His faith in it so sure;
He gave a mother His own Son,
Entrusting Him to her.

In doing so, He lifted up
This role above all others;
And proved that there's a soft spot
In His heart of hearts for mothers.

Connie Hinnen

The Mother of a Scotch lad who was leaving home asked him to make her one promise. He asked what it was, but she insisted that he promise first. He agreed, and she said: "Robert you going into a wicked world. Begin every day with God. Close every day with God." Then she kissed him. Later, Robert Moffat said that kiss made him a Missionary.

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS

Dr. Edith R. Grimes

Greetings and Salutations began in the early times with various expressions of blessing, such as "God be gracious unto thee". (Gen. 43:29)

The word "bless" was often used. It meant "salute" in a secondary sense. (Ruth 2:4)

In the writing of the Epistles, that are letters to the various groups, the writer placed his own name first and then the name of the person he saluted.

A form of prayer for spiritual mercies was frequently used. The concluding salutation consisted of a prayer for peace and grace.

It is good to read a letter from another child of God that opens with a Christian greeting. God should be acknowledged and respected in our letters as well as in our conversations.

A greeting in the Name of Jesus acknowledges the fact that it is because of Jesus and what He has done for us, that we are Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Closing a letter with a blessing is also a good way to sign off.

After all shouldn't we recognize and acknowledge the Lord in all our conversations and correspondence? Think about it!

Even in talking on the phone do you say "God bless you" as you hang up? Wouldn't it be a good habit to get into, that is, if you really do want God to bless them?

When I was about ten or twelve years old, I was secretary for our girls "Missionary Band" at the church. I received letters from Missionaries and wrote to them. Some of their letters started with "Greetings in Jesus Name" or similar greetings. I thought how wonderful it was for Christians to greet each other in such a way. From then on I adopted the idea of a Christian Greeting at the beginning of my letters and a "God Bless You" at the end.

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Why not! We belong to God's family and it is good to acknowledge the Lord at the beginning and end of our correspondence and end our conversations, even on the telephone, with a hearty "God bless you". Let's adopt the habit!

More than an influence in the life of a child,
she's a

Ointment from God on her offspring so mild.

A

Tender sweet touch calming tender young fears,
shows a

Hearth full of love bathing each with her tears.

An

Farnest devotion to her "gifts" from above,
is

Rewarded by God for such heavenly love.

E.C.L.



Loving care is an important part to bring healing to others. We can all minister loving care.



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THE REVELATION
By Dr. Albert Grimes
PART SEVEN

THE MESSAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

In Rev. 3:7-13 we have the Church in revival. We must notice Christ's approach to this church. Rev. 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things saith He that is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens".

This statement relates to Christ as the Son of David and he shall be given the key to the treasure house of David his father. Isa. 22:22.

In this message to the Philadelphia Church he has promised to open this same treasure house to them. Rev. 3:8 "I know thy works; behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it: for thou hast kept my Word; and hast not denied my name".

The Philadelphia Church is the church free from the bondage of the Apostate system. Christ promises to open a door that no man can shut. This door relates to the restoring of truth and practise and government laid down by the early Apostles.

There are two principles which we in this age of the church have to understand. The first is that if this revival which is spreading across the world is not the last one, then we can look for a world wide Charismatic Denomination to come forth.

Second: if this is the last revival we can look for a changing of the whole religious system, which is divided into so many groups, to be changed into the early church principles of doctrine, practise, and government. It will be in the Philadelphia Age of the Church that many Jews will be brought to Christ as stated in Rev. 3:9. "Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan".

The whole present system of Judiasim is Satanic because Jews today have no religion that God recognizes. In our day they are sinners and need Christ as Saviour. In this Dispensation of Grace God is making both Jews and Gentiles one Church, Eph. 2:14-18.

"Who say they are Jews and are not, but do lie: behold I will

make them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee".

Christ promised this Church that He would keep them from the hour of temptation which shall come upon the world to try them in Rev.3:10. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth!"

The hour of temptation which is to come upon the unregenerated world of mankind is the tribulation period discribed to us in Rev. chapters 6 to 19.

The Church does not belong to this earth, its a body of believers taken out of the Gentiles as stated in Acts 15:14. "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name"

After this statement Christ makes another promise which we should understand. It relates to the fact that Christ will come in the Philadelphia Age of the Church, for this promise is made directly to this Church. Rev.3:11 "Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown".

THE PROMISE

Rev. 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God; and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name".

The principle of becoming a pillar in God's Temple and going no more out, speaks to us of the believer's security, like a pillar in the temple. David made a statement, which may refer to this in Psa.23:6. "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever".

Now for the last part of this verse we have stated that three kinds of identification are going to be written on the glorified saint of God. "And I will write upon him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name".

For all Eternity we will be identified with God our Father, and with the Holy City. This principle of identification could only relate to one thing. That we are going to travel out into the universe and possibly be exhibited as objects of God's Grace to the rest of the Universe that have not sinned.

It is to be noticed the completeness of the promise that is made to the Church Age. This may point to the fact that this is the final age in which the rapture will take place.

THE MESSAGE TO LAODICEA

The Church in its final state of Apostasy. This Church relates to the last Age of the Church, after the message of Philadelphia, when all the truth regarding doctrine, practise and government has been revealed to the Church. The true church has been completed now the final forming of the Apostate Church will take place. We can expect these two churches to be in the last end of this Church Age.

The true Church going towards maturity as in Eph.4:11-16, and the Apostate Church going towards complete Apostasy.

There are some things that we should understand, because there has been so much wrong teaching going forth, in regards to the Church going through the Tribulation.

We have spoken of the fact that seventy five percent of the Church is already in heaven, for believers have been dying since the Church began, and they are already in heaven with the Lord. 2 Cor.5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord"

These have escaped the tribulation and what we have here on earth, "Those who are alive and remain" are not all the church, only a small percentage of it. Is God going to put a small percentage of it through the tribulation, when most of it will escape it? I think not.

But we can expect that the Church will not go through "the tribulation" as mentioned in Rev. chapters 6-19 but that the true Church or "those who are alive and remain" will possibly go through a period of persecution which will be brought about because of the political power which the Apostate Church will receive in the world.

The Apostate Churches Gospel relates to the "Brotherhood of all men" and "the Fatherhood of God. Thus all men are brothers, and that God is the Father of us all. This will enable all religions to come together in one World Church, economical, social and political.

One can be made to understand that the true church with a Gospel which is an absolute controversy, will not only have opposition from the Apostate Church but from the world itself. Regardless of this the Church will still maintain its power in a hostile world as the Lord Himself has stated in Matt. 16:18 "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church".

THE CONDITION OF THE LAODICEAN CHURCH

Once again we notice how Christ introduces Himself to this Church. In Rev. 3:14 "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;"

In this introduction can be seen the contrast. Christ is the faithful and true witness in His earthly ministry in contrast to the ~~Apostate witness~~ of the Laodicean church.

In regards to the statement "the beginning of the creation of God" relates to the perfect earth of Gen.1:1 in contrast to the apostate end of the Church Age where according to the name Laodicea means "the people ruling or speaking", "the judgment of the people".

The system of the Church government relating to Apostles, Elders and brethren, no longer exists but the people rule, they are the governments of the church.

Rev.3:15-19 says "I know thy works that thou art neither cold or hot; I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth!"

There is nothing worse than lukewarm religion. It is a religion of self-righteousness and death. Filled with religious, flesh satisfying forms and activities.

"Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked:"

It is quite evident according to this verse, that the Apostate Church will be rich in the things of this world but have no purchasing power with God. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire; that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent!"

This church has no spiritual fellowship with Christ because they did not have the spiritual qualifications. They were rich in worldly goods and religious activity and form, but they had no true faith, nor righteousness, and no understanding of spiritual things. They were naked and destitute of the truth.

(To be continued)

NEWSLETTER

A letter from Mike and Sue Behan brought word that his Mother has been "Promoted to Glory". How wonderful to know where she is and the joy she is having being with the Lord. Thank God for His "Parting Grace".

Mike's Father suffered a slight stroke before this happened but has greatly improved. He was to be operated on April 23rd for a artery in his neck which is 50% full. Remember them all in Prayer.

Harriet Yuzuki enjoys the Crusader as it is a life-line bringing news and whereabouts of former friends and students. She is now working as a Registered Physical Therapist in Seattle, Washington, and serves the Lord in Westgate Chapel in Edmonds, Wash., where she lives.

John and Jeanette Erickson were in Fresno, Ca. about the first of April. They found a house and got Incorporated and lined up for business. They will move here the first two weeks of July. He starts work July 15th. They even found a Charismatic Church that really moves in Gifts, Ministries and Deliverance. Praise the Lord! Keep them in your prayers, for making such a long move with three little boys is a real chore.

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