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Angels war in the  
Heavenlies on our behalf!  
Daniel chapter 10

## **"Shaking the Gates of Hell with a Basin of Water and a Towel"**

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### **It's Time for a Good Old-Fashioned Foot Washing**

Recently, before getting up, I had a dream. In this dream, I was standing in a bathroom with several inches of water. As I looked down, I could see that I was barefoot. I then woke up, wondering what it had been about.

I wanted to call someone for an interpretation, but it was too early. A little later, brushing my teeth, the interpretation came. The bathroom prophetically represented a place of cleansing; my bare feet gave away the interpretation. I sensed the Lord saying, "It's time for an old-fashioned foot washing. For the feet of My people have walked through desert places the last several years, kicking up dust, mud, and mire [a stretch of swampy or boggy ground], affecting their walk with Me and one another."

For the grand finale of servanthood before the Cross, Jesus chose a towel and a basin of water, for He knew the journey ahead for His disciples would be a long road to walk.

Many today are experiencing "throwing in the towel" syndrome. Maybe we should use it first and see what happens. We may be surprised whose feet we are washing!

This short dream reminded me of a vision I received many years ago, which I believe is a "now" word for the Body of Christ:

### **Shaking the Gates of Hell with a Basin of Water and a Towel**

(This word is for all "weary feet.")

In the spirit, I saw God's foot stepping down into cities and regions of the earth. I knew His foot represented great authority coming to the earth. When I saw His foot, I knew He had come to take back territory the enemy had stolen from His Kingdom. As I began rejoicing at this revelation, He interrupted my praise service with a strong command: "Wash My feet!"

I was dumbfounded. I said, "Lord, how could I ever wash Your feet?"

The Lord spoke: "When you see pastors and leaders coming together and washing one another's feet, you will see My foot come down with great power, releasing whole regions and territories back into My Kingdom!"

I then saw a vision of pastors and leaders humbly kneeling before each other with basins of water and towels. As they began washing one another's feet, titles, positions, and even names of churches started drowning in that small basin of water. Pride, jealousy, and envy were being drowned in just ten inches of water. Weary, blistered feet that had lost their way in the dusty, soiled road of life were being healed by water and two hands of a pastor who lived down the street. Help had never been far away.

### **Eyes Washed with Tears**

Tears began filling these basins to overflowing—tears of repentance for judging and misinterpreting one another. Even their eyes were being washed with tears so they could see that they were not each other's enemy but were on the same team.

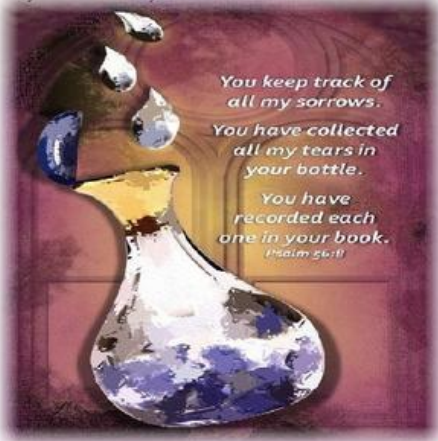
It was such a beautiful, moving sight... pastors of huge churches and leaders of small churches, humbled and bowing before one another, confessing their total inability to advance God's Kingdom alone. Revelation began breaking forth upon them, revealing how much they needed each other. Many were held in each other's grip. Holy kisses were given out upon the faces and the feet, and a presence came as though they had kissed the face of God (2 Corinthians 13:11-14; Luke 7:45).

I Saw Divine Authority Flow  
At that moment, I saw divine authority flow from the feet of One who was also in our midst. Divine authority and power were being unleashed upon regions and territories. They were shaking the very gates of Hell with a basin of water and a towel. It seemed the smaller (more humble) they became in one another's sight; the bigger God became in the enemy's sight. God began exalting Himself in the earth and among the heathens.

Then I heard the Lord speak to the angels that were present during the foot washing:

"Take the tears from those basins and put them in bottles. They will bring forth a great move of My Spirit to bring in the harvest!

"Wash My feet."





## **10 Smells Mosquitoes Hate**

Evangelist/Pastor Barbara

Mosquitoes are one of the biggest buzzkills of summer, but knowing which smells that mosquitoes hate gives you an advantage in battling these bloodsucking pests at home.

From candles to plants to DIY methods using essential oils, scents are one of the most effective natural ways to deter mosquitoes. And the best part about fighting mosquitoes with fragrance? Many of the odors they detest are some of our favorite spa-like scents. Of course, you can always try commercial mosquito traps as well.

### **Citronella**

Citronella candles are perhaps the most well-known and pervasive mosquito repellent. What summer function would be complete without an outdoor citronella candle or two placed strategically on the table? It's a warm-weather classic because it works. Mosquitoes do not like the herbal lemon fragrance of citronella, which comes from the lemongrass plant, and will steer clear when it wafts through the air.

### **Rosemary**

Rosemary has a fresh, herbal, woody scent that humans love and mosquitoes detest. This Mediterranean will bring to mind a fresh baked focaccia or roast chicken yet, for mosquitoes, it's a warning sign to stay away. You can plant this aromatic herb in pots around your patio, clip off a few sprigs and spread them around your table before an outdoor gathering, or make a homemade bug spray using rosemary oil.

### **Lemon Balm**

If you love the refreshing fragrance of citrus, then you're in luck. Anything that has a scent resembling orange, grapefruit, and lemon will keep mosquitoes at bay, and that includes lemon balm. This plant, which isn't actually a lemon plant but rather closely related to mint, is a favorite of gardeners for its bold lemon fragrance and its use in the kitchen. You can use it to make both flavorful hot and cold teas. Try planting lemon balm around your deck to create a no-fly zone for mosquitoes.

### **Coffee**

You may love the strong scent of a freshly brewed pot of coffee in the morning, but mosquitoes don't want any of it. They'll stay away when they smell coffee grounds, so while sipping your morning cappuccino outside sounds lovely, spreading the grounds in your garden will have the biggest impact. Use grounds that have already been brewed, then sprinkle them throughout your garden beds to deter mosquitoes from finding a home there.

### **Lavender**

While humans smell lavender and are instantly reminded of relaxing spa days or calm yoga classes, mosquitoes smell lavender and head for the hills. This favorite herb of gardeners can be used in several different ways to repel mosquitoes. You can plant it near your outdoor space, arrange

lavender sprigs in a vase in your outdoor entertaining area, or create a bug spray using lavender oil.

### **Catnip**

Catnip is an herb in the mint family best known for its ability to attract cats, but it's also a powerful tool for repelling mosquitoes. You can either plant this herb around your yard to keep mosquitoes away or crush the leaves to help bring the oil to life and use that as a repellent on your own skin when you're outside.

### **Garlic**

Garlic is another pungent odor that naturally keeps mosquitoes away, though you'll have to consider how willing you are to surround yourself with this savory smell. Garlic has to come out of the ground to repel mosquitoes, so it's not as simple as planting it around your patio. Instead, you'll need to cut the garlic cloves to release the scent, then place them around your outdoor area when you're hoping to spend time outside peacefully mosquito-free.

### **Eucalyptus**

Humans love eucalyptus for its calming, fresh fragrance, but the smell is repulsive to mosquitoes and even interferes with their ability to fully function. You can plant a eucalyptus plant outside to help deter mosquitoes, or you can use a eucalyptus candle or choose body sprays or products with a strong eucalyptus fragrance.

### **Peppermint**

Mint has the same impact on mosquitoes as citrus—they absolutely detest it. Luckily for humans, peppermint grows extremely fast and spreads quickly. That means you can fill a garden with mosquito-repelling peppermint quickly. If you don't want to take care of plants, you can also rely on peppermint oil for a personal bug repellent.

### **Marigolds**

Marigolds are known for their insect-repelling tendencies, so it's no surprise that they also emit a fragrance that's toxic to mosquitoes. You can add these colorful blooms throughout your garden, or purchase marigold oil to make a bug repellent spray for your patio and yourself. It's like wearing a perfume—but one that's designed to keep your least favorite bug far away.

### **Do dryer sheets repel mosquitoes?**

Using dryer sheets to repel mosquitoes seems so easy—but does it work? Scientists have extensively studied this, and it seems that linalool, the chemical that adds a floral fragrance to dryer sheets, may help repel these buzzy pests.

### **Are mosquitoes repelled by vinegar?**

Apple cider vinegar's strong scent can help repel mosquitoes. Soak cotton balls in apple cider vinegar and place them around your garden.

### **What kind of soap repels mosquitoes?**

Multiple soaps are known for repelling mosquitoes, including Dr. Bronner's, which has a peppermint scent, coconut soap, and Irish Spring.

## **"Whispers From My Heart"**

**Title: God is NOT Small**

**Tianna Muiruri**

If it weren't for dust then there wouldn't be life.

If it weren't for a cell then there wouldn't be a being.

If it weren't for ashes then there wouldn't be beauty.

There is such a distinctiveness about the size of what once was into what just is. The size of a single cell, dust particle, and ash may not be equivalent to the magnitude of its purpose, but the one who created it is not limited to the perception of size. To us, we look at dust, a cell, and ash and we measure its potential to the smallness of what it is. But out of it came life, a whole being, and beauty. That is because if it weren't for God, then there wouldn't be dust, a cell, and ash.

Meaning that you can choose to see the world as just a small creation, or you can choose to see that the world was created by a God who is beyond big.

You can choose to see the plans, promises, and hopes that God has for you through the sight of your strength, or the ability of His power.

Though a seed may be small, it doesn't mean that the one who created it is small.

Though you may see your life as small, it doesn't mean that the one who gives life is small.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 MSG "Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively! "

So, without being said, don't limit your life to the smallness you feel within, and to the smallness that you see around. When David faced Goliath, the size difference could have intimidated David to cower in fear and stand down. The massive walls of Jericho could have discouraged the Israelites to march away. But they chose to see that God was bigger. David and the Israelites chose to look up at Goliath and the walls, but then they looked up even higher towards God.

Life is so much more spacious when you step out of the ashes into beauty.

**FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH  
AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS,  
AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, AGAINST THE  
POWERS OF THIS WORLD'S DARKNESS, AND  
AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN  
THE HEAVENLY REALMS.**

**- EPHESIANS 6:12**



## The Miracle Working God

Reverend Brett Connell

No matter what may come into our lives, all things have to pass through the hands of God. We are sometimes pulled and swayed in one direction or another by the situations of life and all the happenings around us, but our spirit should be grounded in Christ. If we feed on the fresh manna from heaven that is available to us every day, we'll be sitting at God's table in fellowship with Him. There isn't any storm big enough to enter that dining room and ruin that meal unless you get up and walk out of the room.

We're all going through major battles, some worse than others, but we are all in it nonetheless. It is in times like these where we have to go back on the prophetic words God has spoken to us and remember what He had said. Oftentimes you'll have fresh discernment and understanding when going back and listening. It is okay to process your hurt. It's alright to take a step back as you allow God to work in you. We have to be right with God, even while we're still processing. That way we don't bleed on people that didn't cut us.

The enemy wants us to get desperate, to feel helpless, and to act rashly. There are God-given boundaries that we can set up in the appropriate times to make sure we are right with God, doing everything from a genuine spirit. The ability to do this comes from the Holy Spirit. Something as simple as inviting Him into your day from the beginning is the first step to having the correct thoughts, feelings and unctions to lead you in the way He would have you to go.

We just have to surrender the day to God, and trust that as things happen and unfold that He is unchanging. The same God in the bible is the same God that is alive today in your very own life. The same God that parted the Red Sea is the very same God today that is making a way for you to move forward. The same God that did all the miracles in the Word is the very same God today that has and is performing miracles for YOU.



## **Keepers of the Stuff –Unwanted Gifts in the Body of Christ... Part 4**

Reverend Christopher Gore

The Unity of the Spirit is important when it comes to the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. If a basic level of love and unity are not present the operation of the gifts will be hindered. In our striving for perfection love and unity should be a key component that manifests in our nature. There are times when all of the “gifted” must learn to yield to the Spirit and then yield to each other as the Spirit moves. God is a god of order. Everything that He does is in order. When we operate this way everything will flow in the anointing and God will get the glory.

Each gifting can hinder the other giftings if there is no humility in the ones who are carrying the gifts. This breaks the Spirit. This is not what God wants. If each gift in humility honors the other gifts, then the atmosphere will be in place for God to move. God uses everyone’s personality type in His Kingdom. God has gifted everyone with a personality that is suited for the tasks that they are responsible to fulfill in the Kingdom. Those who operate in the gifts should walk in humility and esteem the other more than themselves. When this occurs, this gives the enemy very little room to bring conflicts. Conflicts arise when flesh is present. Conflicts arise at times when humans allow flesh to be in control instead of the Spirit and this leads to trouble. Those who walk in the Spirit seek to eliminate conflicts versus creating conflicts.

Leaders should be in the Spirit when it comes to assigning responsibilities in the Body of Christ. What happens in most Churches is a lack of volunteers for certain necessary tasks in ministries. This lack of volunteers occurs for many reasons but one of them is the attitude of those who are volunteering. This attitude comes from how the Body of Christ misunderstands all the gifts of the Spirit. There is an attitude in some that cannot see the glory in having the spiritual “gift of helps” or the “gift of administration”. People often seek volunteer positions that will gain them quick recognition. This is a wrong and impure motive that only leads to conflict.

We often have people in the Body of Christ who are mightily anointed in the “gifts of helps” and “gift of administrations” but they see that anointing as a curse and a burden. They try to fit in a place that they are not spiritually suited for and here comes the demons of strife, discord, and competition. Pastors should be given the freedom to place people in positions as they are led by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows what each Body of believers need. We need to trust that God is speaking to the leaders that He has appointed. There is harmony in the Body of Christ when this occurs.

Come back next week for more on Keepers of the Stuff – Unwanted Gifts in the Body of Christ.



## Honorable?

Evangelist Kathryn Gore

This week, I awoke early in the morning to see a text message sent from my husband asking me, "Is this your Chubb?" In the text, a clip was included with a man stating information has been revealed on who secured the bond of \$88 million for President Trump's appeal against E. Jean Carroll, to be Chubb Group CEO, Evan Greenberg. My mouth dropped and I became fully awake, and speechless.

Why? To answer my husband's question, this is my Chubb. Evan Greenberg is the CEO of Chubb Insurance, my employer. Before I go any further, this is not a conflict of interest. Everything being shared is open records to the public.

I believe this to be important information to consider due to the many opinions about why Mr. Evan Greenberg was willing to play a role in securing the bond for Donald Trump. Donald Trump and his team reached out to several Insurance Agency seeking help to secure a bond that would appeal the case of E. Jean Carroll. All agencies denied the bond except for one, Chubb Insurance. When the news hit, Evan Greenberg was under scrutiny. Some would suggest it was favor from Mr. Greenberg to return to Donald Trump since Donald Trump appointed Mr. Greenberg on the Advisory Committee of Foreign Policy under his Administration. It's been known shortly after being appointed; Evan Greenberg became critical of President Trump. Due to the concerns that were growing in the public, Mr. Greenberg felt it necessary to state his reason for taking this course of action. "Our surety division provides appeal bonds in the normal course of business," Chubbsaid in a statement provided to Newsweek on Saturday. "These bonds are an ordinary and important part of the American justice system, protecting the rights of both defendants and plaintiffs. For defendants, appeal bonds ensure the opportunity to exercise the right to appeal an adverse judgment, which might otherwise be lost in the absence of a bond." I want you to take note of Mr. Greenberg stating the facts on how these bonds are ordinary and play an important part of the American justice system. He made it known that Chubb was not taking sides and was definitely not in support of the defendant. He also included, "For plaintiffs, appeal bonds ensure that they will receive the damages when an award is confirmed on appeal, eliminating the need to chase a defendant for payment. This guaranty provides peace of mind as a plaintiff awaits finality in the appeals process. The surety receives full collateral from the defendant in exchange for issuing the bond."

Though it's been known that Chubb was not successful in securing the bond, what Evan Greenberg presented was very honorable. Right, wrong, or indifferent, Mr. Greenberg was trying to honor the law. He put his personal feelings to the side, to open a door of opportunity for both E. Jean Carroll and Donald Trump to have a fair review. Not only was this the right thing to do, but a brilliant move on his part as a businessman.

## Court of New Beginnings, Part 1

Reverend Aaron Betz

Some courts within the court systems of Heaven are seasonal- they are only accessible during specific seasons and meant for specific uses. One such court is the Court of New Beginnings.

God has established this court to facilitate the graduation process into the Greater Works (into the move of God that is coming upon the land). God desires to bring His people out of the old and into the new: out of exile and into commission: out of purposelessness and into purpose.

As we are each qualified for our destiny, we are qualified into God's perfect will upon the earth. Your qualification will answer "Yes" to this question: Are you one that can MOVE FORWARD with God?

Each of us have been on trial before God and all of Heaven and even before Satan and all of hell. The forerunner (remnant) churches have been shouldering the load for the church as a whole while also dealing with our own personal issues and consequences of life.

To understand where we are at in church history, we need to look no further than Jeremiah 29. This chapter explains the captivity of God's people which was brought about because of their refusal of God and His spokesmen. This rebellion to God brought about a 70-year exile of Judah into Babylon.

Babylon was a city founded by Nimrod- a man a great wickedness and anti-christ characteristics. Babylon was known for its great pride, rebellion, and pagan worship. It became a hub for all kinds of idolatry and led its people away from the worship of one god (monotheism) into the worship of many (polytheism). God's people were pulled into this corrupted culture and people. Notice your own struggles and the captivity that you have been in- can you see the parallels?

Some of us walked into captivity willingly, some of us were influenced generationally, and some of us have had a unique purpose for the bondage we have experienced. Nevertheless, now is the time to COME OUT of all forms of captivity. God is speaking this to his people now:

Jeremiah 29:10 For this is what the LORD says: "When Babylon's seventy years are complete, I will attend to you and confirm My promise to restore you to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you

13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and places to which I have banished you, declares the LORD. I will restore you to the place from which I sent you into exile."

We each have taken part in this captivity, being under the judgement of God while still believing in His promises and working to liberate ourselves and the captives around us. Get this scripture under your belt and apply to your life. Next week, we will start to discern how to move into this court of opportunity.



## **You Speak out of the Abundance of the Heart (part 2)**

By Theresa McGinnis

We may deceive ourselves about the state of our hearts with all sorts of ideas about our own goodness, purity or righteousness, but the sure and unfailing indicator is what comes out of our mouths. If what comes out of our mouths is corrupt, then our hearts are corrupt. When I go to God with an estimate of my own spiritual condition, I believe God chuckles, then ask to see my tongue, the fruits of my heart.

Psalm 45:1-2 gives us this picture of the Messiah. "My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (Then these are the words that the writer addresses to the King) Thou art fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Thy lips; Therefore God has blessed Thee forever." This is a picture of Christ, in His grace, His beauty and His moral purity. The first thing that is pointed out is that "grace is poured upon Thy lips", then it goes on to say, "Therefore God has blessed Thee forever." God blessed Him because of the grace that flowed from His lips.

When Jesus appeared in human form and men were sent to arrest Him, they came back without Him and were asked, "Why didn't you bring Him in?" Their answer was, "No one ever spoke the way that this man does (John 7:45-46). The grace that poured from His lips marked Him as the Messiah.

In the Song of Solomon, there is a prophetic picture of Christ and His bride and the relationship between them. Song of Solomon 4:3, "Your lips are like a scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. Your temples are like a slice of a pomegranate behind your veil." Once again, the first thing said about the bride, is about her lips, "Your lips are like scarlet thread, and your mouth is lovely. The word "scarlet" indicates sanctification through the blood of Jesus. The lips have been touched by the blood and as a result, the mouth is lovely. Further down in the chapter we read, "Your lips, my bride, drip honey; Honey and milk are under your tongue, And the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon." Notice the two distinctive words used about the tongue of the bride- honey and milk. These are also the same distinctive features of the Promised Land. The beauty of the Promised Land is seen in the bride, especially in her tongue and her lips. There is also a fragrance associated with these beautiful lips that penetrate the veil. Even though you can not see the form of the bride behind the veil, her voice and her fragrance penetrate the veil due to the beauty of her lips. Her lips are like a thread of scarlet and her mouth is lovely.

Ask yourself, "Is my mouth lovely? Would Christ say the same of my mouth when He approaches me as His bride? Will He have reason to be as delighted as he was in the Song of Solomon with His bride?" Be honest with yourself, because you cannot deceive God!



## **Our Position, Part 2**

### **Falling Upon the Rock Sculpture**

Sis Grace Crescenzo

The following are questions and answers taken from a Biblical Website. This is another important perspective why this is a necessary position to be in as we live in this world.

In everyday life, rocks represent struggles to overcome and perspectives to be gained, symbolizing obstacles that a person's character must overcome to complete their quest.

In the Bible, throughout scripture, rocks are commonly referred to as a symbol of God's reliability and strength. "God is my Rock" means that God is solid and trustworthy, unmovable, nothing can change Him or His affections for us. For that we can completely trust Him; He is strong, unmovable, and solid as a rock. The Bible advises that we build our houses and lives upon the stable rock that is God's love, wisdom, and salvation. Rocks are interlaced with the idea of refuge, a place to escape the tumultuous hardships of the earth.

Matthew 21:44, And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

#### **What does whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken mean?**

Whoever falls on it will be broken, is to say that those who humble themselves before Jesus Christ will be renewed. Their pride and sin will be broken. Our old life is broken to pieces (dies) and we receive the gift of a new eternal life.

Brokenness is God's way to blessing and change. He breaks our will and restores us into the wisdom of His will. He breaks our spirit and restores us into the security of His Spirit. He breaks our pride and restores us into His humility. He breaks our stubbornness and restores us into His sensitivity.

People throw broken things away, but God rarely uses anything until He first breaks it.

Psalms 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise."

Throughout the Bible we see God using imperfect people for the sake of His mission to bring hope to the world. Joseph, in the Old Testament, shows the journey of a person being broken by circumstances that were out of his control. He was betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, lied to, and falsely accused which landed him in prison.

#### **What is the meaning of He on whom the stone falls will be crushed?**

"By rejecting Jesus' authority, the cornerstone, over their lives, they lost all the blessings God desired for them.

Example: One of the most significant signs that God may be telling you to move on from a situation is a persistent lack of peace. When something is not in alignment with God's will, it often leads to inner turmoil and unease. Many stumble on it. They fall and are broken; they are "snared and taken".

In other words, those who do not come to God by way of the cornerstone Jesus, will be broken by the cornerstone Jesus (John 3:16-18) pg12

## The Rapture

Reverend Astrid Sherriff

True Christians will be caught up before, in the middle of, or after the tribulation, depending on true conversion to the faith. Therefore, a believer's rapture is determined by the time of his conversion during the Tribulation. It is known as a rapture or rapture when God raises His church and brings it out of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Brethren, it would help if you were not ignorant of what is going to happen to those who have already died so that you will not grieve like those others who have no hope. 14 Do we not believe that Jesus died and rose again? In the same way, God will raise with Jesus those who have died in union with him. 15 As the LORD says, we say that we who are alive and have remained until the coming of the LORD will by no means get ahead of those who have died. The Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, those who are left, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

There is no consolation in the teaching that the Church will go through part or all of the Tribulation period. We must repent, examine ourselves, live holiness, and have a good relationship with God. Salvation is a crucial factor in accepting Christ as your savior, confessing His redeeming feature by baptizing you in water and the Holy Spirit.

God will resurrect all believers who have died, giving them glorified bodies, and then departing from the earth with those believers who are still alive, to whom glorified bodies will also be given.

The rapture will instantly transform our bodies to fit us for eternity. "We know that when he (Christ) appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). The rapture must be distinguished from the second coming. At the second coming, the Lord descends to earth to stand on the Mount of Olives, resulting in a great earthquake followed by a defeat of God's enemies (Zechariah 14:3-4).

The doctrine of the rapture was not taught in the Old Testament, which is why Paul calls it a now-revealed "mystery": "Behold, I say unto you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be transformed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall be sounded, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).

The rapture is the glorious event that we should all long for. Then we will finally be free from sin, and we will be forever in the presence of God. The rapture is the glorious event that we should all long for. Then we will finally be free from sin, and we will be forever in the presence of God.

## WHAT IS A COLD SORE

Reverend Naomi Nichols

It is a group of tiny, painful blisters caused by the herpes simplex virus (HSV). They are also called fever blisters and break out on the lip and around the mouth. The skin around the blisters is often red, swollen and sore.

### CAUSES

\* You catch HSV when you come into contact with people or things that carry the virus. You can get it from kissing someone who has the virus or from sharing eating utensils, lip balm, towels or razors. Once you are infected, the virus never leaves your body.

### SYMPTOMS

\* Tingling, burning or itching feeling

\* Blisters occur 12-24 hours later which becomes red, swollen and painful. Blisters can take 2-3 weeks to heal completely. Once you've had a herpes infection, the virus can hide in nerve cells in the skin and may cause another cold sore at the same place as before.

\* Oozing and crusting. Blisters break open and fluid comes out which lasts 2 to 3 days. This is most likely when this can spread.

\* Scabs form on the sore which might crack and bleed.

\* The scab falls off.

**ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS** – speeds healing if you take them at the first sign of outbreak

\* Cream to apply on the sore. Acyclovir (Zovirax) and Penciclovir (Denavir) require a pre-prescription or you can get Docosanol (Abreva) over the counter.

\* Pills you swallow. Acyclovir (Sitavig, Zovirax), Famciclovir (Famvir) or Valacyclovir (Valtrex). You need a prescription to get these.

### HOME REMEDIES

\* Cold, damp compresses

\* Over-the-counter pain medicines like acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Motrin).

\* Cream with benzocaine or lidocaine to dull the pain.

\* A dab of rubbing alcohol can dry out the blisters.

\* Lip balms and creams to keep moisture in.





## **The Blood of Jesus Takes the Witness Stand in the Courts of Heaven – Part 3 Jesus Blood Speaks Peace**

Nancy Connell

Continuing on the Journey of what the blood of Jesus speak – John 19:2 speaks of Jesus becoming the prince of peace through his blood and being crowned with thorns – became the and brought peace to earth and to heaven. **John 19:2**

Jesus was given a crown of thorns. He bled upon His head. The soldiers were mocking the Lord, but they were actually doing something quite prophetic. **Isaiah 9:6**

The blood of Jesus brings us peace of mind. It cleanses the conscience. It can silence the chaos – even when it is raging around us. In the midst of the biggest battle and fighting for your life, Jesus has provided you the peace you need

The blood doesn't just cleanse the sin and washes us but it also cleanses the power of the memory of sin. It brings us peace with God. So as the enemy brings the accusations, the lies, tricks, and half-truths, have the blood of Jesus testify for you and then walk in the Peace that the blood of Jesus provides for you. **Romans 5:1, Hebrews 9:14**

When you need peace in any situation – call upon the blood of Jesus to speak on your behalf and cover you. Then walk in the peace that surpasses understanding that has been GIVEN to you. This includes even the things going on in the heavenly realm. Jesus blood was shed to bring peace to both heaven and earth. Colossians 1:20

The door was open for God's love to be poured into our hearts – even when we least deserve it... all because Jesus paid the price... a gift from God...

Romans 5:1-8 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom we have gained access by **faith into this grace** in which we now stand. And we boast in the **hope of the glory of God**. 3Not only so, but we also **glory in our sufferings**, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope**. 5And hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us**.

6You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8But **God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us**.

Jesus wanted us to receive the power that His blood contained. He knew, if we accepted our new life in Him, then we, too, would receive. Allow the blood of Jesus to bring the storms in your mind and in your life to become silent and focus on Him and allow God to do what needs to be done while concerning yourself only with what God wants you to do.

If you find yourself without peace, cover yourself and anyone you pray for in the blood of Jesus and ask God to pour His love even more into your heart through the Holy Spirit so that you can walk and live in the peace that has been bought with a price and given to you. Allow that blood of Jesus – the blood of peace speak for you and watch how the light will begin to shine through.



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We are in an unprecedented time  
of supernatural war

Matthew 11:12



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