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When The Spirit Of God Lights Our Candle

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SEEING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

“The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” (Prov.20: 27)
When the Spirit of God quickens our spirit, He lights our candle, and by His light, we begin to search our inward man. Before this, we never even thought of having an “inward man.”

Yet our inward being is what directs our actions until the Spirit of God comes in and re-directs us. Our invisible parts are our “heavens.” and our bodies with all its visible parts are our “earth.” This is also when we begin to see the kingdom of God...For the kingdom of God is within us.

Nicodemus was a man of the Pharisees, a ruler of the Jews. John records that he came to Jesus by night, which lets us know that he did not want to be seen talking to the Lord. Nevertheless, something was stirring within him and he could not wait. He said, *“Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”* (Jn.3: 2b)

Nicodemus needed to hear from Jesus, for himself. *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* (Vs.3) Was this the answer he was seeking? Or was it what he needed to know?

Nicodemus was very interested and inquisitive. This is the first requisite to understanding. Nicodemus needed to be made aware that there is a “kingdom of God.” Nicodemus needed to know that the power that Jesus displayed when He did miracles, cleansed the lepers, calmed the stormy sea or raised the dead, issued from another realm of life.

If we asked the majority of ministers who lay hands on the people for healing or for miracles, “how they do it?” They will mention the gifts of the Spirit, or faith, but almost none would mention the kingdom of God.

If we asked today's teachers of the Word to give a definition of the kingdom of God, we would get a variety of answers. Jesus declared, *“The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For behold, the kingdom of God IS WITHIN YOU.”* (Lk.17:20a-21)

With the revelation and experience given to us today, how can we clearly describe the kingdom of God?

In the study of life called biology, all living things are lumped up together into two kingdoms, namely plants and animals. Without going into details, these are divided into categories that biologists recognize as six distinct kingdoms. When we are first born into this world, we are born of water through our mother's birth canal and joined to the animal kingdom. We are human beings with five senses that can only connect to the physical world.

The kingdom of God cannot be reached by physical means, yet it is within us. Jesus said, *“..Except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”* (Jn.3:5)

Jesus was on earth and also in God's kingdom. He was first born of water. And when the dove descended and remained upon Him, He was born of the Spirit. One must be born of water before he can

be born of the Spirit because the kingdom of God is within man.

The kingdom of God is the invisible realm of spirit, in us and all around us. This invisible realm is also referred to as the “heavens” or “heavenly places.” It is where the Spirit of God dwells, and also where the spirits of darkness have broken into and taken over our lives.

This is where our inner struggle takes place. *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in HIGH (heavenly) places.”* (Eph.6:12)

These invisible “heavenly or high places” are our spirit and our soul. Our spirit has been in darkness but when the Lord quickened us, we began to be born again of spirit and the realm of God's kingdom opened up to us. We began to hear His voice and understand His ways.

When Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, in earth as it is in heaven, He was telling us to ask that His rule may be established within our heavens- souls and spirits. It is when the firstfruits are fully submitted unto the rules of His kingdom, that creation will begin to be delivered, so that in time, each man will be submitted to Him and be part of His kingdom. Then God will be all in all.

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.” (Col.1: 16) This leaves no doubt that there are invisible thrones and dominions that were also created for the Christ creation. These cannot be seen with the natural eye or mind, but they are very real, and they are not temporal; they are eternal.

This realm of the kingdom of God which is a realm of spirit can only be found within man. We must first be born as humans (of water) before we can be quickened by the Spirit and see the kingdom. There is a whole invisible world within us which remains well-hidden until we are born again of the

Spirit and little by little it is revealed unto us.

When we are born again we get spiritual eyes. The Spirit of God connects us to the “kingdom of God” and opens our conscious understanding to the things that are therein. *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”* (Jn.3:6-7)

Jesus knew that He could not make Nicodemus understand how He did His miracles, unless first the man was born of Spirit. It is futile to talk of the things of God's kingdom to someone who is not born of the Spirit and expect to be understood. Some will listen and some will scorn, but none of them will understand.

When Jesus taught us to pray, *“Thy kingdom come, in earth as it is in heaven...”* He was saying that when the kingdom is fully come in our heavens, it will be time to deliver creation. As the kingdom that was in Jesus' heavens was formed in us, so the kingdom in our heavens will come to the rest of the earth.

PROGRESSION IN THE LIGHT

It is obvious that when we are first converted and begin our journey into Christ, we are as babes on the milk of the Word. Then with the baptism in the Holy Spirit, little by little, we become aware of the realm of spirit within us. It is as we walk daily being led by the Holy Spirit that we begin to enter into that realm. Our walk with Him is a continuous practice to behold Him and His kingdom within, and not ourselves or the natural world.

“But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (IICor. 4:18)

We behold Him as He reveals Himself to us little by little. This is a work of the Spirit of God and we are changed in stages. Just as young children are first babes, then teens before they become adults, so we enter into the kingdom of God by degrees. Our goal is to reach maturity (perfection) in Christ and

to KNOW HIM AS HE IS.

This will be done when we have matured to the measure of the fulness of Christ and He appears as He is in us. *“When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him AS HE IS.”* (I Jn.3: 2b)

Until then, we see Him as we imagine Him to be or as our teachers have made Him to be. We see Him as He was in the flesh and on the cross. We see Him as He is in the many portraits that are artistically displayed. We perhaps see Him as a kind shepherd or else as a stern king sitting on a throne.

Only when Christ is fully formed within will we see Him as He really is. *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.”*(Gal.4: 19) Paul's great travail for the church was that they might grow up and that Christ may be formed and appear to them from within.

To the Samaritan woman at the well, and to each one of us as well, Jesus says, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*(Jn.4:24) It is as we grow in Christ that we begin to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. This means that we no longer worship Him according to the imaginations of our minds, or as a God somewhere in space, but we worship Him by the Spirit of the Son who dwells within.

This growth into Christ changes our perspective of the symbols that the Bible uses to teach us the realities of the realm of Spirit. If we read the Bible for its history or for its literary contents, we will miss the Christ that is hid for us within its pages. With few exceptions, the Bible is a book of symbols that need to be read by the Holy Spirit.

Paul went to great length to teach the Church that the things of God can only be understood by the Spirit of God. Within each of His called out ones, there is a constant searching for the deep things of God. *“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”* (I Cor.2: 10)

The harlot church taught the people to rely only on

its ministers to search the things of God. For this reason, most Christians feel unworthy or unable or just unwilling to do this. Yet the Spirit of God within each one is extremely desirous and eager to look into more of God's mysteries.

This is why we once drove miles to hear a Word from the Lord. We have read tons of books and booklets to find a Word that would feed our spirits. Through these, the witness of the Spirit confirmed what we were hearing deep within. In this way, the truth is established at the mouths of two or three witnesses and the body edifies itself in love.

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OUR LAND OF PROMISE

To make us understand the reality of the kingdom of God, the Word uses types and shadows. The people and events of the Old Testament become symbols of the invisible realities of God.

As we mature in Christ, not only does our Lord take many forms in our minds, but also the many types that the Spirit uses to teach us. For instance, the land that God gave Israel by promise becomes the type of the promises of God to His Church.

What does the Land of Promise represent to us today? In my own experience over the years, I have seen that the “Land” represents my inner being where the Spirits of Joshua (Jesus) and Caleb (faith and determination) arise to overcome the enemies of my soul, one by one. I have seen my soul that has been set free as the Land where the abundant fruits of the Spirit grow. I have also seen my soul warring in the name of the Lord, as the Land where the giants of sin and death must be overcome.

I have also seen my mortal body as the Land of Promise where the stench of death in the flesh and the doom of the grave must be forever crushed. *“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”* (I Cor.15: 53) I believe that all of these are valid perspectives that we go through as we mature into the Light.

But now I see that when all of these shall have been

vanquished, there is yet another aspect of the Land that looms high before us. Our Land of Promise will then become the entire creation that Christ in His body will conquer and receive as full inheritance. For the Word of God declares plainly that the Son (Body of Christ fully come in the earth) will inherit ALL THINGS.

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” (Rev.21: 7) Jesus is Lord of all, and He is the Heir of all creation. In Him we are joint-heirs, His members, His priesthood, and we shall rule and reign as it is written.

GOD SO LOVES THE WORLD

“..that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (Jn.3: 16) *“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”* (Ps.24: 1)

Two very well-known scriptures, yet most Christians seem to believe that the earth, the world and they that dwell therein belong to the devil. Many teach that they will be raptured away from the world, into a wonderful city somewhere in the sky or on another planet, while the devil continues to possess this world and the people that dwell therein.

This has never been the intention or the plan of the God that Jesus has been revealing to us. God so loved and still so loves the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save the world. We may still believe some of the traditions and fables that the established religious system of our day teaches, but if we continue to walk in the light that His Holy Spirit shines within us each day, we will come into more and more truth and be delivered from the darkness, deception and fear wherewith the teachings of man have kept us in bondage to themselves.

Jesus declared, *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”* (Jn.6: 44) All men will experience the “drawing” of God at one time in their lives. Not all will respond the first time, or the second time and so on. But Jesus said that we

should forgive a brother that comes to us, not seven times but seventy times seven times. If God tells us to give our brethren at least 490 chances for forgiveness, how many chances for forgiveness will a God whose mercy endures forever give to man? *“Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.”* (Ps.106: 1)

A NATION WITH A PURPOSE

The walk of Israel in the Old Testament is our example in type, as we walk through this life seeking and learning to win Christ. Paul compared our walk to a race and the prize for winning is Christ. But the competition is not against others, it is against the strong man of our own house- the self nature that desires to keep us in darkness.

Paul fervently declared, *“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I MAY WIN CHRIST.”* (Phil.3: 8)

The Lord first delivered the people from the physical bondage of Egypt, then through their wilderness journey, He took Egypt (their way of life and all that they depended upon) out of them. He gave them the man Moses and the Law to lead them to their promised land. *“And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for testimony of those things which were to be spoken after.”* (Heb.3: 5)

Moses' house was the nation Israel in the wilderness. He was faithful to give them the Law and to judge them fairly. We are Christ's house, *“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”* (Heb.3: 6)

In spite of Moses' faithful guidance, the people could not help but murmur and complain because of the hardness of the way. They even forgot the bondage and hard labor of Egypt and yearned for the leeks and garlics that they loved. We have been delivered from the spiritual bondage and darkness of the traditions of this world (our Egypt).

We have been set free from the doctrines of fear in the church system, and through our wilderness walk (the trials and tests of our daily lives and not knowing what will happen next), the Lord has been dealing with the affections of our hearts. Through our personal wilderness, He has also been revealing Himself in a more intimate way. Do we still yearn for the meetings and fellowships that we knew then, or is the relationship that we find daily with our Lord much more satisfying?

Paul exhorts, *“Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”* (I Cor.10-11)

When the Lord God called His man Abram out of his own country, He sent him on the wilderness journey that would mold him into becoming the founding father of God's great nation. Israel would be a nation under God. A nation of law, with a very special calling, *“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me **above all people**; for all the earth is mine; And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.*(Ex.19: 5-6a)

They were to be His very special and unique people on earth. They were to show forth the glory of God to every nation around them. Knowing the history of that nation, one may conclude that they failed horribly. But looking at it with the perspective that the Lord has given us by His Spirit, we know that they actually fulfilled their calling to a T. for their failure as a nation was as much God's plan as was the crucifixion of His beloved Son.

God has always had obedient servants who fulfilled His perfect will. They were such as faithful Abraham who left all behind and rose up in the faith to follow the voice he was hearing within. There was fearless David who as a young boy fought the lion and the bear to protect his father's flock. Later he protected Israel by slaying the giant Goliath without flinching. He was the man after God's own heart.

God had His fearless women such as Tamar and Ruth who would not be denied and put their lives on the line that the precious seed of Abraham might be preserved. And there was the very young and innocent Mary, who could have been stoned for her pregnancy before marriage. These and others formed the line of women chosen of God to preserve the seed of Abraham, until it became flesh and dwelt among us in Jesus. (In issue No.222, Journey of the Seed, I go into more details on that subject).

And God had His prophets. Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and the many faithful ones who suffered great persecutions for His Word. When Jerusalem was no more than a pile of ashes and rubble, God raised up Cyrus, king of Persia and gave him a heart to support the rebuilding of the wall of that city under the direction of Ezra and Nehemiah. God had His remnant who never bent their knee to any false god but stayed loyal to what they heard from Him.

Contrary to man's ways, the success of God's plan for His creation does not depend on the actions of the majority, it is in the hands of a few who will hear and will not deny Him. At the same time, the actions of the people are ordained according to His plan.

They are doing what they are meant to do as well. *“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.”* (II Tim.2: 20) And so it is among God's people.

Spiritual Israel was very much in God's mind when He formed literal Israel. He knew what their failures would be and He also knew that through their failures, spiritual Israel would be born.

Israel's calling was to show forth the glory and power of God to all the nations around them. Therefore, God displayed His power through them at every turn, so much so that the nations around them, feared them. In Rahab's own words, *“And she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of*

you.” (Josh.2: 9) In Old Testament times, God was dealing with the nations of the world. Israel failed because they committed whoredom with the gods of these nations. They did not remain faithful to the Lord God but instead adopted the ways of worship and behaviors of the heathen around them. They despised their holy calling and even though the Lord worked with them and gave them constant new beginnings, they slipped right back down into the miry clay.

David knew the frailty of his own heart and cried unto the Lord, “*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*” (Ps.51: 10) He knew that God could change the hearts of men.

When Jesus came on the scene, His own people could not recognize that He was their Messiah, and instead of rejoicing in Him, they crucified Him. As we know, this was also the will of God for us. Jesus explains, “*Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*” (Matt.13: 11)

He continued, “*...lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*” (Vs.15b)

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Jesus told Peter that He was going to build His church and that it would be so powerful that the gates of hell could not prevail against her. This is what Jesus has been doing through the power of His Holy Spirit in us.

Jesus did not build the Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic or any of these churches all over the world. But these were often the means that He used to call His people out of the world. He first calls us out of the world and into one of such congregations. He then calls us out of these into interim groups of sorts and gives us pastors and teachers after His own heart to bring us to a knowledge of Scriptures and of Christ.

It is through the Scriptures that Jesus reveals Himself and confirms His Word to His church. He also

gives gifts of the Spirit and prophetic dreams and visions to lead us into more light. He shows us much love when he exposes the evil of our hearts and cleanses us from the works of the flesh. He lets us know that we are His chosen. Peter declared to the church, “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*” (I Pet.2:9)

Compare these words to the words that Moses spoke to the nation Israel. Each is a nation with a purpose. And as His church, we are a spiritual nation with an even greater purpose.

Israel had a serious mandate, but they played the harlot and mixed their seed with the nations around them. The great harlot church of our day has gone down the same road. It has turned away from the truth of God's Spirit, and has mixed the traditions of the world with the holy things of God.

It has polluted the message and has lost the way. It has followed the ways of Jezebel and of Baal and has chosen the false gods of glamor and worldly wealth, and has bound the true words of God with chains, just as Joseph of old was bound and cast into a deep well to die because of his dreams and revelations.

But in spite of all these appalling practices, this harlot served one of God's great purposes in affording the opportunity for His called out ones to come out of the world and gather in His name. It was there that they learned to hear His still small voice within, and break free from the traditions of darkness.

THE WILDERNESS AND THE LAND

God took Israel through forty years of wilderness. He made His purpose clear to them from the start. It would be a time of intense testing. God made bare the motives of their hearts and tested their faith at every turn.

It was also a time to learn to worship Him and to observe His commandments, “*...that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which*

the Lord sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or no. And he humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.” (Deu.8: 1-3)

And this has been our spiritual walk since we came out of darkness unto the light of His Holy Spirit. He “...led thee (us) through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee (us) forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee (us) in the wilderness with manna, which our fathers knew not, that he might humble thee (us), and he might prove thee (us), **TO DO THEE (us) GOOD AT THY (our) LATTER END.**”(Deu.9: 15-16)

This walk is filled with exhausting and grueling tests, yet through them all, God has graciously taken care of our needs and has forgiven our murmurings as He did for them long ago. Howbeit, when they arrived at the border of their promised land, they expected to just walk in and take possession of what belonged to them; **NAME IT AND CLAIM IT** so they thought, after all God had given it to them. The naked truth, hit them straight on! There was indeed wonderful fruits in that land, but there were also giants dwelling there! Not only that, but these giants had been there a long long time and had taken full possession of the land!

IN SUMMARY

On our spiritual journey, the Spirit of God has made use of Israel's history and the conquest of their land of promise to open our understanding to what it means for us to possess **OUR** land. As we progressed to various levels of maturity, our land has taken on new meanings. For certain, the land always represents areas in our inner beings, that the

Spirit opens up to us and leads us to possess.

These are spiritual conquests such as peace that passes understanding, agape love for the unlovely, joy unspeakable and full of glory, keen discernment of spirits and much more. These are the treasures of our inner beings. Our “Joshua” leads us daily to take this land away from the giants of fear, dread, anxiety and unbelief that have kept us bound up.

Our Lord exhorts us, “*In your patience possess ye your souls.*” (Lk.21: 18) We have fought in the area of the works of the flesh. While we have tasted of the delightful fruits of the worlds to come, one by one, God's Holy Spirit has revealed the strongholds that are the giants of unbelief, pride, jealousy, love of money, egotism, selfishness and more...all of them giant spirits that are determined to hold on to our souls.

We have also fought our battles in the area of spirit, “*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh AND SPIRIT..*”(II Cor. 7:1a)

Our “Joshua” has exposed giants that have come down to us from generations and are implanted in our “genes”. These have ruled our behaviors and outcome in life. Weaknesses toward addictions, unhealthy preferences of all kinds among others, have burrowed their way deep within our inner beings. These traits are bully spirits that men and women often take to the grave with them.

As we continued to mature in Christ, we saw the giants in our land as the spirits who keep us and all humanity in an endless cycle of sin, death and the grave. We have read that these mortals must put on immortality and so we have come to understand that the immortality of our bodies is indeed the land that we must possess. and in truth this is very much where we find ourselves today.

In all of these things, we stand on the shoulders of all the saints who have gone before us and are waiting for the last generation to be the first to reach the mark. Spiritually, we have already entered that land and faced our giants day by day.

The giant of unbelief that whispers in our ears that this cannot be done will be the last to go. We will not quit the race. The Lord has put a determination within that will not let us quit. As Paul, we will keep the faith until our part has been won.

Long before I could clearly understand these truths, the Lord gave me a dream that at the time I could only interpret in part. *"I was in a street filled with people and we were all marching as in a military parade. We were in formation of row after row filling up the street from side to side and front to back. There was a double space between the very last row and the next to last row. I was marching in that very last row. At one point a whistle blew and a loud voice shouted, "Attention! About Turn!" and all turned around facing the other way. This put me and the very last row in front position! I was stunned."*

This dream has now become clear. I represent the Word that is given to us in the very last days (row). The true Church or Body of Christ has been marching toward the same goal, from generation to generation. The saints have all fought the good fight and have kept the faith. Most are now waiting behind the veil...marching with us... (row after row).

The time has come for our generation (very last row) to be first to reach the goal of immortality in the flesh. As Jesus said, *"The last shall be first."* This dream is a Word for the last days. It confirms that God's plan is unfolding even today.

For all this, we stand on the promise given to Abraham that *"...in his Seed (which is Christ) all the nations of the earth will be blessed."* (From Gen.22: 18) And on the promises given to Israel of old, *"I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people (spirits) to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee."*

And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By

little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land." (Ex.23:27-30)

Israel witnessed the many acts of God day after day as their clothes and shoes never wore out and they found manna on the ground without fail. Yet when they came to the border of their land of promise, they lacked faith to believe they could overcome the giants.

Actually, it just was not their time, and so God revealed His mighty acts to them, but only to Moses did He reveal His ways, *"He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel."* (Ps,103: 7) They did not really know God and when they saw the giants they said, *"We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were we in their sight."* (Numb.13:33b)

If David had seen himself as a grasshopper in his own eyes, instead of seeing himself in the power of the Lord his God, he could not have defeated Goliath. All the miracles that God did for Israel during these forty years did not change their hearts. The healings and miracles that the Lord does in our lives will not change our hearts.

It is only as we walk by the light of His Spirit daily that we begin to know Him. And it is by experiencing His presence in the daily struggles of our lives that we learn His ways and know His love. It is in the fire that He reveals Himself to us and that our hearts are forever changed.

And so we thank our Lord who has given us *"...the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places..."* (Eph.1: 17b-20)

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