

Many people think that miracles will take place in the last days...

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When we read the Bible, we sometimes get used to the things, which at that past time would happen in the real life.

I don't think people would go on doing their everyday things, if there was a fire and smoke over the city coming from heaven:

Exodus 19:16-19

- 16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.
- 17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.
- 18 And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.
- 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Hebrews 12:18-21, 25, 26.

- 18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
- 19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
- 20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
- 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
- 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

- 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**

There is a promise: “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” If we have such a promise, it means He should shake it well enough not only in the physical sphere, but in the spiritual as well.

And what do you think, when **for the first time** the cloud appeared, a huge cloud in the sky, and at night time, as a column of fire, - did Jews, heaving a sigh of relief after the Egyptian slavery, go to the Canaan wilderness with a bright smile?! I don't think so!

Exodus 13:21-22

- 21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:
22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

I think they had in front of them a lot of things to wonder. And for some this miracle was a real shock.

The human nature has a tendency to get used to things. And as back there in the wilderness they would get used to God, in the same way now people are getting used to Him, having faith in Him. Christians even can get used to the teaching, in which they do not believe themselves.

Deut. 1:31-33

- 31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.
32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,
33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

The reason of an obvious unbelief - getting into habit. Such a habit results in the absence of a desire, unbelief. The believers can so get used to some “holy” customs, traditions, that when the Holy Spirit is really working, and is manifested in the healing, casting out demons, they call Him Beelzebub, blaspheme Him. Those who persecuted the prophets, crucified

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Christ: were “believers”. Getting into habit with faith leads to the unbelief. (Luke 11;20).

In order not to get used to the spiritual death, we should not miss the day of our visitation.

Let us try to comprehend the working Person, living in us and sometimes not noticed by us. Now we are going to look in details at everything the Holy Apostles passed us, so that having understood Him, we could never get used to Him, get into the habit of some “holy” customs and then go against Him in unbelief. The great problem of Christians is that the gifts, the ministries and actions are not accepted as those coming from One God.

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

In verse 4 the word “gifts” in other translations sounds like “endowment with”, “donation”. And the word “diversities”, as “distinct”, “characteristic”, “various”. In other words v. 4 looks in a following way:

“Various, distinct and many-sided distribution of the endowment, donations of the Spirit.”

In v.6 the word “working” is translated as “rule”.

Let us see, how, taking into consideration all these meanings, the working of the Holy Spirit looks in the 1st Epistle to Corinthians 12:4-11

4 Various, distinct and many-sided distribution of the endowment, donations of the Spirit.

5 Various, distinct and many-sided **fulfillment** of the ministry by the Lord.

6 Various, distinct and many-sided working and ruling, inspired by God, producing all in all.

7 Each one is given various manifestations of the Spirit for the common good.

- 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of Wisdom, , to another the message of knowledge, by means of the same Spirit.
- 9 To another faith, by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that One Spirit;

To another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another interpretation of tongues.

All these, inspiring, are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

It says here about the working of the Holy Spirit in the spiritual world through the spirit of a person. And as it is an action of a spiritual world, so is it possible to see this action in the physical world as well? (physical realm?)

In the first letter to the church in Corinth Apostle Paul answers the questions of Christians. From the beginning of his letter he tries to write about the spiritual working of the Holy Spirit. But having started discussion about many flesh issues, he interrupts the spiritual theme in chapter 3 and comes back to it only in chapter 12. I believe that the reason for this is that as it was at that time, so it is now people try to understand the working of the Holy Spirit not by their spirit and in the spirit, but with the help of flesh or mind. Imagine if that part of the letter described spiritual things, so how much more we could understand about spiritual matters in the Scripture now.

1 Cor. 2:14

But the **natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually** discerned.

Naturally, it is impossible to see and discover the working of the Spirit using our carnal qualities. Now at the services I see, how wonderful, and various the moving of God can be. The carnal man does away immediately, and it is evidence that he perceives everything with his mind, not paying attention, that God is producing in the heart of his neighbor much more, than he can imagine. Sometimes the whole audience laughs, and somebody is filled with tears and has a humiliated spirit. Sometimes some people are listening the preaching lying on the floor. Somebody starts to cry or jump, even if before that person never had had such a freedom. This inner freedom overwhelms the whole being of a man. Peace and calm, surpassing every understanding, delivers a person from the chains of teachings and doctrines. For a carnal person it seems a kind of foolishness. He does not see any

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miracle in it. His mind is confused and surprised by disorderly actions and manifestations, especially when some unusual things happen.

Some **ministers** tell me that those things are the manifestations of some strange spirit.

1 Cor. 12:11

But all these **worketh** that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing** to every man severally as **he will**.

But I can't understand one thing: how do they know that the Holy Spirit can't work in this way? I wonder, where do they learn about His desire to act or not to act in this way?

1 Cor. 12:7

But **the manifestation of the Spirit is given** to every man to profit withal.

These ministers think that all that they teach, preach and do - they do because each one of them "is given the manifestation of the Spirit" from Lord Himself. And if something through someone else is manifested in a different way, it becomes for them - an "unauthorized fire". I think that the reason for that - preconceived thinking, which limits the Holy Spirit. It is impossible for God to work by His Spirit using only fleshly elements.

He needs to act through someone and by means of someone to manifest Himself through a person, which is through the human spirit, his heart, the inner person.

The Omniscient, Unsearchable -Eternal God is characterized by variety, and different manifestations. If a man is gifted with a "distinct endowment" of the Spirit, so will it be possible to see it by flesh, to comprehend with a human mind?

1 Cor. 12:4-6

4 Now there are **diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are **differences of administrations**, but the same Lord.

6 And there are **diversities of operations**, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Collective thinking is hardly able to comprehend different gifts, ministries and actions. People, astonished by this say: "We haven't been

taught this in our school of Apollos”, or “Where is it written?”, “There were no such things in the church history” etc.

There is a reason why people tend to compare everything with the things they know or have experienced. If this pattern exists on the level of the carnal soul, then there is no room for anything new. Why? Because such people were haven’t experienced in the spirit the intimacy of the fellowship with the Lord. For five years they haven’t been to the Tabor Mountain, have forgotten the taste of Heavens. They are not familiar with the goodness and mercy of the Lord. How can they measure things, compare them and differ?

Emotional experience and stresses won’t give an answer to the question of the Spirit, working more and more mysteriously and every time in a different way. So such man has to be astonished seeing so many different and various actions of the Holy Spirit. Because of that this person does not reach the whole truth, and is left with the first fruits of the teaching.

God is working in a strange way for to our mind. He produces everything the way He sees it. For example, how He showed His power in the healing:

Luke 5:17

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Maybe it was better for a certain time, maybe for the certain people. He knows everything. To know His work- means to know His heart. I do not know myself, and I am not able to know, all the actions of the Holy Spirit and the reasons why He is acting in this way. In order to know everything one has to be God. But I know one thing for sure: Father has given us the Holy Spirit that we could know in our spirit, what happens in the realm of physical, when the Lord begins to manifest Himself. In the spirit we are able to see much more that we are able to see in the flesh. (1Cor.2:12,13).

I like when the Holy Spirit is preaching instead of me, healing instead of me and is working as He is pleased to. He knows the hearts of people and their problems and He is working on His level with the people. That is why **I consider the ministry of the Holy Spirit the mightiest and the highest ministry of our era.**

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Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

The new teachings in the church are born out of new works and manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Someone takes one of the manifestations of the Spirit and draws a teaching or a formula out of this. Later this teaching becomes a tradition. The flesh operates in this way, which always wants to imitate the Holy Spirit and spiritual things. And for some people it is just manifestation of the holiness for show. Man is always looking for a formula or a rule, according to which he will be able to reach success in the knowledge of God, getting Anointing from Him.

There are some teachings, according to which, if the pastor or some other minister started running around, jumping or screaming, then everybody in the church should follow him in doing the same things. Once I was in the church ministry and suddenly the preacher started screaming. Then all people began to scream too. Although for some people it was only in order to keep loyalty to the preacher.

For example such a story happened once to me. Once during the service, exactly in the middle of my sermon, one elderly woman stood up in the hall and started turning her hands similar the vanes of helicopter. The whole community was astonished. I had peace in my spirit. But local people knew that woman and they knew the fact that since her childhood she had problems with the collar-bone, and she never could move in that way before in her life. God has cured her completely. Overwhelmed with happiness, which filled her, she could not stay calmly in her seat. It is good there were no pilots, who could imitate her according to the flesh, because the hall could turn into the air-terminal.

I noticed an interesting regularity in the ministry of the Holy Spirit: there is always the work of the flesh, carnality, which is paralleled with the work of God. I always observe it, that everywhere God is moving by the Holy Spirit, the flesh interferes. It is not only interferes, but tries to imitate everything which God produces in the physical realm. After such "imitations" and "manifestations" the personality is left so empty inside, that later with a great resentment goes against such a spiritual ministry. for example during the service with the great presence of God's Glory, the man filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, simply explodes and start running around the hall, as if his feet are caught in flame of fire. Having observed

this, another man, called "Xerox copying", gets up in restlessness of his heart, bound by various unclean motives and also starts running. It looks as if he was free, even filled with the Spirit. And there is a good deal of such people, who live in sin and need deliverance, who are **falsely** present in every movement and manifestation of God's Spirit.

The revival experience testifies that deception and unclean motives of corrupted human hearts go along with every revival. Since the creation of the world these words are always heard: "Did God really say?" (Genesis 3:1).

Who was there but the "godly people", who persecuted and killed the prophets of the Lord? Who killed Jesus Christ? Who arranged all those persecutions against the first Christians? Who always used to resist the work of God's hand through the anointed ones of the Lord? Who had this furious envy toward those filled with the power of the Holy Spirit? Who because of this envy used to rise in revolt against the supernatural delivering power of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 6:12). It's the same Spirit who is being active since the time of the Earth creation.

Covering the nakedness of their heart by the words from the Bible, they managed to convince Christians' mind using the false meekness, that the Christians would be able to accept them. It is always hot and uncomfortable for them in the place, where there is the Fire of the Holy Spirit, the One who knows the thoughts of every heart! he is burning every uncleanness, that is why such people are rushing out of such atmosphere with whistling.

The fakes of the one who was working since the very beginning, always used to cleave and adapt to every revival.

During the revival the flesh is usually awoken, which was asleep in its religious activity. But suddenly the change or reformation occurs. the flesh does not make it up with everything supernatural or extraordinary. the mind is filled with surprise facing extraordinary manifestations of the Holy Spirit, which are expressed through the unpopular and not outstanding person. (Acts 4:13). Strange signs surprise Pharisees to dizziness. These supernatural miracles make them hide in the Talmud of their teachings and ideas. (Acts 6:8-15).

Any of the life changes do not spare people very much. The man is easily getting used to a steady life and balanced thinking. Any displacement or reformation make the man feel tension, release some energy.

But the true action of God's hand changes everything around. The old things collapse, the new things are built up, the rotten religious places are cleaned, and freshness and cheerfulness of the spirit begin to dwell inside.

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One's brain is strained by the wondrous work of the Lord. One's mind has to look for somebody who holds the same views, and somebody who would be able to answer roughly to the millions of one's questions.

As a rule, when the Holy Spirit is doing His work in one's heart, and when the church order along with traditions are broken, then the person has hard time staying in his/her seat. Incomprehensible behavior of people causes confusion in those "responsible" for the church service and order. It is always the case, whenever there is a Pharisee's prejudice in human heart—this heart does not address for an answer to God, but is running about it after some "authorities". But if the heart is looking for God, then it is open to the Holy Spirit and is ready to put everything to Jesus' feet.

As a rule "a good-natured Pharisee" is filled with the spirit of a "good Samaritan". He imagines himself a great responsible person for the souls of people, got into trouble of "a spirit of delusion" influence and do not realize that they are caught in the trap, they laugh in ignorance or fall. These "little Pharisees" rush to save "entangled" people and do not see the fact that God is performing a great work in the hearts of His children. But the main question which always sounded since the creation of the world, "Is this really true?"...

Flesh and blood are not able to understand the power of God's Kingdom. For them miracle it is something disgusting. There are two kinds (groups) of people, who do not understand God's moving: **first**—are Christians, loving God in their hearts, but taught some definite teaching and trying honestly hold to it, second—people with hardened hearts, who had had the meeting with Jesus 100 years ago and now are in the state of dead spirit. They are functioning as ones, appointed by the "highest Apostles" to do the "great" ministry for God. It may be they are not dead in spirit in God's eyes. But the fact that their spirit is not functioning: we could call it death or a sleep.

At the manifesting of the Spirit or His work people respond, they are awoken. They try to understand what happened with wide-open eyes; as if they have just been awoken from a sleep. They are perplexed all the day and pass away in their declining years, having missed and overslept everything, having done nothing specific for God. 10-20 years of "belief", "binding devil", "prosperity" and all the time far away from the land of Canaan. Only the pastor of the church managed to "taste milk and honey" and even by a car.

The work or breath of the Spirit excites everybody. We could compare it with the wind. If there is a slight breath of wind, then maybe a couple of leaves will fly from one bush to another one (that is when a Christian has

moved to another church). But when because of the storm roofs from houses are flying in the air, and then everybody is astonished and scared.

Every storm is measured by the power of the wind. To foretell the acting and the direction of the wind- it is something not available to our knowledge.

General characteristics are known, but the way it is going to behave, the direction it is going to take- these are things nobody can know.

So in the Bible general characteristics of the Holy Spirit are described and His possible actions. It is only possible to learn about His work and His will when one is in spirit. It is God's Wisdom, revealed to our spirit in the Glory of God.

To walk and live with God means to understand and know God. In some English translations sometimes the word "spirit" is substituted by the word "wind" (Ez. 1:12, 20,21).

For example:

Ezekiel 2:2

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

John 3:8

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

I think the behavior of the wind is the closest to the work of the Spirit.

John 3:8

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, **but canst not tell** whence it cometh, and whither it goeth...

It is typical for the wind, that it is blowing the way it pleases. Where it is blowing- is a secret. The most important thing for the Christians is not knowing the way Spirit is blowing, but how to **see** this blowing, breath, work and **hear** this tender voice of Love. (Song. 8:6).

If the wind is too strong, then there are lots of broken wires, thrown down pillars and trees. Such a wind usually leaves after it a lot of disorder. After a fierce hurricane there is usually much work to do. The wind always brings a reform.

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Many believers do not like this. Many things are not clear, mysterious. Sometimes it surprises people to the degree they lose the faculty of speech. Only if one is in the spirit he will be able to understand and realize the work, purpose and direction of the Spirit. But it is possible for every Christian.

At the time of Christ the experts of the Scripture did not understand the work and the manifestation of powers either.

The questions were the same as we here today: "where it is from, where it is going? By what name?" etc.

John 3:8

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and **thou hearest the sound thereof**, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

That is we hear the sound of the wind - invisible work of the power. How can we see something which is invisible? In the Spirit! Sometimes the unseen hand of God is working in an invisible way in human hearts and we can see even in the physical world the work of God's power, an amazing miracle, and a sign.

These strange actions of the drunken ones in the Spirit surprise the "sober ones". Christians without love, always have an opinion, that this is blowing of an unclean spirit (1John 4:16-18). If you are a righteous man, you will be as a lion. (Prov. 28:1). You will be as the one, invested with power. You will run without fear into this storm, this wind. You are with god, who or what can be against you? But sometimes instead of surrendering to the wave of the Holy Spirit, Christians not loving the Lord attempting to defend them falsely from a "delusion" in "meekness" rush out from the service of anointing with the conclusion: "it is beelzebub".

The Bible gives us right to hear His voice, see His way, His will in the work of His Spirit.

When the Apostle Paul described the spiritual things (not gifts), he wrote straight about the safety of being plunged in the Spirit. There is nothing scary in God and His love.

1 Cor. 12:2

Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

I want to pay attention to the words: "carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led". The modern translation gives it, that they all the

time permitted to lead them aside and served these mute idols. In the English translation it means: "as if you were provoked by someone to follow them (idols)" (1Cor. 12:1-3).

Apostle Paul compares this blind giving oneself to an unknown mute idol with the compromise, surrender to the work of God's Spirit. Why then today many people are afraid to be influenced by the Holy Spirit? It is clear written here that one who is speaking by the Holy Spirit will not say any anathema against Jesus. Could it be that they love Him not very much and are afraid of something? It means they love God with their mind, but not with their heart.

In order to learn how to hover in the streams of the Wind-Spirit (guidance in the Holy Spirit), we need a lot of time. The intellect is afraid of strange things.

Ephes. 3:17, 18

17 ...being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height

The true knowledge of God- it is not the knowledge of "where is it from", "where is it going?" It is an understanding of "how wide and long and high and deep" that which is in Christ. Without fear, in love, in God's happiness, your heart has courage and boldness. (1John 4:17,18).

If you sincerely love Jesus, you will do everything for Him and when under anointing you will be able to run unceasingly 30 kilometers (1Kings 18:46).

The book of Acts of the Apostles consists completely of adventures, wonders and miracles. They had to go through many hardships for this ministry of the Spirit and being guided by Him.

The wind did not change although Ap. Paul three times asked God to "change the blowing of the wind". By many hardships we are to enter the Heavenly Kingdom. God loves His work and wants to do everything according to His will. He does not need alien things. He likes His Own.

The most important thing for us is not to be afraid of anything. Simply walk with Christ. Sometimes we will have to escape, "to slip away" from the crowd, sometimes to catch stones, sometimes to go to the cross. I don't think they disciples of Jesus were the real heroes all these 3.5 years. They had everything as the people have in real life. The true church is always persecuted. (1Pet.4:12-14). I don't think the apostles were persecuted because they grew up in faith, staying in bed with a cup of coffee and

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watching TV. They were always caught "in the act". Their adversaries could not understand their "tricks".

Many odd things were at the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus performed miracles, but and our contemporaries also perform "miracles".

Read through chapter 9 of the Gospel of John and look what is described there? Pay attention especially to the behavior of Pharisees. Imagine it as if you were walking there with Jesus. So many places in the Scripture are given to the incident which happened with the blind man and Jesus. Try to understand the intent of Jesus here.

John 9:1-41

- 1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
- 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?
- 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.
- 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?
- 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.
- 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
- 13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
- 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
- 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

- 16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.
- 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
- 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
- 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?
- 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
- 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
- 22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
- 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.
- 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.
- 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.
- 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?
- 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?
- 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.
- 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.
- 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.
- 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
- 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.
- 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

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- 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.
- 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
- 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
- 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
- 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.
- 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.
- 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?
- 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Verse 3 says: "... that the work of God might be displayed in his life."

God is so amazing: He is doing what He pleases, and He is not asking for our comfort and consolation. This man was suffering till the age of his majority, only in order that it would be revealed, that Christ- is One having all power and authority. It turns out, that the blindness was not caused by sin, but was caused for good? That means he was born in that state because God predestined it? It looks as if God mocked at His own creation: made him deaf, blind, and all this only with the purpose to reveal Himself?

Everything is explained in this way. When Jesus said this was the work of God, it can mean only one thing: God - is the owner of all. Everything God created, is creating or will create, everything brings Him glory and honor.

His majesty does not have end! It is impossible to perceive Him with our mind! However hard you may try to comprehend and realize the work of God - you will never understand His acts.

James 1:18

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

He did what He was willing to do. And if you still question God's mercy toward this blind man, then look how those "godly people" mocked the former blind man and despised good and merciful miracle of healing.

How much indignation and discontent the cured man caused. He even was banished away after a serious discussion.

He would have liked it better if that man had stayed blind, if only it did not break "godly" rules. There is a saying "to make a mountain out of a molehill". They made one interrogation, then another one, called his parents, witnesses.

Jesus says straight about **judgment**, a great difference between two worldviews (spiritual and carnal) in regard to the work of the Holy Spirit.

The "unseeing" one- it is heart, willing and desiring to see. The blind one understands another blind. The satisfied man does not have anything common with the hungry man. God needs hearts willing to see more. And they will see greater things.

The satisfied and "seeing" hearts are never able to see the work of God. Do we want it or not, but we have to see a wondrous work of God, which He performs according to His will.

John 9:4-7

- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Here the man was blind, but after he came to the healing ministry, he became dirty on top of it all. It looks not as a healing, but a mocking show of mightiness.

Sometimes the ministers tell me about the Anointing services: "Why should people lay on the floor in the dirt? Is it not true that God can speak to the heart of a person, without people falling on the dust and dirt? I usually answer to this: "It is His business." If it depends on Him, whether the man will be born blind for sufferings and hardships, but what is man that he could argue with God?

In the end of chapter 9 I found a good answer:

John 9:39

And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

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Judgment it is a solution, completion of every disputable matter. The master or a "judge" has made a decision to draw a line between:

- those who are **blind**. These are people in need, hungry, not knowing, poor, miserable, hungry and thirsty in the spirit. In result they will see spiritually, they will have gifts, be fed with kindness and mercy, they will learn the power of the Word, they will become rich for every good deed, they will drink of the Holy Spirit, fed in the spirit abundantly.

- those who **see**. These are people who always used to say, they have something, they were never hungry for God, knew everything, they had a poor spirit only then, when they asked God to baptize them with the Holy Spirit, they were poor and miserable only when they were learning about the way of salvation, thirsty, only when they were burning for God in their first love. Now they became adult, serious, well-balanced and seeing.

The anointing is performing this kind of judgment. Only the blind person is able to see the miracle of God that is the person who is not proud. Only thirsty heart, filled with the desire to experience the presence of God can see His Glory. Such a hungry heart will always see the work of the Holy Spirit.

The summary of chapter 9 is this: only blind person is able to see the work of God. Miracles, signs and wonders of God's actions will be revealed only to the blind hearts. They will see the answer in their spirit.

1 Cor. 2:15

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

For others all this will remain a mystery, a wonder, astonishment, a legend. It will happen that the blind ones will surprise the seeing ones and all this will become even more incomprehensible thing.

God on purpose will take the dirt on your "holy" day, the Sabbath. (John. 9:6,16). He will look for the sick people during the whole week, in order to heal them on the day of Sabbath, and not only make them well, but do it in order to make fun of your "Law". The next Sunday He will organize not the ministry of Anointing, but the ministry of spitting.

Mark 7:33

And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

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Brother, I invite you to this ministry. Maybe it looks loathsome, but you trust me, it works.

I do believe this. And I also believe that the thunder or an Angel can speak in the city. I think this voice will puzzle not only the unbelievers, but some Christians as well.

John 12:29

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

It won't be an unexpected thing for me, if the Christians are more surprised than the people from the world. For the people from the world it will be a reality, but believers can see in it the false sign, because they are "warned" by the word of God, they are "knowing" and "**seeing**" everything.

And if God according to His desire will make through His anointing ones the earthquake in the city, then many Christians will run to their TV sets in order to watch the news and see, what mountain in reality had moved, or learn what volcano had awaken and what was the real cause of the earthquake.

Acts 16:26

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

I am thirsty with every cell of my body, of my whole being to see His Glory in my ministry and my life. I am eager to see more than I see at the present time. I am thirsty for His Works and manifestations everywhere.

Acts 9:7

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

These are not children tricks, this is the desire of my heart- to act like Christ did, "making fun" (not to leave until Lazarus died), and heal. (Mk. 8:23-25).

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John 11:4, 14, 15.

- 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby he shall do well.
- 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- 15 And **I am glad for** your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

Jesus was glad about His disciples: because they were to see the amazing miracle. Although some of them had to mourn for a while.

John 11:40, 45-47.

- 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.
- 46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
- 47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

The mysterious and wondrous work of God is performing a great glory to God. At the time of the manifestation of God's glory there is a clear border placed in the spiritual world; God becomes God and the man becomes the man.

God is a miracle doer and according to His good will, He is doing all as He is pleased to do. (John 3:8).

Everything is made by God, and we are not able to understand and comprehend our Creator completely. His work and power are knowable for no man. In order to fully understand God, one must be God himself. And only our spiritual heart has this **opportunity to see the work of the Holy Spirit**. I say: "**see**" because we have before us the whole eternity to learn God completely.

I consider it a great privilege for us **to see the work of God**. It is possible only in God's Glory, in the mightiness of His Majesty, in the acting of His power. The Holy Spirit is able to place us into the wonderful Glory of God.

This is the happiness we have, it is wonderful- to learn and realize His miracle, His sign in the Glory of Jesus Christ! (Phil. 4:19).

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While reading the book of the wondrous work of the Holy Spirit, one can notice, how different and various were His actions.

On the day of Pentecost there was a great noise, as if it was from a flying strong wind. The fiery tongues appeared over the crowd of the people. No doubt all this had surprised and puzzled all those present there. The Apostles were so drunk and cheerful in the spirit, that the joyful laughter was spread over the surrounding land. The Apostle Peter had to explain it all with the "word" before all people astonished with a great wonder.

Acts 2:28

Thou hast **made known** to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of **joy** with thy countenance.

They tried to justify themselves as they could. Sometimes the proof did not "work", then they used fear.

Acts 2:43

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 4:29-31

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 5:5

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Why is it not at our time, that the deception of believers had not cause anyone to die? Why those going to the Church, **know**, what will take place during the service and at what time it is over? Why is it, that the service of God has the program without questions, wonders, miracles and signs?

All this happens because there is no **Anointing**. (Acts 14:3).

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Acts 4:30

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

I know it is possible today to justify and explain one's ministry with the "word", but not in a way this man of God did it:

Acts 8:4-8

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 **And there was great joy in that city.**

Sometimes during my services **while I am preaching people** are healed. But "pedants" who "read books" say to me: "Brother, it is not biblical. Everything should be in the spirit of piety and fair. Our God is a God of order." I usually answer to them:

Acts 10:44

While Peter **yet** spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

The various work of God always confuses the human mind. If one tries all that happens during the service or is written in the Scripture to understand with one's mind, then he will be "tempted". If we think of it, the temptation - is a pride. When Jesus said that people will have to drink His blood and eat His flesh, almost all present there were tempted and left.

Christ told them about spiritual things, but people having accepted all said, have decided, they will resolve this having digested everything that was said, decided that they would settle this misunderstanding by themselves.

They were reasoning about all these things within the limits of available and clear for them world, felt themselves proud and left. The physical world- is for mind, spiritual world – is for heart, spirit, inner being, able to comprehend the **supernatural**.

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Acts 8:39-40

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip **was found** at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Christ during His earthly ministry was making miraculous things without asking advice from anybody. He wished and stopped the storm, planned to get rid of some pork (because of **the zeal** about His Father Law, and not in order to cause the damage to the economy of His country)- and made it. (Mth. 8:26-32).

Having entered the temple he had thrown away everything which was defiling it, overturned the table of the ungodly people.

All this says to us that he is the Lord Himself. As a Creator, He does not need any advice from his creation. But today many “minds” desire it.

Luke 21:11

And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

The church ministry is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Mightiness of God should cover the Universe (Ezek. 26:20). The Majesty of God will accompany the true body of Jesus Christ. It is His business, His will, His desire. May the Name of the Lord be glorified!

The most important thing for a Christian is to understand and know God, but not the way He is acting. It is crucial for every one of us how much we **know** Him. We are given an opportunity to get acquainted with Him through His Holy Spirit, Who is in us, and Who, having revealed to us His Glory can give us the comprehension of the spiritual matters. To walk in His Glory- means to walk in the understanding of the work of His power. Being poorly acquainted with the Holy Spirit leads to the situation when the smallest manifestation of God’s Glory confuses and surprises a person. The spiritual work can be known by the spiritual heart, by the inner being of a person.

Having such a nice privilege of Lord’s kindness and mercy, we can love Him out of the fullness of our heart, know Him and be with Him forever!

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There was time in my life, when I lived in accordance with the prophecies. I was looking for a prophet, and then he would predict me something, encouraged me. But this supply was sufficient only for a couple of months. I was taught this way and I acted according to it. But the thirst after God and desire to live the true life with god made me look for something more, better and clear. The “predictions” did not satisfy me anymore, although all this sometimes was “pronounced” in the hysterical state. I felt it, I knew, understood, that something had to happen inside of me. Somewhere in my heart there should be the breakthrough of the water of life and happiness of eternal salvation. (John. 7:37,38).

By the great love and mercy this “invisible” Kingdom of God became visible, noticed, experienced, and tangible. It is salvation; it is an eternal life, revealed to my spirit- to my heart. (I describe this experience in detail in the chapter “The Glory of God”).

Blessed is the man who is looking and knocking. He will for sure find the Kingdom of His first love.

When one is with him, one does not need to go anywhere in order to hear the “prediction”. You can be always this way with Him, live a normal life and not “suffer”. In the Glory of His Kingdom you will desire Him more and more. It is the happiness, blessing of the Heavenly Kingdom in His power, here, on the earth!

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Ps. 145:5

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

I love the Glory of God; I am just fascinated by the cloud and mist of the Lord. I admire this saturated, dense, tangible atmosphere of His presence!

Blessed be the Glory of the Lord!

The Glory of God will go out of the church buildings and move along the streets and squares. Everywhere the unusual crowds of people will be shown up. The Cloud of God's Glory will astonish every person. The anointed one of God will proclaim in the street: "Be healed!" and people immediately will be healed. Those long helpless prayers for healing will pass away. Two hours long binding of the devil will seem a childish and ridicule game. The vessel of God will speak as the one having power: with boldness, without any fear and doubt. A strange and mysterious healing will be released moving along the streets. The power of the Holy Spirit will enter the houses and will heal the people at the place where the servant of God had walked some time before. People will gather from every part of the city and trembling with excitement vying with one another will witness about the immediate healings of the sick. About those who were suffering from the plagues coming to the earth. About those after whom they were looking such a long time. The servant of God will convince the amazed crowd of people to keep silence about the events they were witnesses to, as it was impossible to get rid of people that come together at every place and tell about some strange events, not fully understanding how those spiritual things can work. (Isaiah 60:2).

The wealthy family where God supernaturally healed the people will bring their money and treasures to God's people, so much there won't be enough room for them.

In some places there will be persecutions and attacks against the anointed ones of God from the religious groups having lost their income.

Because of the great Glory of God people would appeal to believers and come together in order to worship God with a genuine heart till dawn. The Christianity will experience a great change of revaluation of priorities in the ministry of worshipping God.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for **the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

It is not a church choir and the worship band, once a week presenting their performance to God and people.

Here it is not the question about such worship. The worship in spirit and truth- it is the moving and working of the Holy Spirit. It is an attitude of reverence, honor and respect in the presence of His will, an attentive observance over its accomplishing. It is fear and trembling in front of the manifestation of His power, expressing through His children.

The worship in spirit - it is giving priority to the action of God, respectful attitude toward the manifestation of His Glory, a great desire and **waiting** for Him.

The Glory of God I am talking about, it is not a mere giving thanks, glory and honor to God. I am talking about **the Glory** of God and His Majesty, Almightyness and power, working and showing up in its splendor. In other words these are miracles, signs and wonders, manifested in the physical sphere.

Let us look at the very important, and I would call it the main element of the life in Christ and spiritual growth in Him. I consider it **the first** criteria, leading out the person to the spiritual ministry.

Many Christians believe that the Glory of God is some sovereign attribute inherent in God's nature, and its manifestation is holy and takes place only when He Himself will choose to show it up. According to the church history statistics (some people estimate it) it happens once a hundred years.

Another opinion: it is not important at all in the life of Christians, and if this took place long time ago, it was necessary at that old time, but not now. (Acts 14:3).

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And for some people being filled with the Holy Spirit during the prayer is the highest, ultimate action of God. That is why people do not preach on **the Glorious ministry of the Holy Spirit**, as they do not see His Glory, there is no action of God's Spirit that would support the word (preaching). The ministry of the Spirit is substituted with the Pharisees-like interpretation of theology. There are all kinds of preaching, speaking, teaching and word but the action one should expect at home by faith.

The ministry of the Spirit is the ministry of the Glory of God. (Rom. 15:18,19).

Now we are going to see, based on the Word of God, how we can acquire **the ability to serve in the ministry of the Spirit**.

2 Cor. 3:3,6

- 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.
- 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The Holy Spirit writes His instructions on the heart. With such a record of truth a Christian is able to serve in the Glory of God.

The Apostle Paul explains to the church the notion of God's mercy and tells about His ministry in the Spirit, for which he was many times rebuked from the side of believers. It was a great mercy and a gift of God for him to have such a privilege of serving in **the Glory**.

2 Cor. 4:1-4

- 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
- 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
- 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of **the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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This letter was addressed to the believers in Corinth. He directly states, that “believers” can be blind in their mind. And the light of the true gospel cannot shine in their hearts, as it is the Glory of Christ. I think that for the believers first of all, and not for the unbelievers the light of Christ’s Glory should start shining. The question arises: is it possible that the believers were the unbelievers in reality?

2 Cor. 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of **the knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ.

Every Christian should experience a personal meeting with the Glory of God. It is a personal matter. We are already given a set of instructions (that is the Word of God), and now, brother, go ahead, **become acquainted with** the Glory of God by yourself, and you will be successful in your ministry. But very often the “mature” Christians, not having experienced the power and mightiness of God, but observing how the Lord is working through some insignificant man, rise up in rebellion. They take the “machine-gun” (The Scripture-letter) and start blazing away.

John 12:43

For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

The anointing of His Glory is like a pearl, as the most precious thing in the world. The Heavenly experience, the sweetness of Jesus, the admiration of the heart, the happiness of the Father’s love and the fellowship with the Holy Spirit - all these things through you can influence the other human hearts. I am amazed seeing how God works during the time of preaching, at the church service. You want to keep it as the life itself, but those who do not comprehend this ministry are always ready to persecute, oppress, leave and envy you.

2 Cor. 4:7-11

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

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- 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
- 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Apostle Peter, having a deep understanding of the spiritual things, defends Apostle Paul in his address.

2 Peter 3:15-18

- 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;
- 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood**, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
- 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.
- 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The things which are hard to understand- these are matters difficult for the human mind's perception. The ministry of the Spirit, the Glory of God was never easy for understanding, and it cannot be so. The mind is able to perceive the letter, but the heart can accept spiritual things. The Apostle Paul compares the ministry of the written letter with the ministry of the Glory and shows **the advantage** of the second one, but for some people that is nothing but a mere history.

2 Cor. 3:7-9

- 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:
- 8 **How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?**
- 9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Having experienced the glorious things and revelations he is not keeping them in secret, but writes about that mystery to Colossians.

Col. 1:26-29

- 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:
27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of **the glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:
29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Through the revelation of this mystery one can become perfect in Christ. If one lives and walks in this, will he ever keep silence? The Apostle Paul with conviction explains the issues the most important and necessary for the Christians. It is not a mere history. It is the process of our spirit formation in God's matters.

2 Cor. 3:10-18

- 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.
11 For if that which is done away was glorious, **much more that which remaineth is glorious.**
12 **Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:**
13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:
14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their **heart.**
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

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- 18 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.

Seeing the Glory of God, the working of the Holy Spirit in various ministries, won't it give to you the hope to act with a great boldness?

Verse 14 says that the minds are getting blind while reading the letter, which is the Word of God, told some time ago.

Christ - Messiah, Anointed One. Today as well people very often read just the letter. They do not have the revelation in their heart and spirit (because of the veil covering their eyes). Many people are blind for this, although they read from "Moses" for others.

Christ (Messiah) can **come** and by His power (anointing) **break** the ignorance and stink of the spiritual death. But this can happen, as verse 16 says, **when** the person will be thirsty for it, desire, look for it, in other words, **will turn** to the Lord (not to the mind, filled with the Bible), then the Spirit of God will deliver the heart out of the letter dependence to the freedom. The heart, spirit of the man begins to see the Glory of God and transform in It. The more often the heart can see (not "think" or "feel"), but when it **sees** His Glory the more it becomes like Jesus. (Ezekiel 3:12). What can one expect from the preacher, being transformed 20 years ago during the baptism of the Holy Spirit, if he believes, **the turning** to the Lord - the need of the unbelievers?

The Word of God was given to the believers. It can help our eyes to see the truth. I do not explain the teaching or my understanding of God's Glory. I am writing about the reality, which is available for every Christian. It is not a new teaching.

There are very little miracles and signs, we can hear very little about them. And when they are absent, there should be at least the preaching of the word. One can think that I am only for the miracles. Not at all! I am for the miraculous Word, working and changing all and everything! (Mark 16:20).

Ephes. 1:18-19

- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Why then **enlighten** the eyes of our heart in our hope of His calling? Is that true that we, the holy believers, need some more change? Exactly! It is true that you can believe and be saved by means of Gospel proclaimed to you. It is true you can get to heaven without the “enlightenment of the heart”, but is it true that His words were spoken only for this?

The purpose of God is to enlighten your heart and start working through you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in order that many other souls be saved and delivered through you. His goal is to show us an immeasurable greatness of His Majesty, which can accomplish the great work of the Heavenly Kingdom here, on the earth. He had promised it long ago and will fulfill His promise. He intended to do it and He will.

Haggai 2:9

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

We are His temple! We are those **accepting** His Glory! We are dwelling place for His Glory! We, who have received the Word from God, are changed by the Glory of His Words in His likeness! It is the destiny for me and my heart is to hear Him, to be transformed by Him in His Glory, to Shine by His Glory, as it was promised by Him.

The radiance of His Glory will be great. His temple will shine with the blinding light of God. And this light will vanish away every sin and evil. In such a presence of glory the sinners will repent without any words of preaching. The Holy Spirit will convict and convert in fear the heart of the worldly man. (Acts 2:43;16:29, 30). It is not you anymore; it is the One, Who is in you. It is not you who will cause God’s fear in sinners, but the Christ will do it.

Isaiah 58:8

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

Accompanied by the Glory of the Lord, and not by the preaching of the Word, people will turn to the Lord. The worldly man is not just surprised, but absolutely amazed at the sign in his own heart, when he is reading the **letter** (Anointing), working with him. (Acts 2:37). It is all

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predestined for us, for our work on this earth to save, to turn people to the Lord, to perform miracles, signs and wonders.

2 Cor. 3:2,3

- 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:
- 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

In order to become such a letter- your outward appearance won't help you: the holy garment and long **face**. It is the light of God's Glory shining from the inside of the temple. (Eph. 3:10).

The heart of the worldly man is willing to read only such "letters", he won't understand the code, the hidden parable of your preaching, destined for the **mind**.

Rom. 9:4, 23

- 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and **the glory**, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;
- 23 And that he might make known the riches of his **glory** on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto **glory**

All this is provided for us, that we could save, influence, and convert other people.

It is God's purpose and His predestination. (Rom. 1:5, 6). His Body is His Temple - the Church of Jesus Christ. The radiant, working Glory of the Body - Church of Christ will accomplish the great things here, on the earth. It is here the amazing events will happen. The miracles, signs and wonders are provided for the church. The Glory of God, the Holy Spirit- all this for the body of Jesus Christ! That is the Holy Spirit is predestined for you! God is here for you, in order that you could be with God, to move with God, to act in God! The heart is filled with delight and the soul is excited in front of the Immeasurably Glorious and Almighty God and His Splendor. Great is the Lord, wondrous and magnificent in His Glory!

Jesus from Nazareth walked in the towns and villages and showed the Glory of God. (John 2:11). He was equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit. The same power had raised Jesus Christ when He died on the cross. And now imagine: the same power is working now in you. Halleluiah!

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Today many people in the world are seeking for the real things, about which we can hear only preaching. There are many human hearts searching for God. They separate themselves from the world, but we are not able to surprise them with anything, but only puzzle them. There are no miracles and signs. It is impossible to read the letter of Christ.

1 Cor. 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our **glory**

It is our destiny: to be in the Glory. And if this **belongs** to me, I will do everything in order to get it.

Ephes. 3:16

That he would grant you, according to the riches of **his glory**, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man

The richness of His Glory affirms our spirit. The Word of God tells us that He has already equipped us with all heavenly spiritual blessings, now we need only take them. And how can I take and use in practice all that heaven has for us? It is very easy! Just become thirsty for them, be jealous for the spiritual blessings of heaven, have a desire for His Glory!

Ephes. 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ

“In heavenly places” means in the Heavenly Kingdom, in the spirit, in heart, in the inner human being, that is in the sphere of the spiritual world. The man united with the Lord will have inside himself everything there is in heaven. In order to achieve this one should desire it, wish and look for it. (1 Cor 14:1). The believer (one having Jesus) has inside himself everything that Jesus Has in Himself.

2 Thes. 2:14

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Growing in the knowledge of the Kingdom of God is occurring by means of the mighty work of His Glory. Besides the Bible, teaching, words

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of faith and preaching the Christian has to strengthen his faith at times when the Glory of God is manifested. It happens when God is working in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Col. 1:10,11

- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his **glorious power**, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

The Glory of God is manifested at the ministries of the Spirit, but not the written letter. It does not mean just coming once a year to the “Anointment conference”, or being present at the prayer meeting. Not at all!

Our own spirit renewed by the Glory of God is able to contribute to this any time and at any place. One should not only wait for the Sunday service in order to refresh one’s spirit and be filled with the fresh and new oil of anointment.

Rom. 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

The view of the great and glorious things makes the hope grow and the faith becomes stronger - it happens at places where the miracles are shown, where the Glory of God makes the heaven real in our mind, which first was born under curse and apart from salvation. Because the source of power is not in the words of a wise sermon, but from the “demonstration of the Spirit and of power”:

1 Cor. 2:4, 5

- 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

When I often use these passages of the Scripture, people think I refer them to the manifestations at my services. (When people fall down, laugh, cry, run or jump in joy). But I can’t call it the “demonstration of the Spirit’s

power”. It is nothing but a manifestation or expression of one’s heart experience. What is really taking place at this moment? The person is observing with an open heart the work of the Holy Spirit in the spiritual realm and is delighted to experience God’s mercy, shown to this person. God is Spirit. And He can only work through human spirit, but not flesh, mind or emotions.

The act of touching to the center of human being influences all things around. Only by heart and in heart one can fully see the Glory of God in work. With our physical eyes we are able to see only a part of it, and not always. But when the heart sees all the things the Lord is performing, the mind is not able to comprehend them. The happiness of experiencing eternity and the truth of heaven fill the heart with an unspeakable joy. (John 15:11)

In order one’s spiritual eyes are opened and one could see the working and the demonstration of the Holy Spirit’s power, one should first become thirsty and eager to meet His Spirit, His gifts, in other words to love Him with the whole heart. The closed heart is a heart with the lack of love. There may be the knowledge of God’s Word, affection for all God’s things, but without the love of heart it is very hard to see the work of the Holy Spirit. The faith experience and the time of being Christian have to do nothing with it.

The love from the heart is the way to all this. To have love toward God in one’s heart is to have the key to any closed door. This is the love able to open anything the heart is willing to open. That is a passion – to know God more! (1Cor. 2:4,5).

The manifestation of the Spirit and power it is the working of God’s Glory. These are the things God had predestined for the Church. It is true that we are not authorized to have fellowship with the people from the world in order to discuss spiritual matters with them. It is the same thing if one would speak to the dead body. Until the man is born again, his spirit is dead in God’s sight. He is not able to hear you’re addressing to him, no matter how emotional is your preaching to him. God had sent the Holy Spirit, who is the only One able to make someone alive.

Ephes. 2:5-6

- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

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The Holy Spirit “raised us up”, that is we were born from above. Making His dwelling inside us, He is transforming us for His great determination and that predestination, which was established in an eternal past. It is a determination of the Church.

By means of Jesus Christ’s body God can reach a person. But He is not doing it outside the church. It means that the goal of a Christian- to reach the power of Anointment.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The power that is changing you is able to change your neighbor the same way.

Mark 16:20

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Then you are not you anymore, but you are the One who is inside you and you become greater than the one in this world. And if it is not you, who is preaching to the man from the world, but the Holy Spirit, then of course, He will make His ministry according to His wisdom, as it should be.

And then you will see a lot of miraculous and mysterious things. There is a way of salvation not for three or five thousand people at one day, but many more!

The ministry with the miracles, signs and wonders is the miracle of the Holy Spirit.

The working of the Holy Spirit can be various. One could say: “He is doing as He pleases.” God is doing all things according to His Will, because He is All-knowing, He knows what is there in the human heart.

John 2:11

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Jesus had manifested His Glory, a miracle, which became the turning point for His disciples. I don’t think Jesus was preaching at the wedding feast, convincing disciples in the truthfulness of God’s Word!

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Those who had already believed, had only to see, to experience that, and then they would become even better believers.

We find a lot of facts of God's Glory manifestation in the Bible.

Luke 2:8,9

- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

The radiance of God's Glory destroyed any possible doubt concerning the words spoken by Angel, and had left a deep impression for the whole life. I think the shepherds could not forget that instance for a long time. Sometimes I ask the believers after the church service what they remember from the sermon-biography or statistics of biblical events. They answer: "We cannot tell specifically, but... but... we trust that everything was good and correct."

Certainly if there were nothing miraculous or extraordinary, the heart won't keep it. But when God is working in the hearts, then there are things to remember and admire.

For example, God can manifest Himself in this way:

Acts 22:11

And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Maybe it looks like a very unusual story, but it is a real fact.

Why did this man encounter the Glory of God? I believe it happened because:

Gal. 1:14

And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more **exceedingly zealous** of the traditions of my fathers.

It is exactly that quality which is missing in the Church. What if we meet an "immoderate person" in the church, he/she is immediately told about "spiritual balance", importance of "being moderate" or a danger to meet a temptation.

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But I love such hearts. The writer of the Epistle encourages us to do the same.

1 Cor. 14:1

Follow after charity, and **desire** spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Cor. 12:31

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

To desire eagerly means to reflect seriously on spiritual things and become thirsty for them.

One can experience the Glory of God in a different way.

Rev. 1:17

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

There is an interesting experience, of course, but I have a question: is not Christianity predestined to visit the mount of Tabor? Or is it only predestined for the disciples of Jesus, or only the apostles Paul and John were given such an opportunity? I don't think so!

I believe that everybody can visit that place. It means "to become a partaker of sufferings and Kingdom, as well as the longsuffering of Jesus", to be in exile for the preaching of the Word of God and witnessing about the real life which is only in Jesus Christ! You have only to desire eagerly!

Rev. 1:9

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We have to notice that he was not deported for a trivial sermon, making everybody falling asleep. He had much more than just the word or a witnessing. I believe that his sermon was filled with power able to turn the human hearts upside down (beyond recognition). (1 Cor. 2:4,5).

It was that kind of witnessing that resulted in a mass repentance. His faith in Jesus changed and transformed everything around. Many "spiritually

dead men” did not like it, and that is why they decided to send him away, in order to get rid of his influence on their “normal” society. (1 Pet. 4:14).

Suffering and longsuffering is a destiny of a real Christianity, of those living an interesting life in God. Any new adventure or a victory is a step higher in hope on Him!

Luke 9:28-32

- 28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
- 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.
- 30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
- 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

If one is given to see and experience it, he won't keep silence after that experience. These people were not only the “connoisseurs of human hearts” they were the eyewitnesses of God's majesty. Then only one is able to tell about the power of God!

2 Pet. 1:16

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

“To tell about the power” - it is not the preaching filled with tense emotions. And it is not a wise-structured speech either. These are not the fables of the preachers. It is the working of God's power, manifestation of God's greatness, coming of His Glory. The power of Jesus Christ is fully released at these moments. And maybe one is not able to see a miracle there or is not surprised by the fact, but I tell, **that the greatest and the mightiest miracle for me is when He raises up a spiritually dead person**, (that is the birth from above). Then one can see the fulfillment of Jesus' victory over death!

The heart is willing to shout with together with Paul:

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1 Cor. 15:55

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

This kind of zeal is coming because you are getting to know Him more and more each time He is manifesting Himself. The heart is filled with joy, the spirit is trembling and the soul is standing still seeing the miracle.

The goal of my life is to see **the life** of Jesus, raising people from the dead. Is it not the great thing - **resurrection?!**

Phil. 3:10-14

- 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.
- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

All this was predestined for us in the New Testament. But let us look at the manifestation of God's Glory in the Old Testament.

Ex. 16:10

And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

This time the Glory of God was visible in the cloud. God was working at His Own time, without asking Aaron for permission, while he was talking to the people.

When the man tries to relate to God, he is able to bring Him only something from his natural abilities: a service, a custom or a ritual. But when God relates to man, then the human efforts of making order or a good structuring of a big service won't make any sense. God is doing everything as He pleases.

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The priest could not enter the tabernacle because of the Glory of God present inside. Maybe the time was to come in, and people were waiting for the successful end of the service, but alas, it was impossible to “make order” there. To deal with God means to accept His order.

1 Kings 8:10-11

- 10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,
11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

Perceptible and heavy presence of the Glory of God sometimes produces such unusual things that make our mind to be puzzled. In spite of a high level of preparation for the temple service, the priests could not function “properly”.

Today that would do more good, if the preachers quit preaching and let God manifest Himself. (Acts 4:30)

If His Name is Wonderful Counselor, that is not in vain He was called this way. And if I tell about Him or preach Him, then the miraculous things should accompany my preaching. If there is no miracle, He is not there.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Tell me when you have recently heard people talking: “How wondrous and amazing the Lord is?”

I think His name really corresponds to His very essence.

Leviticus 9:23-24

- 23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.
24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

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God has determined for His people His Own way of communication. And now He is no lesser then before desires to show Himself, to manifest His Almighty nature to the world. In the Old Testament He performed it by means of His Glory. He never changed in the New Testament either. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes, but His actions can be absolutely different. These last days He determined to act and manifest Himself through you, i.e. through His church. That means you and me can allow God to show His Glory today.

There is a different example, where we can see another interesting manifestation. Here Moses breaks a tradition.

Ex. 40:33-35

- 33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.
- 34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

It is obvious that God Himself had given the regulations and order which should be in the tabernacle, but here because of the cloud of the Glory Moses can't enter inside the tabernacle, as it should have been according to the law.

Let us notice that in the wilderness the cloud represented, as we get used to say, a sponsor for the nation of Israel.

Ex. 40:36-38

- 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:
- 37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.
- 38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Is it not the same God, Who used to lead His people at that old time, today is leading His people according to His Will? Is it not the same Great God, Who used to show miracles and sings in the physical sphere, is able to

show it all in the sphere of our spirit, and then in the physical sphere? Is it not wonderful that the same God has come to dwell in our heart? How Wonderful the Lord is!

Neh. 9:19-21

- 19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.
- 20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
- 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

It is a history and a prototype of the reality at the same time. Being led by spirit is means to follow the cloud. The person willing to love the Person of the Holy Spirit will be blessed and provided with everything. If you need to be provided for, you are welcome to follow Him (the cloud). (In the next chapter “Money” I explain in details the financial providence of the cloud). Those who did not desire to follow the cloud of Glory in the Old Testament, were without sandals, birds, bread, and at the day time there was hot, whereas at night – cold and dark. But at the present days people manage to live without the cloud, using their faith and confession of the word keep themselves at the length from the devil, who they say had stolen their finances, but at the same time is trembling in fear owing so much to the Christian community.

Dear Christian brother or sister! Do not be afraid, the devil is nothing!

His business is to bark and send the fiery arrows, but your business **not to pay any attention to him**. Your task is to follow the cloud of God’s Glory, to stay obedient to God’s Will, to honor Him with reverence!

The person loving and fearing God, will walk in the Glory and honor God by His Glory! The reverence, that is worshipping God, releases a miraculous and amazing Glory, which brings honor and glory to God!

God subdues the entire Universe by His Glory. (Habb. 2:14). I don’t know how it will look in the physical sphere, but I trust the Mighty God - The Creator of the Universe. He will work by His Spirit through His anointed ones. (Rom. 15:19).

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The Father is looking for His worshipers in order to accomplish His plan here, on this earth.

Ezek. 3:12-14,23

- 12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place.
- 13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.
- 14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went **in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.**
- 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

To feel the touch of God's hand- changes everything. The prophet Ezekiel was filled with the Spirit of the Lord. He was not just **sympathetic** with God dealing with the rebellion of the whole Israel. Ezekiel had **experienced and felt** the heart of God. The modern version gives it like this: **"I went in the bitterness and in the anger of my spirit, with the strong hand of the Lord upon me"** (Ezekiel 3:14). I don't think he had any doubt while addressing Israel with this prophecy, unlike many people today is prophesying "by faith". Did Paul really mean it when he wrote?

1 Cor. 14:1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

He wrote about that kind of a prophecy which causes any doubt neither in one telling it, nor in one listening to it. It is exactly the state the young Jeremiah prophet experienced at his time.

Jeremiah 20:9

Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

We can admit that somebody in Israel could doubt in his prophesy, but not himself. To feel the touch of God's hand it is normal. Such prophets as

Ezekiel, Jeremiah, apostles Paul and John and many other saints of God experienced it. We are advised to be like them and follow their example in faith, to have the same kind of zeal for God. Jesus Himself confirms it:

John 7:37

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

I want to tell you how I experienced the Glory of God, and how that event changed all my life and ministry. Pursuing my growth in the religious environment I was looking for the real God. I was not satisfied with things I did in the ministry. Once I visited a church in Canada, where until I had finished my preaching two old ladies were taken away dead from the room. (It took place to tell the truth in the home for the aged people.) While studying for three years in the Bible college in Canada, I got acquainted with the ministries of many preachers from the States, but the conviction has grown up in me they all of them were robbing people of their money. I thought every preacher or a pastor from the States is the first-class skinflint with the double-dyed conscience. At one time (it was in 1994) I worked in Ukraine in the realm of evangelism and new churches planting. Several ministers came together once to watch the video-tapes with the new sermons-services from the USA. But I was looking over the TV set, not paying attention to the content. Having watched for a few minutes the information about every minister (including even those who had visited heaven, as they witness), finally they shown us some white American from Africa, Rodney Howard Brown, who had strange laughter ministry. I had seen all kinds of "oddities", but I had never seen such ones.

It was something new. However I did not care about that business-sermon. I knew in advance the end of the story: all terrific messages from heaven would end in a "sale company", that is "the holy oil in the bottle", "Jordan water", "a piece of rock from the Lord's grave", "T-shirt with the holy words" etc. I had already enough of all this stuff. But to my surprise (and a great joy), although I was not watching attentively, I felt joy inside me. Some indistinct "ga-ga-ga" similar to "ha-ha-ha" was going out of my mouth. I tried to control immediately that strange incident and thought to myself: "I don't need another delusion or temptation like this" But then I started thinking: **how and where from** did this happiness of salvation came to my heart, a delight in God, unspeakable peace inside my being? Before that time I had experienced many times the touch of the Holy Spirit. Many times during my prayers I had fellowship with God. But this time it was a

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special encounter, so real and natural, that I could not resist it in my mind anymore. God had spoken to me: "It is the very thing you were looking for in your life!" Millions of questions disappeared in a moment, although at that time I had a lot of problems.

The TV set was switched off. I looked around. Two pastors were slightly laughing; others were looking in all directions. One of them said that he would pray and think, was that laughter from the Lord or not? But I did not care, what they were thinking and saying. They stayed there for "reasoning". And I left in order to check, was it still there, that "ha-ha-ha" inside of me. Then I came back and sat down, but kept being deaf to things happening around me, overwhelmed with that which occurred inside of me.

Then I realized that I needed to sell all I possessed and by that field with the treasure. Since that moment everything has changed in my life. Interesting things began to take place during my services. I ceased patching the old water-skins and started buying the new ones.

We haven't seen yet, what God has for us. He has a miracle, His Glory "at every corner" in heaven. We are not used to hear about His great and wondrous works. Those things we have already felt and experienced is but the slightest, smallest, miserable particle of that which we are to experience here, on the earth.

If suddenly someone would think that he had already experienced the touch of the Holy Spirit or seen a vision, or even heard something coming from heaven. It means he understands nothing and knows nothing about the Kingdom of God. That is why not even life, but the whole eternity is not enough in order that the creation could know Him as Creator! How is it possible that the mortal could conclude something or have an opinion about God, His miracles, His Glory, amazing and surprising all that is moving and existing?!

He is the Great God! He is Great in His mightiness! He is the One shaking all strongholds of any mind by the Glory of His miracles! He is eternal God!

He is God at every place and at any time! He is immeasurably Magnificent!

Hallelujah! Let us praise Him!

MONEY

Many people ask me, where I take money. The issuing of Christian production, conferences, trips all this requires a lot of money.

If one would look at the expenses and think about them, it is amazing how exciting this really is to deal with God.

“Where should I take money?” - The question everybody would ask.

The unbelievers do not have any promises from God, any sponsorship. They have nothing to place their hope on, so they go and work quietly, some of them are stealing also quietly and live, as they can.

Christians listen to the sermons, read books and acquire hope that their needs will be satisfied by the Lord. Every Christian has his own idea of finances and how to get them. I remember as some time ago I listened a sermon about prosperity, where one could hear verse after verse from the Word the promises of God. I tried sometimes to take all I could by faith up till one coin, in places where you would expect nothing. To live by faith and in accordance with faith it is a life of adventures.

Now I don't want to cover the passages of Scripture with some “mottos”, promising you some extraordinary release of finances in your life, but I want to describe in details the exact address of your bank and give you a secret code of your account.

Ephes. 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the **riches** of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

The Apostle Paul writes here about "**riches**" of Christians, God's holy people. He considers it a great privilege to have this grace- to bring people a good news about an **unsearchable riches** of Christ for the gentiles.

Ephes. 3:8

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches** of Christ;

The very word “wealth” tell us about some prosperity, abundance, benefit. We could express it as luxury, plenty, to have more than enough or “not to lack anything”. I think that the wealth Apostle Paul is writing here, refers nor to the material world, neither to the physical things. He is writing here about grace and mercy of God, which was offered to the mankind in the person of the Holy Spirit. Only that man who has personally experienced, touched, seen and felt it, could try so hard to preach and convince people about the wealth. And if the apostle proposes us not to experience business, money, gold, things, but some “wealth”, it means that the wealth he mentions here is so great, that it can’t be compared with anything mentioned before.

Having possessed this inexhaustible richness of His glorious heritage, man becomes rich, wealthy, having abundant life, high level of life. If one has such richness, so is it possible for one to be in need or lack anything in the material world? To possess His Spirit it means to possess everything!!!

The richness of Christ is released by the Glory of God in the realm of physical things. There is no bigger happiness for me, than having His richness of Glory! To be in the Glory means to be more than just rich.

So, let us really, without any speculations, look at the facts of the supernatural release of finances in the physical world.

Exodus 13:21-22

- 21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:
- 22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

In reality it is hard for us to imagine this picture, when we have –an apartment, a house, two water tapes (with cold and hot water), bathroom, washing machine, five switches (for the electricity and light), two sofas, TV set, video tape “Israel leaves Egypt and sets Canaan”.

And what if one is with children, cattle in the wilderness, where there is no water, no accommodations, and no life comforts?

But it turns out to be, that if we compare the present life with the history of Israel in the wilderness, it is the same situation. As at the present time we need an air-conditioner, some shoes, clothes etc living in the hot summer of this financial wilderness, at that time the cloud, light shoes for the hot sand, clothes, water, and food were necessary in the same way.

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What is significant, it is the fact that the cloud of God's Glory had all this provision. The pillar of fire provided light at the dark time of night in the tent. During the heat of the day one could hide under the cloud. In His Cloud of Glory were all necessary things for the fulfillment of all their needs.

Neh. 9:19-21

- 19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.
- 20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
- 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

It does not mean that we should have shoes and way of thinking from the time forty years ago.

It reveals here that supernatural channel, through which all necessary things for the well-being of the man, are transported (released) into his life, if this man is dealing with God.

Philip. 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I don't see another way of releasing finances. The Glory of God, itself is the source of releasing finances. In His Glory there is supernatural outflow of the riches of Christ, which transformed into material things in the physical world. I get money from the bank "Cloud of God's Glory" just open this account and you will have the abundance of wealth, even much more, than you have ever thought or imagined. It is not some fantasy; it is reality – for me. I live this way.

I am giving you the exact location of this bank, remember it:

**Bank-
Code-
Work schedule-**

**the Cloud of Glory
33:3 "J-E-R-E-M-I-A-H",
twenty four hours**

I am absolutely serious in saying this, I am not exaggerating. There was a time, when I got little money because of the “small” measure in sowing, (although I was sowing a lot).

There is a measure of glory, a measure of power. Depending on how much our heart is placed in Him, the same level the Lord is working in our life.

Ephes. 3:20-21

- 16 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
17 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

In the amplified English version and modern Russian version of the Bible it sounds like this: “To the One, Who is able to do, by the **measure** of His power working in us...”

We could say that the size and amount of this **measure** of faith, power, Glory depends on a Christian. If there is Great Glory- there will be a great power, great faith. We could express it in a different way: The great measure of God’s presence = the great measure of Glory, power, faith.

God is working **according to the measure of our** spiritual growth. Every Christian has his **own** level of the spiritual development in God. There was a time when I had to grow in faith (in the primary, small measure of faith). Having made a few steps, I am walking, moving ahead toward the greater measure of faith. The main task of the Christian – not to stop! Go ahead; train one’s spirit, to increase the measure of faith! The Scripture can explain it to us much better:

Haggai 2:7-9

- 7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Creator is announcing to His creation, that He is the Master of gold and all worldly riches. Will this declaration make the man living on the earth wealthy? And why place the verse talking about gold between the verses talking about Glory?

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James 2:5

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

So, it means that if the man cannot be rich using only his physical abilities, then God gives an opportunity to be equipped with the richness of faith, which in the state of God's Glory will release the supernatural "wealth" according to the measure of God's power, acting in Him!

The more one is equipped with this "measure" of faith, the more successful one will be.

Some people interpret this that God is calling all poor people, that they become even poorer??!

1 Tim. 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The Christian which having **this root**, usually gets poor very quickly. (Luke 12:15).

The life of a person depends on faith. The more there is glory, the more faith will become. In the manifestation of the Glory of God the faith of the spirit is growing. There is a provision in the Glory of God. God has everything!

When the Glory of God was manifested, then money immediately was provided. (Acts 2:43-47).

Acts 4:30-37

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

- 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,
35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.
36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,
37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Maybe for some people- it is the story from the past, but for me it is a style of life! I love the Glory of God! I love the God Who is working! There is money, gold, wealth.

2 Cor. 8:1-5

- 1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;
2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.
3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;
4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Without the understanding of the grace of God's Glory it is hard to understand the events which took place in the Macedonian churches. The working of God's power was releasing finances even out of a great poverty. (2 Cor. 9:8).

If today many Christians get this bank account, as I am calling it: "The Cloud of Glory", then having rested from their activities, they would not get concerned with their world-wide saving projects of all kinds of ideas. But anyway the corrupted heart won't see the success.

The law of God is the following: in order for your ministry to grow, you should sow into another one. If you see that somebody's ministry is prospering, then start sowing into that beneficial soil. Maybe you can think: they are already rich enough?!

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You should understand! Until you become poor, you won't have the wealth. (2 Cor 8:9). To be rich in faith it means to get the presence in the Glory of Christ! Having climbed at least twice to the mount Favor, you will after these experiences give away all that people consider valuable and precious.

Can you reap without sowing first? If you did not sow into others' ministry, which is higher and greater than your own, do not hope to get anything. There is simply no seed. (1 Kings 10:10,13).

It is impossible for anybody to buy the anointing for any amount of money, even the biggest money. But making one's heart more pure than gold, -with such a heart you can get everything.

Wisdom makes a Christian better. The Holy Spirit is the Wisdom. The preaching of Solomon emphasizes the importance of the Person, who is described with the word "Wisdom". The one not having Wisdom is poor, miserable. The Ap. James writes that the life in faith depends on wisdom. The Christian who is not depending on her, will get poor.

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

The words of the prophecy sound this way:

Proverbs 1:7,23.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

The honor (fear) of the righteous person toward the Lord permits the mightiness of the Holy Spirit's power to fulfill that desire of God, which He put into the heart of His child. It is always occurring in an extraordinary and supernatural way. I do not have the tension when I have to receive finances from God, I do not experience any pressure, sleepless nights or a headache.

When I do not have them yet, I am so glad and happy, that I always laugh and have fun in the Holy Spirit (that is Wisdom) and His comfort for me.

I call Wisdom - the richness of the mankind. I think that if the man does not have money, that is not a big problem, but if he or she does not have Wisdom, it is a terrible problem.

Miracles, Signs and Wonders

Proverbs 2:1-11

- 1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
- 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
- 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.
- 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
- 11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

These words were said under the Anointing of the Holy Spirit, and they are absolutely not predestined for our mind, but for our spirit. To have an understanding of Spirit- it is to have an understanding of Revelation. James did not simply say: "May he asks God...", when he is in trouble, confused, in poverty, has difficulty with finances. It is not simply "asking" once a day or a month, no. But in the instruction (The Old Testament) there is a clear description of the request in regard to Wisdom: "Accept, keep, carefully bend the heart over Her, call for Her, appeal to Her, look for Her, search."

Proverbs 3:13-18

- 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.
- 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Money

- 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

Many people of course manage to live without Her, but unfortunately the success is not so big.

Without the Glory of God, without knowing the Person-Wisdom, one is not able to see the real prosperity. I will say you the truth: if you are Christian, and in your “great” ministry there are no finances, then I want to inform you, that these are not the finances that you need, but God!

Proverbs 4:7-9

- 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
- 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
- 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

In the today’s Christianity there are different ways and methods of acquiring Wisdom, but for me the best and the highest way: sowing, giving, and sacrificing. The one, who will catch this truth, will be blessed, rich, and happy. I do not know the better pattern or example that the one of Christ. (2 Cor. 2:8). You should understand me correctly. I am writing here not about the financial giving. It is all about heart and its motives. All depends on it. It opens the door to the miracles in the life of a holy person.

Training of the spirit is the most misunderstood part for the mind of a Christian. In order to hear from the Lord the commandment about where and how much one should sow, one should practice one’s sowing for many times. It is of course cost much, but it is biblical. (Eccl. 11:1-6).

Believing blindly, and on the top of this confess something like “say to the mountain and it will move ...” without being acquainted with the Person in real life you won’t move a coin. And on the whole, is it possible without Him to get anything from Him?

I want you to read very carefully and slowly all this set of instructions. Many things in our life are based on it. Try to see here what is important for the spirit. These are the Words out of God’s heart for your heart, but not for mind.

Proverbs 8:1-21 (*cited from The Holy Bible, New International version*)

- 1 Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?
- 2 On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
- 3 beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud:
- 4 "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.
- 5 You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.
- 6 Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.
- 7 My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.
- 9 To the discerning all of them are right; they are faultless to those who have knowledge.
- 10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,**
- 11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.**
- 12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.
- 13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.
- 14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.**
- 15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just;
- 16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.
- 17 I love those who love me, and those who **seek me find me.**
- 18 With me are riches and honor, **enduring wealth** and prosperity.
- 19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.
- 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,
- 21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.**

I write in a more thorough way about wisdom in the chapter: "The Holy Spirit - Person". In the Old Testament there is more clear and complete information about the Personhood the Holy Spirit.

May we understand Him, His care and concern for us. How much patience and mercy toward us!

Some Christians say that God is silent in their life. Look at verse 4 in chapter 8 of Proverbs and realize that it is not just a quiet breathing and not a whisper, but “shouts”, “appealing”. At every high place, at entrance and exit Wisdom is speaking, talking to us, **teaching us**.

Those willing to hear and find Her will be rich. Wisdom is the most precious treasure of the whole wealth that has ever been there in this world.

Wonderful Holy Spirit! The mind is not able to understand the love and mercy of God. To have such a privilege of supply, “**service**” provided by Him-it makes me happy and cheers up my spirit. I am just excited about Him! How wondrous is the power of the Lord!

Proverbs 8:22-36 (*cited from The Holy Bible, New International version*)

- 22 The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old;
- 23 I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.
- 24 When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water;
- 25 before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth,
- 26 before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world.
- 27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
- 28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
- 29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
- 30 Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, **rejoicing** always in his presence,
- 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.
- 32 "Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways.
- 33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it.
- 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

- 35 For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD.
36 But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death."

I believe that it is impossible to see the work of the Holy Spirit and His Glory at the services, in the street, and in personal life, without having experienced oneself the Glory of Heaven.

The Scripture gives us a promise that we can receive the things we ask for or even think of, and God sometimes gives us much more that we ask him for. (Eph. 3:20).

So, now some people are having heard the sermon about prosperity, proved by the next passage from the Scripture:

Philip. 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

They are standing firmly on the belief of the fulfillment of all their needs according to His richness and abundance of heaven. Not having received the expected answer, in a couple of years of faith in this prosperity, they begin to justify themselves: "It was not Gods' Will for me- to get rich", or "It is just not the right time..." etc.

The Apostle Paul had the supernatural fulfillment of his needs in the Glory, under the Glory, by means of Glory, through the Glory, and the very thing he wrote to Philippians. He knew for sure, that only this method worked, but not the teaching on prosperity, confessions or some other religious works of holiness. The same thing he wrote in his letter to Ephesus, in chapter 3, verse 20, about that One acting in us, Who is able to do in us immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Paul walked in the miracles, in Glory, in a great power of the Holy Spirit. The richness of Glory overwhelmed all his being. The Greatness of Heaven impacted and affected all the areas of life. The acting power of God's glory is released in a supernatural way all that brought glory to God. (Ps. 73:24).

If the Apostle Paul heard about the manipulations of the "prosperous" people, he would obviously have written this way: "May my God provide even much more, than there are in your needs and thoughts, according to His great richness, when you are placed in His Glory, when the Glory of God is revealed in your heart, and then you will see the abundance of His richness.

After this your heart will be filled with a great faith, which will bring about to life, release what you ask, in the name of Jesus Christ.”

I don't see it differently. You can confess, but if you haven't experienced heaven His glory will remain a mystery for you. The doubts and hundreds of questions will seize you between the Bibles verses, which you can quote from your mind, by heart. The knowledge alone can't bring anything miraculous, wondrous. One should see and experience the reality that one is rich in Christ. In the Glory one is able to learn the importance of things and the priorities of values. In the previous chapter there was a description about the Glory of God, as His mighty grace, presented to the children of God, by means of which the finances are released in the physical sphere. (Eph. 1:19, 3:7,20).

In the Glory of God you will learn the Almightyness of God. It is so fun to be with God, that two hours in His Glory are experienced like two minutes of the earthly time. The kindness and mercy of God makes one so humble, that one is ready to do everything for God, in order to please Him somehow. (2Pet. 3:8). God loves such a heart, and He will bless it more and more those, whose commitment is to sow Him. Such a person will not search for His Wisdom only with his/her heart, but with the **all possessions**.(Prov. 4:7).

2 Cor. 9:10

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness

Not because of some teaching, but because of the love toward Him. And He will give even more, but pay attention to this advice.

2 Cor. 8:10

And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

It may be that because you are in the church, and this truth is not very clear for you, then I want to give you an advice from my own life. If you want to be led by the Spirit, you should have this profession (“sower”). “Not professionals” are those who first of all getting into a spiritual failure and secondly bankruptcy, poverty. The cause of this is the teaching without practice, or a corrupted motive of the heart.

What is the connection between the finances and spiritual things? There is straight and immediate one!

In the spiritual world the main power is Anointing, in the physical world this **power is** money. But we know that Anointing – the **power** above all other powers. Having Anointing, you can get everything. In the Anointing - in the Glory of God the finances, healings, miracles, sings are released.

And now, if you are a sower, by profession, it does not mean you should give away everything and to everybody. It neither means you are obligated to give only on Sundays, and only to your local church. According to the law of the Bible you should be a sower according to the Will of God. And the Will of God can be to sow five times a day, or five times a month. Your prosperity does not depend on the number or the frequency of sowing, but **on the fact how well you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the matter of sowing and how successfully you are learning to be led by Him** (2 Pet. 1:5).

Giving brings us to the leading by the Holy Spirit and obedience to His will. In sowing you are learning the art of discerning voices, obedience, and ability to be led by Him. Is that true that the offering can teach us, train our spirit? Yes, certainly! Especially, when you have given away everything, sowed, but the inspiration and the appeal of the preacher was not the will of God for you. Of course then you are getting wiser from the consequences: troubles and poverty.

Learning how to be lead by the Holy Spirit only on Sundays, is leading a Christian into the habit, which does not contribute to the growth of faith. (Prov. 8:34). I think one should trust God every day. To be led by the Spirit, to give beginning on Monday, to sow, to live.

To test oneself and check oneself - it can lead one to a great success in life. (1Phes. 5:21).

Ephes. 5:10

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

One cannot get anything in life without losing anything. In order to acquire some profession, specialization, one must lose some time for studying, training. The earlier you start sowing, the sooner you become a “professional” in this matter.

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2 Cor. 13:5 (*cited from The Holy Bible, New International version*)

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you - unless, of course, you fail the test?

The experiment produces the growth of faith. And having faith you can succeed in everything.

One should arrange this test for oneself not in the preaching of the Word or confessing It, but at the practical “training ground”. “Testing oneself” it is when you sow the last thing you have and then get into God’s hands being in a full hope to His mercy. The more often the person can test oneself, the more experience in having hope only on Him this person will have. The life of “experiences” increases faith, which can release the great “things” of God for His Glory!

The money is a power in the physical world that is why Jesus himself said, that we need anointing in order to understand this power. To manage finances means to manage life.

Luke 16:10-13

- 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.
- 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
- 13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

If we do not investigate the earthly matters who will entrust us the heavenly ones? During my life I have met a lot of real God’s anointed ones, and I noticed that they were great “sowers”, sacrificial people. (I have met many stingy and greedy people without Anointing as well).

To be faithful in a small thing means to be faithful in earthly matters, in “small coins”. The money is too small that we could compare it with something great, eternal, spiritual. But many people have cleaved in their hearts to it. If the life, finances are not entrusted into God’s hands, is it possible that Anointing, spiritual matters could be entrusted into our hands?

The money and everything that follows it on the one side or God and all that is in Him on another side - one of these two should become a priority in a Christian's life.

If a believer entrusts his life to God (whether this life is rich, average or poor), God will entrust to this man many things (in spiritual sense): Anointing, power.

The Christian having faith and hope in God being in the physical richness of power, can receive the power from above.

Sowing is the very thing which defines exactly the border between the physical and the spiritual world. It is the sowing which helps us to transfer the hope of our heart from the physical power, money, to the spiritual power: Anointing. That is why Jesus Christ always taught, that we should give away, loose more of the earthly things, miserable and this way get more spiritual, eternal! (Luke 6:38).

Although it is very sad, but I know some pastors who have a wrong motivation of their heart. Their dream is to have more people in the church because of the opportunity to have better financial provision. And others have this exciting sport, competition "who has more".

I do not deny the fact, that they are real pastors, but they can't release the money for the great projects, from the heart. Maybe even God Himself has put this desire into their heart, but God knows their motives as well.

Who else could hinder the things predestined by God, but man (although modern people attribute it all to the devil)? What gates of hell are able today to overcome the church?

I think that the helpless preachers hide today in the shade of social or church worldview. That is why they are helpless, because they hide their fear from others. It is clear here that their problem concerns the love to God.

1 John 4:17-18

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The loving heart will never make compromise in regard to the Beloved One. It does not look at the desert place, goliaths (giants), but is going with boldness toward the goal, toward things predestined by The Beloved One and His desires!

Is it not true that from His richness He won't give the blessings in His Glory? Is it not true that the loving heart won't have the reward?

Money

Every time I hear from the minister about the financial crisis, I consider it a “crisis of love”, although he starts to justify himself telling that there are two choirs who worship God and there are services three times a week in the church, and two night prayers, and fasting on Friday, and all this for God. Anyway, if there is no God’s Glory, there won’t be any finances. The questions arise always when there is a lack of love.

I don’t want to offend anybody in no way, but I think that my experience with misfortunes can help someone. Why not show the way to somebody else, when I experienced it myself? It would be selfishness. But I want to love, and offer this love to my neighbor, that he could prosper!

There is obvious regularity here: if there are no finances there is no Anointing, which can release them. And if there is no Anointing it means there is no love.

You can tell me: “Victor, I have been walking with God for 15 years, I love Him, give offerings every Sunday, and you say to me, that because of the lack of love to God I don’t have anointing?” I will reply to this: “My friend! Why you are still here?” (Heb. 11:5).

Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Love Him with all your heart; throw away all hidden, unclean motives. Fall in love with Him anew. You approach to Him from another side, putting aside your ordinary approaches and prayers. How much faithfully you served Him, it is impossible that God forsake the righteous man without bread. (Ps. 37:25). How much you loved Him, but anyway get Him with your heart, with your whole being, convince Him in your love, touch Him.

To believe in Him means to become thirsty for Him many, many times more that you have been thirsty for Him and have loved Him for 15 years or even yesterday. Look for His face not in your mind only, not in words, but in your heart. Just love Him more and more.

Frankly speaking I want to reveal you one secret: you don’t need money. No! You need God!

If you are excited about the spiritual projects, and they are so important for you, that you don’t have time left to love God, and you don’t have time for the relationship with the Holy Spirit, it means that your heart is billions kilometers far from the Lord. It means you need your projects, but not the Lord?! All God’s projects always were accomplished as miracles, in

a supernatural way. Is it possible that you manage to accomplish them in a natural way?

I used to read some time ago as it is written: “those who preach the gospel should get their living from their preaching.” (1Cor. 9:14). So my offerings for a week were \$20, \$50, and sometimes \$120. In the States it is nothing. But you can imagine how much successful I was. A few years later I have learned about the Power of the Gospel. Miracle by miracle impressed my mind, lightened by the Scripture and the Bible School. Searching for the real life was leading me toward the great steps of faith in the unknown things. Having got acquainted with the supernatural things, I was getting passion for it more and more.

The life of faith it is the life of adventures. If there are no miracles, sings and wonders, it is not the life by faith. When one is thirsty for the Lord everything is possible in one’s life.

It is that kind of the Gospel brings gladness and joy into your life, when it is not you who is looking for money for the fulfillment of “God’s” project, but the money is looking for you. (2Cor. 8:4). Was it possible for me to think that God was different than I thought He was?

Of course such a Gospel will make happy all the shepherds, slaves and servants, daughters and sons, when you know that in your life you would never be able to earn so much money for producing video and audio albums, books, making trips, films etc. God is releasing finances in a supernatural way.

I am observing how God is building our ministry (HSMI), and sometimes I am amazed at His various working. He is giving a calling, encourages walking “on the water” further and further. I have learned that I can walk in Him further that my mind is able to tell or plan. Sometimes it takes me to make such a step of faith, that I feel I am close to drown, like it was with the disciple Peter, walking on the water toward Jesus. I remember when I was writing the first book, it was a great risk for me to edit it. Now I am so amazed seeing all this production besides all the other events, services and trips! And God is calling me to go further, to see more, to think broadly. He draws us to the great work, toward the mighty accomplishments, to the higher thinking in His Glory. He is willing to show us His plan: **the way how to save the whole city in a week.** How to accomplish (priceless, numerous, precious), saving work of the souls’ salvation, by means of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, working in us, through us and with us.

God is great, and His work cannot be measured with our human mind.

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Isaiah 55:8-9

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Blessed is the heart that has found the Heavenly Kingdom. Blessed is the soul, longing to the Lord. Blessed does the man trust completely in the Lord! Blessed are all those who are poor in spirit. Blessed are all poor people. Wisdom belongs to their hearts.

Surround yourself with the people, ministers, loving the Lord very much. Bless the anointed ones of God, and their anointing will pass on you. If you sow you will reap. If you love God, God will love you.

Conclusion

If you want to have great blessings and Anointing, for any ministry, start sowing in that good soil. I see it happen in my life all the time. I hope that the blessings won't miss your life as well. God knows the motive of your heart. Simply love Him and you will be happy!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

How exactly did I start to know the Person of the Holy Spirit? In the Glory of God! The presence of the power of heaven it is that atmosphere which is so favorable for the fellowship of our heart, our spirit with the Holy Spirit. I don't know a different way (through mind or intellect?) of our spirit fellowship with the Holy Spirit, but the fellowship with Him in the Glory of God.

In the Glory of God takes place both creation and our learning of the Word of God, God's character and His nature. The touch of Jesus is able to change our thinking. The Glory of God contributes to the close intimate relationships between our spirit and Holy Spirit. In the Glory of God the man-spirit is united with the Person-Spirit. How beautiful and blessed the Glory of the Lord is! (Ezek. 3:12).

John 1:16

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Is it possible to imagine and comprehend completely the mercy and goodness of God given to us? He has it in fullness. Because all the heavens consist of the grace of God's Glory. In the Old Testament people did not have that which you and me having in us today. We have inside ourselves the Person of the Holy Spirit, who is showing us the Anointed One - Jesus Christ, and both of Them together show us the Father. What a blessing!

Having such a privilege, we can acquire the power from the fellowship with Him, the power which will amaze and astonish human mind.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The work of this power will always lead to the question about the meaning of the miracle or sign which took place in the physical sphere of life.

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Acts 2:12

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

In order for us to be used by God in our ministry, we should first to get acquainted, to become friends, to fall in love, get married with this wonderful and great Person of the Holy Spirit! His is the Power and He has it all!

We are created in the image and likeness of God, we have His qualities. But there is a big difference between Him and us: He does not have sin. In other things we are very similar. As a personality I have feelings, emotions, He has them too.

1 Thes. 5:19

Quench not the Spirit.

“Don’t quench the spirit” = do not oppress Him.

It happens when our personality does not allow the Holy Spirit to express and work through us. In other words, we do not pay enough attention to Him, do not care about Him. It can take place in case of our ignorance or misunderstanding of His behavior. Although He may address to the man, but the man may not be able to make the difference between the voice **of mind** and **heart**.

The learning comes during the precious time of mutual fellowship. This fellowship, intimacy of relationship tightens the two persons together. There is a difference between knowing Him for five days or five years.

1 Cor. 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

The love and longing for Him will produce those meetings with Him. At such meeting one can discuss with Him everything, ask any questions.

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

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The Apostle John paid a great attention to that Person of the Holy Spirit. (Look in chapters 14,15 and 16 of the Gospel of John). All four writers of the gospels were attentive to Jesus, and only John had written so much about the Holy Spirit. It means he had that attitude in his heart. (As the writers were mere people and had different characters, they could describe the Gospel from different sides).

So, if the human person quits loving the Holy Spirit because of some theological teachings, ministries or church duties, then the Holy Spirit begins to be jealous.

James writes about ceasing being dependent on the Holy Spirit as about conjugal infidelity.

James 4:5

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

He came to live inside of us, but we become unfaithful toward Him. The worldly character of the members of our body it is an abomination for Him. It is called the disrespect and the act of dishonoring. (Jer. 3:14, Hosiah 2:19-23).

Ephes. 4:30

And **grieve not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Every attempt to satisfy oneself apart from Him hurts Him and makes Him sad. At the same time while offending the Holy Spirit, the Christian grows cold in love.

Rev. 2:4

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev. 3:15

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

In such a condition even **knowing** the Bible won't help the Christian. There is only one way out of the situation- to come back and knock to Him, to search for Him again with the whole heart, but not with mind. The thirst

and craving for Him will renew the first love. Then one will remember those tender words of the first sighs.

Romans 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

The fellowship with Him will bring freshness, courage, joy, delight and ardent spirit into the heart.

The Holy Spirit was not offended and did not grieve on the day of Pentecost, on the birthday of the church of Jesus Christ. He did not have reason for grieving: all of them were looking forward His coming. There were **about** 120 of them, but in reality they were all **one**.

Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

This crowd of people had the only idea and thought – all about the Person, Whom they were waiting for and wished to experience with such a great desire. Of those 120 people none had a dream to become a pastor or an apostle or an evangelist. None of them had in mind to ensure in this way his future carrier of an anointed ministry. None had a vision of the new churches opening, witnessing, evangelism. (After they had received the power, all this came by itself). All of them were overwhelmed with only one desire: to see Him acting in their midst. They were waiting for Him as the chief preacher and healer.

For them the Spirit-Comforter was the main Personality, able to accomplish everything rightly in the ministry, evangelism and preaching. He was the only leader of the Church, its manager and steward. And these 120 people came together with the only purpose.

Acts 2:1

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

So, a true Church is people, gathered under one roof having unanimously a great desire to meet the Main Leading Person of the service. They have all **the same** thoughts and **one** wish. And if the group of people

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coming together does not have the common desire – to meet the Person of the Holy Spirit, then it is just a religious organization.

That is why the Holy Spirit is so grieved and offended: nobody is waiting for Him. It looks like all came together in the church, giving Him an opportunity to work, but all these people start and finish the service by themselves.

The PERSON is

grieved
in sorrow
offended
jealous

Here you can see not only the attributes of God: the Holy Spirit as a Person, a Character. Here your attention is directed to a very important fact: offense, grieving of the Person, Who is overlooked, despised and dishonored. (Eph. 4:30).

John 4:24

God **is** a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The honor and respect toward the Person will build your ministry. The Worship is not the church and all its stuff. The Worship it is the heart itself and its relationship with the Person. We could express it this way: mutual relationship of the spirits (your spirit and the Holy Spirit) will lead to the greater result of the common collaboration.

The outcome of this is a great release of the Glory of God. And every time when the Glory of God is released there is a way to experience more the Heavenly Kingdom. It happens when you love, what He wants to do according to His will. Then you are performing everything so promptly and accurately, in order that the whole process of doing His will is successful. You are a fun of His work. You liked the way He is working each time: mysteriously and surprisingly.

I believe, that if the Holy Spirit can work in such a wonderful way through the person of a Christian, then is it not true that He will work in a much more glorious and great way in the place where two or three people came together in the name of Christ Jesus?

And not only teaching should always be preached from the pulpit. But at least, once a month, one can share the pulpit with the Holy Spirit, to give Him the place. One or two years pass by and you hear only the “word” and

teachings. As a rule, I am, myself, teaching or preaching more than other pastors or teachers, but there is a time for everything under heaven.

My dream is to see preachers, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 6:3). To see miracles, signs and wonders every day. (Acts 5:42).

May people wait for the Sunday, as the most interesting day of the week. (Acts 5:11-16).

Honoring and showing respect for the Holy Spirit that is worship Him will lead the Christians to the great and wondrous manifestations of the Lord's power here, in this world. He was sent into the world for the great goals. He is the Only One, Who is able to turn upside down the whole city for Jesus. He is the One, able to perform the great miracles, to astonish and surprise the world with His power through His Church.

Today there are many more Christians, than they were two thousand years ago. There are more books, letters (epistles) as well. And if we are so numerous in comparison with that old time, then the books about working of the Holy Spirit should be more numerous. My dream is to see not somewhere else, but during my own life the First Apostolic church and even more. Is that true that the Christians have grown in number, but the Holy Spirit has diminished. He is indeed here, in our midst, and He is willing and able to do His work and perform His miracles! But alas, I am busy with all holy people but not with Him.

I am absolutely not against the Word: the Bible, teachers, preachers, but I am against death. I am respecting the word, if it is accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

Let us consider together this interesting passage of Scripture:

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Today some teachers think that the transformation of one's mind can take place only in the Bible College, or from the Bible itself. The question arises: immediately after the day of Pentecost, where the thinking of the apostles was transformed, from which New Testament did, they learn such wisdom in the ministry according to God's will? Some people probably know the whole Bible by heart, but do not have relationship with the Person. They hide themselves behind the Word of God, because He is not acting in them. They preach only things they have read in the Bible and other books. This active Person is a foreign for them.

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Acts 4:13, 29-31.

- 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
- 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
- 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
- 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Praise God for His recorded will for us: it is His Word, the Bible.

His Word is a standard for all His laws and instructions. In the process of studying the Bible we can know Him. But I believe that the affirmation of the Word of God in our mind happens by means of our acquaintance with the Person, Who is predestined for the purpose of explaining to us the nature of the Creator.

Having good fellowship with Him we can learn refinements of the invisible spiritual world. And especially when this Person will not just say the Word, but also **will demonstrate everything, show it and explain**. I like this kind of the mind **transformation**. (John 16:13).

1 Cor. 2:4-5

- 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Some people fall into a different extreme: they think they don't need to study the Scripture at all, because the Holy Spirit will reveal to them everything of the Words of the Bible. I have nothing to say about them, because the one studying the Scripture, at least in his mind has the knowledge of God, but the one having everything only from the Spirit: possessing only the "revelations".

All anointed ones of God, if they really were anointed by God, knew His Word ("letter") "by rote". It is the only Heavenly thing, which is present on the earth in the physical (material) sphere. Generally speaking, what common thing can one have with those who even do not know the written in

the Scripture will of God? Is it possible to talk to them about His hidden will, about the revelations? Sometimes, when you talk to somebody, and he begins to tell you the revelation, which God had given to him, it is possible to see, that the brother does not know the Word of God, believes in the revelation of his mind which contradicts to the Word of the Scripture.

And then he is surprised all his life: why nothing is working? It looks that He loves God and sometimes even reads the Bible, goes to the church every Sunday and is participating in three different ministries!

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

I am surprised how can it be, that the book can appear in one's mouth or in one's preaching, if it is not in abundance in one's heart.

The Word of God contributes to the formation of our mind with God's notions, which helps growing of our spirit. It brings us closer to the Person, Who is able to lead us from the stage of infancy to the stage of being perfect in Christ. (1 Cor. 2:6)

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

The more a person is going deep into the Word, building his/her mind and heart, the further he/she will go in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit and accomplishing His desire.

James 1:25

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

And this Person (not a man) can influence and say in such a way, that the human heart will be filled with reverence before Him and will worship Him. That is why such a heart won't produce any sinful or prideful thought. This heart has accepted the Word spoken by Him. The heart keeps His Words, as a sheet-anchor, it is living by these words, reflecting on them all

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the time. The heart is getting silent from the joy of happiness reflecting on the tenderly spoken words: “I indeed love you”. Honor and respect are flowing from the heart toward this mighty Person of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:9

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Blessed is the one staying with Him all the time. Blessed is the heart, thirsty and hungry for His comforting Words more and more each time. Blessed is the poor heart, the one having nothing of oneself, attracted to the Mighty and Living God! Blessed is the man, **looking forward** every day for His calling!

1 John 2:27

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye **need not** that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Having read these words, one could think that one does not need a pastor on Sunday or any other teaching. If we reason like that, then we need neither Bible-word, nor the teacher, pastor. But it is absolutely wrong thinking. The Apostle John shows here that nobody else is able to form and teach our spirit. Jesus said, that His Word- is spirit and life. One and only One Teacher - the Holy Spirit is able to form and teach our spirit. That is why there is no need that anybody else teaches our spiritual heart. (This idea is explained more in the chapter “The Word from the Lord”).

Everybody from children to adult people is learning from this Person: the Holy Spirit. Being acquainted with this Person produces the growth in the spirit, in our heart. Knowing Him makes our spirit wider for the greater and higher goals and things. (1 John 2:14).

Nevertheless, we possess the purest and genuine Word, which is able to instruct, correct and teach us. Being moved by the Holy Spirit, the saints of God proclaimed His Word and recorded it into the Bible. Now to transform It backwards from the letter to the spirit is only possible in the Holy Spirit and by means of the Holy Spirit. (2Pet. 1:20, 21).

Holy Spirit

The Word-Spirit
The Heart of God

→  **The Bible-Letter** →

Holy Spirit

The Heart-spirit
The inner man

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

1 Cor. 2:10-13

- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Certainly, knowing about our gifts is from Him. We know it by means of His Spirit. The spiritual wisdom **is learned** in the school of the Holy Spirit.

2 Pet. 1:17-21

- 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
- 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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Because of His Magnificent Glory everything is changed in the human heart. During the five minutes of dwelling in His Glory one can see more than for five years of being in the church. In order that the morning star rises in our hearts and the day of walking in His Glory comes (not walking by touch only), we need to lighten the dark ideas of our minds, to get ready for the great things in the ministry of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is that Personality, who is leading a Christian toward the great work of the "Day", light. Only he is the One able to lead to perfection the growth of a believer.

Ephes. 3:16

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Our heart can be established in this Person, to find every affirmation in Him, to come to the perfection, drawing from the richness of His Glory. Having close relationship with him we are able to learn all things that He has, all that surrounds Him and in Him. The Heavenly attributes become the attributes of our inner being.

The Christian who has learned through the Holy Spirit the nature of God the Father and his loving heart, and also the Son Jesus Christ - our Savior, is able to acquire the Spirit of the Lord. This Spirit of the Lord is manifested in the outward power through a believer's personality. The access to this power and its work is only possible when one is engaged in the common activities with the Person of the Holy Spirit, Who is playing the leading part in these activities.

Having acquired the Spirit of the Lord, the heart of a Christian is filled with the words:

Luke 4:18-19

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

It is not that a person can say these words for no particular reason, especially if it was not given to this person. In order to make such declaration, one should have something that our brother had. (Heb. 2:17; Rom. 8:29)

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Luke 4:14

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Although the brethren of Christ make efforts today, having this image, that they possess the power, try to imitate everything they had seen somewhere, instead of following their Father's activities, imitating Him.

If people fall asleep during the preaching they add some emotions.

If people are not falling down at the laying on hands they push them, helping God.

If there is a problem or a trouble devil is blamed as a rule (declare the war against him).

Is it possible to talk about a power, when one is not familiar with the **mood** of the Person. When there is no information neither about His joy, nor His sadness, when one does comprehend neither His zeal, nor His sorrow.

You don't know what He is feeling. I want to tell you, my friend: he has feelings, emotions. He is a Person. His name is the Holy Spirit. He is able to feel the same way you feel. He has His own character, as every man on the earth.

We are like Him almost in everything, certainly except sin. You can learn about His heart, thought, and mood in the process of talking to Him. When you meet Him many times you will know about His intentions and wishes. He is not a mystical phenomenon, some spirit, light, gloom, cloud, dove, shining or a sound. Absolutely not! He is a Person, an Individual.

He similarly to a human being is able to feel sorrow, sadness, joy, can laugh, cry, even be offended, hurt, to be jealous and angry. His attributes are Godly, Holy, Pure, Heavenly, without sin. In order to understand this wonderful Person, one should get acquainted with Him, to approach and know Him. He will show you how to lead an evangelism meeting and where you should take the money for it. He will teach you how to speak, preach and witness. He is able to exhort in and reveal all the things we are not able to see or learn by ourselves.

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Romans 8:26-27

- 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

In order to acquire the essence of God one should acquire the One Who possesses It. It won't happen neither by means of a revelation, nor by means of one's brains activities. Having separated oneself from the world, one should attach oneself to the world of the Holy Spirit, to the heavenly world.

2Pet. 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The meetings with Him have their own special features. Maybe it once occurred to you that you were going to a very important appointment; you had carefully prepared for it and watched the time in order not to be late for it. But sometimes it was that you did not care very much for that appointment.

You had already known about the matter, could do something in your own way, and advise of that meeting were not very useful and important.

You were not in a hurry for that appointment, and you did not care much about being late. You were not interested in the new, but not important advises of this meeting, because you had a pretty good assurance in the information that you had already possessed.

Imagine how many Christians hope and comfort themselves with the fact they already know something and even have the Holy Spirit with the gift of tongues. But during such appointments one can learn the details and step by step structure of the issue.

But it is typical for Him to wait always for our will, with a tender meekness and patience He is waiting and waiting for us.

Our own **will, power and ability** are so microscopically tiny, that only by ourselves we are almost not able to have an influence on the power laws in the spiritual sphere. But when He having received the agreement of our will accepts us in His activity and uses according to His will, where and

when He pleases, then all and everything will tremble. ("The hell will grow hotter and the heaven happier") It is called to acquire the Spirit of the Lord.

Then it is not you anymore, but your heart, overwhelmed with the Power of This Great Person - the Holy Spirit, is shouting:

Luke 4:18-19

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The immeasurable greatness of His power's mightiness is possible when one is getting to know the Spirit of revelation and wisdom, Spirit of knowledge and Glory.

Eph. 1:19

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

If there is no contact with the Person of Wisdom, "spiritual" service is performed according to the **will** of a human being at his soul level. The heart is not familiar with its **right** of being used by the Holy Spirit. It will not understand these strange manifestations in the ministries of others either.

In order to reason about His manifestation, one should have an experience of meeting Him within one's own heart.

1Cor. 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

He is a Wonderful Counselor, Magnificent Lord in His majesty; at the time of meeting with you He will **amaze** your heart with His endless love. Thereby your heart could see the **miracle** of God. And His actions and dealing with you will be a great **sign**, which cannot be perceived with mind.

Then maybe one can reason or talk about something. But if the Christian, minister, "anointed one" says: "I have already seen it, experienced,

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got the feel of it, I understand it, know, can do it.", then I would only say that he is a good Christian, nothing more.

Namely because of our limited created nature, we are not able to reach the depth of knowledge about this Person.

I have even met the people, who in the state of ecstasy have been to heaven, have seen Jesus, Angels, but not having regular close relations with this Person, they were not completely used in their ministry to God. And although they can say they have seen Jesus, heaven, the question did this vision help anybody is not answered.

I know one thing for sure, that when this Person will influence me, then He will be able to influence freely other people through me. Sometimes it happens without a **word**, to which some preachers are so attached as the child to his mother skirt. I am glad to know that God is doing such things in people's hearts, that they cannot be expressed with words.

To have a revelation, a dream, to meet Jesus, to visit heaven: all that is good. It is my dream. But if a Christian does not have the heart, willing to know Him even more, these revelations are condemned to stay in his memory, as the recollections about the wonderful time of his meetings with Christ. But is God's purpose limited only to that? Is it here the whole sense of being a Christian and reaching the highest level in God?

The heart of God's love and His only goal: that you learn more and more from the Holy Spirit to be like Him, that you see what the Father is doing, learn the art of the fight (I am not talking here about the notion of the "spiritual war" included in the modern theology), know the nature of managing the power of God according to His will, develop a sensitive heart toward the Holy Spirit, be completely ruled and directed by Him.

It is not that my revelation, given by God, will change the people's hearts. No. My relationship with the Holy Spirit, my honor and respect toward Him, in the state of a humble and broken heart will give the right to the Holy Spirit acting as He pleases, and where He determines!

(He is the God of the universe, and He can create whatever He pleases without me. But I am talking here about the ministry of a person, Who has a tremendous influence in the spiritual world and through Whom God is changing the hearts of people.)

In order to understand better the Person of the Holy Spirit, let us discuss His role within the Trinity. All the people from the world, and those for whom the way of salvation is not opened yet, they often play with God the Father and his calling to love. They blaspheme and curse Him for their unhappy life, illnesses, and physical defects. Some people because of their greediness and insatiable nature for money kill other people, break families,

and make wars. The blood is shed and the curses are pronounced from the mouths breathing unquenchable malice.

Many people simply jeer at the Son of God, Jesus Christ from Nazareth and His precious care about them, which was expressed on the cross when He was despised. The Good News and the messengers of it are despised and sometimes not accepted by the society.

But no matter what is the human attitude to God and how they blaspheme God the Father and God the Son Jesus Christ, the depth, the height, the width and the greatness of God the Father's love is able to cover, endure and patiently forgive everything, He is able not to remember all the offense, anguish and evil, which was done by the mankind against Him. (Deut. 5:10).

This is God the Father's attitude according to His character and nature. The activities of being a Redeemer of all sinners, being an Intercessor for the blasphemers- it is the style and function of the Son- Jesus Christ. He had accomplished the same thing on the cross, and He is doing the same at the present time. He is giving His life for the life of a sinner. (Heb. 9:15).

But now let us look at the function of the Holy Spirit, and His role.

John 16:7-11

- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him **unto you**.
- 8 And when he is come, he **will reprove the world** of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Was this message addressed to the world or to us? We can notice something strange in these words of Jesus. But these words are nothing but a precise definition of the Person's function and His predestination. When one becomes acquainted with Him, the questions about verses 7 and 8 are answered.

Let us look at the **unbelievers' side**, as we are now talking about it, in order to understand the Holy Spirit as a Person **and His functions**. Later on we will look at the **believers' side**.

The matter of fact you and me- are those people- for whom the Father had sent His Person. It means He had sent Him to me in order to reach His

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goals. His goal is to **convict the** world. According to His characteristics He is different from God the father and God the Son Jesus. His is performing His functions in a different way. So what is He really like?

A general characteristic of His work is described in the "book of the Holy Spirit", that is in the book of Acts of the Apostles.

Now let us read through whom He is going to work now. As before He was working through His Apostles, through the people obedient to Him, so it is today - He is able to perform miracles, signs and wonders through you and me.

Acts 2:18,19

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will **shew** wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

In verse 19 the word "show" that is open, reveal says that the One who has promised that, will accomplish with the help of the Person of the Holy Spirit, Who was sent to **us, into the world**. He will perform all these things through every human being: "sons", "daughters", "young people", "old men", His "servants, both men and women".

God is Spirit. In order for Him to "show" something in the physical sphere, He needs man - spirit clothed with flesh, who is able to be connected with the Holy Spirit, a **Person** as well. To speak more precisely, He can "show" us the great things, which we can see described in the Scripture:

Acts 5:9,10

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together **to tempt the Spirit of the Lord**? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

It is not possible to object His actions. It is really wonderful to be one with him and work on His side!

Ps. 39:11

When thou with **rebukes dost correct** man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

Usually people judge about a person according to one's deeds, actions, and attitude. When we read these passages of Scripture, we can see the individuality, the originality of the Person of the Triune God - of the Holy Spirit - in His working.

Acts 12:21-23

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

As usually any brother can characterize his own brother (because he knows him much better than a neighbor or a friend because **they grew together**), the same way Jesus is giving characteristics to the Individual, Whom He knows very well. (John 12:22).

Mk.3:28;29

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall **blaspheme** against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

I personally like His character. I liked His way of doing things. His creativeness does not have any limits. One can just become lost in His various and special action and moving when one is united with Him in one Spirit. It is so great to be with Him! He is always interesting and different to amazement. It is impossible to describe His manner of action. I love Him! (Prov. 8:22-31).

We have already looked how the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father had **sent to us** on the prayer of His Son, came to us, in order **to convict** the world. Now let us look at the believers' side. It is about us, those for who He had been sent.

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In the previous text we have discussed, how we should change our thinking and heart attitude by means of the Word of God with the help of the Holy Spirit. Now let us talk about an exploding, tremendous thing: "harvest of righteousness and peace". Although these words outwardly do not seem to be as tremendous as I said, but for me their inward meaning is not comparable with anything else. It is a great thing: to reap the harvest of righteousness, peace and holiness.

It means to stand in the right position before God, in His will and in His desire. It is a great exploit to be reconciled with God and to stay in a perfect peace at the time, when God is working through you by the Holy Spirit in order not only to awake the local church, but to make revival in the whole city, and some people are ready to crucify you for that. It is a great achievement: to keep peace in your heart at the time of storm and war. (1 Tim. 6:6).

The harvest of righteousness and peace is a great power of the Holy Spirit, working through you, able to change all the old things, and create all new things. These are reforms, changes, for which sometimes one has to suffer and not lose the peace.

Maybe for somebody the words "the harvest of righteousness and peace" seem to be religious and pious, very silent, simple, but for me it is a turbulent, stormy life of the heart in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit producing amazing signs and wonders. It is not as simple as to be a **righteous person**. It means to be absolutely ruled by the Father, in His will, in the **fire of the Holy Spirit**, who can't help performing miracles. He is not just a Teacher, He is Fire. (Usually when there is a sudden fire in the house, nobody will be able to stay indifferent or simply "keep righteous-peaceful" attitude).

Let us read this passage, putting the word "educate" instead of "chastening":

Hebrews 12:5-11

- 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the **chastening** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- 6 For whom the Lord loveth he **chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
- 7 If ye endure **chastening**, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father **chasteneth** not?
- 8 But if ye be without **chastisement**, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

- 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the **Father of spirits**, and live?
- 10 For they verily for a few days **chastened** us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.
- 11 Now no **chastening** for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are **exercised** thereby.

When we accept his training course every day of our life, we can achieve a lot of things in our life being with Him. "Having been trained "in the school of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish many more tasks than when we are just believers.

There are a lot of Christians who love God. There are a lot of genuine believers in Jesus who honor His Blood, His sufferings on the cross. They faithfully keep all the teachings and traditions. They try to live a holy life and not fall into sin. But however much you love God, if you do not accept God's discipleship, exhortation and training: you are simply an ignorant person. God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ won't teach or train you personally.

Although you love God, pray to Him, address to Jesus, but God the Father and Christ since the first day of your spiritual birthday (from above) speak and address to you by means of Their Spirit. But you are either not paying attention to it, either not loving Him with a perfect love. (1 Cor. 8:3). He is our Father, and we should be obedient to His Teacher. (Gen. 1:26).

Prov. 12:1

A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

A Christian not understanding the Person, simply runs into judgment. A Christian knowing God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, but not having education or a training course and not accepting the tutorship of the Person of the Holy Spirit: simply will stay ignorant concerning spiritual things.

Why the Pharisees' circle as well as many teachers of the modern times could not accept the deeds and behavior of Jesus? Only because all these deeds were produced and created by the Holy Spirit - a Person, who is not noticed today either, and blasphemed by people; a Person manifested

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Himself at our time through the Christ' people (those who walk in the anointing of the Holy Spirit). (Luke 4:18, 19; Mt. 12:28).

Mark 3:21-30

- 21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.
- 22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.
- 23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?
- 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
- 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.
- 26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.
- 27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
- 28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.
- 29 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
- 30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

In order to see supernatural miracles, signs and wonders, one should first experience it in one's own heart.

Very often Christians are like the **sons of men**, as we have just read it in Mark 3:28,29 and also in Acts 5:9,10. They start to blaspheme the Holy Spirit, when His manifestations seem strange.

Sometimes being carried away by the religious activities, fleshly ministries of the church, by a ritual a believer becomes hardened in his heart because of so many ministries, he is involved in. His heart becomes a stony heart, not soft anymore, which is very quickly hardened observing some unusual actions of the Holy Spirit.

Christ is calling this situation very dangerous. God the Father can forgive everything, because the Blood of God's Son is able to wash away all sins. But when it comes to the Holy Spirit, everything is different. One cannot play or have fun with Him (Acts 7:51-53).

Gen. 6:3

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Is it not that the children of God, Christians are willing to be filled with God's Power? Is it not that they would like to see their relatives reconciled with God (believers)? Don't they wish that their neighbors, the whole city and world be saved?

OF course they do, and how! It is a good desire. But until the man does not see in his spirit what the Father is doing, he/she will not be able to do anything in the Lord.

The only Person of the Holy Spirit can show you what the Father is doing. (John 5:19).

Then you will be able to do everything. By you word the mountains will be moved and all things around them because you won't do it only with the **word itself**, but with the authority of the word, given to you by the Lord. (John 3:27, Acts 1:8).

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The Gospel is the simplest message of God to man,
which man made the most difficult and inaccessible.

I want to tell you also how it is difficult when you don't have such a treasure. According to the Word "The righteous will live by faith." (Gal. 3:11), "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word ..." (Mat 4:4).

I have in mind here the Word from the Lord, which is dwelling in you for a long time. But it is revealed at a particular time in your mind (during a church service, while reading the Bible, in everyday life). The Holy Spirit is pronouncing the word, and you hear it in your heart and spirit. It is like an encouragement and delight for you especially when you are in the Glory of God, under Anointing. This can change your life and way of thinking.

When the Glory of God wraps you up, you start seeing not with your physical eyes, and hearing not with your physical ear, but with your heart. God's works are so great and miraculous that the life time won't be enough in order to express the feelings from experiencing how Magnificent, and Great our Creator is!

The recorded will of God =
the need is always present in life

The Opened Will of God =

One is going to the bank and there is so big amount of money as the coal at the mine

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to Your Word! (Ps.119:9)

In what way the man born from God can avoid sin?

Because God's Seed remains in him (1 John 3:9)

The Word of God is a
double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12)

Transform (rebuild) your house (of Adam),
otherwise you will preach (cover the cracks)
all your life.

I propose:

- 1) **Reading !**
- 2) **Studying!**

People read the newspaper and throw it away after reading because it serves only for getting information.

People study in the college, learn new things, keep their knowledge, because it is a source of provision for the whole life.

The same thing is applied to the Word of God:

The information (theory), discussions, preaching, hope, confession of the Word is the life of mind according to the Word.

A supernatural provision, supply, prosperity is a **practical life** according to the Word.

I heard people say: "The Lord has told me..." or "The Lord sent me..." etc. And some time later I am observing the events and ask myself: why is that so that the words given by God were not fulfilled in the life. Once I asked one man about some past unfulfilled plans and the "revelations from God". He answer me that now the Lord has a different plan. I immediately remembered the words from the Bible that "God is not a man, that..."

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Today we hear about many plans for evangelism, many strategic projects aimed to produce a revival. This unrest is controlling the life of many ministers. Now all of them after the time of planning are standing and praying to God: "Oh God, the Ruler of heaven and earth, created all and everything! We have come before your Throne. And now, oh God, let us start working and moving together. This is our plan for You, Lord, show us Your mercy and move ahead!"

I hear a lot of talking about such plans, but about such kinds of ministries, as described in Acts 6:3-8, one can usually hear from abroad, not in Ukraine.

Acts 6:3-8

- 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, **full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business.
- 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man **full of faith** and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

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- 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
- 7 **And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem** greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- 8 And Stephen, **full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles** among the people.

Verse 5 says this suggestion was accepted by the whole community. At that time the discussions and voting was not a custom in the church (as it is in some churches today), understanding that sometimes it can cost somebody his life (Acts 2:43). All people feared God. But it is not the main reason why people did not practice voting at that time. The main reason was they were all one in heart, and verse 8 says, that the great **signs** and wonders were performed.

Why don't we address the book of our Savior's ministry and follow Him? For example how He sometimes would touch and spit in people, and they were healed in a strange way. Why don't we climb the hill and listen to what He says? Let us follow His route after He had preached the Sermon on the Mount and walk with Him to the next village. Let us notice how He performed healing, and what was He doing at those moments?

And then when you see it with your heart and hear from Him:

"Go", - you will go immediately to accomplish what He told you to do. Then you won't council with that which is flesh and blood, but you will carry that happy news, which had unbounded you, made you free and sent to the field. Then you won't have "suggestions" and ambiguous thinking. You will walk with assurance to do the right things.

But without experiencing a **miracle, a sign**, after which our mind is **greatly amazed**, you won't be able to amaze anybody.

If you expect miracles and signs at some place, I will tell you, that they should first happen **in your life**. If His Word did not become a miraculous, significant (great), wondrous Word for you, then it is just the word from the head (mind), not from the Spirit. The first Apostles did not have the book of the New Testament, as we do, but they knew the arm of the Lord.

Isaiah 53:1

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

So how can we hear the Word from the Lord? In my experience, for example, the Lord is speaking mostly to my heart, my spirit by the Holy Spirit at the time, when I am plunged in His Glory. When one is under Anointing, the mind becomes clear and sober. His Glory overwhelms you in such a way, that you start thinking the way God thinks. You start loving the way Jesus loves. You start experiencing joy, the way it is experienced in heaven (the joy, which reigns in heaven).

In the Glory of God's Spirit you are able to learn the plans, intentions and predestination of God without any planning and puzzling.

When you go down from the mount Tabor and walk across the valley of life, you already know what Christ is like, what the Glory is like, what the beauty of Heaven is like.

You don't need to create anything in order to get the mind of Christ. You **already know**, that **you know**, what **you know**.

Having experienced the miracle of God, an exploding sign and wonder in heart, you know **what** and **how** you need to do and **where** to go.

But how one can climb the mount of Tabor and find the Glory, the Anointing? It is very easy! Just get thirsty for it, desire it, and look for it. Jesus Christ promises that those who seek will find, and those who knock it will be open to them. The active people are always in a move. Those who stay in peace are not willing to worry about anything. Having found the refuge in the Word of God, they feel themselves assured of their position.

When the ministry is under Anointing, the intellectual person can not understand or accept the work of the Holy Spirit, and then he makes a conclusion in his heart: "there is no God here."

The Bible says that such a person does not possess the mind of God. It does not mean the person suddenly became without mind. It means this person (maybe even the minister of God, trying to please God in his own way, working hard in accomplishing his church duties) is not willing to have greater things in God, not thirsty for God's Work of the Holy Spirit.

(Ps. 53:2). The Bible calls this process getting cold in the matter of love.

Rev. 2:4

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

It is not always the case that the foolish person is from the world. The Bible - the Word of God-Spirit - is addressed to the spirit of man born from God's Spirit (born from above).

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As soon as the man is born from above, he immediately has an opportunity to have fellowship with God (the conversation, which is not one-sided only).

The reason of disobedience is fading out of the first love, negligence, laziness. Sometimes the ministry is only a traditional thing useful neither for God nor for the people.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

God always used to speak to people and is speaking at the present time. He is speaking since the first day the person was born from above. The person who has missed the chance to listen to God, or was disobedient, now is close to be hardened in the teaching of some religious group of people or a church.

When one does not seek the fellowship with the Spirit of God leads to the deafness of spiritual ears and blindness of spiritual eyes (heart). He seems to see, but in reality does not see anything. He seems to hear and understand, but at the same time, there is response neither in his heart nor in spirit.

One should seek God since the day of spiritual birthday until the day of one's personal meeting in clouds or the day of passing into a different world. It is not that one has found Him and it is finished, no! It is not the case when the person has tasted His presence and was satisfied with this once for all saying: "I have already seen everything, I know it, I experienced it, I felt it" it means death. It may be he has learned something on a micro level of revelations. He has tasted and was satisfied being proud about his 2-years Bible college studies. (1Cor. 8:1). To seek God it is a life-long need. To taste Him is necessary in order to live in spirit. To have fellowship with Him, listen to Him, to have passion for Him is the real life. Having intimate relationship with Him results in standing on the side of the Holy Spirit, working in an amazing way. When you have friendship with the Holy Spirit you want to surprise the intellectual people, getting used to the death especially when a sudden healing occurs or some unusual for human mind moving of the Spirit, shaking all things around.

I am acquainted with many pastors, ministers of God, who listen to His Word and do what He says them to do. There are many anointed with the Holy Spirit who has learned to listen to the voice of God. The acquaintance and fellowship with Him allows one to develop one's hearing and sensitiveness of the heart to the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor.2:17).

Miracles, Signs and Wonders

I think the best epistle with the clearest explanation concerning the Word of God, about how He speaks, and how we can hear His voice it is the Epistle to Hebrews. Studying it, we see that the words "to hear", "to speak" are used much more times in comparison with other epistles. It seems to me this message was written, as they say at one stroke. It is a discussion from beginning to end about how to listen to God. For example:

Hebrews 1:1-2

- 1 God, who at sundry times and in **divers manners** spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

God can not only act **in various ways** by His Holy Spirit, but can also speak **in various ways**. The variety is an integral part of the Creator's art. I like it. He is doing everything as He pleases. However He spoke in the past, but the fact is that He spoke it. And now if we look at the conclusive words of the letter, they are speaking about the same thing:

Hebrews 13:7-22

- 7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation
- 9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.
- 22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

Let us look briefly at the Epistle to Hebrews, at the truthfulness of speaking of God to man. From the first verse we see that it took place many times and in different ways. The second verse says that He spoke personally through His Son, and not through the Bible or Angels.

Although along with this, if we look in Hebrews 2:2, we will see that even the Word spoken through the Angels was authoritative and weighty.

Hebrews 2:1-4

- 1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

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- 2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
- 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;
- 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

We should be not only attentive, but also jealous about the Words of Salvation which we have heard. These words should be so affirmed to us, those who have heard from God, testified by signs, wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will, that we do not doubt about His Word. (Hebrews 3:9).

Verse 3 of chapter 2 of Hebrews says that It was affirmed to us those who have heard from Him... We can believe in a complete hope and affirmation to the Word of the Lord only in this case:

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

When we stand in faith concerning the Word of God somehow in a different way, it brings doubt, uncertainty. The Christian believer very often can be not certain about the promise of God, because he has not seen in his spirit, that which God has spoken with "testifying to it".

People use this saying: "It is better to see something one time than hear it a hundred times." Only an asserted heart and a convinced spirit believing in the Word of the Lord can see the works of the Spirit of God in various and different actions, powers and manifestations. Only a heart loving the Lord with passion, not a religious one or framed in some teaching, is able to see a miracle or a sign. The heart that got cold in love to the Lord is often missing the Holy Spirit addressing to him.

The Christian who haven't heard anything from God can not acknowledge the different powers and the act of giving of the Holy Spirit. he won't never be able to understand neither miracles nor signs from God nor His actions. The Words of God are not rooted yet in one's heart, are not testified. (1 Cor. 2:4,5). Although this person may be preaching the Word of

God from the Bible for 60 years, but along with this he has never seen neither miracle nor sign.

Far as I know because as it should not be a simple miracle that will surprise a person. The voice of a loving Father is so "significant" and "wondrous", it should touch the heart of a person in such a way that it will make the head go round. His Word, becoming alive, heard inside one's heart will change everything around. I love Jesus!

In chapter 3 of Hebrews we see that Jesus was appointed to be the master of God's house in order that He could accomplish things predestined by the Father. He was listening to the One who had appointed Him, and spoke the words Father told him to speak. For doing these things He was rewarded by honor. (Heb. 3:1-4).

The same way Moses did not fail: he spoke what he heard. (Heb. 3:5). Today you and me we are stewards in His house, through and in Jesus Christ. (Heb. 3:6). We can accomplish those things, which we have observed our Creator doing. (John 14:12). Today we are able to accomplish everything He is calling us to. He is speaking to us 24 hours in a day. He is the One speaking, appealing constantly to our spirit with His Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 3:7-16

- 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.
- 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.
- 11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)
- 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
- 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
- 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.
- 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

The Word from the Lord

The word "today" means "now", "at this time". It was the Holy Spirit who had spoken this and predicted this even at that time.

Psalms 95:7

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

And right now the Holy Spirit is speaking to His people. And He is not simply whispering, He is knocking to their doors. (Rev. 3:20).

He is speaking all the time by His love and mercy. But our hardened hearts, inattentiveness and business with "ministry" do not allow us to hear His voice. Just now, at this time, when you are reading this book, the Holy Spirit is speaking to you. He was appealing to you since your first day in the Lord and is doing so now. You need simply to "desire", "to become thirsty" for Him. Especially now, when this day is still here, the day of God's voice, speaking to his children. (Hebr. 3:13).

The housewife knows everything in her house. Looking today at some anointed-"housekeepers" I am amazed observing them saying something to people. They haven't heard from God anything about His order and His instructions themselves.

Hebrews 3:10-11

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Because their hearts are always going astray these people can't learn the ways of God. Usually such a heart does have neither peace nor rest. In order to enter God's peaceful will, His rest, you should hear Him and have fear of becoming disobedient in regard to His commands. To believe means is to **desire** and **get thirsty** for Him.

Hebrews 3:18-19

18 And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

I would say it this way: if there is no love that there won't be desire, faith, and courage. It will be a condition of indifference and cold. This book is a reflection of verse 1 in chapter 4 of Hebrews.

To combine the Word with faith means to have affection for Him, to suffer for Him. It is a passion; it is love, a thirst and desire to be along with Him.

Hebrews 4:1-11

- 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.
- 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.
- 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.
- 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.
- 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.
- 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:
- 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
- 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.
- 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.
- 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Disobedience leads us to such a situation when a person because of his/her not accomplishing the will of God or not knowing about it, fails to receive the reward from the Lord. Besides one's life in Christ and serving Him become full of anxiety. There is neither prosperity nor success observed in all his affairs.

Maybe someone has different views about "rest" and "sabbath", but I want to tell you what these things mean for me.

When I was dwelling in religion and was absolutely bound with it, I could not settle things freely with my Lord, I could not be a joyful and satisfied with my God. I was totally under control and learned how to get

control over the people. Although I loved the Lord very much, I tried to please Him, but those legends of "forefathers" and holy rituals, as well as all kinds of humbling the flesh, were moving my heart away from being sincere with God and loving Him. My understanding of the "rest" and "sabbath" was the most clear and real for me at the moments, when I would fall asleep during the 8th brother's preaching in the church.

Beating the air is the same thing as listening to the brothers "speaking" one after another. I would understand the Bible the way all others around me understood and interpreted it. The written letter is such a deadly thing that I would not wish it even to my enemy. So what kind of rest I could teach anybody at that time, if I myself did not have it.

The Bible emphasizes in verse 11, that those who did not enter God's rest were in danger of falling into disobedience. Besides a hardened heart which can become so because of "not hearing His voice today", there is a danger of disobedience along with this.

There is a calling for you and for me here: "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest..." At our time many people interpret this notion of rest in various ways.

Using our mind we can separate one theme in the Scripture from another, the books also help to learn doing this. Then you will see that verse 11 of chapter 4 in Hebrews is the verse doing away with the theme of "Sabbath", and verse 12 is the one opening a new theme: "the Word of God".

Dear friend, when you are reading the Bible, stop and reflect on those Words which are sometimes not clear for your mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you an understanding, an answer. Then you will hear! Just ask Him, I am doing it all the time and I advise you to do so as well.

So, what does it mean to "make every effort to enter that rest"?

It is in verse 12 that we are given a direct answer to this question, that only by His Word one will get there (get to Canaan, into the "Sabbath rest"). Only this can lead you to a great peace and comfort in your life. It will show you where the border is between the soul and flesh on the one hand and eternal, incorruptible things on the other hand. But to get this I should believe, to be eager to have it, not to be hardened, be obedient to him and hear Him.

However much I read the Bible, anyway I need to hear Him, to get to know His voice. I should combine His Word with faith. I should get thirsty for hearing Him. The only thing which can have an impact on me and change me it is the Word of God, awaking me and influencing my spirit, my inner being. And if I only get to hear His voice, it will be a paradise-like

peace for me and a wonderful rest for my heart. The most quiet and peaceful place is in God.

I believe the two-edged sword is not the Bible- as a written letter. Verse 7 of chapter 7 in Hebrews says "today, if you hear his voice..."- it is not about the Bible. To hear His voice today does not mean to read the Bible today because, as a rule, one needs to read the written letter, but listen to the voice. God is proposing us to make an attempt and enter His rest. We must notice here, that it will make us free from our activities. The person who will try to hear His voice and not to read His Word- will be blessed!

And as I start listening what He is telling me in the meekness and humbleness of the heart, then a real happiness comes, a real feeling of salvation and joy. The sound of His Words amazes me and changes all my inner being. My spirit is lifted up together with God's Spirit to the level of God's thinking. My heart is willing to accomplish everything He is commending me to do.

I am able at once to observe all the weaknesses of my flesh and soul. Walking in the spirit- is an inconvenient thing for the flesh. Flesh needs the High Priest in all its weaknesses, infirmities and temptations. Without help of a great Intercessor of the New Testament and High Priest Jesus Christ nobody living on the earth will be able to hold Anointing inside oneself, which was predestined by the Lord. (John 15:5; Heb. 9:15).

Hebrews 4:14-16

- 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

In order to know the High Priest, one should first of all know the Person of the Holy Spirit. Without knowing the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to know Jesus Christ, God the Father. (In the previous chapter "The Holy Spirit is a Person" I am explaining in details the function of the Holy Spirit).

In order for you to have a clearer picture of what I am talking about, let us temporarily (for the sake of explanation), while reading change the word "word" into "voice" in Hebrews 4:12. (John 15:7).

The Word from the Lord

Hebrews 4:12-13

- 12 For the **word** of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

We are given the Holy Spirit in order to have a dialogue of our spirit with the Creator and His Son. It is only in the Holy Spirit and by means of the Holy Spirit that we can have that fellowship. If you become zealous for God, His spiritual gifts, prophecy, bold speaking of His Word, then the Holy Spirit will contribute to your ("hearing") God's voice.

When I see a great Anointing in the church services, it is the power of the Holy Spirit overwhelms people. Some people lie under benches, some are running around, some cry, others laugh; some clear their hearts from the hidden sins. After that 5-8 hours service people are going home drunk in the Holy Spirit, filled with peace and freedom of Christ, in simplicity of their hearts, admiring the beauty of a late night and praising God! I do believe in those ministries of the Word, but not in the human fables.

Col. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

The Word of Anointing should dwell in the heart and cleave to it by the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit. Exhortation in a human spirit takes place in the services of God's Glory, when this Invisible Person is present there the Sower!

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness **the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls.

Without evil and humbly is means searching for Him opening ourselves to teaching and training and knowing His will in the meekness of the heart. The Word from Him brings in freedom, salvation. (James 1:18-

25). When the Glory of God is manifested in my services, human hearts experience a great power of God's Word. The Power of Anointing is really fixing His Word.

Mark 12:24

And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

It all happens not because of an intellectual exhortation. To know the power of the Word means to experience the miracle of the Word. The word spoken by Him has a great impact on the person's essential part on the heart. I am not talking about the mind here.

Galatians 3:5

He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

We can observe the great works of the Spirit, when people accept the power of the Gospel, when people are exhorted and this action is similar to an action of a mighty and graceful wave. Exhortation it is not a teaching or a demagogy. It is the Gospel itself with its power. To allow God to talk to one's heart means to open one's heart to the Holy Spirit speaking at many times and in various ways, it is when God is addressing to one's heart. (Hebrews 1:1).

And then it will look as the modern prophets present it: "Thus says the Lord". It looks the following way:

Hebrews 2:3-4

- 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;
- 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

I believe in the active Word of God -cutting, condemning, correcting us.

The Word from the Lord

John 16:8

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

This kind of blade is sharper than any other double-edged sword of some Scripture scholar, who is willing to convict you with threats and judgment. The genuine Word of God can reveal the flesh and dashes in one's ministry to God. It puts the boundary and limit to flesh and blood. When in the Glory, it is not only the "belly", and the inner parts are filled with the rivers of God's grace, but even the soft parts are separated from the bones. (John 7:38). Under the Anointing God is judging the motive of the heart, its purity and intentions. There is nothing before Him, which could be hidden from His Glory.

Hebrews 4:12-13

- 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

God has promised to shake every sphere of a personality. He will insert, speak, declare, and write on the human heart.

Hebrews 8:10-11

- 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:
- 11 And they shall **not teach** every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Verse 11 tells about the different kinds of the Holy Spirit ministry and about the things He produces. The intellectual accumulation of the Lord's knowledge cannot accept the Word of God speaking directly to a person. The Holy Scripture says that people will not teach one another. It does not tell about a particular teaching, pastor and preacher. It tells about the

Anointing of the Lord. In what way does it occur? My friend, I have for you the Word from the Lord, happy and good news! God has promised to put His Law into our thoughts and write it on our heart! That is why there is no need for anybody to teach our heart. (1John 2:27). If we provide this opportunity to the Teacher, we will get to know the Lord. The Holy Spirit will bring to the Father those from yesterday and from last year on the equal basis. (John 14:26).

1 Cor. 2:4-5

- 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I love the Word of the Lord. I am delighted at the manifestation of the Spirit's power. From this I am persuaded, established in my heart in His Word. The Power of God makes my faith grow in the undoubted faithfulness of God. Hallelujah! I like the Word of power. I do believe this Word of God. I am thirsty for this Word and wait for it in every service. The day of freedom for us is today. It is now, at this time, He is knocking at our hearts, wants to talk to us, plunging us during the communion into His Glory!

Sometimes I hear the preacher and think: why does his sermon look like the communistic humanism. Such a strange ideology of "Bible truths" But he comes to me and says: "Brother, we need the Word, and not your tricks. The Word is the crucial thing, everything is on the Word."

But how could he overlook it and not notice it: "For the Word of God is LIVING and ACTIVE..." (Hebrews 4:12, Acts 10:44).

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

I believe in this Word **of power**.

Romans 15:19

Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully **preached** the gospel of Christ.

The Word from the Lord

I run after this Word! I love to have fellowship with God! I want to have boldness from the Holy God! I respect His Law! I honor His Word! I am eager to hear His voice every day and every hour!

If there is no power, signs and wonders, there is no power of the Holy Spirit. Any sermon without an action is a manmade Gospel, carnal, intellectual and fleshly.

1 Thes. 2:13

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

The true Word of God is active! The Bible emphasizes the fact in what kind of people can It be active. It is not activated in the unbelieving Christians and it cannot be. Do you think people can be unbelieving Christians? Sure! But how can we see differ the believing from the unbelieving Christians? It is very easy! If the Word of God is not active, it means that these people are unbelieving, although they may read the Bible and go to church. They are even called "Christians".

What is the way out of this trouble? The simplest thing is Believe! I do not talk about humanism, a teaching or some church policy. I talk about heart which has to love God in a new way! To desire the Lord with all our inner being! To desire Him more than a daily bread! To search Him as if one lost Him!

Faith it is a thirst. Having studied the Bible and believing God about five years ago, some Christians forget the main thing: "we need the Lord every day in a new way." All kinds of duties, positions, and traditions distract the heart from the thirst of the Lord even more; drive us away from the fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Not many people pay attention to this important and crucial **grace**, which is written at the end of every epistle. Perhaps the reason for this is because it is written **at the end**. (Rom. 16:20, 1 Cor. 16:23, Phil. 4:23, 1 Thes. 5:28, 2 Thes. 3:18, Gal. 6:18).

2 Cor. 13:13-14

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.

Miracles, Signs and Wonders

To believe in the fellowship means to desire and be thirsty for this fellowship. If there is no thirst- it means there is no love and respect toward the Lord and fellowship with Him by means of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 11:1-3

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Let us consider this passage expressed with different words:

1. A great desire and thirst will always bring about the expected things when one has a great trust in the invisible.
2. This was proved by the saints in the past.
3. Ages were established according to the Word of God by those saints, who kept His Word with a great desire, and in result they had what they expected, believed and longed to.

Having faith in the promises they were ready to accept everything whether it was a fiery furnace or being cut in two by the blade. The love and thirst for God, desire to please Him could diminish any kind of death.

Romans 4:20

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

The Old Testament people (although they did not have the Holy Spirit like we have Him now in the New Testament), by their faith, thirst and a great desire accomplished heroic deeds in God. So did he, being old, having laughed, began to sing songs:

Although I am old, I am young in spirit,
my bones won't feel the cold
He will not fail me and I won't Him,
In spite of the trouble I may fall!

The Word from the Lord

Do you see what kind of hero our grandfather was? He really was something! (Rom. 4:17-21).

Galatians 3:7

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

We should have a desire, thirst, faith to obey what God had told. We now have a greater advantage to hear from God, than the patriarchs had. Heaven with all its Glory belongs to us! The Intercessor is -Jesus Christ! The superior blood of atonement! (Rev. 6:9,10). The advantages (Heaven, Intercessor, Blood) are provided by the Lord out of His generosity and love towards us. He had done everything possible that the man was able to hear Him.

Hebrews 12:18-24

- 18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
- 19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
- 20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
- 21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
- 22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
- 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that **speaketh** better things than that of Abel.

You have the Word from God. It is not a title attached to you as the label to the coat, awarded to you in the Bible school or a church. When it is a real Word of God, it shakes all the joints, all your being. The first one who

has to be surprised at a wonderful sign, -it is your mind together with body and soul.

Hebrews 12:25-29

- 25 See that **ye** refuse not him that **speaketh**. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not **we** escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:
- 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Wherefore **we** receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

That spoken Word, God's address, had shaken the earth. Today God wants to move your spiritual world of heaven. God does not speak only in a whisper, quiet blow, but in a Word as well, which can shake all and everything.

It is worth to pay attention to verse 25. The voice, sound on the basis of the LETTER (on the earth) could not bring about good results, although all this was, as it is written: "a terrifying sight", and then the voice and sound were neglected. (Hebrews 12:21).

We will not **escape** it either, if we do not try to hear **this voice and sound** of the SPIRIT (from heaven), His **address** at a favorable time of grace. The unspeakable grace of God is provided for us by Jesus Christ in a New Agreement: **sound, the voice of Spirit**.

He has promised and He will fulfill it. He is not a man. You just need to desire it, to be humble before Him, and He will speak to you in such a way that you will hear ringing not only in your ears. If He shakes you, you won't remain the same anymore. You won't think and hesitate: should I do this or not

It takes for a person to have a good fellowship with Him once and then everybody sees that he starts thinking and talking similar to what God showed in His Word.

The Word from the Lord

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

When a person in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit hear the Word of love, continues to reflect on Him, then this Word will hold this person, follow him/her everywhere.

Psalms 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

All of this takes place in the person's spirit, in the cooperation with the Person, with Whom he/she has a close relationship.

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The Apostle Paul speaks clearly about the Word-action:

Romans 15:18-19

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 **Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God;** so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

The Gospel of Christ was not proclaimed, as it is now, only in "the word and words", but by the Power of signs and miracles, through the Power of the Person, whom Paul knew directly. He received His Word into his spirit, the Word which was explained and revealed to him by this Person. It is all available to us today on the paper and in the computers. (1Cor. 1:18).

Mark 16:20

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Their words had a impact because, the Christ's words first had impact on their hearts. That is why the words of many preachers do not have their power. A person has to hear His speech, will, desire in the spirit.

The letter is necessary for the physical mind (there is no sense without mind). It is almost impossible to come to the maturity without the written letter. The Word-Spirit addresses only to our heart-spirit. It happens during our fellowship, intimate communication with the Holy Spirit. When we have these love meetings it turns our head- because of the miracles, signs and wonders from Him. The only thing is left- to follow Him with our heart.

John 8:31, 32, 36.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Dwelling and deepening in the Word of God brings us to the knowledge of Truth, which makes one free. Pilate at his time wanted to learn more about the power and authority of the Truth as he was one invested with power and knew how much this power could accomplish. (John 18:37,38).

Christians, from the very beginning prayed to Jesus Christ, to God the Father and in the end of their prayer they remembered the Holy Spirit. Every believer tries to know God the Father and His Love more and more, to know Jesus Christ as the Great Anointed One, Savior. But if we look at it according to the Scripture, then it turns out that the Holy Spirit Himself arranges all these acquaintances and meetings. The Son cannot deliver by Himself without help of the Holy Spirit. That is not because the Son is powerless. It is all about mission and function or role.

When we meet the Son there is a perfect freedom for the Holy Spirit to act, through a person's heart, which is familiar with the Holy Spirit for a long time. I believe that the freedom of the Holy Spirit' actions depends on the human will. The Holy Spirit receives from a man the right to act freely through him. Human will it is something which can be a great blessing for others. The training on subduing one's will to the will of the Holy Spirit is provided in the Instruction, which will confirm in your mind the correctness of the revelation, given to you by God.

1 Tim. 4:16

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

The Word from the Lord

It does not mean to look in it once for all- and you know everything. No. It is not the same thing as to memorize the poem. One needs to learn it again and again, because it is salvation for our unsaved mind (not freed from the earthly life style, Adam, soul, flesh). The more frequently one is doing it, the better the result will be.

But the danger is that we can get used to the Word so much, that we cease believing It. (the Word). It happens in case when all the knowledge of the Bible exists only at the level of one's mind.

That is why Christ told, that if we dwell in Him and His Words dwell in us (that is the will of His words, His desire and predestination for us, the essence of His teaching in us), then we will have the fruit, the response.

John 15: 5, 7

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Today many people know the Word and ask, but do not receive what they ask for. It means they are probably remaining in the Word, but not in the Vine. His Word, His teaching can help us to be engrafted upon the Vine. All this is done by the Person of the Holy Spirit. But when the Person reveals the Son Jesus Christ, then you is not only freed, delivered, but you become His personal Possession. Then you is not your own, but God's.

This kind of freedom brings happiness, joy and gladness.

Conclusion

The Word from the Lord it is good news, a wonderful message, a tremendous announcement!

The Voice of the Lord is an explosion, shaking of the whole being. The word of God rebuilds us, regenerates, renews. It is not a letter, printed on the paper or memorized by someone.

It is fire, it is power, it is the fear of God.

FLESH AND BLOOD

The reason I am very “allergic” to religion is I was involved in religion for a long time myself. People usually feel an aversion for the food they used to eat a lot in their childhood.

I am not against genuine, loving God Christians of any religious group, but I am against “flesh” and “blood” which says: “We are those who serve God with our flesh, a reasonable ministry of mind, teaching, ritual and tradition.”

Galatians 1:15-16

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Any kind of ministry to God apart from the Holy Spirit is a religion. God, of course, does not need a religion.

I do not judge a Christian sincerely loving God, I am simply talking about the reality of life. And if a person really loves God, this book will be a good help to him.

Sometimes Christians can be closed for the work and manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit for two very important reasons. They are:

- 1) fear, apprehension
- 2) deceived by pride

This is my explanation. ***The first category:*** they love God with all their heart, trying to keep the commandments of the Scripture, as they were taught; but when they are challenged with something new, they call it in question and fear it. They are afraid of some new manifestation or a movement. Without realizing it they join others who criticize a new practice. If you look at them after some time they are already among those who persecute some movement. Where their humble and meek attitude is? Their fear and apprehension have disappeared. You are surprised at their ability to “stand” for Christ and not realize they are acting by flesh, as the enemies of Christ.

That is what I mean by flesh and blood. Instead of coming to Teacher and asking Him what do these miracles and strange occurrences really mean, they are rushing to their intellect, flesh, ask for an advice from the carnal iron know-alls. So their whole life is passing on the level of elementary teachings and spiritual milk.

The second category is people, not realizing they are caught in a swamp of pride for a long time. They usually have a lot of people in the church, a clear and a reasonable sermon, TV program's ministry, two healings monthly and to my great surprise the manifestation of all 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit (only by words of mouth).

They have seen everything; they know everything, experienced and felt, can explain each phenomenon, show it and prove from the "Word". Everything is balanced and established in their life.

These two categories of people are closed for the work of the Holy Spirit.

One minister has told me they had already experienced the wave of joy of the Holy Spirit, and now they have moved further into the wave of perfection, that is a spiritual growth in Christ, they are somehow increasing their speed having left the age of spiritual infancy.

When they tell me this, I imagine how they really have moved from the perfect joy in Christ to the perfect sorrow without Christ.

I don't think they have actually experienced a joyful moving of the Holy Spirit. Not at all! There was nothing but a simple imitation of laughter or falling down in Spirit. And what that means- the person in reality experienced nothing in the Lord.

People sometimes tell me how they had seen Jesus or some other vision. But I am not interested in such visions if they did not change anything in a person's life.

Is that true that Christ does not have power in us? Can He be present in us day after day leaving us lazy and in a bad mood for life? Are the preaching on TV or a beautiful intellectual sermon the only ways to influence the unbelievers for their salvation? Are the teaching and the "word" the only means to control the holiness of the church? If the Lord is not acting, it may be the high time to change the teaching or "the word of mind", or a tradition, or a church, or a pastor? I think we should become jealous for the Lord, be thirsty for Him, fall in love with Him, and seek the reality of His presence with the whole heart. How long one has to improve oneself, to become mature and anyway live without encouragement and refreshment of the Holy Spirit, without the working and miracles of God??? It is high time to think about it and pay a serious attention to it! For many

ages the church was not in the public eye, but somewhere in the background of society. Maybe we can try to do something in order that it gets closer to the center of attention?

Is it possible to be raised with Christ - Anointed One - without dying first?

Is it possible to do the Will of the Father without crucifying our flesh?

Is it possible to know the Power of His Kingdom without becoming like a child? Nothing is possible without God.

1Cor. 2:1

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

The teaching does not come from the blood and flesh, but when there is a personal confirmation of the Word from God. By the way the apostle Paul was an excellent student of the Scripture, successful in Judaism and a jealous supporter of traditions.

Galatians 1:11-12

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What another testimony did he need, when he was the most intellectual person of his time? He knew thoroughly the Scripture, but did he have a necessity to receive the revelations of Christ? Yes he did!

There are so many mistakes a person can make because of his **ignorance**. And each time it is one's head who is in charge of everything. It is head who always used to interfere with God's affairs, His activities; it was always interested in His miracles and signs.

But anyway I am happy for that kind of **ignorance**, which is not satisfied to stay just ignorance forever. When it is willing to search, to know more, to knock all the doors, to cry out, to learn and experience. (1Thes. 5:21). The same way the Apostle Paul led his "experiments" of a zeal for God, persecuting churches and Christians. But one of his experiment "had failed" and he met with God. That "experiment" had the name "the trip to Damascus". So I like such zeal.

But an ignorance which is closed with the information from the Bible is a poor kind of **ignorance**. (John 1:45).

Matthew 16:17

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

“Christ” in translation means “Anointed One” To know the Anointing does not mean to know some teaching, or to learn the Bible, but it means a heart that have fallen in love with the Father and accepted His Power and Authority!

The encounter with God usually results in great things in the ministry of a person. The encounter with Him always has some outcome. It is the way to know and receive the Anointing. Of course one can learn about It (Anointing) from the Scripture, in the Bible School, but to **receive and acquire** it one can only with the heart loving the Lord, thirsty and longing for Him. We could express it like catch it like “a man catching fire”.

Another side of it is that walking in the Anointing results in losing one’s authority among people. The flesh was never to get along with the Anointing (legalists, Pharisees). It is a Fire, which can cause people’s offensive attitude because of “burns”, big changes and reformations. The destiny of the flesh is to be burned with fire, but the spirit is getting more pure than gold.

Some ministers tell me these “words”: “You are busy with making “show” and not the ministry.” The Apostle Paul is talking about himself and the people who are like him:

2 Cor. 6:4-7

- 4 But in all things **approving** ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
- 6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,
- 7 By the **word** of truth, by the **power** of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

These people show themselves in nothing else but the Spirit, working in different ways. They demonstrate themselves in nothing else but in the Word of Truth, which is able to influence and change everything around in the spiritual world as well as in physical one. (Acts 12:22, 23). They act in the Power of God, with authority given to them by God. (Luke 4:18)

Flesh and blood cannot be leading forces in the ministry of the Spirit.

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2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

It is hard to comprehend with one's mind what the Spirit is like. Only heart can do that. Those Christians who have graduated from 2 Bible colleges, were baptized by the Holy Spirit, learned all recorded teachings but did not meet the Spirit and now are going to start the ministry are facing a difficult time. I tell it from experience. In order to understand the Spirit and Spiritual things, one should have relationship with the Holy Spirit. I am not surprised that those who know everything are getting headache in my Anointing services. They try to control with their mind all the things that the Holy Spirit does during the service. When you look at this iron know-all person- he is sitting there, "smoke" going out of his head, trying to push his mind in order to understand what is actually taking place.

A fully valued and complete study of the Bible is actually a preparation for the school of the Holy Spirit. Having learned a recorded word by flesh, you need to desire a personal fellowship with the Person, who will dwell in you (John 14:17), fill you (John 14:26), teach you (John 14:26) and lead you (John 16:13). And you should follow Him all your life, there is no other choice because we are not able to get anywhere by ourselves. (Acts 16:6,7).

1 Peter 1:12

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Here the process of learning and affirmation of the Gospel was ruled by the Spirit and from the Spirit. The Bible is a great book, but knowing the essence of the Bible is even better. Some people pay more attention to the temple, but others – to the One, dwelling in the temple.

1 Cor. 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

- 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

It turned out that the “temple” – the “vehicle” of the praise, worship and honor addressed to the Person, dwelling in the temple.

The Christian paying much attention to the temple and its function, won't stay for a long time burdened with “God's burden”. Everything will be too heavy for him. He won't have time to talk to Him, no time for fellowship, always busy with ministries, great evangelism campaigns. (1 Cor.3:16-18) This way is leading to “exhaustiveness”, “destruction”, “failure” in faith.

It is inside of our temple (our inner being) that we can know the Glory, the greatness of a wonderful Person the Holy Spirit. He is the One who is teaching, exhorting, admonishing, and confronting us. Together with his power you can do evangelism, lead a ministry. There won't be any fatigue, any burden; everything will be done with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, His refreshment, lightness. But when the written word **becomes** a law then everything seems to be boring, even the holy things (like the temple). The desire to serve this temple (image) is getting away. The freedom, lightness disappear similar to the sun hiding in clouds. There you have the beginning of the church game.

And if people are sleeping at the service, then the preacher trying to convict the “sinful” audience, declares that they do not have faith and that is why the word does not work there. I would think about this situation: if after ten years people still do not have faith, something has to be changed here (at least the preacher).

Jesus is such a Preacher who is able to impress not only believers, but unbelievers as well. He probably did not have enough time to preach and explain because of a constant demonstration of God's power, manifested every day in healings, miracles, signs.

Luke 9:37-45

- 37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.
- 38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.
- 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.
- 40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

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- 41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.
- 42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.
- 43 And they were all **amazed** at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,
- 44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.
- 45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

Whom were Jesus' words in verse 41 addressed to? Weren't they addressed to His children? On what basis could He require so much from them?

Why do we observe today that in Christianity many people have found their place in the Pharisee's Sanhedrin, and together with flesh and carnal counseling they rule over the human hearts? Why is it so, that the witnessing is only in word and not in deeds, as it was in the book of Acts of the Holy Apostles? To become like Pharisees- means to be tempted by the same idea, which was the reason why the tax collectors, Sadducees and priests were persecuting prophets, the followers of Christ. As a rule this idea was based on the Law of Moses. Today the ideologists of the Bible are also persecuting acting by flesh the spiritual Christians, not realizing the fact of their own blindness. They persecute those who in fellowship with the Holy Spirit with pure heart and holiness are doing things for which he sent them.

But it must be that way. Christ is a real model for us. When He performed miracles, signs and great wonders, the flesh and blood, familiar with the Scripture, tried to persecute, argue, and confront Him. One people told these others something different. (Mk. 16:20).

John 10:20-21

- 20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?
- 21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

These were not the words spoken by simple ignorant people, but by those who were very well trained in Scripture. (John 9:40, 10:6,19).

Is there really such a thing which the flesh would not be able to do? Jesus was so hurt and insulted that he tried to flee to the mountains, to the desert places as soon as the night would come in order to tell everything to the Father and receive the encouragement from Him.

Matthew 7:6

Give not that which is holy unto the **dogs**, neither cast ye your pearls before **swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Sometimes when you are covered with such a great Glory of God, the Spirit is moving so strongly, filling the whole atmosphere around, you turn around and see how they approach (“animals”). At this time people are healed, hearts are changed. The Holy Spirit is renewing and refreshing the human souls in such an amazing way that you can’t help being happy at the presence of Heaven! But in spite of this entire holy atmosphere and a precious pearl, some people are not able to see or understand anything.

1 Cor. 15:30-32

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with **beasts** at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

Before I started in the ministry of Anointing I really did not know about that “zoo”. But the Holy Spirit encouraged me during the first fight. He reminded me all those passages of Scripture, which I have been reading since my childhood and kept in my memory sometimes even not understanding their complete meaning. Some of them I hold in my memory until today.

2 Tim. 4:15-17

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the

Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the **mouth of the lion**.

And although when you are with God those people are not so dangerous, but because of them many anointed ones of God decided to make a compromise having left behind the power of God, afraid of being criticized by the Sanhedrin and all kinds of rebukes. (John 7:5).

Willing to have comfort and peace for their flesh people want you to imitate their own image, and they don't want to see you a different person.

Any changes are frightening for those who live according to the flesh, because their security is hidden in the natural things and not in the eternal matters.

1 Cor. 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

New, different, foreign matters do not belong to a religious person. He got used to the church services, to the Bible and only to one version, to the night prayers, fasting etc. And all new things are considered to be false teachings, empty things. Christ said this about them:

Matthew 8:22

But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the **dead** bury their dead.

The written letter is - death. A Christian not being in touch with the Holy Spirit and not listening to His Words, is dead in reality, not active in the sphere of the Spirit. Whenever you look at these people- they are always in mourning. I am asking: "Brother, what you are doing?" His answer: "I am burying my flesh; it is so hard to make it die." Jesus would answer to this man:

Matthew 18:3-4

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

But one needs to become humble, to die in the pride of one's flesh, without trying to compare oneself with others, without any spirit of competition, to come down and give one's will to God, that His Kingdom could be revealed inside. This will really make you way in the ministry. (2 Cor. 10:12).

Proverbs 18:16

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

If you want your ministry to be advertised and have authority, then act similar to verses 23-25, of Matthew 4.

Matthew 4:23-25

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

In order to become famous one should pay the price, to crucify one's own flesh. Many people have immediately given up at the first part of this price, at the first "nail",. Many in Christianity belong to the Cain lineage.

Some ministers getting used to the non active God, were not able to see the miracle of God in their life and so they just try to hide behind His Words. The same thing happened in the life of Israel nation: when they did not want to follow the cloud, were not happy with the changes, a long travel, unknown things.

Man is always looking for a guarantee. But this is not the way of faith, the way of miraculous events.

People even were getting used to the Cloud of Glory, when He was leading the nation of Israel across the wilderness. For forty years they got used to Him so much, they even did not notice they were rebellious things against God. Many supernatural miracles and signs were taking place before their eyes but did not comprehend that. That is what the **habit** means.

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The flesh did not accept the miracles and signs of Christ either.

Carnal Christians, even some ministers sometimes look like their ancestors. Whenever you pass by these carnal people you can hear the same questions: “Where it is written?” or “The Bible tells us...”, “It is not Scriptural” etc. If they have questions it means they don’t have answers. That is the root of the problem. Many things are hidden and still a mystery for them. But they don’t want to look ignorant and taking the written letter they destroy themselves. (2Cor.3:6).

Matthew 7:26

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

If he did not build the house, it would be possible to talk to this man. But if there is this big tower of teaching, it is impossible to surprise him with anything new.

The height of the building won’t let to be humble at the sight of a miracle or a sign. Already established thinking closes the way to the heart. In that way the Holy Spirit does not have an access to the heart of a person. You can usually hear: “I have already seen it”, “I am familiar with this”, “I experienced it and I know about it.”

I could not understand it before, why is that really great ministers can fail? God has accomplished great things through them but in some time they just give up. But the whole secret is that everywhere and every time, each time when the Lord is moving, the flesh and blood wanted to interfere with His actions. When the flesh imitates certain actions of the Spirit it will make people feel an aversion for a ministry. The flesh is getting tired. This fatigue is caused by flesh imitating the spiritual things for a long time: because of these manifestations of the flesh, which always accompany the ministry of the Holy Spirit, criticizing, judging and rebukes come.

Many great anointed ministers could not stand against the most powerful weapon in the world – criticism. And in the ministry of Christ the criticism as well made Jesus leave for the desert places and mountains. Was it possible for the people from the Israel nation to suppose that the Pharisees and priests were wrong?

Many pastors, who do not have Anointing, try to copy it from others. But people observing the manifestations of the flesh in their services are disappointed and move to another church.

But if people get used to such “spiritual” shows and feel themselves comfortable there, they are always staying in those churches. But with some time the “fire” of the main actor will go out. It means the leader was acting out of the flesh, although it may be his preaching was one of the most emotional and persuasive one.

God did not create the church to consist of “many people of some particular kind”. Any farmer or a constructor is creating something in order to have a benefit or a good result out of the created thing. Everything made or done should bring the benefit or the profit of some kind. The same way our Lord has a plan for the Church to be a purposeful and beneficial creation.

1 Tim. 2:3-4

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

The body of Jesus Christ is performing this work in the Holy Spirit. I think the church is like the mechanism able to turn a mere sheep into a great anointed one, leading him to his own ministry. Of course the pastor himself has to teach people these things, as he has received from Christ the instruction about how to call people out of their comfortable nests, provide their training for their own flight in the Anointing of the Holy Spirit.

God has predestined us not only to be the exhorters, comforters and preachers of one another for twenty years, but also to show great miracles, signs and wonders for the sake of unbelievers. And all this is necessary in order to save them.

I don't believe that all hundred percents of church members should spend all their life in the church accomplishing their church rituals. God's plan is that each of us as a sheep of His flock would hear His calling and follow the way God had prepared for him. But if in 10-20 years of a sheep's life nothing has changed; nothing new or fresh has come from the Lord, it means there are hearing problems.

Maybe it is not the main problem, but it's a very important and serious one in the life of Christians the problem of getting **used to something**.

Lucifer, the ancient serpent satan was in the beginning with God. His way of getting used to God, getting used to managing and ruling over the part of God's property (The Glory of God) led to such a foolish conclusion: “I have already seen, experienced it, I can do the same things as well. All

this is learned by me.” Especially when I hear it from a church minister I am afraid for his future.

Isaiah 14:9-16

- 9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- 10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?
- 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.
- 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.
- 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
- 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

By these expressions the Bible describes the very essence of devil and the character of his nature, the roots of ungodly things and the absence of love to God.

Ezekiel 28:13-19

- 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
- 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
- 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

- 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
- 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

I think these thoughts and actions show us the person whose love toward God is getting cold. It does not matter whether we talk about a sheep or a pastor. (Rev. 2:4).

Love unites people and the pride separates them. The same thing takes place in the families, but in a different form. If love leaves the person's heart, then only some form is left, which later will cause the destruction and hostility.

Rev. 3:14-22

- 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;
- 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- 17 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:
- 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, 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.

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- 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
- 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
- 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Mark 9:38-40

- 38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.
- 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.
- 40 For he that is not against us is on our part.

From this passage we see that even at the time of Jesus not all people could accept the fact that a disciple, **being perfected**, can reach the level of his own teacher. At our time it usually happens with the church pastors.

So, how shall we get rid of the flesh? We should die! (Rom. 6:4)

First step:

Romans 6:11

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Bible tells us straight away: “we must count ourselves dead to sin!”

Romans 6:5

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

That is if we paraphrase it: those who are united with Him in His death should be raised from the dead!

Second step:

Romans 7:24-25

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

I am also grateful to God for the Anointing which I have in Jesus Christ! Halleluiah! What a blessing! We are given a wonderful opportunity to live by the spirit. (Rom. 8:1,2). It means to live in the Anointing, in the Glory of God. It is only His mercy and love toward us that can give us such things.

Hence:

- 1) to desire, to wish, to accept by faith = death
- 2) to receive Anointing, Glory = Resurrection

John 12:37-43

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,
40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Here we see that not a mere cold or a headache was healed by Christ, but the great miracles were manifested – but anyway people did not believe. Besides the fact their eyes were blinded by the “godly actions”, by the teaching, the heart became hardened.

Usually when people are successful in doing something, we say: “he or she is an expert at his job”. But when there is a “success” in the religious area, at least it looks like there is, and then the new things won’t amaze a person anymore. Skillfulness and a habit are able to harden the heart in such a way that everything new is interpreted as an attempt to start a competition.

Even the greatest miracle with a sign won’t touch the heart of this person.

In John 12: 41 it says, that Isaiah could have described the situation with those words, as He was a witness of His Glory.

When you are plunged in God’s Glory, you are able to measure by your own spirit the “temperature” of people’s hearts born from above.

The heart which is moving away from the Lord, is gradually “getting harder” in its love to God.

When you are in the Glory your spirit is united with the Spirit of God. And then the **zeal of God** overwhelms you, when you see the cold hearts of people, so closed it is impossible to surprise them with anything.

John 12:25

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

It means, everyone who loves the Lord and not his own soul, - will be blessed.

SUMMARY

Matthew 7:7,8,11

- 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 11 ... how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Receive blessings and everything that this word includes (Heaven, Kingdom, Glory of God, Holy Spirit as a Person, Jesus Christ, God the Father as Love, His voice, His Will, Service, Anointing, Calling, Gifts, Finance) **for free!** If only there was desire and thirst, that is, Faith. Faith is the firm will of the human heart. People say "willpower". This is not a mythical belief in the Bible or a mental statement of doctrine. This is a strong desire and thirst to know God **personally**.

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

God bless you and shower you with heavenly blessings for your love and loyalty to Him!

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If you taste at least once His mercy, kindness, His Power, you will desire Him so desperately, you will love Him much more than ever before, you will look for His face much more frequently, and everything else in life will seem to you so miserable in comparison with That Eternal One, Whom you will meet in the real life. Yield your life to the Holy Spirit and He will show you His plan for your life, gifts and your calling.

Then you will have much more than just a smile. Desire Him greatly, that He may become a reality for you. Then you will encounter His kingdom and His Heaven here on the Earth.

Psalms 33:11

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

*It takes only once to taste His Glory
and you will be completely changed.*

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