

## Earthly Corruption. . . Kingdom Incorruption “In Preparation For Our Incorruptible bodies”

If you have been pursuing the things of God and desiring more and more of His presence, then you probably get frustrated when you run into areas of your life that seem to be holding you back. I know exactly what that's like, so I want to share with you something I've learned from the Word that can help you. You see, there are steps you can take to get rid of those areas of hindrance in your life so you can move forward in God.

Let's go first to Second Corinthians 5: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:1,2

When Paul says, "For we know . . .," he is continuing a thought he has already revealed in the previous verse: *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal* (2 Corinthians 4:18). Now in the fifth chapter, Paul is covering one of those "things which are seen" – the physical body. Paul is speaking in respect to the fact that he and his fellow ministers had turned themselves all the way over to death so that the power of Christ might rest upon their mortal bodies. They literally died the death of mortification before they ever left home. To be killed out on the mission field meant nothing to them because they had already "died" before they left!

In Second Corinthians 5:1, Paul explains why he and the others were willing to do this. He is saying in effect, "We're not looking to this earthly body; we're looking to the one we're going to get one day!" These men knew that this life is but for a moment and that God was preparing for them a far more exceeding weight of glory in eternity. That's why Paul said, "If this physical body is killed, we still have one made without hands."

But notice that Paul says in verse 2, "While we're yet at home in this physical body on this planet, we GROAN." Why do we groan? Because we're desiring earnestly to be ... *clothed upon with our house which is from heaven* – that is, with our glorified bodies.

*If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.* 2 Corinthians 5:3-5

Look at that word "earnest" in verse 5. When you put down "earnest money" on a house, that money represents your earnestness to finish the purchase of the house. Well, God demonstrated His sincerity to finish the work of redemption and give you your glorified body by sending you the earnest of Heaven-the Holy Spirit-along with His promise that you can overcome the flesh in this life and fulfill your call. Thus, the Holy Spirit is proof of Heaven's sincerity to provide you with everything you need to finish your course before you go home to be with Him.

As we go over to Romans 8 now, we'll see similar wording in verse 23, where it says we have "the firstfruits of the Spirit." But whereas in Second Corinthians 5:5, Paul just makes the statement that the Holy Spirit has been given to us, in Romans 8, however, he shows us the operation of the Holy Spirit and explains how the Holy Spirit accomplishes this work in our lives.

Let's see what Paul says in Romans 8:22-26: *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. 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.*

Paul says that not only does the whole creation groan and travail in pain together up to the present, but, once again, we ourselves are also groaning. So Paul separated us from the rest of creation that is subjected to corruption and imperfection by the fall of Adam, saying in effect, "Our planet is in travail and groaning for the day when there will be no more beer cans in the rivers – for the day we get a new Heaven and a new earth and the curse is removed forever. But not only does creation groan for the day this will happen, but we groan also."

Now think back to Second Corinthians 5:4, where Paul says, **FOR WE THAT ARE IN THIS TABERNACLE DO GROAN ....** Notice the similarity between this verse and Romans 8:23, which says, **And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even WE OURSELVES GROAN WITHIN OURSELVES.**

We who have been born again – who have received the new nature, the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit – we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption to be made complete at the redemption of our bodies. As Paul says in Second Corinthians 5:4, we do groan, not to be unclothed, but to be clothed, that mortality would be swallowed up in immortality.

Now, if there is a "FIRSTFRUITS," there is definitely going to be a SECOND FRUIT. What is that second fruit? According to these two passages of Scripture, it is **THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR GLORIFIED BODIES.**

Because I have the firstfruits of the Spirit, within my new nature I am somehow groaning to be clothed upon by my glorified body that is from above. I am groaning for my adoption to be made complete at the redemption of my body.

You see, the day I bowed my knee to the Lord Jesus Christ and was born again, adoption papers were served on me. Just like the first Adam gave me my spirit, soul, and body, so has the last Adam, Christ, given me my born-again spirit and transformed my soul. And soon I will also have a body not given to me by the first Adam, but by the last. That is when my adoption will be made

complete. I will change ownership from one family to the next, and I will be born of the last man Adam – spirit, soul, and glorified body. But until that time, I am still in this earthly tabernacle, and while I'm here, I do groan.

"But I don't ever groan," you may say. God says you do groan if you are born again! You have the firstfruits of the Spirit, and you are now groaning in your new nature, the firstfruits of the Spirit, as you wait for the second fruit – your glorified body.

We're waiting for the adoption to be made complete at the redemption of our bodies. We do groan, not to be unclothed, but to be clothed upon. We groan within ourselves for this whole mess to be over – for the day when there is no more starvation, no more plagues, no more murder, no more killing.

Remember, the groaning Paul is talking about here comes out of our new nature. Even though our new nature has freed us from sin, we still have bodies that are capable of sin. We still live in a world where we see horrible things we can't even fathom. We therefore groan on the inside because we'd like to see all the sin and suffering stop!

Now I want you to notice a word in Romans 8:24. Paul said we are saved by HOPE. "How can that be?" you may ask. "I thought we were saved by FAITH! It seems to me that if you're hoping you're saved when Jesus comes back, you've waited too long!"

But let's look again at what Paul said: *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* Romans 8:24,25

Well, what is Paul saying? Taking verses 23 and 24 together, we see that Paul first says we have a new nature that groans while we're waiting for the adoption process to be made complete at the redemption of our bodies. Then he says we're saved in hope. Hope of what? Paul isn't talking here about the salvation that got us born again. We already have the firstfruits. No, we're saved in hope of OUR GLORIFIED BODIES AND THE COMPLETION OF OUR REDEMPTION. That is the hope Paul is talking about here!

Then Paul goes on to say that we can't make the object of our hope come to pass in our own strength; therefore.... *do we with patience wait for it* (v. 25). But notice who was left with us to wait for this hope to come to pass: *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* (v. 26). While we're still stuck in these natural bodies and patiently waiting for the hope of our glorified bodies, the Holy Spirit helps us in our infirmities, or in our inability to produce results. He was sent by God to help us with the weaknesses and limitations imposed on us by the flesh.

Now think back to Second Corinthians 5:5, which says, *Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.* In this verse, Paul says that God gave us the Holy Ghost as our down payment from Heaven of God's sincerity to give us everything we need to walk out of this flesh, fulfill His plan, and receive our glorified

bodies. Then in Romans 8:26, he tells us how the Holy Spirit does it: ... *the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities* .... One scripture gives meaning to the other.

Notice Paul says in Romans 8:26 that "likewise the Spirit also" helps our weaknesses. "Also" means something else was already helping us first. What is that something else? It is the new nature out of which we groan because we live in bodies that are capable of sin and in a creation that is locked up in suffering and spiritual death. The first thing that sets us free is this new nature. If we didn't have the new nature, the Holy Spirit wouldn't really be able to do anything for us, for once Jesus came and the rebirth was made available to us, He became the only way out of spiritual death. So when Paul says, "Likewise the Spirit also helps our weaknesses," he's telling you that the Holy Spirit is against everything you are and everything you have that doesn't belong to Him.

But how does the Holy Ghost use your new nature to set you free? The first thing He does is cause your new nature to hate the weaknesses of your flesh. You begin to despise your weaknesses, your failures, and your inability to walk as God said you could. You hate your flesh; you hate not knowing what His will is in specific situations; you hate your pattern of falling into certain sins.

However, you don't know how to pray as you ought about all these things you hate. That's when the Holy Spirit comes in to search your heart and help you. Because He has access to your heart, He is qualified to make intercession for you according to the will of God with groanings that cannot be uttered. This means the "also" that helps YOUR groanings is His groanings. Those groanings are a kind of intercession-help from the Holy Spirit that you cannot fabricate on your own.

Before I go any further, let me explain that this intercession of the Holy Spirit on our behalf is different than our intercession on behalf of others. The latter is the diversification of tongues that empowers us to stand in the gap for our families, our church, our city, our nation, etc. God may also call on us to intercede for someone or for some situation that is totally unknown to us. This is not what we are talking about here. When true Holy Spirit intercession takes place on our behalf, God Himself is changing something in us, and the prayer carries the power to devastate whatever is not of Him in our lives with the kind of mighty faith that can move mountains!

The first groaning, though, come into existence as our born-again, new nature begins to pray in tongues. This is why God gave us that simple language of edification. You see, sometimes we have trouble with our flesh, but we don't want to turn loose of those problem areas. That's when we need to just start praying in tongues.

As we pray, we begin to edify and build up our new nature. It will get stronger and stronger and stronger, until soon we'll start hating those lapses into the flesh that we know are not right. We'll start hating those things so much that one day we'll build ourselves up above it. And when we do that, we'll look back on our sin through God's eyes and see just how hideous it is. We'll despise it so much that we'll begin to groan in our new nature, "I hate this! I hate this!" Everything in us will cry out to God to set us free from the bondage of that sin.

At that point, the Holy Spirit will say, "Good! You're at a place where I can help you now! When you didn't care what hindrances remained in your life, I had nothing to work with. But now I've built you up above the flesh and you can see how bad that sin is. Now you can see it through My eyes and you hate it like I do. Now you're giving Me something to work with!"

The Holy Spirit then adds His groanings to your groanings. When He does that, He brings the power of God into the situation to move that stronghold out of your life. It doesn't matter what the problem is that you're dealing with-whether it is in the realm of spirit, soul, or body-the Holy Spirit is available to do this for you. He will build you up above the deep-seated, habitual things of the flesh that held you in bondage before you were born again and He will put them to death. Then He will move into the soul and eliminate every form of emulation, strife, and hatred.

Not many people pray long enough in tongues to get that far. And because they don't allow the Holy Spirit to fix their soulish "filter," He has very little opportunity to exercise His power in their lives through their new nature.

Perhaps you've been holding on to hurts and offenses from the mean and hideous things people did to you in the past. Or maybe you're the one who has done things to hurt others. If you'll build yourself up above all that mess, one day you'll see it through God's eyes for what it is and come to terms with it. If you caused the offense, you'll even want to go back to that person and repent. You won't be able to stand the fact that you hurt someone.

Whatever the problem, the Holy Spirit will pick up on it and add to your prayers His groanings that cannot be uttered. You'll see the situation as He sees it, and above all else, you'll want to be free from bitterness and every other wrong attitude that displeases God. You'll cry and weep from deep within as the Holy Spirit takes hold with you in prayer. It's, something you just can't fabricate. He will add His groanings to your prayer, and then He'll move the mountain out of your path. When that happens, you'll begin to enjoy answered prayer in unprecedented levels!

Romans 8:27 goes on to say: *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.* To assist you in this walk out of your flesh and into God's plan for you, God sends you the earnest of His Spirit to destroy everything in your path that claims to be either impossible or greater than He is. This spiritual process is not something you can do, but you can give yourself to it. The genuine groaning comes when you give the Holy Spirit what He needs to help you with your weaknesses. But it all starts with the simple gift of edification – praying in tongues.

I can't stress enough how important it is that you take heed to this message I'm sharing with you. You see, God is giving us instructions to get us ready for what lies ahead in these last days. We just don't have time to remain stuck in the lowlands of defeat any longer. Jesus' return is closer than we think, and we still have His mighty plans and purposes to fulfill on this earth!

Your friend and co-laborer,  
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## Prophecies to Help You Remain Strong and Diligent in Prayer

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### **PT070204B - Feb 4, 2007 Walking Down the Path of Edification**

Given your new nature, who is it that can teach you and cause you to understand the things of God? Who is it? Who is it? Who can give you understanding of truth that already exists?

When you prepare things out ahead of you through edification, then when you walk down that path, those things that were not behind you then, they fall back behind you. And then does it free Me, saith the Lord, instead of taking you back around in a circle, to deliver you to the next part that I have for you.

So listen, and know, do any of you lack in favor? Do any of you lack in treatment that I would treat you or do for you different than I would anyone else? Will My power operate in you to the same degree in understanding and leadership, as it would through those whom you think I have special blessings upon?

Hear what the Spirit would say: Each and every one of you is called to fill a measure, a ministry in the Body of Christ, and I will reveal that to you as you prepare the path ahead. Do I not drop those things in you that many times you cannot understand? You have to REACH to understand what I have and what I am doing. At these times, you should open yourself up to the Teacher whom I have given unto you, for He will lead you out so He (Holy Spirit) can lead you in.

### **PT070422A - Apr 22, 2007 Time of Elation and Great Joy Lies Ahead of You**

So much, frequently, I have spoken of My love because perfect love casts out fear. He that has fear has torment. [1 John 4:18] Therefore, neither your journey nor your battle is with the circumstances and situations. The time of elation and great joy lies ahead of you. Many of you are going to begin to slip into these places in the Spirit of fellowship with Me and you will look at what I have said. You will look to My Word and all the things that I have promised you, and you will say, "I have never understood it like this." And that is because of the change that is beginning to take place in you who have exercised yourself by My edification.

So grow strong. Many things had to be learned and many, many [people] left because the process seemed long and drawn out. But, oh, know this: It is My plan to begin a harvest that will not stop until I return for the precious fruit of the earth. Therefore, be strong and you will ride this move with Me and will not be cancelled by finance nor will you be cancelled by disease nor will torment and fear take you far away. Neither will the evil one, with deception, be able to stand up

and undo what the Holy Spirit has done in so many people. So rejoice, and be exceedingly glad. I will come to visit you more frequently in the future; and you will know what is in My mind so that you might rejoice and be exceedingly glad and know that you belong to My family, saith the Lord.

**PT070502 - May 2, 2007 God's Word Leads to a Servant's Heart**

The reason so many pick so many verses out of My teachings and My parables, saith the Lord, is because they like to choose certain portions that substantiate what they are teaching and what they say. Nobody likes to leave them in context because most of what I say always leads to the servant's heart. And because it leads to the servant's heart, many do not understand what I am saying.

In the process of mortification, as you exercise yourself in the revelation gift and allow the Holy Spirit to speak those mysteries on your behalf and to lay out in your understandings the mystery of everything Christ is in you, the hope of glory, it sometimes takes a while for Me to get things over to you because I have to change the level of mortification that you are walking in. I change the levels of your willingness and I change the levels of your hunger to understand My Word. Yet, when these things are accomplished, then there is nothing that can stop you.

Much of My Word is not understood, saith the Lord, because the times that I drop you off at the servant's heart, I make you a servant to Me, and a servant to Me is a servant to My people. When I say walk in these places – these places where you put those ahead of yourself and serve them, where the love that is in you has taken away the fear – you have one goal, and that is to finish what I have given you to do.

**PT070509A - May 9, 2007 – Forge Forward Through the Fight**

Now is not the time to take a step backwards. Don't you know that the harder the enemy fights in your emotions and the harder he fights to overcome you, the closer you are to answers? It is not the time to take a step backwards. When everything about you is fighting prayer and fighting spiritual principles, forge forward, for these are the times you are changing the most, says the Lord.

**PT070527A - May 27, 2007 – I Will Get You Past Those Places That Are Stopping You**

I receive you as a whole, but I deal with you one by one. Everything you have not gotten past, I will not leave undone. Just set your face and your pace on Me and you will see. All that I have for you, you will receive, for I will get you past these places that are stopping you. You have been born again; it is not your old man walking this walk. He has been made new.

Therefore, yield yourself to Me past everything I will bring you, and you will walk free.

**PT070530D - May 30, 2007 Continue to Build Your Foundation on My Word**

Oh, it is My pleasure to speak to you edification, exhortation and comfort, for it is My pleasure to reveal My mind. It's not that often I get to speak to a people this way who will be bold to obey Me.

Continue to build your foundation on My Word – continue to edify yourself and assimilate my Word – for it is My foundation that you are forming. When someone tries to put something that is incorrect on your foundation, you will know immediately, for you have the Spirit of Truth. [1 John 4:6]

Always remember this: My Word and Spirit agree. Therefore, keep edifying yourself and building yourself up on My foundation that you might not err in the last days, says the Lord.

**PT070530F - May 30, 2007 It Is Not I Who Condemns You**

When prayer and moving in My Spirit and praying in My Spirit are taught strong, the devil always follows up these kinds of moves with condemnation. First of all, elation and great joy come into the camp; and then the enemy comes with condemnation and, in the condemnation, he demands law. When he demands law, then My children believe if they do not follow a stringent regimen, then they will not have their prayers answered.

It is not I Who condemns you, says the Lord. My desire is to walk alongside of you and hold you up. As you continue on in My prayer, then times will come and you will have seasons where your faith will be strong in the realm that you are walking in. Then the enemy comes with great, great cares of this world and persecutions and tries to take this away from you by force before you advance further into higher places in My Spirit.

There is a move that is beginning now. This is one of great excitement and answered prayer. It is in this one that you will learn to minister to yourself both in the assimilation of My Word and in edification, and also to minister to yourself in My fellowship and coming to know Me. This is an area, says the Lord, in which you will see a very, very powerful and visible difference – a very powerful, visible difference – and excitement will come.

Many have made it on and finished their course that made it this far, and many of you are entering into this time. So be strong and know: In the midst of adversity, great victories and miracles and moves of My Spirit lie just ahead. So be faithful in your edification and assimilation and your times with Me. You will only understand the importance of this when I begin to move through you powerfully in revival, says the Lord, for IT IS YOUR FOUNDATION.

**PT070603B - Jun 3, 2007 I Want to Encourage You**

*He is encouraging us again. Again He said:* I want to encourage you against the days to come. Even as the woman who is with child, then, after the labor, is ecstatic that a man-child has come into the world, so you will not be able to look back with any regret at any price you have been asked to pay in faithfulness in My service, says the Lord.

Some have not spotted the war for what it was, for the enemy majored on that which would keep you from coming where I would have you to go. He knew if he could wage the war against *you* and turn *you* away from what is producing this outpouring in these last days, he would have won.

There will be many of you that will look back, and you will hardly remember the war. But you will be full of grace and full of peace and contentment knowing that you have obeyed Me, says

the Lord.

**PT070603D - Jun 3, 2007 Every Calling Will Be in Position**

Many of you wondered who could do everything to the fullness of all you wanted even if you wanted to. Many, many looked at what was, and said that this has its shortcomings. Many have said that it has been short in the governments and the helps end. But I say unto you that when My Spirit is poured out the way that I will pour it out in these last days, there will have to be governments and helps just to keep up with the increase. But what you have not seen, you will see, because to manage this, every calling will be in position.

And you will see this in media and in the outpouring. You will see many, many that spent their time in prayer and mortification who will suddenly appear and come forth powerfully in the separations of the callings that I have in this place, says the Lord.

**PT070610B - Jun 10, 2007 There Are Many Voices in the Land**

*Comments - So it was a little warning and He says; it was not exactly a "take heed," but in this, for grace's sake, He said something like this:* There are many voices in the land and many doctrines and many divisions. But for those who have an encounter with the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit and take another trail and say that this edification does not work, then know this right up front: They are not exercising themselves therewith.

**PT070620A - Jun 20, 2007 Your Edification Brings You Into My Rest**

As your edification brings you forward, it will undoubtedly, in due time, exalt you above the present set of circumstances and whatever it is that stands in the path of My perfect will for you. Don't stop, for it requires nothing but for you to yield to Me by faith, and I provide the prayer; I provide the unction. In fact, I provide the plan that I have for your life.

Learn to flow in this until you are flowing in those unguarded moments and you hear yourself praying and wake yourself up praying. Turn Me loose and you will see: You will be standing on the other side of your senses looking back at a problem that was and is no more.

The rest that this will enter you into – the rest that you received when your sins were taken away and you received My nature – the Holy Spirit will endeavor to bring you to that rest that you might enter into what you have.

He that enters totally into My rest ceases from his own labor. For you that enter into the fullness of My faith, you will look back and see that it was not by your works nor by your standing, but by Mine that I gave to you. So turn loose of the other and lay hold on this one. There are many exciting times ahead of you, says the Lord.

For his [the devil's] weapons – he is trying to discourage and to cast down: helpless, hopelessness. For those who never advance in My Word, these are easy targets for him, but for those who are advanced in walking somewhat in My Spirit, when he [the devil] brings the things he is bringing in the strength that he is bringing them, know this: He knows his time for turning loose is near. And the major victories, the major victories that are scheduled next for us to have –

scheduled next – you will attain to, says the Lord.

**PT071125 - Nov 25, 2007 Work My Plan Out Ahead of You**

Just remember, when it is My path that you walk on and it is My will that you are walking in, then you can order many of the things that happen around you. For where there is a place where I can move with unlimited power, it affects the outcome of the circumstances of the city. I can move even in the middle of pestilence. I can move in the middle of drought.

You have heard Me say time and time again that he who works My plan out ahead in his life gives Me the power to pull him into it and destroy the strongholds that are holding him back. Therefore walk in the Spirit and you will fulfill My perfect will, says the Lord.