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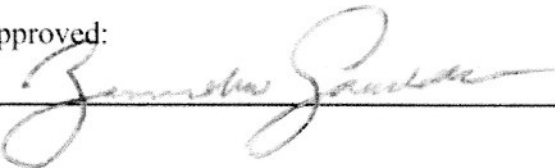
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## Preface

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List of Abbreviations:

**AMP:** Amplified Translation of the Bible

**KJV:** King James Version of the Bible

**sic:** Exactly as quoted

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CHAPTER 1  
IN THE BEGINNING

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and the darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.”<sup>1</sup>

To quote the author of *Breaking the Barrier of Sound*:

“When the Spirit of God begins to move, exciting things begin to happen! When the Spirit of God moves, the places that were in darkness - the places that were without form and void - are replaced with light. Right from the beginning of the bible, we see two distinct things occur:

- 1.) The Spirit moves, and
- 2.) God begins to speak.

**"AND GOD SAID..."**

Over this past decade, a UCLA study uncovered an amazing and glorious discovery. Water, when bombarded with sound waves, produces a bubble that generates the full spectrum of light.

When the earth was void - nothing but water - and the Spirit hovered, God's sound waves created light. <sup>2</sup>

Writing in *Nature*, secular author Colin Russell announced the unexpected when he commented that “science is deeply indebted to Christianity” for scientifically consistent

concepts involved in its basic tenets.<sup>3</sup> The biblical statement in the introduction of the creation event affirms that God spoke, and the universal energies were materialized. “And God said, Let there be light, and there was light” (Genesis 1:3). “For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9). In agreement with the biblical creation accounts, physical laboratory experiments have now demonstrated that sound, in the presence of water, can materialize full spectral light.<sup>4</sup>

With God’s clear declaration found in Genesis 1:1, the creative plan for the human race began. And ever since, much writing has been devoted to this one statement alone: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”<sup>5</sup> The idea of a planned beginning catches our attention immediately. For centuries, many have discussed the questions of matter, energy, space, time, and eternity. The bible states in unequivocal terms that the heavens and earth had a beginning, and that they will exist [as we know them] for a finite time. The bible also states that God, as Creator, exists inside, outside, and beyond space-time boundaries. He is present, past, and future -- existing always and for all time.<sup>6</sup>

In the Hebrew language the word used for “created,” is the verb *bara*. This same word appears in the bible with only one subject: God. The usage of this word suggests a type of creating that can be done by God, and God alone.<sup>7</sup> Linguists explain the word as “bringing into existence something unique and new, that has never existed before.”<sup>8</sup>

***Let the dry land appear, and it was so:***

When considering the creation events as found in Genesis, Greenwood states:

The evidence for the biblical account of creation is all around us. In Genesis 1:9, God is recorded as saying, "...let the dry land appear." God used His faith-filled words, and instantly, land appeared. Well-known scholar and scientist, Dr. Robert Gentry, who has studied thousands of samples of granite rock, uncovered the exact accuracy of the statement made in Genesis 1:9...

Within granite, there are little flecks known as Mica. When a thin section of granite is observed under a microscope, the Mica flecks are seen as tiny ringlets. Those rings are energy created by the decay of radioactive heat at a controlled level. Within these ringlets, Polonium is present. (You may remember back to high school science, where you would have found Polonium - a silvery metallic element - present on the period table of the elements.)

Let's say for the sake of example, that Polonium 214 was present in a sample of granite. Since Polonium has atoms with nuclei of slightly different weights, they are separated into categories known as isotopes, that are numbered to reflect the weight of the nuclei - in this case, 214. The entire amount of remaining measurable radioactivity (seven half-lives) of the isotope Polonium 214 found in granite would be expended faster than the snap of our fingers. To be more exact, the half-life of Polonium 214 is 0.000164 seconds.<sup>9, 10, 11</sup>

In other words, granite was crystallized in 164 millionth of a second. God commanded the dry land to appear - and it did - instantly! As you read through the first chapter of Genesis,

you will see that God said a lot. In fact, He created all things with His "saying." But, then God goes on to say something that is of enormous significance to you and me - and it is found in Genesis 1:26-27.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:26-27)

Let me break this down into two points:

1. All humans were created to bear God's image and likeness.
2. God gave dominion in the earth to mankind.

This always was (and still is) God's intention for human beings. He intends for every one of us to bear His image and likeness and to have dominion on the earth. You may look around you and see that the human creation comes in varied sizes, colors and abilities. And, you may wonder, "Which of us is created in His image? Is it the tall variety, or short? The brown variety, or the white? The athletic individuals, or the intellectuals? Which bear His image? The answer is simpler than you might think? Whatever the bible conveys to us as "God's way of doing things" must become our way way of doing things. To the degree we do this we bear His image.

Genesis, Chapter One, has clearly explained to us that God's way of doing things

involves speaking. This is what causes dreams and visions to manifest. It is also how we take our dominion - by the words we speak.

If we are born-again in our spirit, then we have already stepped into eternity. But that is not all that God has for us. Meanwhile, we are here on the earth with a unique purpose - a divine assignment - that no one else has. God wants to be involved in our lives right now. God desires to be completely involved in our earthly experience. He has given us dominion in the earth. The success we experience (or do not experience) in reigning in this life is directly related to the power of the words we speak! That is the way that God planned it to be from the very beginning. <sup>12</sup>

## CHAPTER II

### AN ORCHESTRA IN ORBIT

"The heavenly motions are nothing but a continuous song of several voices (perceived by the intellect, not the ear); a music which, through discord tensions, through syncope and cadenzas, as it were (as men employ them in imitation of those natural discords) progresses towards certain pre-designed, quasi six-voiced clausuras, and thereby set landmarks in the immeasurable flow of time." <sup>1</sup>

The above quote is from the writing of the 17th century scientist, Johannes Kepler, entitled the *Harmonice mundi*. It is a benchmark on the timeline of science and physics history. Within the *Harmonice mundi* resides what is now known as Kepler's Third Law of Planetary Motion.

Kepler, who was a brilliant thinker, recorded in his Third Law, a theory that relates the speed with which a planet moves to its distance from the sun. This theory not only was the key to Newton's discovery of the law of gravity; but now, more than 300 years later, Kepler's Third Law is still holding its own as a potent reference in the forefront of modern science. <sup>2</sup>

Kepler was obsessed with an intriguing notion that goes back to the time of Pythagoras (the Greek philosopher and mathematician from 582-507 BC) and the religions of ancient Greece that worshipped Orpheus - a mythological musical god. That notion was that the working of the world and all planetary motion is governed by sound. <sup>3</sup>

There is notable research to support the theory of music in the heavenlies. Key components to this theory center around Genesis 1:6, which states:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters (Genesis 1:6).

***Ancient Firmament Concepts:***

The Jewish historian Josephus gave a concise description of the Hebrew conception of the firmament: “After this, on the second day, He placed the heavens over the whole world, and separated it from the other parts; and determined that it should stand by itself. He also placed a crystalline firmament around it, and put together in a manner agreeable to the earth, and fitted it for giving moisture and rain, and for affording the advantage of dews.”<sup>4</sup>

The Hebrew Targums and Rabbinic Literature offer further details: “And God made the firmament, its thickness being three fingers between the limits of the heavens and the waters of the ocean.”<sup>5</sup>

The Hebrew Midrash Rabbah sheds further light: “And God said: ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters.’ It is written, ‘Who roofs Thine upper chambers with water, or Who layest the beams of Thine upper chambers in the waters’...When the Holy One, blessed be He, ordered, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters,’ the middle layer of water solidified, and the nether heavens and the uppermost heavens were formed.”<sup>6</sup> In this passage we have the Jewish distinction between the “solidified firmament” (in which energies would be

received to bathe Earth) separating the “nether- heavens” (in which the birds would fly under the firmamental canopy), and the “uppermost heavens” (in which stellar bodies would be placed). Scripture holds to three (and only three) “heavens.” (2 Corinthians 12:2)

Egyptian, Greek, and Roman ideas erroneously envision a “vault” in which the celestial bodies were located. (2 Corinthians 12:2) In contradistinction, the Hebrew concept refers to the earth (Josephus), the crystalline firmament (Josephus, Targums, and Midrash), and the expanded heavens (Josephus, Targums, and Midrash) as being distinctive entities, yet each interrelated and each containing water from the first day of creation. Of notable distinction was the crystalline firmament whose structure would benefit the Earth by stimulating the production of moisture and heavy dews (dews that sometimes condensed as light rain).<sup>7</sup>

It is interesting to note that a parallel representation of these three distinct entities in Hebrew literature is found in Ezekiel’s vision of Heaven. The first distinction is that of the stretched-out crystalline firmament upon the heads of the living creature(s): “And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature[s] was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads” (Ezekiel 1:22).

The second distinction is that of the abode where the worshipping creatures resided: “And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies” (Ezekiel 1:23). A description involving acoustical effects is attributed to the crystalline firmament above the heads of the worshippers: “And there was a voice from the firmament that

was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings” (Ezekiel 1:25).

The third distinctive is that of the expanse above the crystalline firmament – the expanse in which God’s throne was suspended: “And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it” (Ezekiel 1:26).<sup>8</sup>

Ezekiel’s summation of the visual effects involving the three distinctives is found in Chapter 10, verse 1: “Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head[s] of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne” (Ezekiel 10:1). It is possible that the radiation from the throne in the expanse was transferred through the crystalline firmament, visually and acoustically affecting the worshippers below.<sup>9</sup>

So space itself is essentially occupied by a crystalline lattice of subatomic particles, and transports light as a crystal with optical activity, thereby meeting the “expanse” definition of *raqiya*. This lattice supports the “tendrils of the cosmic web” and provides orientation for the physical components of the universe. As would then be anticipated, “...All of the masses, charges, and other properties of subatomic particles arise from a uniform chorus of violins playing a symphony of different notes.”<sup>10</sup> “...As if by a chain, our planet’s surface is connected intimately with the space environment.”<sup>11</sup> Scripture anticipated this universal interconnectedness in Hosea 2:21,22: “And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine,

and the oil, and they shall hear Jezreel.”

To quote Greenwood:

Kepler believed that the motion of the planets was created and maintained by music - an orchestra in orbit.

Let's cover a bit of background information regarding musical sounds.

Vibrations of air make sound. Musical tones are created when the vibrations are of a particularly simple and pure form. Two musical tones will harmonize if their intervals of repetition create a chord structure.

By understanding sound vibrations, Kepler sought to find relationships between the individual motions of the planets. By so doing, his attempt was to show that they were all moving in rhythm to a unified celestial sound - a cosmic chord. Is it possible? Is there really an orchestra in orbit? And, if it is possible, what could be the source of this symphony?

The bible tells us (in the first chapter of Genesis) that God spoke all things into existence. What does His voice sound like? Revelation 1:10 and Revelation 4:1 say that His voice has a musical quality - the sound of a trumpet.

The book of Revelation (Chapter 4) also tells us of four six-winged seraphim who orbit around the throne of God in constant praise to Him, singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come." In that same setting, there

is also a chorus of many angels who surround the throne (Revelation, Chapter 5) of God.

Isaiah saw this same sight when God first ordained him to be a prophet (Isaiah 6:1-3).

“In the year that Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims; each one has six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another [New Living Translation says: In a great chorus they sang...], and said, Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

There is certainly biblical evidence that the circular orbit of the seraphim around God's throne, and their songs of praise, create the atmosphere for His glory, power and ability to manifest! So, it doesn't surprise me that the planets would also orbit to music - displaying His awesome power. <sup>12</sup>

### ***Celestial Radio: Frequencies Transferred through the Genesis Canopy.***

Radio receivers are composed of a crystal, an antenna, and a magnetic field tuned to specific frequencies. Water can be structured to function as an antenna. All these components can be found incorporated in the crystalline firmament. The pulsars and the planets often emit actual acoustical energies transferred by radiofrequencies that could be enhanced by the canopy. Radiofrequencies beneficially interact with living systems, <sup>13</sup> and coherent music specifically encourages the growth of plants. <sup>14, 15</sup>

Discoveries in carbon nanotube radio structures made by physicist Alex Zettl and his colleagues at the University of California, Berkley, were reported in mainstream scientific literature. <sup>16</sup>

The team found that carbon nanotubes measuring approximately 500 nanometers long and 10 nanometers wide could be directly grown by a technique called chemical vapor deposition, in which layers of carbon precipitated out of ionized gas. The tiny structures performed all four essential functions of a radio: an antenna that picks up the electromagnetic signal; a tuner that selects the desired frequency; an amplifier that increases the strength of the signal; and a demodulator that separates the informational signal from the carrier wave on which it is transmitted. <sup>17</sup>

### *Amplification and the Earth's Original Sound System*

Research by a group of French physicists has produced a saser - a device that amplifies sound the way lasers amplify light. Attached to one end of a cold glass rod are piezoelectric crystals. These crystals emit a sound vibration when an electric current flows through them. Phonons (sound quanta) travel through the rod, hit excited atoms and force the atoms to release phonons of their own. The phonons multiply and the sound is intensified. <sup>18</sup> The physical parameters of the canopy hold such potential.

It is of interest to note that Scripture refers to “the morning stars singing together.” (Job 38:7) Modern research has determined that the entire universe is in “vibratory song.” <sup>19</sup>

Technical researcher David Lines has demonstrated that the physical parameters of the crystalline canopy held the essential components of a radio receiver.<sup>20</sup> It is possible to envision the appropriate alignment of the canopy's components for a brief time each morning, since these components are capable of transferring radio signals from space. Such brief alignment could actually play the music of stellar bodies.

To return to Greenwood's comments:

Isaiah goes on to say in Chapter 6, Verse 5 and following.

"Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs off the altar:

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:5-8).

It seems that once Isaiah was in the presence of the King, he was painfully aware of his sound. The very first thing he says is that he is a man of unclean lips - and of a people of unclean lips.

When a seraphim touched his lips with the fire of God, he had a new revelation

of the power of his voice.

Then God asks who will go for us? Isaiah steps up. Here am I. Send me. While those seraphim were in orbit around the throne of God, and their songs of praise created an atmosphere for God's glory to manifest, Isaiah saw sound for the force that it was.

Plainly, Johannes Kepler was on to something when he hypothesized that the planets and stars were held in the heavens by music. In this decade, Italian astrophysicists have recorded the vibrations of star clusters and planets - and confirmed their intrinsic musical quality.

Once the Italian team documented the celestial vibrations, the vibrations could then be synthesized into musical tones. This allowed the scientists to hear for themselves the music of the heavenly bodies.<sup>21</sup>

***Turn Up the Volume:***

When investigating the reasons why the cosmic music cannot be heard on the earth, scientists raise the following thoughts:

During the time of Noah and the great flood, it was necessary for God to stretch out the regions of space (Jeremiah 10:12, 2 Samuel 22:8). It was this expansion in the fabric of the space/time dimension that now prohibits man from hearing the music of the heavens.<sup>22, 23</sup>

Before the divine arrangement of these wrinkles in time, the celestial creations emitted

music that was audible on the earth. And even though we can no longer hear it, one thing is certain; the music still plays throughout the heavens. The planets, which vibrate in their orbit, resonate the musical scale, so that the times and seasons are innately felt.

Modern-day physicists have found that Kepler's theory also holds a startling comparison in the physical world. The orbs are not planets, but rather electrons and atomic nuclei, which are the building blocks of all matter. And if our eyes were more like microscopes, we would see the orbit of atoms and hear them sing. 24

CHAPTER THREE:  
THE QUIRK ABOUT QUARK

Kepler's Third Law of planetary motion applies to more than planets. It applies to molecular structures. In short, all sub-atomic particles revolve around each other and are held together by sound. The author of *Breaking the Barrier of Sound* expounds on this thought:

The mysterious forces among protons and neutrons, which also hold atomic nuclei together, can make your head spin, particularly if you are not a scientist. This is where the work of physicists comes in. They understand that all of these mysterious forces depend on distance, velocity and spin in a rather tangled fashion. When scientists look at the working of protons and neutrons from the inside, they can get a better handle on what makes them work.

To accomplish this, physicists employ experimentation that involves the smashing of protons together. This creates a spray of protons, antiprotons and numerous other microscopic particles - most of which break up in a fraction of a second. Yet scientists who have observed these types of interactions, have documented the existence of a mysterious energy that remains after all these particles break up. <sup>1, 2</sup>

Allow me to explain the discovery of this energy in more simple terms. Let's say that I gave you a checking account for any type of purchase that you wished, but that you must follow two criterion:

- 1.) You may only write checks for and
- 2.) When you believe the account is at a zero balance, you must come with me to the bank to close the account.

Following these instructions, let's say that you came to me and explained that the account balance was at zero. We would then go to the bank together to close the account. But, what if once we got to the bank, the teller explained to us that the account was not really at zero - but rather, twenty-five cents remained in the account.

Perplexed by this discovery, we decided to try the "experiment" again, only to find that when we believed the balance was zero, we were informed again that twenty-five cents remained in the account. Now, if we continued to run this experiment, we would begin to accumulate evidence for the existence of a unit of currency smaller than the dollar - known to us as the quarter.

This is, in essence, what physicists have found when they experiment with the smashing of protons and neutrons. After the break-up of the subatomic particles, they are not at "zero." They found that a perplexing element remains at the bottom of it all. This element is a measurable energy; a momentum that is still present. Scientists have named this momentum, Quark (Greenwood 21-23).

Let me simply state a few evidences about Quarks. Quarks (pronounced: kworks), which were named by the Nobel Prize winning physicist, Murray Gell-Mann, come in various forms. There are up quarks, down quarks and anti-quarks. Quarks are also specified by

three color categories of red, green, and blue - although they do not actually exhibit these colors.

Much like atoms, they are able to move and change categories, simply because they are alive.

Quarks are the elements that hold those tiny subatomic particles like protons and neutrons (which become the building blocks for everything) together.<sup>3</sup> And, I might add, Quarks remain largely a mystery.

Here are a few know attributes of Quarks:

1. Quarks are sound waves

2. They are infinite - which is to say that the momentum cannot be broken down or extinguished.

3. The Quarks attract subatomic particles referred to as Gluons. These Gluons are literally the glue that holds the world together. They are the items that cause all other particle forms to be able to join together.

4. This relationship between Quarks and Gluons is what creates all matter, as we know it - all objects in the world.<sup>4, 5</sup>

Having said all of this, let's go again to the Word of God:

"God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets.

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; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself

purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:1-3 KJV).

Greenwood states: "I always thought that this particular scripture had a very curious wording to it. The King James Version says that He is "upholding all things by the word of his power." Why doesn't it just say that He is upholding all things by the power of His Word? After all, that is true. The Word of God is full of power. And, some bible translations state it just that way, "...the power of his word." But, that is not exactly what the KJV translation says. It says He is, "upholding all things by the word of his power." In other words, God's Word is a manifestation of His power that is coming from the throne of grace. He is upholding everything by the Word. <sup>6</sup>

Genesis teaches that all things were created by God's spoken words. Revelation teaches that His voice has a musical quality - the sound of a trumpet. Scientists have confirmed Johannes Kepler's theory that the planets are held in orbit by music. And now, physicists are saying that all matter is held together by a sound wave known as Quark. Sound is holding everything together, including humans." <sup>7</sup>

You may be aware of a well-known American inventor; architect and scientist named F. Buckminster Fuller. He is probably most well known for designing and creating the freestanding architectural dome, known as the Geodesic Dome. Mr. Fuller often spoke of his belief that man would, one day, be able to travel by being trans-relocated (somewhat like what we saw on the original Star Trek television shows). Mr. Fuller believed this was possible because he understood that the body was composed of atoms and neutrons. These particles are held togeth-

er by sound, which is cellular communication within the body. Since sound has a frequency (frequency equals the number of times a sound wave vibrates in one second), then each human body has its own frequency. Once the frequency of the body is determined, then, at least in theory, the body can be transported by radio wave. Mr. Fuller never accomplished this idea, but he could discuss its possibility, because he understood sound. <sup>8</sup>

Those scientists who study the body tell us that the living, surging atoms that create our bodies are all whirring to their own symphonic sound; in total harmony. If our ears were more sensitive, we could detect it. <sup>9</sup>

This is not a modern discovery. King David recorded it long ago in the book of Psalms:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (Psalm 19:1-6).

We know that even to this day, the creation of the heavens and earth still stands as evidence to an omnipotent God. In fact, Romans 1:20 states this very clearly:

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things which are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

But, then David goes on in Psalm 19:2 to explain to us that day after day, they (God's creation) continues to speak, and night after night they make God the Creator known. David then explicitly states (vs. 3) that there is no language where the voice of creation is not heard and understood. In Psalm 19:4, we read this:

"Their line is gone out through out all the earth, and their words to the end of the world..." (Psalm 19:4).

The word, "line," in verse 4 is the Hebrew word "qav" (kawv), which means a measuring string or rod and a musical melody.<sup>10</sup> In the Greek language, it is where we get the musical term: canon.<sup>11</sup>

Paul recorded the same sound in Romans 10:18, which says:

But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went out into all the earth, and their words into the ends of the world (Romans 10:18).

According to David, this musical canon goes out as a measuring rod throughout the whole earth, and even to the ends of the world. And, within these words there is a tabernacle for the sun. David tells us about this sun, by calling him a bridegroom coming out of his chamber or an athlete eager to run a race. His (the sun's) going forth is from the end of the heavens

and His circuit (or we could say “orbit”) is unto the ends of the heavens.

Who is this sun? He is the Son - Jesus Christ - the Living Word of God. God is truly upholding all things by the word of His power. 12

## CHAPTER FOUR:

### ALL THINGS CONSIST BY SOUND

Looking back at the scientific developments of the last century, faith in a God who created *all things* seems obscured under other theories and opinions. However, as we enter a new century, there appears to be a shift which is closing the wide chasm between faith and science. As researchers measure the far reaches of the solar system and the vast cosmos, they have assembled a growing list of indicators suggesting a “design-for-life.” To quote Hugh Ross: “They found a number of physical characteristics that had to be narrowly defined for any kind of life to possibly exist.”<sup>1</sup> These discoveries gave way to the revival of a former way of thinking, namely, the observation that all physical features of the universe, solar system, and anthropic setting are exactly accurate to meet the needs of human life.<sup>2-5</sup>

Scientist and Historian, Fredrick Burnham commented that for scientists, “belief in God is more respectable today than at any time in the last hundred years.”<sup>6</sup> Yet, throughout time, whether the belief in God was respectable, or not, the text of the bible has stood firm.

"Who is the visible image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

And he is before all things; and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:15-17).

The bible says, by him all things consist. Who is the "him" that the text talks about?

Who is this "him" that causes all things to be held together? The "him" is Jesus Christ.<sup>7</sup>

The first chapter of John tells us that it was "The Word" who was with the Father in the beginning, and that Word was Himself, God. The same chapter of text goes on to say that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among men.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3).

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

The book of Revelation says that when Jesus returns to earth as the rider on the white horse, His name will be called the Word of God.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God" (Revelation 19:11-13).

The Word of God framed the worlds, essentially holding the planets in their orbit.<sup>8</sup>

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that

the things which are seen were not made of the things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3).

What can be seen now in the visible world around us did not come from a visible source. It came by the spoken Word and it came by faith. This same concept is outlined in Romans 10:8-9:

"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach;

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:8-9).

Greenwood states: "Half of faith exists in your heart. Half of faith exists in your mouth. The faith in your heart must be activated by the sound of your mouth. God will not put them together for you, and faith will not work until you put them together. It is not enough to believe the Word in your heart. You must give voice to the Word to give substance to your faith." <sup>9</sup>

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

The Word of God, when spoken, is an active moving force:

"For the word of God is quick [it has energy and momentum], and powerful [able to uphold all things], and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12 comments

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To clarify this thought, the author of *Breaking the Barrier of Sound*, makes this comment: "Is it possible that giving voice to God's Word can cause matter to coalesce? God gave us an example of this in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel" (Greenwood 34).

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, [**Why couldn't God do the talking? Because, He gave mankind dominion in the earth (Genesis 1:26). God needed a person to speak.**] and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin cov-

ered them above: but there was no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army" (Ezekiel 37:1-10, comments and emphasis added).

Genesis 1:26 says that God made humans in His image and after His likeness. Here He shows Ezekiel so clearly that just as He speaks to bring life to things, so should men.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth from out of my mouth; it shall not return unto to me void, but it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

How does the word go forth from out of your mouth? You must speak it!

There is something clearly significant about the sound made by our voice. Job 22:26-28 explains that when you decree (declare aloud) something, it becomes established. You can cause something to become established in your life by declaring it aloud. All things consist by sound (Greenwood 36).

## CHAPTER FIVE:

### GOD CAN GET ON A SOUND.

Years ago, I had the privilege of hearing a well-known Christian musician in concert. I was stirred by some of the things he said. He shared a story with the audience about some of the personal experiences leading him to salvation in the Lord Jesus. Although he was raised in the church and learned to play trumpet in the church, he strayed out into the world of secular music and became a success. Yet, from time to time, as he was warming up on his instrument, he would play some of the old hymns from his childhood. He explained that when he did this, the Spirit of God would fill the room and he felt surrounded by the presence of God. He described it this way: "God can get on a note."

As a musician, I had no problem understanding this concept. Many times as I ministered in music before the congregation, I have experienced the tangible presence of the Spirit of God. As the music provoked the listeners to worship, there were times when I felt as if the very notes I played were being influenced by the leading of the Holy Spirit. If I were to listen to a recording of the music later, I could hardly believe that it was me. This sometimes happens when I preach as well. As I yield to the Holy Spirit, and He moves through me, I am inspired to say things that I had never planned on saying. So, God can get on a sound - whether it is a note or a spoken word. It seems that the Holy Spirit truly loves music. We are told to come before His presence with thanksgiving and praise (Psalm 95:2) and nothing ushers in the presence of the Holy Spirit like music

(Greenwood 37).

You may remember that a very special cherub that covered the throne of God (formerly known by the name of Lucifer) was a musical being. He had pipes and tambourines built right into his body (Ezekiel 28:13). This gives us an idea of the prominent place music plays with regard to God. The anointed angel that covered His throne exuded music, and he had a glorious beginning. <sup>1, 2</sup>

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

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.

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 (Ezekiel 28:12-14).

Originally, God created Lucifer to be a beautiful musical angel, who was a worshipper of God. He has a unique understanding of the power of music. He understands that sound is a spiritual force. Every time you open your mouth to speak, sing or create a sound, you are releasing an active force into the atmosphere. When your spoken words are in-line with God's Word, then God can get on your sound. Because of your

words, He can move and manifest in your life (Greenwood 40).

## CHAPTER SIX:

### ANGELS ARE ACTIVATED BY SOUND

"And behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before Thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty one days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days; for yet the vision is for many days" (Daniel 10:10-14).

As we can see by this dialogue between Daniel and an angel, the angels are listening to our prayers and are ready to work on our behalf to bring the answers to us.

"Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word" (Psalm 103:20).

How do you give voice to His Word? Simple... you speak it. When you speak or pray

from the Word of God, the angels are going about to "do his commandments." They will bring that Word spoken into manifestation in your life. They are hearkening to that sound of the voice of His Word. <sup>1</sup>

Hebrews 1:14 tells us that the angels are designed to minister for the heirs of salvation. The word salvation as it appears here in Hebrews 1:14, means preservation, healing, soundness and deliverance from temporal evils. This deliverance can come through the ministry of angels. To escape the temporal evils of this life, one should not neglect calling on the assistance of angelic beings. <sup>2</sup>

If you are born-again, according to the scriptures, you are an heir of salvation and entitled to receive the ministry of angels (Greenwood 42). To further illustrate this point, let's look at a passage of scripture from the fifth chapter of James:

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. You have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Behold the hire [wages] of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth [the wages cry out]; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth" (James 5:1-4).

Who exactly is this Lord of Sabaoth (sa-by-oath) who can hear the cry of money as well as the cries of the laborers? The Lord of Sabaoth is the Commander in Chief of the angelic

armies of heaven. The bible also refers to Him as the Lord of hosts. We call him, Jesus.

Understanding the Lord Sabaoth and His command of angels, “will increase our appreciation of a sovereign God whose creative ability, control of the universe, and interventions on our behalf assures his glory and our good.”<sup>3</sup> The Lord of Sabaoth is listening and dispatching angels to move money.

It is important when we read through the scriptures to understand that God refers to Himself by different names at different times. This is to make clear to us that He can meet whatever need we have, whenever we need it. When He refers to Himself as the Lord of hosts, the Lord Sabaoth, He is making clear to us that He is commanding the angels to work on our behalf according to the covenant we have with Him (Greenwood 42-44).

According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea and the dry land;

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.

The silver is mine, the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts  
The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:5-9).

In both this passage of scripture as well as the one previous from James, we see that the

Lord of Sabaoth is aware of the earth's wealth (money). In Haggai 2:8, it states, "the silver is mine, the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts."

The angels are spirits sent to minister for God's people on the earth (Hebrews 1:14). It is only fitting that the Lord of Sabaoth would watch over an earthly item like money, so that He could dispatch angels to bring it into the hands of His covenant people. Money is a necessary tool to spread the gospel. It is a tool the church needs to redeem the lost. Money will come when we talk to it. When we call it to come, it will... and the angels will make sure of that (Greenwood 45).

The bible also explains to us that Lucifer (now known as Satan) fell from heaven in an act of rebellion. One-third of the angelic hosts of heaven fell along with him (Isaiah 14:12, Revelation 12:4). It is important to note that, although these are fallen angels, they still function in the same fashion as the angels of heaven. <sup>4-7</sup>

This is why the angel responding to Daniel's prayer (Daniel 10) couldn't get through at first. He was held-up by a demonic prince (a fallen angel) over Persia. Both good and bad angels are hearkening to your voice. Fallen angels are intercepting your words.

This is why you can be talking a lot of garbage, and get it! God's throne may be in the third heaven, but according to Jesus, in this dispensation, the Father has given us the kingdom. In fact, Jesus taught that the kingdom of God was within you (Luke 17:21).

So, when you speak according to the measure of God's Word that lives in you, angels are following your orders. They are following your commands (Greenwood 46).

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens and his kingdom ruleth over all"  
(Psalm 103:19).

"And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and he lay down in that place to sleep.

And he dreamed and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac..." (Genesis 28:11-13a).

We live in a modern society where the sophisticated technology of computers has allowed us to learn some remarkable things about the "supernaturalness" of the Hebrew language. Perhaps you have read about the bible codes that have enabled scholars and laymen alike to learn more about the unique numerical value of Hebrew letters and words. Not only do the ancient Hebrew scriptures contain equidistant letter sequence (ESL), that follows numeric patterns, but each character, name and word in Hebrew also has a mathematical quality or numerical value attached to it. 8, 9, 10

In the verse from Genesis 28:12, the word "ladder" appears. In Hebrew, the word is cul-lam (soo-lawm), and it has a numerical value of 136. It is not ironic that the Hebrew word for "voice" has the identical 136 value. That word in the Hebrew is quwm (koom), meaning: to rise, get up, help, hold up, lift up, to establish, to make to stand, to strengthen, succeed and

raise up. 11 ,12

It is the sound of our voice that enables the angels, much like a ladder, to travel between us and the throne of God. Are you giving voice to His words? The angels are hearkening. 13

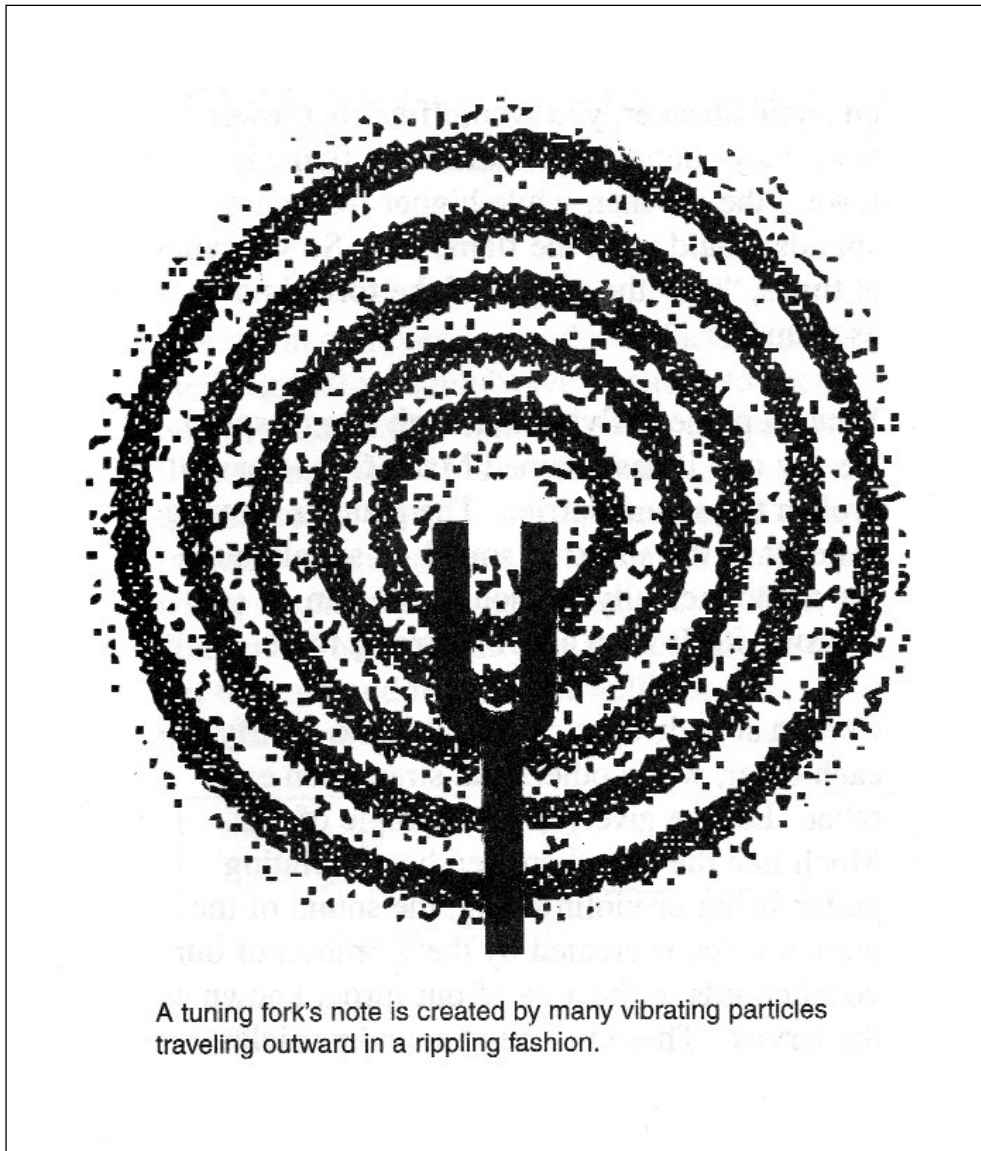
When the prophet Ezekiel saw into the future by the Spirit of God, he saw the time when the Messiah, Jesus, would come to the earth. Ezekiel referred to Jesus as a "wheel inside a wheel" (Ezekiel 1:13-16). While Jesus was the wheel on the inside, the outer wheel on the earth was really the space/time continuum. That outer wheel creates a boundary known as the speed of light. So, in essence, we here on the earth are within time, while heaven is a timeless (or eternal) place. Time, as we know it, does not exist in heaven. If you have ever wondered why you cannot normally see angels or spirit activity, is because these spirits are moving at the speed of light, and we are not. Angels are all around us. And if the wheel of time were lifted away, we would see them clearly. They see us. They hear us. And, they are listening to our voices as we speak God's Word. 14

## CHAPTER SEVEN:

### SIGHT AND SOUND

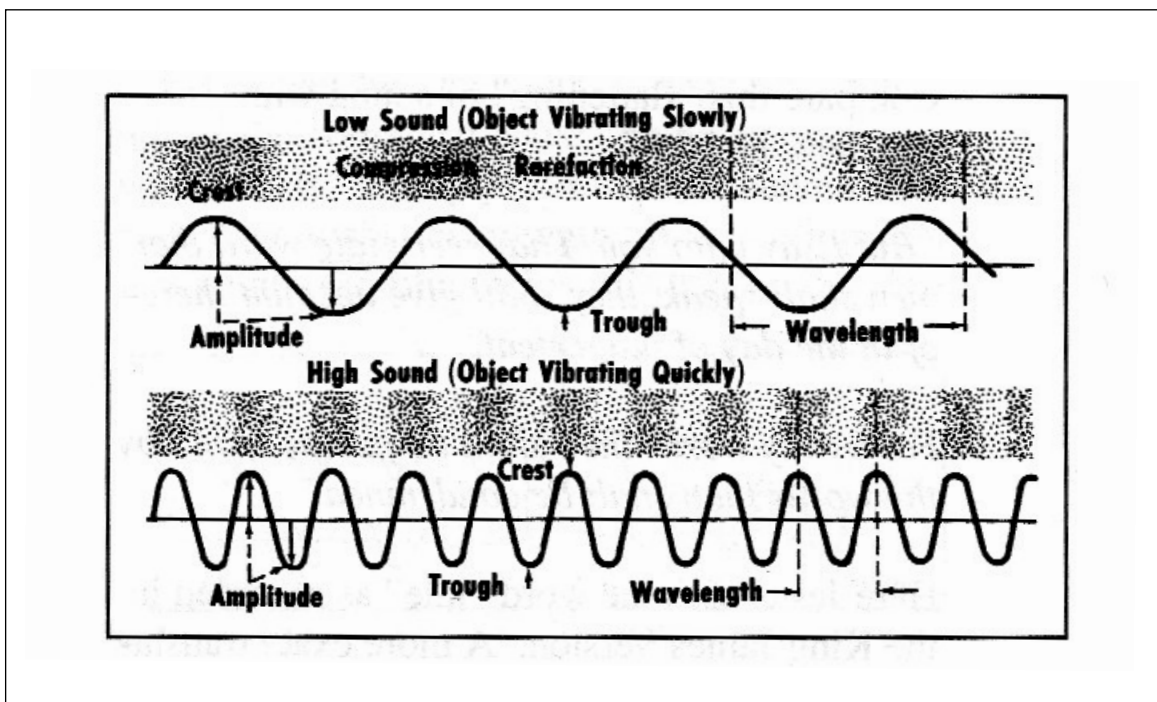
If we could see sound, it would look a lot like the surface of the water after you drop a pebble into it. The sound would travel out in circular ripples that would also be waving up and down as they traveled outward. <sup>1</sup>

*Fig. 1*



The rippling is created when vibrating sound particles travel in compression (the high point in the ripple) and rarefaction (the low point in the ripple) along a longitudinal (linear measure) sound wave. Although we cannot see this with our eye, we can see the effects of its presence (see *Figure 2*).

*Fig. 2*



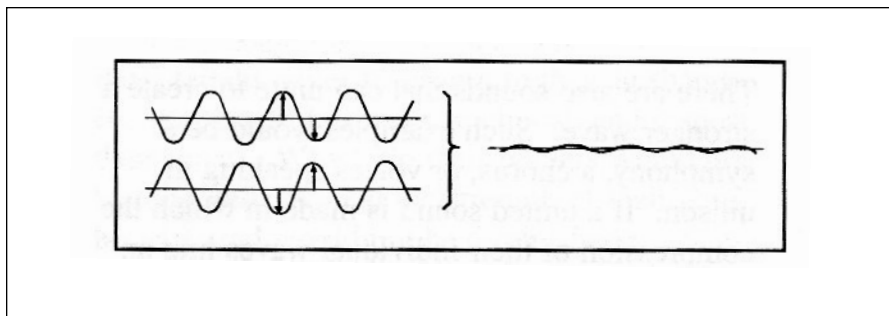
For example, if you were to hold a candle up to an audio speaker, you would find that lower frequency sounds would draw the flame in toward the speaker, while higher frequency sounds would push the flame away. So we can, at times, see the effects of the force known as sound. <sup>2</sup>

When a plane is flying at a high rate of speed, we say that it has attained Mach One. This means, the plane has broken the sound barrier, and is moving faster than the speed of

sound. So, while we cannot see sound, we can measure it. It is an active moving force.

Certain sounds can combine to nullify each other, while others can strengthen each other. Let me give you an example of this thought. Much like the sound created by a vibrating guitar or violin string, the vibration of our vocal chords in the area of our throat known as the larynx creates the sound of the human voice. These vibrating sound particles, moving in compression and rarefaction along the longitudinal sound wave contrary to each other, will actually flatten each other out (See *Figure 3*). This creates what sound technicians call a dead spot. A dead spot can sometimes exist in an auditorium, where sound simply cannot be heard. This flattening out actually causes the sound wave not to work and reduces, or nullifies, the individual sounds.<sup>3</sup>

*Fig. 3*



Compare this flattening of sound with Matthew 12:36-37

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgement.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).

Here Jesus uses the word "idle" as recorded in the King James Version of the bible. A more exact translation from the Greek text of the word, idle, would be "non-working." <sup>4, 5</sup> And this is exactly what is happening when you are in discord with another person. You are creating a sound that is non-working. Two voices, in verbal conflict, speaking at the same time will cancel each other out. Men will give an account for every such word ever spoken.

While there are sounds that nullify, there are also sounds that amplify. Sounds can unite to create a stronger sound wave. Such examples would be a symphony, a chorus, or voices speaking in unison. If a united sound is made in which the compression of their individual waves line up with each other, they will not only make the sound louder, but they will multiply the amplitude of the combined wave. The operative word here is "multiply." A unison sound does more than double in strength. It is multiplied in strength. Deuteronomy 32:30 informs us that one can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight. The bible is clear. The combination of two unison sounds has exponential power not available to a singular voice. <sup>6, 7</sup>

"Likewise ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered" (1 Peter 3:7).

Peter taught wives to submit to their husbands. He also taught husbands to cherish and respect their wives. Why? So their prayers would not be hindered. So that the strength of their

combined sound would not be diminished. <sup>8</sup>

Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, must have understood that if the husband and wife were not speaking in unison, and thereby multiplying the force of their sound, it wouldn't be long before they were creating a "dead spot" -- a non-working sound wave.

Although we are not always conscious of it, it is obvious that our ears are significantly more sophisticated at documentation than our eyes. A person enjoying an orchestral concert can distinguish many voices simultaneously. One can hear the French horn and the violin and the percussion and the flute -- all while also being able to hear the integrated symphonic sound as well. Yet, combine a red stage light and a blue stage light at the very same concert, and the human eye would only see purple. For most, their eyes would no longer be able to distinguish between two simple colors (Greenwood 54).

This explains why faith can only come by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). It also explains why the upright are living by faith, and not by sight (Galatians 3:11). Our ears -- or we could call them: sound receptors -- are very important in operating in the principles set forth in the bible. Our ears are also the reason that our "saying" can undo our praying. In other words, we can hear our own voice talk ourselves out of the promises that we prayed. <sup>10</sup>

The human ear is a fascinating part of the body. The eardrum itself, is a vibrating surface that is able to receive the vibrating particles that make up sound. We have the obvious two outer ears that appear on each side of our head, but we also have what is referred to as a middle

ear and an inner ear. <sup>11</sup>

If you remember back to the first time you ever heard your own voice recorded on audiocassette tape, you may have asked, "Who is that person speaking?" Others would have laughingly assured you that it was your voice. But, it did not sound like your voice to you, because you are used to hearing your own voice in your inner ear. The inner ear causes your voice to sound different to you than it does to everyone else who is hearing you with his or her outer ears. <sup>12</sup>

Medical researchers have found some interesting information about the inner ear. The inner ear is connected to the nervous system in such a way that it affects the entire body. It seems that sound, as it is perceived by the inner ear, is transmitted neurologically throughout the entire body -- with the ability to influence what happens in our body.

Perhaps you know someone who is extremely pessimistic and has nothing but negative things to say? Many times, a person like that is ill and oppressed. This is not just "bad luck" or coincidence. The sound of their own voice, registering in their own inner ear, is being transmitted neurologically throughout their body, ultimately creating the pain they are experiencing.

You may also know someone who is always cheerful or humming a song through the day? You may have noticed that he or she is always healthy, happy and successful in life. Each of these personalities is an example of the function of the inner ear, and the power of sound. <sup>13</sup>

## CHAPTER EIGHT:

### GOD IS WATCHING OUR SOUND WAVES

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: [How does His Word go forth from your mouth? You must speak it.] it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11).

"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.

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" (Hebrews 4:12-13).

The New Living translation says, "Everything is... exposed before his eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done." Everything is exposed before His eyes -- including our sound waves, which travel in the spiritual realm, unseen by the natural eye. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done and all that we have spoken; giving an account for every idle word. <sup>1</sup>

"Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it" (Jeremiah 1:12).

"Hasten" is not a word we use in modern English. It means: to watch over. In other words, God is watching over His Word to perform it. If there is one lesson that I have learned as I serve God, it is this: God could never watch over my whining and complaining to change

my situation. God was not required to watch over my prayer filled with "good intentions." God was under no obligation to make my wishes come to pass. The only thing He was required to do was to watch over His Word to perform it in my life. When I started to pray for the things I desired by standing on the promises in God's Word, they manifested. It is really very simple. God is watching over His Word to perform it. <sup>2, 3</sup>

Power goes into our words according to the faith behind them. When we are aware that the power that moves the world, is the same power moving on our behalf and backing up our words, then our faith and assurance grows all the more. We must cease from mental wrestling or force and decree by faith. <sup>4</sup> There are several immediate rewards from making this type of decree or declaration. One is, that people will follow a leader who believes what he/she says, and secondly when you put life and faith into your talk, you put life and faith into yourself. When you say things out loud and with force, you can feel the faith and power attached to it. <sup>5</sup>

Forever His Word is established in heaven (Psalm 119:89). When we speak according to His Word, He is obligated to watch over our sound waves by the terms of His own covenant. He cannot deny Himself (2 Timothy 2:13).

The Apostle Paul, who had a clear revelation of God's ability to watch over our "working" words, wrote this in a letter to his protégé, Timothy.

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,

rightly dividing the word of truth.

But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: [a destroyer]" (2 Timothy 2:14-17, comments added).

## CHAPTER NINE:

### THE SOUND THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith" (Mark 11:22-23).

There is, according to Jesus, a sound that moves mountains. It is your voice. It is the sound of your voice that moves the mountain. Above (in Mark 11:22-23), Jesus only mentions the need to believe once, yet, He mentions the need to speak, three times. Anything that Jesus mentions three times in one sentence must be of importance.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." (Proverbs 18:21a).

Jesus obviously understood that there was power in the tongue -- the power of death and life according to Proverbs 18:21.

We need to understand that by the sound of our voice we have access to the supernatural realm. Often, as human beings in the natural realm, we are moved by what we see with our natural eyes. If we are not cautious, we can allow the circumstances (the mountain in front of us) to control our lives. The bible does not teach us to use the sound of our voice to tell anyone who will listen about how big and bad the mountains in our way are. No... it teaches us to speak the promises of God in the face of the mountain. <sup>1</sup>

"Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it" (Zechariah 4:7).

The mountain can be transformed into a plain by the sound of your voice. There is only one rule to becoming a mountain mover; you cannot be a mountain builder at the same time. In other words, you cannot use your words to talk and talk about the problem, thereby building it up to the sky, and expect to be a mountain mover at the same time. If you're going to be a mountain builder, then you might as well forget about being a mountain mover. But, if you are willing to speak right in the face of the mountain, according to God's Word, you can become a mountain mover.<sup>2</sup>

According to Jesus, it will work for anyone who has faith in God, can believe in his or her heart, and talk that mountain down to nothing (Mark 11:22-23).<sup>3</sup>

In the biblical account of the fall of Jericho, the people were instructed not to speak a word out of their mouths for the whole seven days that they lapped around the city walls. The reason? They may have been tempted to talk about how big and sturdy those walls were -- not about how their marching and shouting would bring them down. But, because they couldn't speak about the problem, their faith grew. Their SHOUT brought the wall-destroying power of God on the scene, and the fortress came tumbling down (Joshua chapter 6).<sup>4</sup>

From time-to-time, at my church, we sing a song that goes like this:

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.

Forever I'll love you; forever I'll stand.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your Name. <sup>5</sup>

Well, what is it about the sound of His name that makes mountains bow down?

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

The scriptures tell us that the Word became flesh. He put on a body (John 1:14). That body was named Jesus. The reason there is so much power in that name is that it is the embodiment of the whole of scripture. He is the Word of God. When you speak the name of Jesus, the sound of His name contains within it every promise and every ounce of power that is set forth in the bible. That power is activated at the sound of His name. That is why every knee must bow. <sup>6</sup>

The circumstance in your life that is as large as a mountain must bow at the sound of His name. You may remember that at Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He said that if His followers were silent, the rocks would cry out. There was absolute truth in the statement He made. Your voice creates vibrations of air that make up your sound waves. On a rock's surface, these vibrations cause molecular shifts, which cause an "etching" into the

rock's surface. In short, a rock can record what you say. Since a rock is what is known as a fallible medium, whoever comes along after you and speaks nearby the rock has their statement etched into the rock over yours. The discovery of this etching ability is what led to the creation of audio and videocassette tapes. These tapes use silicon dioxide, which is the main component of most rocks, to record voices and music that can be played over and over.<sup>7</sup>

To illustrate this concept, the author of *Breaking the Barrier of Sounds* states: “I remember the first time I received a praise report of a person being healed of cancer simply by listening to one of my teaching tapes on the topic of healing. As this person listened to the scriptures on God's ability and desire to heal, he released his faith and saw God heal him and deliver him from his destruction. (Psalm 107:20) What really happened there? The rocks were crying out! Where there was no person preaching and extolling the praises of God, the rocks did the job! The rocks cried out, and the mountain called cancer had to move” (Greenwood 66).

CHAPTER TEN:  
SNARED BY SOUND

"Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth" (Proverbs 6:2).

Is it really possible to snare yourself simply by speaking the wrong words? Certainly. The Apostle Peter gives us an excellent example of this in 1 Peter 3:10

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (1 Peter 3:10).

The word "guile," as it appears here, could have been translated as the word "decoy." Think about a decoy for a minute. Maybe you go out duck hunting and you use a decoy. Well, that decoy is nothing more than a trap -- a snare. Peter is really saying that we should not allow our own words to become a trap for us.

Paul also understood this idea of being snared by your own sound. That is why he advised the Ephesians to use their conversation to edify each other.

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

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

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away

from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:29-32).

Corrupt communication and evil speaking will grieve the Holy Spirit and everyone else around us. It will also have a negative affect on us. Proverbs 18:21 says that death and life are in the power off the tongue. When you speak words of death, you are snared by your sound.

Jesus made a clear distinction that is recorded in the gospel of John. I like to refer to this statement as the "dividing line" of the bible.

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

I am convinced that one of the primary ways that the devil steals, kills and destroys things in people's lives is simply by getting them to focus on and talk about their problems. If they can use all their words for whining and complaining, then they will convince themselves that life is "hell." And, if they talk about it long enough, their words will create a snare for them, and it won't be long until they're living in their own self-constructed hell. <sup>1</sup>

This is why the scriptures warn us so completely with regard to the way we speak:

"Keep thy tongue from evil" (Psalm 34:13).

"A wholesome tongue is a tree of life" (Proverbs 15:4).

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23).

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:6).

Are you setting your own trap by the negative words you are speaking?

In the book of Job, we see Job say that the thing, which he greatly feared, had come upon him. (Job 3:25) Have you been speaking the wrong words for so long that you find yourself in the middle of the very thing you have dreaded? This is why Numbers 14:28 says that as we have spoken it in His ear, so shall it be done unto us. Our speaking is a spiritual force that holds the power of death or life.<sup>2</sup> Job began to understand the impact of his words when he cried out to God:

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred" (Job 6:24).

As Job gained insight into this revelation (Job, chapter 42), we see that the blessings of God flowed so much in his life that as an elderly man he had twice as much substance as when the devil first took it away. God can do the same thing for you, if you are willing to speak His Word.

It is time for us to recognize the decoy created by negative words and refuse to step into the snare any longer.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN:

### HEARING VOICES

It seems that everything in life has a voice. Often, I have heard people testify about how God delivered them from drugs and a life of destruction.

Consistently, I hear these same people say that the drug known as "crack" (a type of cocaine), called them by name. The drug had a voice and it called to them. I believe many of us have experienced this type of voice in one way or another. For some, it may have been the voice of their checkbook talking to them, making them think that they weren't going to make it through the month. Even diseases have an errant vibratory signal -- giving them a sound or a voice. So, although it may not be audible to the natural ear, it seems that everything is "talking" in one fashion or another (Greenwood 73).

The Apostle Paul said it this way:

"There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (1 Corinthians 14:10).

Let me give you an example to support what Paul is saying. The blood that flows through the human body is vibrating. This vibratory cycle is in harmony with the DNA of the person whose body is manufacturing the blood. This is why the book of Genesis tells us that God heard Abel's blood cry to Him from the ground (after his brother Cain murdered Able).

Abel's blood had the living vibration of his body, and that vibratory cycle had a sound. Blood has a voice. <sup>1, 2</sup>

Let me take this a step further. Jesus was the Creator of all life, as we know it on the earth (John 1:3). Remember that His blood also vibrates and is in harmony with the DNA of the Maker. Because Jesus' blood has the living vibration of the Creator, only He was able to reconcile the whole of creation to the Father by the vibration (or voice) of His blood. We can take this another step. Those people, who have been reconciled to the Father by the blood of Jesus, have the power, by this same blood, to reconcile others to the Father as well. <sup>3, 4</sup>

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

Those who are reconciled to God are in relationship with Him. They communicate with God.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Those whom are the children of God can hear His voice.

"But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by

name, and leadeth them out.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:2-9).

You cannot follow the voice of the Almighty God and the voice of a stranger at the same time. Psalm 55:3 tells us that the devil has a voice. In order to follow the voice of God (and discern the voice of our enemy), we need to be aware of what God has said. This can only be found in the bible. 5, 6

Jesus explains this in John, the 14th chapter:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine,

but the Father's which sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:23-26).

In order for the Holy Spirit to remind you of something, you must have heard it before. The Spirit of God cannot bring Jesus' words to your remembrance if you've never meditated on those words. <sup>7</sup>

Jesus goes on: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The way you receive His peace is by hearing the voice of peace. You will recognize the voice of peace, because you have meditated in the words of the Prince of Peace. If you cannot hear His voice, you will hear the voice of the prince of this world -- Satan (John 12:31). <sup>8</sup>

The Spirit of Truth, otherwise known as the Holy Spirit, will always speak in complete agreement with God's Word.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and

shall shew it unto you" (John 16:13-15).

When we hear the voice of God and obey His Word, we can grow-up spiritually. We do this by allowing the Word to correct us and train us in holiness.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Much like parents discipline their child, God must discipline His children as well. If children were not disciplined, they would never grow-up and become responsible. They would not be successful and productive persons, regardless of the fact that they grew in stature. When we do not grow-up spiritually, we are tossed to and fro throughout life. <sup>9, 10</sup>

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14-15).

There is no voice that enables to grow and live by the Spirit's power more than our own. In other words, once we get our speech aligned with God's Word, we need to start talking to ourselves.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making

melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

We cannot underestimate the power of our own words. God, in His infinite wisdom, had the foresight to dilute man's ability to effect things on the earth when He confused men's languages at the Tower of Babel. God knew that the very heavens themselves would be affected by the sound of discord among men. 2 Chronicles 28:9 records that a man's rage has the ability to reach into and affect the heavens.

We can use our own voice to build-up or teardown things around us. It's up to us what we do with our words. If we are not able to renew our thinking and talking to be aligned with God's (so that we can recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd) we are liable to listen to, and accept whatever sounds "okay" to us. <sup>11</sup>

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

When we hear the voice of God, it brings life to us. "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David" (Isaiah 55:3).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear

the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25).

When I was a child, very negative words were spoken over my life. My father was in bondage to substance abuse. There is a little saying that goes something like this, "First the man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes the man." Well, in our house, the drink did a lot of talking -- and it wasn't a pleasant voice. The voice of alcohol did not bring peace or life to us. So many harmful and destructive things were said to me and about me while I was growing up, that they (the words) began to go to work in my life. Long after I had left home, I continued to speak the same words of destruction over my own self. Why, you ask? I had been trained to accept them, and had meditated in them for so long, that I believed them to be true.

"I was worthless. I was the cause for every unhappiness and problem in my father's life" -- and I was reminded of this fact often. Had I not received the Word of life through Jesus Christ, I would still believe those old voices that I heard going through my head. But thank God, the day came when I heard those old lies going through my mind, and I knew it was the voice of the stranger. How did I recognize the imposter? Simple -- I had been listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd. His voice told me that I was precious, and that I was fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14) His voice told me that He, Himself, knitted me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-17) and that I was a unique creation of His handiwork.

When I recognized the voice of the enemy (who had deceived me for so many

years), I did exactly what the Word of God told me to do (Greenwood 81-82).

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

You need to be cautious of what you hear (Mark 4:24) and how you hear it (Luke 8:18).

You also need to do more than simply hear His voice. You need to act on what you hear.

(James 1:22) In so doing, we can overcome negative strongholds in our mind. <sup>14</sup>

"Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:47-49).

"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" (James 1:25).

We need to hear and receive the voice of His Word, and then we need to act on it.

Hebrews 11:3 tells us that the visible things were made from the invisible things, which is really nothing more than a nuclear physical statement. Hebrews 11:3, is a plausible scientific pos-

sibility. When God spoke, "light be," those wavelengths of light became the energy source to sustain all things around us. That light came forth by God's words.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple"  
(Psalm 119:130).

There is a law of double reference that permeates the scriptures. In the very beginning, it was God's Word that brought forth light (Genesis 1:3); but that same Word still brings forth light and understanding to the hearts of humans everywhere. It still gives understanding to anyone who seeks for it. When we meditate in God's Word; then we become familiar with His thoughts, His will, and His endless flow of blessings that He has especially for us. When we meditate in His Word, we can hear His voice (Greenwood 83-84)

"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,

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness" (Psalm 95:7-8).

## CHAPTER TWELVE:

### HOW TO BREAK THE BARRIER

#### **Prayers for Progress**

The Word, when spoken, is anointed to destroy the yoke. And, while I certainly do not mean to imply that "sound" should be exalted as deity, speaking the Word, under the anointing, is the same as speaking with the voice of God. When you have a revelation of the power in the Word, and you have faith in God; then in the spirit, you sound just like Jesus.

Jesus walked the earth with two tools at His disposal. He was anointed of God (Acts 4:27), and He had the Word (Matthew 4:4, 7 & 10). We, as believers, have the same two tools (Luke 11:13 and Acts 4:29). When we operate in the Spirit (the anointing) and in Truth (the Word), then we worship Him (John 4:23).

Demons respond to our authority as if we were Jesus. The dead are raised at our command. The sick are healed when we lay hands on them. Is this to imply that we are gods? No. Then why does it work? Because Jesus is the Word and when we speak the Word, it is alive (1 Peter 1:23).

Jesus gave us the great co-mission, because He is co-laboring with us everytime He hastens His Word to perform it (Mark 16:15-20, Jeremiah 1:12). When we give voice to the Word, we speak with God's voice. This is why Jesus said that we would do "greater works" when He went to the Father (John 14:12-17). He sent us the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who make the Word come alive in our mouths.

When Jesus returns as the rider on the white horse, the book of Revelation says, "... out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword" (Revelation 19:15). In other words, He'll still be speaking the Word, and the power of the spoken Word shall smite the nations.

Praying the Word of God will break barriers in any area of your life. The key is to find the promise or the blessing that you need from God by looking into His word. If you are experiencing a certain problem, then look for a specific answer in the scriptures, and remind God of what He has promised (Greenwood 88-89).

### ***Breaking the Barriers in Your Marriage***

Father, in Jesus' Name, I pray for my spouse. I thank You that my spouse is filled with the love of God and that he/she walks worthy of You in all things. Thank You that my spouse will be blessed in every situation that happens today. I pray that my mate be reinforced in every area-spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Thank You, Father, that our marriage is off limits to the devil. In the name of Jesus we have authority over him and his devices. He has been rendered ineffective against us, and he has been placed under our feet! Our marriage is a sacred bond, joined in the Spirit with Your eternal love. That bond grows stronger in love and unity with each passing day. May our marriage shine as a light of Your love and exemplify the way You intend marriage to be. What God has joined together let not man put asunder. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier Over Your Children***

Father, in Jesus' Name, I come before You on behalf of my children. My children are a heritage from You-the fruit of the womb is a reward from You, Father. I accept them, treasure them, and thank You for giving them to me. According to the Scriptures, as I train my children in the way they should go, when they are old, they will not depart from it. I receive that promise now and thank You for it. As I teach my children and bring them up in the admonition of the Lord, I know that they will become godly adults. Because my children are taught of the Lord, their peace and undisturbed composure is great.

I thank You Father for Your wisdom and Word that guides me in disciplining my children. Because I admonish them and correct them through Your Word, I believe they will grow not only in stature, but also in wisdom and in favor with You and man. Because they honor and obey us as parents, Your Word promises that it will be well with them, and they shall live long. I ask that You enable me to be a supernatural parent by showing me things to come concerning my children. Show me how to prepare them for the future that You have planned especially for them.

Thank You that Your angels are watching over them in all their ways and keeping them safe from any maneuver of the devil. Because I serve You, Father, I have confidence in the promise that my seed shall be great and mighty upon the earth. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier in Your Walk with God***

Father, I come before You in the Name of Jesus, and I ask that You would pour out Your Spirit upon me. Fill me with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of You in all things. Help me to be fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You. May the Word of Christ dwell in me richly in all wisdom, that I may teach and admonish others in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs-singing with grace in my heart to You, Father.

I pray that I would walk in holiness, sanctified completely by You-that my whole spirit, soul, and body would be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You, Father, that my faith grows exceedingly, and my love abounds towards others. I walk in godliness; and it profits me in all things, having promise in this life and in that which is to come. Thank You that You have given each member of the body a special function with which to serve and glorify You! Order my steps as I take my place in Your kingdom. Allow me to be an example in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity-I am a vessel of honor, set apart for your use in drawing all people to You. Lord, I pray that the communication of my faith might become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing that is in me by Christ Jesus. I will delight forever to do Your will. I love You, Father. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier Over Finances***

Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus, and I thank you for meeting all of my needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Thank You that because I love and serve You, You promise that I will spend my days in prosperity and my years in pleasure (Job 36:11). Because of my right standing with You through the blood of Jesus, I know that righteousness shall be repayed. A good person leaves an inheritance to his/her children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Proverbs 13:21-22). Your word says that surely with blessing you will bless us, and with multiplying you will multiply us. As I sow my tithes and offerings into the work of the ministry, You are rebuking the devourer on my behalf. I thank you that You are opening the windows of heaven and are pouring out a blessing on me. Lord, I honor you with my substance, the first-fruit of all my increase, and I thank You that You cause my barns to be filled with plenty (Proverbs 3:9-10). Because I put my trust in You, You make me prosperous (Proverbs 28:25).

I know that You have given me the power to make wealth so that I may be an active part in establishing Your covenant in the earth in these last days. Thank You, Father. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier of Sickness***

Father, in Jesus' name, I pray for healing in my body and my mind. According to Your Word, as I forget not Your law, as my heart keeps Your commandments; as I revere the Lord and depart from evil; it shall be health to my navel and marrow to my bones. Your Words are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh. I rejoice in You, Lord, knowing that a merry heart does good, like a medicine.

I thank You that Your Son, Jesus, paid the price for my infirmities so that I no longer have to live with them (1 Peter 2:24). I believe You sent Your Word to heal me and deliver me from my destructions (Psalm 107:20). Thank You, Lord. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier of Addictions***

Father, I pray for deliverance from addiction, in the name of Jesus. I thank You that I am no longer a slave to this bad habit. No one can serve two masters. Addiction, you are not the master any more. Jesus is my Lord and Master. I believe that with my heart and say it with my mouth -- He is Lord! I no longer need a fix from this habit, because Jesus fixed all of my needs according to God's riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).

According to Luke 10:19, I tread on serpents and scorpions-- they don't tread on me. Addiction, you are under my feet. Habit, you will never have authority over me, because authority has been given to me by Jesus Christ.

Father, I repent of this bad habit/addiction. I thank you that the blood of Jesus has not lost its power, and that it cleanses me now: spirit, soul and body. I tell my flesh to line-up with God's Word. I no longer conform to this world; but I continually renew my mind to the Word of God, which causes me to triumph. I cast down any thought of the addiction that comes to my mind, and I bring my thoughts into captivity and into obedience to Christ. That addiction that once lived in my flesh is dead, and now, it is Christ that lives in me.

***Breaking the Barrier Over Unsaved Loved Ones***

Father, I pray on behalf of (state person's name). According to Your Word, Jesus died once and for ALL. If Jesus died for all, then He died for (name of person).

I bind the mind-blinder, Satan, and command him to cease in his maneuvers against my friend/family member. I pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers across his/her path. I thank You, Lord, that You have given me the heathen for an inheritance. I speak by the spirit, directly into the valley of decision and command (person's name) to come forth into newness of life, in Jesus name. Amen.

***Breaking the Barrier of Strife in Your Home***

Thank You Father that my house is blessed with Your life and Your love. Your Word says, through wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established, by knowledge, all the chambers are filled with precious and pleasant riches. Wealth and riches shall be in my house, and our righteousness endures forever. Thank You that no evil shall befall us, nor shall any plague come near our dwelling. This house shall stand. Thank You that Your Word brings light to the circumstances I face each day. As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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