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and clearer with each step.

the Perfect Place for you

BY GLORIA COPELAND



Ken and I have been on this journey of faith now for more than 42 years. As I look back, I see how God has maneuvered us into different situations and different places. The longer we have walked with Him the easier it has become for Him to maneuver us, and the bigger the maneuvers have become.

Our journey—our life—has been a marvelous adventure as we have allowed the Lord to work the plan He has always had in His heart, and bring us to the perfect place He has prepared. We have learned to do what He tells us to do, and we get better at it every day. God is able to bless us because we are where we're supposed to be—doing what we're supposed to be doing.

We didn't get to His perfect place for us by our own human effort. We tried human effort for a long time and got nowhere. We got to our place by His Word. His loving correction has kept us moving forward in His plan. When we learned to view His Word as our guide, to constantly keep it in front of us and to obey it, we were able to stay on course.

Many of you probably got born again when someone presented the spiritual law: "God has a plan for your life." Well, that's true, He does have a plan—and being born again is the starting point. Once you get started, if you follow God's lead, you come to that perfect place in your life—the place of *shalom* with "nothing missing and nothing broken." And life becomes a great adventure!

The Light of Dawn

Look at Proverbs 4:18 in *The Amplified Bible* and you'll see what I mean: "The path of the [uncompromisingly] just and righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until [it reaches its full strength and glory in] the perfect day."

As we walk the path God has laid out for us day by day, our directions get brighter and clearer with each step. One right step leads to the next. As we continue to walk by faith, trusting God every step of the way, we reach the destiny He has for us. It could be a step of healing that leads to perfect health. It could be a step in our finances that leads to financial freedom. He may guide us to take a step in our marriage or family that brings us to the place described in Deuteronomy 11:21 as heaven on earth.

Our path gets brighter and brighter, and I find that as we walk with the Lord things just begin to *dawn* on us. And that's what we say: "It just *dawned* on me that something was the right step to take or the right thing to do."

I will never forget the day Ken and I were eating breakfast with our children at a Denny's in Texarkana. It just *dawned* on us, right there in that restaurant while we were eating bacon and eggs (we ate bacon back in those days), we had to go on television and we had to do it right then. The idea of television had been out there in the twilight of our thinking somewhere for a long time. We knew we would do it someday—we felt like God wanted us to do it, but we didn't know how. Television for us was definitely in the twilight, but at that moment it became clear as day—if we don't do this now, we'll be out of the will of God.

We didn't have the money, the staff or the expertise and equipment we would need. But, we were following after the Lord and it just *dawned* on us, "We can do this. We *must* do this."

It was impossible in the natural—but it was the plan of God. It was what He wanted for us, and He made the way for us to do it.

That's faith—believing God will enable you to do each task or assignment He puts before you. And He does!

When you can think back on the last impossible thing the Lord asked you to do—and the one before that and the one before that—you gain confidence in your walk of faith. You didn't know how you could do it and you saw God work it out. The longer you stay in His plan, the more experience you'll gain. It helps you realize that even though you don't know how it's going to get done, if the Lord tells you to



Salvation Prayer

If you do not know
Jesus
as your Savior & Lord,
simply pray the following
prayer in faith, and Jesus will
be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please contact us and let us know of your decision. We have a *free* Salvation Package we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus! Simply write and ask for offer #50801, check the circle on the response form in the center of this magazine or call 800-575-4455.

DON'T JUST BY GLORIA COPELAND openthe door— take it off the hinges

When people came to Jesus and asked, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:28-29).

All through the Old Testament, every mighty exploit that was done, every time the mercy of God flooded into a situation, every time a miracle was performed, someone had to have faith. Someone had to believe God enough to act on His Word and open the door.

ticket to heaven. Salvation denotes deliverance. From what? Oppression, poverty, sickness, danger, fear—anything from which you need to be delivered!

Salvation also means "soundness, protection, liberty, health and restoration." Glory to God!

That's what happened to me the day I was born again. I read that scripture in Matthew 6:26 that God cares for the birds of the air, and faith came into my heart. I didn't know anything about the new birth, yet when I spoke that faith out, I opened the door just a crack and God's mercy flooded my heart and changed it forever.

Psalms 68:19 says God daily loads us with benefits of salvation. When you wake up in the morning, you ought to start the day thanking God for the salvation that's going to happen to you today. You ought to start by opening the door of faith. And don't just open it a crack—take it off the hinges!

The same thing is true today. However wide you open that door of faith is how much of God's mercy and goodness will flow into your life. He'll fill up every inch you'll give Him.

Say, "Lord, here I am. Pour it on me!"

That's what Ken and I did. We didn't just ease into this. Once we heard it, we jumped into it with both feet. And we've never stopped! **VICTORY**

I'm telling you, He's ready. He is eagerly yearning to bless you. He is hovering over you in mercy. He has an ocean full of salvation benefits and He's longing to pour them out on you.

(This article was reprinted from the devotional book by Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, *Pursuit of His Presence*. To order a copy of this devotional, please log on to **kcm.org** or call 800-575-4455.)

When I say *salvation*, I'm not just talking about a

do it—it will get done, if you'll just obey Him and do it!

I love walking with the Lord. I love walking in peace and knowing the joy of doing His will. When I get up in the morning, I ask the Lord to direct me on His shining path that day.

Sometimes you may think you'll have to sacrifice something to do what He's asking you to do, but I guarantee you, it will never be a sacrifice. When you obey God, things get better and better, and brighter and brighter. The further you walk out His plan, the happier you will be and the more peace you will enjoy. You will wake up every day knowing you're right in the middle of God's goodness—the perfect place He has planned for you.

The Good Plan

Everything God does is good. His plan is *always* good. We must have confidence in His goodness.

Psalms 138:8 says, "The Lord will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love, O Lord, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me" (*New Living Translation*). The Lord made each one of us. He formed us in our mother's womb (Psalms 139:13), then He recreated us when we were born again by the incorruptible seed of His Word (2 Corinthians 5:17). I'm different than I was before I was born again. I'm different on the inside, and so are you. You may not be walking out that difference right now, but you *are* different.

When you begin to follow the Spirit of God, you can become the man or woman you'd like to be, because God will bring out the best in you. He'll put you in the place where you will ultimately be a blessing to His people, even while you yourself are being blessed.

You will hear from heaven and be able to do things you never dreamed you could do. You'll be happy and full of joy because you'll be doing what you were born again to do. You will sail through life and go through each day with the joy of the Lord as your strength.

God is constantly calling you to His plan. He will give you one opportunity after another to be born again—to place your faith in the Lord Jesus. But He won't make you do it. It is your choice. It's the first step.

Staying in Place

When we receive Jesus, God fills us with His Spirit—our Teacher and Counselor who is available to us morning, noon and night. The Holy Spirit keeps us on course, lovingly correcting us by the Word, letting us know when we have made a right choice or a wrong one. God has given us everything we need to keep our ear fine-tuned to His direction. And if we stray off the path, He has given us the gift of repentance to correct our course and lead us right back where He needs us to be.

The words of David in Psalms 139



ESTABLISH YOURSELF IN GOD'S SYSTEM

God's system—the kingdom of God—is the only system that includes complete soundness for every area of your life. It brings His presence into manifestation in your life in many ways, including divine health, prosperity, joy, peace and loving relationships, so you can experience days of heaven on earth.

But operating in God's system is

not automatic. You have to learn the principles of the kingdom and apply them. In Gloria Copeland's powerful series, *The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth*, you'll discover the principles that establish the kingdom of God in your life.

Order today—get out of the world's system and move over into God's system.

PROMISES

ON A PAGE

Julie Henrichson bolted up in bed,

her face dripping with sweat and her heart pounding a staccato rhythm in her chest. *Another nightmare*, she thought, remembering the way she'd screamed in the dream as she clawed to escape her car while a train bore down on her. Blinking against the darkness, she remembered that now she was a single mom living in a two-bedroom duplex on the edge of town. The train tracks were less than two blocks away.

Julie stilled, listening to see if her children, Maegann and Noah, were awake in the next room. There was only silence and the eerie shadows on the wall. Alone in the dark, she dared to acknowledge the emptiness and despair that had settled like a shroud inside of her. It wasn't that their life was bad. She and the kids were making a fresh start, and she was back in school—fulfilling a lifelong dream of getting a college education. The problem, she knew, was a spiritual one.

Kneeling at the couch with her mother, she'd accepted Jesus at the tender age of 4. She'd been raised in a godly home and church, had read the Bible and led others to Christ. Yet she had never experienced the abundant life she saw painted in the promises on the pages of the Bible. In the quiet, Julie asked herself the question that plagued her the most. The Bible said to seek first the kingdom of God and all the other things would be added to her. She was a Christian. So why did her life seem to be a series of subtractions instead of additions?

It wasn't like she hadn't searched for answers; she'd asked everyone she knew, but she found no answers.

Finally, disillusioned by unanswered questions and hurt by Christian friends, Julie had stopped going to church and started going to clubs where she met new people, laughed and danced the night away. The happiness never lasted, and she knew why. From the depth of her soul, Julie yearned for the Lord.

Disheartened and Discouraged

"I was depressed, discouraged and disillusioned,"

Julie explains. "Life as a single mother offered new challenges for me and big changes for the kids. Because I worked two jobs, my children spent more time with babysitters than with me. I needed to earn enough money so I could work one job and be home with them in the evening. That's why, in 2003, I moved from the small town of Fremont, Neb., to the 'big' city of Omaha, where I was closer to the classes I needed to take."

After moving to Omaha, Julie ended up without a job, but six weeks later she was hired by a car dealership where she worked while finishing college. In 2004, she earned an associate's degree. Later, she earned a bachelor's degree in marketing management and by the end of 2005 had landed a better job.

"Just when I thought things would finally get easier, they seemed to get harder as Maegann began to express her own disappointment and pain," Julie recalls.

Is this how a Christian should live her life? Julie wondered. *Knocked down by one blow after another?*

Something was wrong. Julie knew it as surely as she knew the sound of Maegann's voice. She knew it as surely as she knew Noah's wet kisses. Something was broken and she didn't know how to fix it.

What caused some people to live victorious lives while others seemed to flail about with unanswered prayers? Who could explain it to her? Where could she go to take a crash course in Life Lessons 101? How could she get her life to take a U-turn toward peace and prosperity?

Those questions became Julie's heart cry.

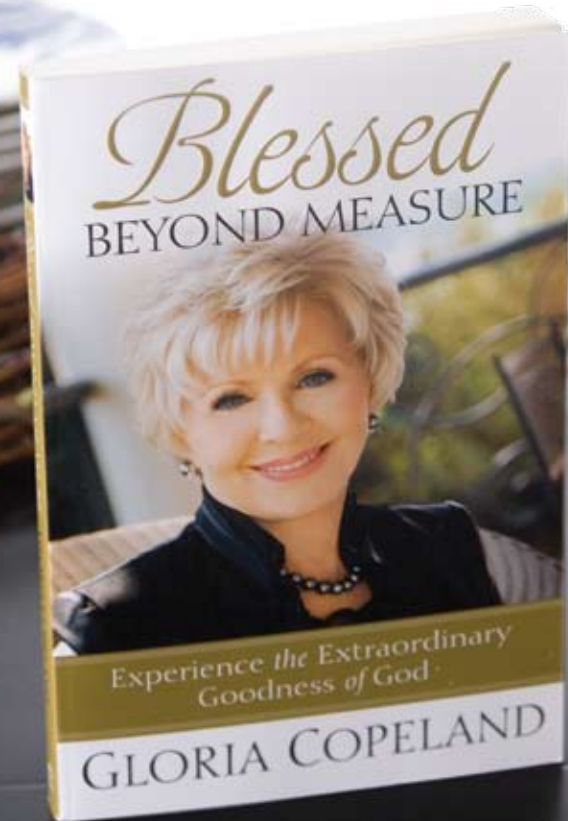
"Now, just like my parents and great-grandparents, I have a rich spiritual heritage which I'm depositing into my children."

Julie Henrichson

Darkness Just Before Dawn

In early 2007, Julie lost her job at the recruiting agency where she recruited information technology people—the job she thought would be her financial answer. Prospects seemed slim as she mailed out résumés and applied to numerous companies online. No one beat down her door with offers and the silence of the telephone was deafening.

Wanting some distraction from her circling thoughts, she turned on the television early one morning and flipped through the channels. She paused as something in her heart stirred at the message she heard. Settling onto the sofa, Julie watched *Believer's Voice of Victory*. What she heard seemed to be a message of hope and an answer to prayer.



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Hope, she learned from the broadcast, involved raising your expectations. Life had hammered Julie's hope, and it had happened, in part, because she had no real revelation concerning the goodness of God. Had the hard slaps life had dealt her been God's way of teaching her a lesson, like some people believe? Watching the broadcast, Julie was surprised to learn how many ways the Bible confirmed the goodness of God. In addition to watching the broadcast each morning, Julie spent time reading and meditating on the promises in the Bible. There were so many of them—words on a page—that had never been fulfilled in her life.

It hadn't been God who'd caused her life to be so difficult; He'd promised to give her hope and a good future.

She had an enemy—an unseen foe whose sole purpose had been to wreak havoc on her life. That news wasn't devastating, rather it was comforting. Instead of being discouraged, Julie felt empowered. After all, the Bible said if God was with her, who could be against her?

Childlike Faith

"As time passed without a single job offer, the bills piled up and I was close to being evicted," Julie recalls. "Yet that time was crucial to me because I was finally getting the answers I had needed for so long. My life consisted of watching the broadcast every morning, spending time in the Word and taking care of my children. I learned my authority in Christ. I learned that healing and divine health were part of God's benefits, and that according to 3 John 2, God desires us to prosper even as our souls prosper. I still didn't have a paycheck, but my expectations rose each day as my soul prospered."

For Mother's Day, on the broadcast, Kenneth Copeland Ministries offered a devotional book to all mothers. "I ordered a copy and when it arrived I devoured the first 20 days of devotions in one sitting," Julie recalled. "I was so spiritually hungry I could hardly put it down. That's when faith began stirring in my heart to believe God for a good job. Some of my friends pressed me to take a job paying minimum wage, and while I'm not too proud to do that, it didn't make sense to take a job that wouldn't keep the wolves away from the door. Surely God could provide me with a job that would pay our bills and allow me to be with my kids evenings and weekends."

One day Julie was reading the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine when she read something that jet-propelled her faith. In the article, she read about when Kenneth and Gloria's children, Kellie and John,

"I know I would not be enjoying this peace and prosperity if God hadn't used KCM to teach me how to live by faith."

were little and wanted a boat. At the time, the Copelands didn't have money to spend on a boat. But instead of discouraging the kids, Kenneth encouraged them to pray and believe God for one by using their own faith. The children made a list of all the features they wanted on a boat. Then they prayed, asked God for it, and believed they received. Afterward, they placed the list on the refrigerator and every time they passed it they thanked God for their boat. It wasn't long before God answered their prayers with a double portion. Not one, but two boats were given to the family.

If two children could believe God for boats, surely Julie could trust Him for a good job, a car that didn't break down and everything else she and her children needed.

Having Done All—Stand

Julie prayed, believing she received what she'd asked for. In May 2007, she was called for a job interview. She arrived with a humble heart full of faith.

"We're going to hire you as a temporary employee," she was told. "In three months we'll hire you into a permanent position."

Julie accepted the temporary job. Three months later, she expected a raise and to be hired as a permanent employee. Neither happened, but Julie didn't allow the circumstances to shake her faith. Like Kellie and John had done years before, she stood in faith, and continued to thank God for her raise and the permanent job.

She stood, unwavering, for a full year.

"In September 2008, I was offered a permanent position," Julie remembers. "The new position came with a raise, but there was a condition: I would have to relocate to Kansas City. I knew some people would jump at the opportunity to have such a good job, so I accepted the position with a grateful heart."

"Maegann, Noah and I drove to Kansas City to look for a place to live. We walked into one place that had new paint, new carpet and new windows. Noah looked around and said, 'Mom, this is where we'll celebrate Christmas.' I knew at that moment God had led us home."

"Today I'm a senior administrative assistant who provides support for 140 people in sales and marketing. I love my job and the company. I enjoy our new home, new church, new car and new friends. And I know I would not be enjoying this peace and prosperity if God hadn't used KCM to teach me how to live by faith."

"For me, partnership with KCM has been like going back to college, only it's even better because I've learned how to live in victory. Now, just like my parents and great-grandparents, I have a rich spiritual heritage which I'm depositing into my children."

These days Julie Henrichson's nightmares have turned into sweet dreams. The promises of God are no longer just words on a page in the Bible to her. They are the supernatural seeds of God's goodness that have blossomed into reality before her very eyes. They are the source of the good future she once hoped for—the future she is living today. **VICTORY**



Julie with her children Noah (top) and Maegann.

Partnership
a family of rich spiritual heritage

Julie Henrichson had begun life as a daughter in a family with a rich spiritual heritage. God had given her dreams and goals so her own life would be one He would use to impart the good news of the gospel into other lives.

Though she got off track and spent several years wondering if she would ever get back into God's plan, one day Julie found her way back through the ministry of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. The Lord used the *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast, the *BVOV* magazine and various devotional materials to train her in what she calls the "Bible college" that changed her life.

Julie learned how to pray according to Scripture. She received faith to stand and see the promises of God's Word fulfilled in her work and her family's life. Most importantly, Julie and her own children regained the rich spiritual heritage God had planned for them all along!

Everything we do at Kenneth Copeland Ministries is to help our Partners receive all God has promised in His Word—to help you fulfill His dreams for your life! Please pray today, and let us know if God is leading you to become part of this family of rich spiritual heritage!

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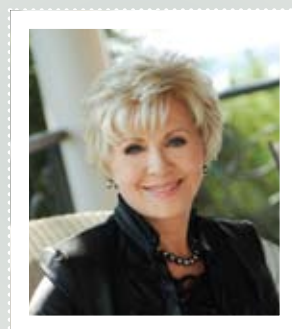
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theVoice of Obedience

God has always desired to elevate the Church to such a place that all the nations of the world would know that these are the people He has blessed. The only problem is that over the centuries God has had trouble finding an obedient people. This was the problem in the Garden of Eden, and again in the wilderness with the children of Israel. It is *still* His problem with the Church—finding faithful, obedient people, who will walk with Him. One thing stands between God and the fulfilling of His will—disobedience.



It is impossible to walk with God outside the realm of obedience. Amos 3:3 says, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” God is not going to change to agree with us. We must change to agree with Him. Obedience is of the utmost importance in the mind of God. When we make the decision to walk with God in the realm of obedience, we will witness His power unhindered in the earth. In the story of Noah, we see that one man saved the entire human race because he was obedient and walked with God. Because of the disobedience of mankind, God was ready to destroy man. “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a just man

and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:8-9).

The Father has always desired to have fellowship with His family. Since the very beginning, God has only wanted to communicate with man and give him love and guidance. The Word says, in the Garden, God walked with Adam in the cool of the day. Yet, until we become obedient to His will, we not only close the door to communion with God, but we shut it in the face of His blessings as well.

Obedience Opens the Door

For Abraham to receive God’s promised blessing,

he first had to be obedient. Genesis 17:1-2 says, “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect [or upright]. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.” God appeared to Abraham many times and gave him direction, but Abraham had to obey God’s will in order to have His power manifested. Genesis 26:5 tells us why. God said, “Because Abraham obeyed my voice.” Had Abraham not obeyed, God could not have performed His Word. Obedience has always been necessary for God to do His will in any man’s life.

All through the old covenant you will find that when Israel served God with their whole heart, He was wholly God to them. He performed signs, wonders and miracles, and put His angels before them in battle. When they honored Him through their obedience, He indeed became God to Israel. Obedience allowed God to manifest Himself as their source and Savior. Yet, when they failed to serve Him—He forsook them.

God can only go as far as we will go with Him. He will be God to us whenever we give Him that place. God said in Samuel, “Them that honour me I will honour.” God will honor us to the degree that we honor Him in our lives. God is unable to bless whatever area we withhold from Him.

God’s Treasure

Notice Exodus 19:5-6: “If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”

Peculiar treasure means “a treasure set apart for one’s own possession.”

God paves the streets of heaven with gold. The walls and the windows of His mansions are made with pearls and jewels. Here on earth, these materials are considered priceless gems, but these precious stones mean nothing to God. For His idea of treasure is simply a people who love Him and, above all else, obey Him—who will obey His voice and keep His covenant.

God Wants Us Free

Why did He want the children of Israel to keep His Word and obey His commands? God knew His Word was their only hope of being free from the world and the curse that was all around them.

He knew the children of Israel would turn their backs on Him and would not keep their souls diligently. The Father knew they would begin to serve other gods, ones who had no life, who could not hear and answer their prayers. In Deuteronomy 4:28 He said, “And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.” Yet, Almighty God was there, willing to be all things to them, willing to be their God, willing to take their side and defend them.

Although He knew they would serve other gods, the Almighty was merciful, and said, “If from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them” (Deuteronomy 4:29-31). God is a good God! He is so merciful. Even when they had been disobedient, if they repented and turned

God can only go as far as we will go with Him. He will be God to us whenever we give Him that place.

He yearns to be our God. He wants to set us high above all nations. He wants to make a difference between His children and the rest of the world—but the only way He can do that is through our obedience to His Word.



In 1994, Gloria Copeland was voted “Christian Woman of the Year,” an honor conferred on women whose example of faith and excellence “*exemplifies godly character and leadership.*”

Founded in 1983, the Christian Woman of the Year Association chooses one outstanding Christian woman annually through nominations and votes of evangelical women in leadership. Recipients of this award are outstanding achievers among their peers—women whose activities, attributes and accomplishments reflect a life of devotion to God, to the principles of His Word and to meeting the needs of people.

Gloria received the honor because her impact for the kingdom of God has been felt worldwide through her teaching at conventions and meetings, on television and radio, in books, and through audio and video materials.

In addition to a special award presentation conducted in the company of family, friends and the KCM staff in Fort Worth, Gloria was honored with a trophy, a certificate of recognition, and a beautiful photo album filled with congratulatory letters from family, friends, and church and world leaders. Among those congratulating her were President Bill Clinton and then Texas Governor George W. Bush.

But perhaps the most heart-warming tribute to Gloria’s life and ministry was found in a letter from her husband, Kenneth, who wrote in part:

“I have watched you go from a little, small seedling, reluctant to speak up, into a mighty giant oak among ministers of the gospel. You are unparalleled in strength, commitment, determination, faith and obedience to the heavenly vision. It has been a marvelous experience to watch and be part of this unfolding of God’s miracle power in the life of someone who has been and continues to be totally committed to His Word...I love you with all my heart.”

Gloria’s life exemplifies the victory she unwaveringly proclaims is available to all who will commit themselves to the Word.

Every heart that has ever been touched by the compassion of God flowing through Gloria’s life agrees that her greatest attribute is her living, tangible example of the love of God. As a result, to those of us at KCM and to our Partners and Friends, Gloria Copeland is Christian Woman of the Year—every year. VICTORY

toward Him with their whole heart, He would no longer forsake them.

God has waited and waited for a people who would be obedient to Him. He has dealt with people, pleading His case, endeavoring to get someone to believe His Word and to walk in it. Why? So He could bless them and pour out His love upon them.

Our Victory Is According to Our Obedience

“O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!” (Deuteronomy 5:29). Do you hear the yearning of God’s heart here? God desires us to do what He says because He wants it “to be well” with us. He yearns to be our God. He wants to set us high above all nations. He wants to make a difference between His children and the rest of the world—but the only way He can do that is through our obedience to His Word.

Jeremiah 7:23 says, “But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”

We stop the power of God from being ministered to us when we don’t obey His Spirit. Right now, in this dispensation, the Holy Spirit lives in us. He teaches us. He trains and counsels us. We must be sensitive to His teaching. To obey God’s command we first have to hear it.

What can God do for you if you won’t obey Him? If we don’t understand the ways of God we can be deaf to His calling, ignorant of His will and, eventually, callous to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says Moses knew the ways of God. The Father revealed Himself. He revealed His ways to Moses and His acts to the children of Israel. If Moses had not known God’s ways, the children of Israel would never have seen His acts.

If we, today, will turn toward Him with our whole hearts and seek His face and obey His voice, even though we may have been disobedient in the past, we will find Him ready to get involved. We will begin to experience His delivering power the way we have desired. His mercy endures forever. It is *never* too late with God. VICTORY

Prayer *a valued tradition*

From the very beginnings of our nation, those in leadership have known the value of calling for national days of prayer, particularly in times of trouble. Today national prayer is vital to our country during this critical time.

This year the theme for the National Day of Prayer is “Prayer...America’s Hope,” and is based on Psalm 33:22 which declares: “May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you” (*New International Version*).

I encourage you to join me and millions of prayer warriors all across this country on Thursday, May 7, 2009, and participate in this valued tradition—to pray for our nation and leaders as never before. Don’t take this opportunity lightly. It is a privilege to have the freedom to pray without fear of persecution, and it is also our responsibility as Americans and as Christians.

And as former President George W. Bush reminded us in his 2008 National Day of Prayer Proclamation, prayer has always been a guiding force for our nation’s leaders:

From our Nation’s humble beginnings, prayer has guided our leaders and played a vital role in the life and history of the United States. Americans of many different faiths share the profound conviction that God listens to the voice of His children and pours His grace upon those who seek Him in prayer. By surrendering our lives to our loving Father, we learn to serve His eternal purposes, and we are strengthened, refreshed and ready for all that may come.

Historically, President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress in 1952 establishing an annual National Day of Prayer. Then in June 1988, President Reagan signed a bill enacting the permanent National Day of Prayer to be set as the first Thursday of May. Each year the president signs a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on that day.

The NDP Task Force reported that in 2002, millions of Americans participated in more than 30,000 National Day of Prayer observances. The theme was “America United Under God.” That sentiment has echoed continually throughout the years, particularly in President Ronald Reagan’s 1982 National Day of Prayer Proclamation:

Prayer has sustained our people in crisis, strengthened us in times of challenge, and guided us through

our daily lives since the first settlers came to this continent. Our forbearers came not for gold, but...in search of God and the freedom to worship in their own way... Today, prayer is still a powerful force in America, and our faith in God is a mighty source of strength. Our Pledge of Allegiance states that we are ‘one nation under God,’ and our currency bears the motto, ‘In God We Trust...’ One of my favorite passages in the Bible is the promise God gives us in 2 Chronicles: ‘If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.’ That promise is the hope of America and of all our people.

America is a godly nation and established in righteousness. We are and always will be one nation under God. As we unite in prayer, things have to change.

I want you to notice something about the scripture President Reagan quoted in 2 Chronicles 7:14. God didn’t say it would take everyone in the nation to turn things around. He said, “*If MY people...*”

As believers, we have authority over the powers of Satan. Matthew 16:19 says, “I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” We have also been given “a name which is above every name,” and at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow (Philippians 2:9-10). In the Name of Jesus, we can take authority over the evil spirits that are trying to destroy this nation.

It’s time we begin to realize how important we are to national and world affairs. Since the day Jesus gave us the Great Commission, the life or death of the world has been in the hands of the Church. That has never changed. As we pray in unity, power and authority, we have the ability to change the face of America and the world! VICTORY

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“I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”

(Psalm 91:2)

Protection in the Midst of the Storm

I called KCM for prayer regarding the winds to calm and the blazing fire to be stopped, the protection of our homes—the one we live in and the one currently being built on our family property. The fires were raging and the wind was strong and furious, and our homes were directly in the fire's path.

A prayer partner agreed with me and my family for protection and God heard our prayers. Within 15 minutes of hanging up the phone the winds died down, which allowed the firefighters to begin gaining control of the parameters of the fire.

We are so thankful for KCM and the scriptures given for us to stand on. My kids were in awe and saw firsthand the power of prayer and compassion of our Lord. God is good!

Angela Zungri :: California

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Beyond What I Could Ask or Think

Things in my life have changed since I became a Partner with you. I have been a widow since 2002 and the Lord has been taking care of me. Before I moved in 2005 I was able to watch the *BVOV* broadcast, but after I moved that was no longer possible because I didn't have satellite.

Last spring I decided to have Internet in my home and ever since I have been able to watch your programs every day. The Lord put it on my heart to partner with you, but I was hesitant. Because I didn't know what the Word says about partnership, I didn't know what would be involved. I decided to try it for six months and see if it worked!

The England office sent me a package that included your CD and book about partnership. I started to pray for you every day and send in my offering every month. At the same time I received the *BVOV* magazine. I also ordered books, CDs and DVDs and watched the broadcast on the Internet. Your teachings have given me such insight and revelation knowledge that I never had before! I am increasing in every area. My life will never be the same.

P.S. :: France

Exponential Growth on Investment

When the Partners were asked to donate for the plane I was broke, but I *knew* I had to get in on it. So, I put \$1,000 on my charge card. Within the week I was cast in a film. About a week after that I was asked to audition for a dance scene in the film. I got the part and a contract for \$1800 per week (two weeks) for rehearsals and about \$2500 for the week of performance.

Since then I have been receiving residual checks every 13 weeks for having worked on that film and I've lost count how much, but it is over \$30,000! So I have to say that your plane was the best investment I've ever made.

Jo McLean :: Delaware

Journey of Faith

Thank you for years of dedication to your broadcast and monthly magazine. They have been such a source of strength, knowledge and inspiration to me.

Two years ago, after being diagnosed for the second time with breast cancer, I began to apply the faith principles of healing that were outlined in your healing pamphlet. Much agony and prayer went into my decision to finally reject conventional and alternative treatments. They weren't working! So I looked to the true source of *all* healing and claimed by faith my healing from the Lord. I remained faithful in reading and applying faith healing scriptures, especially Proverbs 4:22-23 and Mark 11:22-24. My last appointment with my oncologist was Sept. 25, 2008. Almost two years to the day I began my faith journey, my wound was declared healed. Praise God and thank you from the bottom of my heart. God is indeed true to His Word!

E.G. :: Canada



“Extra” Seed Produces Abundant Harvest

During the Great Lakes Believers' Convention I watched Jesse Duplantis online. God directed me to follow Jesse's instruction to sow a seed with “extra” written on the envelope. I took our last \$50, the amount God told me to sow. My husband and I prayed, along with Jesse, over our seed.

About a month later we received \$5,000, the amount needed to pay off the creditor and remove the garnishment from my payroll checks. The money came from three different places, including the credit company forgiving over \$200 to settle the account. Thank you, Jesse, Kenneth and Gloria. Praise You, Lord! The Lord is moving more and more in my life every day!

Darcy Hanson :: Soldiers Grove, Wis.

Jesus Is Our Provider

I called requesting prayer for financial needs, one of which was due the same day. After the prayer minister prayed, people started calling my husband requesting his business and monies owed to him began coming in! We even experienced extra time to pay our telephone and power bills that we didn't even ask for. Thank you for 24-hour prayer partners. I love this ministry so much!

T.M. :: Georgia

Depression Defeated

I called your ministry for prayer regarding depression. It's been an on-again, off-again issue throughout my life. It had gotten better since I was saved several years ago, but I found myself in that pit again, so I called for prayer.

God bless the woman who spoke to me and God bless your ministry because something broke in me that day. I am changed! Depression does not have its hold on me anymore and I'm moving on to all God has for me. Thank You, Jesus!

J.S. :: Canada

BVOV Broadcast Is a Blessing

Thank you for your program every day. It has changed my walk with the Lord.

As a single mum with three children, it guides me financially, spiritually and gives me strength. God's Word is as precious as air itself. The Lord's mercy every day gets me through each day. Praise God!

C.C. :: United Kingdom

Thank You

During my one-year remand I have joined Kenneth Copeland Ministries, and received the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine and a Bible. I develop my Christian life and faith through these materials.

I was facing a murder case, and at the same time I read the *BVOV* magazines and continued to build my faith through the encouraging words of Brother Copeland. Now I really thank God because my charges and sentence have been reduced. A big “thank you” to Kenneth Copeland Ministries for your prayers for me.

M.M. :: Solomon Islands

God Made the Impossible, Possible

Thanks be to our almighty God for you and the love you have for your Partners and Friends. Since I started receiving the *BVOV* magazine my marriage, which was dead, is alive and we are living happily.

I was having a foot-rot problem and the doctors said it couldn't be completely healed. Wearing shoes and socks was my problem in the winter; you can



imagine winter without wearing socks. Through the teachings and numerous testimonies from the

BVOV magazine, I can now wear socks for the whole day without much pain. God is giving me the comfort. Glory be to His Name.

E.L. :: Germany

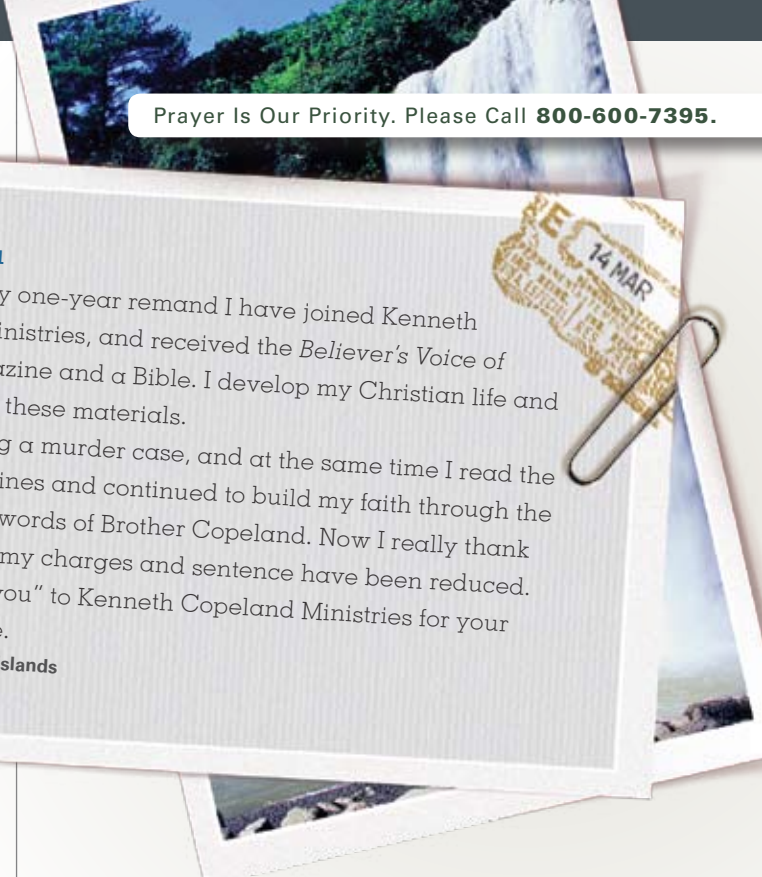
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Demonstrating the Love of God

I have been a member of Eagle Mountain International Church since 1994. I have been an e-member for the last six years. I want you to know how much being able to tune in and watch my church has helped sustain me in some pretty rough areas.

I am currently in Baghdad, Iraq, and have been here since October 2007. When I first arrived here it was pretty rough, but praise God it never came near my dwelling. Through the confession of Psalm 91 no harm has come near me. I have had the opportunity to give encouragement to many of the troops and pray over them before they go outside the wire. It has been a blessing to be a “mom” to many of the troops, encourage them and show them the love of God.

C.H. :: Iraq



BY JESSE
DUPLANTIS

GOD'S ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

God's plan for prosperity seems to be one of the most misunderstood and controversial subjects in the Body of Christ. But did you know that from the very beginning, God designed an economic stimulus plan to promote a stress-free and abundant lifestyle for His people to enjoy? So why are many of His people hurting financially, when the provision and the plan have already been set in place? >> It's because we are not all on the same page. In other words, we've got a lot of religious ideas, when we all ought to believe the same, preach the same and speak the same.

I used to think about that a lot. Then I heard Brother Kenneth Copeland say, "Religion comes from a genetically altered Bible." Man, my head went to clicking.

When people hear a genetically altered gospel, it's like eating margarine instead of butter, or drinking a sugar substitute instead of the real thing! They get so used to

it, that when they hear the truth, they reject it and say, "That's not right."

They've heard a watered-down, genetically altered gospel so long they don't know the truth when they hear it. They've tasted the substitute so long they reject the real deal while their veins are clogging up with plastic. They're not receiving the nutrition they need, and the substitute is killing them!

When healthy food is eaten, it will produce a healthy body. When the unaltered gospel is preached, it will produce healthy believing. It will work not some of the time, but all the time. It won't work for just a few; it'll work throughout the Body of Christ. This genetically altered gospel is the biggest problem in the Church world today, and it's holding a large part of the Body back from receiving THE BLESSING of living in God's economic stimulus plan.

SOWING AND REAPING

God's plan for blessing His people is a simple plan that has been genetically altered by religion. Second Corinthians 9:6 says, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Notice there is no mention of faith, or having to believe for the kind of harvest that will be produced. This verse is talking about an action that causes a reaction. It simply has to do with *sowing* and *reaping*.

Sometimes we think of sparingly as a small portion. But the greatest offering ever given into Jesus' ministry was the widow's mite. That was a bountiful offering in God's eyes, yet monetarily it was the smallest. Why was that true? Because she gave from her heart into His kingdom. She wanted to "touch" Him with her giving. And since her gift is still being talked about 2,000 years later, we know it did. That woman reaped bountifully, because she gave her *all*.

Verse 7 goes on to tell us, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." See that? Every man must purpose in his heart what he will give. You don't give to a need or of necessity; you give to accomplish a purpose. The purpose meets the need.

A person of purpose is a person of foundation. A person of purpose becomes a person of prayer. A person of prayer becomes spiritually perceptive. Purpose, prayer and perception produce great power—and power accomplishes the purpose! It all works together.

Now the next verse of that passage says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

THE BLESSING PRODUCES THINGS

Don't ever get upset because people have *things*. Hebrews 11:1 tells us: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

What are you going to do when you get to heaven? What are you going to do about those gold streets and the mansions? It's amazing how people freak out over "things." Don't you know Jesus was not poor? We know that from what took place after the Crucifixion. The Bible says the soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes. You do not gamble for rags! You gamble for good stuff! You gamble for *things* of value. Can you see how the subject of wealth has been genetically altered?

Second Corinthians 9:9-11 says, "(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness...."

Jesus thinks of giving as a ministry. "He that ministereth seed...." To man, it's taking up an offering. To Jesus, it's a ministry. The truth has been genetically altered. Jesus doesn't just give, He ministers seed to you. And it produces a heavenly harvest.

BEFORE THE FALL

In Genesis 1:1 we read, "In the beginning God created...." From Genesis 1 verses 1 through 25, God was creating *stuff*. He had prepared a paradise for man to enjoy. There was plenty of



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food, and gold on top of the ground. He created all this stuff, and had no one to enjoy it or spend it.

God said let us make man in our image, and after our likeness. Then He said, I am going to give him dominion over all the works of My hands.

I asked God, “Why did You create man?” God said, *I wanted a future.*

“A future?”

Yes. Your security and future are in your seed.

“You didn’t have a future?”

I had angels but no sons. I had servants but no family.

Mankind is the only species of life that can sit down in the presence of God. We’re family. Angels have to stand at attention, but man is made to sit together in heavenly places with God.

So God created Adam and Eve, and put them in this wonderful garden to enjoy life and everything He had prepared for them. He furnished the garden with everything they would ever want or need. And He put them there to “spend.”

It’s like when a baby is coming into this world. Before that baby ever gets here, you prepare a nursery and equip it with all the things the baby needs—clothes, diapers, toys, squeaky things, soft things, bears, powder.

What do you expect that baby to do for it? Nothing!

What were Adam and Eve supposed to do for the stuff in the garden?

Were they to work for it? No. Genesis 2:15 says, “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Their job was to simply dress and keep the garden. God said, “Be fruitful (always producing), and multiply (always increasing).” Then He says, “Subdue (always in control of your environment)” (Genesis 1:28.) Why did God tell them to subdue? He knew the serpent was coming! He was saying, “Subdue him! Put him under your feet!” In other words, “Control your environment!” When your environment starts to control you, you’re walking out of THE BLESSING.

THE BLESSING is living for a giving. It was the economic stimulus package before the Fall. Working by the sweat of your brow is under the curse. Does that mean you’re not to work a job? No, of course not. It means you’re supposed to “work your money.” The world’s way is to toil; God’s plan is to “take care of.”

The CEOs of major corporations are working their money. They have a phone in each hand and a Bluetooth in their ear. And it’s happening, *Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!* They’re keeping and dressing their gardens. Money is moving all over the place, and their money is working for them.

When you’re working for a living, you’re beating your brains out trying to make ends meet. But no matter what you do, it doesn’t work, because you’re working under the curse. And when you’re under the curse, you’re always needing help, always needing a miracle.

Too many Christians are waiting for a miracle! If you need a miracle, that means you’re in trouble. “Oh, Jesus, if You don’t do something, we’re going under. We’ll lose our house, the car.... Help, Jesus, I need a miracle!”


God did not give Adam a miracle; He gave him a *blessing*. When you’re living in THE BLESSING, provision is at your disposal all the time. Now I believe in miracles, but I would prefer to walk in the blessings of health and prosperity all the time.

The answer to a continuous flow of prosperity is through the law of sowing and reaping. Sow bountifully, reap bountifully. When you need money, look for something to sow, rather than something to sell. When you sell something, that’s all you get. But when you *sow* something, you reap a thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold return. There’s nothing wrong with selling things. Just know when to sell and when to sow!

Like the CEO, you’re going to have to work your money. There are some things you’re going to have to do to keep this a constant in your life. You’re going to have to talk to yourself. Look in the mirror and rehearse what you believe and what you’re going to say when the devil shows up talking flesh! Like a lawyer, you need to prepare your case ahead of time. Satan is coming to steal from you by genetically altering the Word to move you off your purpose! And if you’re not prepared, you’ll believe the lie.

I don’t care how high gasoline gets. I’m not affected by the economy. Why? Because the gospel I preach, teach and feed on has not been genetically altered. We’re keeping our garden, and we’re people of *purpose, prayer, perception* and *power*. We’re fruitful, multiplying and subduing...and we’re receiving all the benefits of God’s economic stimulus plan. And the good news is, His plan will work not some of the time, but all the time; and it will work for everyone who will *work the plan. VICTORY*







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BY KENNETH COPELAND

Ask for Wisdom!

Q: Ever since I learned what God's Word says about prosperity I've been faithful to tithe, give offerings and believe for prosperity. I've been greatly blessed, but in recent months my business has been hit by one financial crisis after another. I've prayed and confessed the prosperity promises over and over but we're still in trouble. I don't know what else to do!



A: Ask for wisdom. As Proverbs 4:7 says, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom...."

I know that sounds simple, but when crises come, it's surprising how many believers forget to do it. Most of the time they get excited and go off in every direction. We need to learn to slow down in situations like that, to start praising God and say: "Lord, I want to praise You and thank You for the covenant of peace. I refuse to let the devil take that peace from me. Lord, I know Your Word says You are with me in trouble and You deliver me. So I'm asking You now for Your wisdom in this matter. Please reveal to me how to pray and skillfully use my faith."

Regardless of how confusing your problem may seem, you can pray that prayer in confidence knowing God will answer because James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

I remember one time when the Lord demonstrated that in my life. Gloria and I were facing a very serious situation. We didn't have the slightest idea what had caused it. To be honest, at first I simply reacted. I started saying every scripture and praying every way I could think. But God interrupted me and said, *Kenneth, it's good to confess scriptures. It's good to pray. But the principal thing you need is wisdom. So just settle your heart down knowing that everything will be all right. You don't have to get all disturbed. Pray in the Holy Ghost so you can pray the perfect will of God. Then listen for My direction.*

So that's what I did. Several days went by and I just went about my business, trusting God to reveal His wisdom to me. Then, one morning I woke up knowing exactly what we were facing and exactly how to answer with the Word. I knew what to do and what to pray. As a result, Gloria and I walked out of that situation together in victory.

Wisdom is the most valuable thing you can ever

receive from God. It's far more valuable than money. You could be in such deep financial trouble that the bankers would say it's impossible for you to get out. But if you'll let it, that very dilemma will make you wealthy. If you'll take the time to pray the situation through and receive God's wisdom about it, you'll learn not only how to come through that trouble, but also how to keep from getting into it again (1 Corinthians 1:30).

What's more, God will show you how to turn the tables on the devil, take the situation he devised for your destruction, and turn it into a tool of blessing—not just in your life, but in others' lives as well.

One of my favorite examples of that kind of turnaround came for a church I know. Someone broke into their building and stole their sound system. Instead of moaning and crying about it, that congregation used wisdom. They got together and started praising God. Then they skillfully used the word of righteousness and commanded Satan to bring their stuff back in the Name of Jesus.

As it turned out, the man who stole the equipment was already in jail for another crime. The police didn't even know he had stolen the church's stuff. But he started hollering from his jail cell, begging someone to go to his house, get the church equipment he'd stolen and return it.

As a result, the police called the pastor of the church, who went down to the jail, shared the gospel with that young man and got him born again! Now *that* is turning the tables on the devil!

You can do the same thing. Just ask God for wisdom. Then listen and obey. After all is said and done, you'll not only come out in victory—the devil will be sorry he ever messed with you! **VICTORY**

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Nancy and Sarah Lincoln

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

The mothers of some of our greatest presidents passed on to them a heritage of faith that influenced their destiny and the nation's. Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy, and his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, both encouraged him to read the Bible

and learn all he could. His mother once said, "I would rather my son would be able to read the Bible than to own a farm, if he cannot have but one."

Although Lincoln professed Christ relatively late in life, he did indeed read the Bible a great deal and often used it as the foundation of his speeches. He once called it "the best gift God has given to man."

Lincoln always turned to his faith during the most difficult times of his life. After seeking the Lord concerning the North's lack of success during the Civil War, the revelation he received caused him to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves in all territories still at war with the Union. He also called for national repentance, fasting and prayer. This president had a monumental impact on our country, but he once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Harriet Beecher Stowe

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

From America's early days, women like Harriet Beecher Stowe had a hand in shaping what it would become. Born into a prominent Christian family, her father was a well-known minister who was involved in the antislavery movement. Her mother, Roxana Foote Beecher, prayed that the Lord would "put the call of service" in the hearts of her children, and that prayer was answered.

After she married, Harriet lived near a slaveholding community and had contact with fugitive slaves. She learned the truth about their appalling existence and was inspired by the Lord to write a story about the evils of slavery. It was first published as a serial and later as the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Selling 300,000 copies the first year, it had a profound impact on public sentiment.

Although criticized for its stereotyped characters, which would be unacceptable by today's standards, her book is credited with being instrumental in starting the Civil War and helping end slavery. When she met Abraham Lincoln, he was said to have greeted her as "the little woman who made the book that made this great war."

Robert A. Corrigan, in his introduction to a modern version of the book, said, "What makes *Uncle Tom's Cabin* decidedly different from much of the other important American fiction...is that goodness here is defined so absolutely in Christian terms."

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.... Her children arise up, and call her blessed...." (Proverbs 31:10, 28)

Susan B. Anthony

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34).

When women were viewed as second-class citizens, crusaders like Susan B. Anthony determined to change the world in which they lived. Although it is not widely known, Susan's Christian upbringing was at the heart of her mission to champion the cause of women's rights. Growing up she was taught and thoroughly believed that God is no respecter of persons and that He created all people equal, with no distinction between male, female or race.

However, Susan soon discovered the world didn't share that view when she encountered the prejudice against women who existed at the time. It became apparent to her that if conditions were to improve for women, they needed the right to vote, and she took her place as a leader in the women's suffrage movement. She was a world changer.

Mother James

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

Christian women have made a difference throughout the years and continue to do so. You may have heard Kenneth talk about Mother James. Her real name was Lillie Anna James. She lived in Florida and started a private school in her back yard in the early 1900s to give black children a better education than what was offered in the segregated Pensacola schools of that day. In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, she also taught them such things as manners, patriotism, religion, literature and physical education, plus the importance of determination and hard work.

Mother James taught them about Jesus and who they were in Christ. And she made certain they learned her 11th commandment—"Thou shalt not quit!"

Out of her school came lawyers, doctors, teachers and her grandson, Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., who became the first black four-star general. After he received his fourth star, and another graduate of her school was receiving his third star, he reportedly said to Chappie, "You know who we owe these stars to, don't you? We owe them to Jesus and Mama James. If it hadn't been for her, there's no telling where we would be."

Our Heritage of Faith

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

My salute to women of faith would not be complete without talking about Kenneth's mother, Vinita Copeland, and my own mother, Mary Neece, who walked in love before me. Through them a heritage of faith and love has been passed down to our family.

In Ken's family, his great-grandmother was the first one to be saved, and most, perhaps all, of her family got saved through her prayers.

Despite being raised in church, and even though he knew there was a call on his life, Ken ran from God for years. But he really didn't have a chance because he had a praying mother. She spent years praying for him day and night, and she even enlisted prayer groups all across the country in her cause.

I am sure many ministers of the gospel, as well as others who have had a great impact on the world, have had a similar beginning. Mothers and grandmothers who know God and give much of their time and energy praying for their children and grandchildren are often the ones who are really behind their success.

My walk with God began when I read what Ken's mother wrote in the front of a Bible she gave him: "Ken, precious, seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you. Matthew 6:33." The revelation of that truth caused me to give my life to God, and Ken soon had his own life-changing encounter with God.

After we answered God's call to the ministry, the Lord spoke to Ken and said, *If I have to get you up every morning and put you to bed every night, you are not going to fail.* When Ken asked Him why, He said, *Because I have your mama in My face.* Vinita Copeland is still praying for her son!

My own mother was saved in a brush-arbor meeting when she was 12 years old. Although she attended church after that, she didn't really know a lot about God for a number of years. But as I was growing up and throughout her life, she has always been a good influence, and has walked in love before me. And when it came time for me to begin to minister the Word, I could not have done it without her help. She has poured herself into serving us for many years—working in the office, caring for the children when we were out ministering, and doing whatever she could to minister to her family.

My mother's life is a wonderful example of a mother's heart and ministry in manifestation. And I can say along with many others, I don't know where we would be without women of faith and godly mothers. They are—the real world changers! **VICTORY**



the EDEN system



People everywhere are talking about change. The cry for change flooded campaign politics and media in the United States last year, and today reaches worldwide, fueled by confusion and instability on every front—financial, political, social and every other way. ✂ New faces and massive bailouts will not provide answers to patch up and prop up systems of doing things without God. Only God has provided the firm footing and lasting security of a system not funded by lack, debt, bondage and control through fear—a system that draws directly from heaven’s unlimited provision and God’s unconditional love...the Eden system.

Change is coming. It has to. For one thing, the world’s way of doing things can continue only so long before it buckles under its own weight of doing without God. And for another, God is filling the earth with His glory through a body of believers who have learned how to walk in the fullness of His love. He is committed to releasing heaven’s abundance of healing, finances, restored relationships and realized dreams in the midst of the mess man has created.

What we are seeing today, just as in Noah’s day, is the reminder that nothing happens without a seed having been planted. Every seed carries its own judgment—its own harvest of the fruit it was destined to produce. In Noah’s day that judgment, or harvest, came when the fruit of the seeds of unrighteousness fully matured, and the earth could not physically bear it any longer.

In our generation we’ve seen manifestations of the same thing happen in financial downturns, regional weather disruptions and political upheavals worldwide. Every system of man not built on God’s love and dream for him is built on a foundation of sand and cannot stand. It is a house built in vain.

It’s harvest time. Harvest (judgment) is coming on both the seeds of righteousness and unrighteousness.

And for those of us who will join forces with Him, we haven’t seen anything yet. God has not spent the past century leaving His people unprepared for this day. No, He has been preparing the Body of Christ to purge fear from their lives by obeying His command to walk in love, and has begun focusing His people on learning how to carry out the Eden command to be a worldwide blessing.

The fullness of THE BLESSING is manifesting

for those who refuse to let go of God’s dream for them and choose to focus on the purpose and blessing Jesus came to restore.

God’s Dream for Man Has Not Changed

You see, in the middle of changes which have already occurred, and those yet to come in our generation, one thing will never change: God is the same yesterday, today and forever. And according to Isaiah 51:2-3, His dream for man has never changed. He has a way for us to get through the mess we have created: “Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.”

God’s dream for man is just as true today as it was when the prophet first delivered those words. I don’t care who we are, where we’ve come from or what we’ve done, the only reason it has not turned out as God desires is not because of Him, but because of our disobedience and the choosing of our own way.

Instead of giving up on fallen man, God gives us the way through what we’ve created. To paraphrase those same verses: “Forsake your way of thinking and follow after righteousness. Seek the Lord. Look to Abraham. I chose him. I blessed him. And I will

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make his desert—Abraham’s descendants and My people—like Eden.”

THE BLESSING of Abraham is the Eden Blessing. It is the Eden promise and assignment (Genesis 1:28).

It is the Eden way—the Eden system of bringing the Garden to the whole earth: “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 *saieth* shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he *saieth*. Therefore I *say* unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:23-24).

That is the Eden system—God’s way for His people to bless the whole earth by unleashing the provision of heaven. God’s promise to make our deserts and waste places like Eden belongs to every born-again man and woman who will take it by faith.

Our task is not to get back to Eden, but to get the Eden Blessing back in us—to develop and expand it throughout the whole earth.

Babylon’s System Has Failed

For too long people, including Christians, have assumed that the world’s system—a system that was born out of man’s attempt to do things without God—is the only one we have to work with. Look at Genesis 11:1-4:

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Do you see what these people did? The Bible says they were all of one language, and *said*, “Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name.” At that time man, even fallen man, only knew one system: Imagine it, believe it, speak it, have it.

They were using the Eden system for something other than the Eden assignment. And it was working. God said so in verse 6 of that chapter: “Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”



The Babylonian system...is simply man attempting to meet his own needs—spirit, soul, body and financially—without God.

Notice that despite what was happening, God never reversed His commitment to man or changed His way for man to bless the earth with heaven’s resources. Instead, He spoke one word—babel or confusion—putting a cap on what they could imagine. He forever confounded the languages of men so they could no longer understand each other’s speech. He put a limit on the ability of fallen man—whose thoughts were already dominated by death, fear and sin—to think the same thing long enough to finish a task not anchored in His Word. Man could no longer control his imagination without the power of God.

This kind of confusion in man’s ability to understand each other is not altogether unfamiliar. Have you noticed how you can say something, and five different listeners who speak your language will get five slightly different pictures, or understandings, of what you are saying? God scrambled their imaginations and from that came other languages.

Out of that confusion has come the Babylonian system—the world’s way of doing things. If we look deeper into the story of the tower of Babel and the history of Noah’s three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, after the Flood, we will see its influence on mankind today.

Two Systems Instead of One

In Genesis 9:1, the Bible says: “And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”

That is the same thing God said to Adam and his wife in Genesis 1. God could have said something else to Noah and his sons. But the most important thing to God is THE BLESSING. Not *a* blessing—THE BLESSING.

If you’ll study the Scriptures, you’ll see that Ham and Japheth did not stay with THE BLESSING. In fact, it was their descendants who tried to build the tower. In Genesis 10:9-10 we are told Ham’s grandson Nimrod built a mighty kingdom in the land of Shinar, where the tower was being built: “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel....”

But Noah’s eldest son, Shem, stayed with the blessing. He lived 502 years after the Flood and

became patriarch of Israel and founder of Salem (which later became Jerusalem). According to Jewish history, Melchizedek, the high priest of God who spoke God’s promise over Abraham, was Shem. Melchizedek was king of Salem and high priest—speaker for the Most High God before his generations. So it was Shem, the son of Noah whom God had blessed, who came to Abraham with the elements of covenant and blessed him, saying: “Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand” (Genesis 14:19-20).

Shem was not declaring God possessor of heaven and earth, but Abraham. The descendants of Ham and Japheth (the gentiles) were spreading confusion worldwide and their life system was not based on a covenant with God. But by the elements of covenant—the bread and the wine—Shem anchored Abraham’s soul to the reality of the Eden Blessing in a way Abraham could never forget: “Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness” (Romans 4:3).

And because he received by faith, he opened the door for God’s dream to be restored not just to the descendants of Shem, but to the gentiles—the descendants of Ham and Japheth. That’s you and me, who through faith in Jesus would become the seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise.

Look at how this Blessing is passed down through Jesus to you and me through faith: “For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all” (Romans 4:13, 16).

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:28-29).

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Free Those Trapped in the Babylonian System

The Babylonian system came into being through Ham and Japheth. It is simply man attempting to meet his own needs—spirit, soul, body and financially—without God. It offers a spiritual, yet godless, way to meet man’s spiritual needs: It’s called religion, and it doesn’t work. It has its own healing system, its own financial system, its own educational system, but none of them work. Out of that system comes racism, crying and death. All the sorrow of the curse on this planet is under that system, and it’s still functioning today.

What we’ve been seeing in the recent financial and political turmoil, with people running in every direction and trying to figure out what’s happening, is nothing more than the failure of the Babylonian system. It doesn’t work unless you keep propping it up. But eventually it will come crashing down because it is a system built on sand instead of the Solid Rock.

Rebuilding it on sand (or worse) results in the same outcome. Every so often it collapses. We watched a whole piece of the financial part of it come tumbling down on a grand scale beginning last year. And this is not true only for the financial system. It’s true emotionally. It’s true mentally. It’s true socially. It’s true in marriages.

The problem with many Christians is that they believe the world system is the only one they have to work with. But there is another way—it’s called the Eden system.

As believers, we don’t have any business being trapped in that Babylonian system—a system which motivates and controls people by fear. We live under Eden’s system—a system that operates by faith, hope and love, not domination and control through fear. Eden’s system—spiritually, emotionally, socially and in every other way—is based on the promises and abundance of God’s covenant of love, protection and provision. It’s a system of giving, as God directs *and* supplies from heaven’s resources, not hoarding for fear of lack.

No believer should be living under the lie that we

cannot function without debt. That’s a lie from hell that we are to rebuke in the Name of Jesus!

Take Your Place as a Free Man

Right now, take your place as the free man or woman you have been made in Christ. Speak to the spirit of debt and declare, “I’m God’s property. You take your hands off me right now!”

Quit focusing on provision and start focusing on THE BLESSING assignment in your life. Study the faith of Abraham, who considered not his own body, now dead; neither the deadness of Sarah’s womb, but was thoroughly (completely) convinced that God was able to perform what He had promised. Therefore, he became heir of the world, not by works, but by faith.

Abraham believed what God said, and God counted it as righteousness. In other words, God treated him as if he had never sinned. And He will treat you the same way, if you believe Him and do what He says. He is in the business of forgiving and wiping out sin so that THE BLESSING can take over in your life.

Our part is to believe what God said, then act on it—so we can take our place in the promise and assignment that we, too, have been made heirs of the world.

That is the blessing Jesus was speaking over us as He ascended into heaven. He was blessing reborn man as a new generation in this earth—the generation of born-again believers, filled with His Spirit, who would walk this earth speaking the same thing. He blessed us with the Eden Blessing, saying, “Go ye into every nation everywhere, and in every way the world system has held them in bondage and fear, bring them the Eden Blessing.”

The Garden of Eden was never meant to be the highest expression of life in God—it was supposed to be just the starting point. “For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him” (Isaiah 64:4).

Imagine it, believe it, say it and receive it. Practice it and develop it until it comes out of your mouth





even before you can think it. You can turn every manifestation of the devil’s wasteland into Eden’s garden and release joy, gladness, thanksgiving and the joy of melody throughout this planet!

We don’t have to figure it out! We don’t have to work in confusion. We can go by faith.

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