



From the President's Desk -



WHO ARE WE REALLY?

Genesis 1:26 tell us that God created us to have dominion; also verse 28, we are to have dominion over every living thing that moves on the earth. **Genesis 2:7** *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* Factually a living human being, to whom God had given authority, over everything that, moves on the earth. Note before God breathed into man's nostrils, man was only man of dust, unable to function with any spiritual authority.

Genesis chapter six tells of the absolute corruption of God's creation, all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth, the earth itself was full of violence. Verse 5 *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually; and the Lord was sorry He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*

God would have at that time destroyed both man and beast and all that moved on the earth, but for Noah the only man that found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Literally the only man that knew how to operate with any spiritual confidence in man's God-given dominion. Just put yourself in Noah's position; for 120 years he with stood the ridicule of neighbours, as he got about God's will and purpose for his life, preparing the Ark that was to be salvation of eight humans and two of every living thing that moved on the face of the earth.

Genesis 12:1-3 *The Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* In spite of his short comings, he obeyed God and in **Genesis 17:1**. *When Abram was 99 years old God appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; **walk before Me and be blameless.** Verse 5* God changed his name to Abraham: *"For a father to many nations have I made you."* In **Isaiah 41:8** God referred to Abraham as His friend. **Galatians 3:6** *"Evan as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness."* This man understood that to be able to operate in the spiritual realm one has to be obedient to the voice of God.

What of the prophet Elijah the Tishbite and his side kick Elisha; these men knew their God and how to operate in dominion authority. Elijah makes his stand against King Ahab; the king who married Jezebel and set up altars and built temples for Baal and idol worship, provoking the God of Israel more than any king who had rained before him. Elijah's earnest prayers brought about a drought that lasted three and a half years, he prayed over a dead boy, and he was raised to life, he

demonstrated the power of God over 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, executing them after proving to the nation that the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel was the only true God. He struck the Jordan River with his mantle and the waters divided and he and Elisha crossed over dry shod. His ministry ended when he was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot; at that time Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's anointing enabling him to do great and mighty things, even overcoming Jezebel and her evil ways. All this is revealed in **1Kings 17 through to 2 Kings 13**, a great read.

I could write of Joseph, Moses, Joshua, King David and the list goes on throughout the Bible. All written for our reading and encouragement in things pertaining to our God-given power and authority, in and through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who fills us with the Holy Spirit and anoints us, transforming us from men of dust to men of the spirit of God, enabling us to do the good works we have been saved to do in this end time market place ministry.

In preparing this article I started to see my own shortcomings and the areas in which I fail God. Reading **James 5:13-18** the classic scripture on healing, I found that James left the excitement of divine healing in verse 15 and moved to the subject of personal faults in verse **16** *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* Well might we say, "what's wrong with the world today?" The answer might be here in this verse; we are not to be finding faults with others, but first get our own lives in order before God. When any man sins, scripture refers to him as a leper or unclean person. If we are unclean, then can we operate with God given dominion? **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Revival starts with us, the redeemed of the Lord, being in godly order and then we will be effective in changing the spiritual atmosphere of the world around us. John 14:12-18 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

The men of old might have done great and mighty deeds according to the scriptures, but gentlemen, it will appear that we are doing greater and mightier than they even thought possible, as God moves us into a new dimension of His mighty power. We might sing the song "these are the days of Elijah" but are they, or are they the days God is calling on us to do even greater than those heroes that went before us? Get ready to ride the wind of the Spirit, for our God is about to move and we must be ready to move with Him. Len.





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Protection Against the 'Sting'

'I fear...your...devotion to Christ will be corrupted.' 2 Corinthians 11:3 NLT

Have you heard of the velvet ant? It has a coat of tiny hairs that feel smooth and velvety. But it's all a disguise. It isn't an ant, but a wingless wasp with a nasty sting. After injecting its victims with venom, it lays eggs in their incapacitated bodies.

One of Paul's greatest concerns was that, after being saved by grace, the churches would go back to living under the Old Testament law. He constantly warned them about basing their salvation and their relationship with God on their own performance. 'I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed' (2 Corinthians 11:3-4 NLT).

Another Jesus! Another spirit! Another gospel! Again, Paul warns, 'Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Corinthians 11:14 NLT).

Yes, your work for God on earth determines your rewards in Heaven. But only by trusting in the finished work of Christ will you *get* to Heaven. No one in Heaven will say, 'Look what Jesus and I did!' Legalism will not only infect you; it will incapacitate you. Scottish minister Horatius Bonar wrote, 'Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die; another's life, another's death, I stake my whole eternity.' How do you protect yourself against 'the sting' of legalism? By depending on God's grace alone.



SOUND THE TRUMPET

Matthew 24: 31

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The trumpet sounds for the return of Jesus and in verse 30 it states that all the people of earth will weep as they see Jesus coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Many I guess will be weeping for joy as Jesus comes to take them home. Others will weep as they realise they have believed a lie that Jesus was not the Son of God. For others they were not expecting Jesus to arrive so soon and did not have enough oil in their lamps. In times gone by, the trumpet was a sound that got people's attention, to attack in warfare or retreat, one knew the sound.

Gods trumpet is never sounded for retreat and its sound to his faithful that he is calling them to a roll call as he comes again upon the earth. Gods trumpet sound cannot be duplicated by the enemy and its sound will make those who turned their back on God go weak at the knees.

As no one knows the day or the hour, we look forward to the sound which will penetrate every person's heart here on earth. Use your time wisely and ensure that others will hear the sound, and because of your determination in spreading the Gospel, they will not have to fear the sound of the trumpet..... Tony



Leadership Ronald Reagan

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.



I am The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So, when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

Where did it all go wrong? When I was growing up, we lived in a town of approximately 3,000 people. Our family were practicing Catholics and we received regular visits from our parish priest, those being cups of tea or a meal with the family. The priest knew everyone in the family to the extent he knew how were going in school and what our interests were. In short as they say, 'he had his finger on the pulse and knew the heartbeat of his flock'. Not only this priest but others that followed him. So, the church in effect was in the community with confessions on Saturday mornings and church on Sunday morning.

When I became a Christian in 1983 and went to the Presbyterian church as there was a young 'on fire' minister there and the Anglican vicar was a young man also 'on fire'. This town had about 1,500 people. Again these 2 men visited families and knew their flock, and they were across any matters affecting families and had great standing in the community.

What we are seeing now in some cases is that churches (worldwide) have become exceptionally large and there does not seem to be the level of interaction required to know and understand the heartbeat of the flock. Many people skite about the number of people coming to the church or, the size of the building. There are 5,000 + going to some churches and my question is – how can these people be ministered to? What used to happen is that the shepherd would visit his flock – ***John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*** Now it appears to be the other way round – people must go to the church. Does the pastor, vicar, minister etc. know all the people that are attending their church and what their spiritual needs are. If the churches do not have good systems and structures in place, people will fall through the cracks and can be exposed to the enemy. These people will also have needs other than spiritual that require support, with the need for Christian fellowship and people around them.

Another problem with churches that are reasonably large is that the pastor, vicar etc are expected to lead and do everything in the church and visitations to the flock may be extremely limited or, on demand. This scenario can bring a high burnout rate for the clergy. So, the church is ***in*** the community but maybe not ***of*** the community, when we look at the previous concept in which I grew up in. So how can Christians grow and become more effective? I think we need to return to what worked where the church was very much in and of the community. The need for House groups on a much larger scale where Christians can meet, bringing unsaved people along and share testimonies and pray for each other. This will grow the people in the group, as long as we are centered on Jesus and how we can help the rest of the community. If the flock is scattered where people are going to a large church, there is no shepherd to minister to these people and they could be at risk of losing their faith. If people are going to smaller churches and house groups, they can comfort each other, regroup, and strengthen the brethren.

The reason I am highlighting the above issue is I can see that the Church will be scattered, and Christians may lose their way. We need to take steps now for what will take place at some point so that the 'praying remnant', will survive to continue God's work until his return. What we need to be aware of is gradualism has been at work since Satan fell to earth. As FGBMFI men we must continue to share our testimonies in the expectation that lives will be saved in accordance with God's Word - ***My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.***" Tony



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By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.

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Promoting integrity and good character...

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Participating in God's good work...

Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.

Working together to build better cities & nations...

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Demos Shakarian, Founder



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International President Mario Garcia



John Szilard – Chapter President Blacktown, Sydney

When a new Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship chapter was set up locally, I joined it. Over the years I served on the Committee in various positions, presently as President. A few years later a muscle in Klara's thigh caused recurrent problems. We saw Christian doctor further away, who found her right leg shorter than the left by about a centimetre.

Klara was sitting on a chair with legs outstretched, the doctor holding her heels. He prayed, then, as he commanded in the name of Jesus this leg to grow to the same length as the other, it shot out instantly to the right length! Many years have passed since then and the pain never returned. Once Klara rapidly became weaker and weaker, tiring more and more quickly. We saw the same Christian doctor. He found a bad leak in the aortic valve, so much of the blood flowed back and the heart had to work a lot harder. E.C.G. confirmed the resulting enlargement of the left ventricle. When he told the diagnose, he added: "But don't worry, this illness is for the glory of God. First, we will document it by x-rays and ultrasonic examination, then we will pray for a new heart valve."

We went home and prayed, then made appointments for the specialist examinations. She began to improve straightaway and x-rays, ultrasonics and a new E.C.G. all showed her heart was healed. Klara needed an eye examination. The ophthalmologist prescribed new spectacles but said: "You may not notice it yet, but in the left eye there is an incipient cataract." I prayed regularly for healing. At the next eye test the optometrist prescribed new glasses but couldn't see any trace of the cataract! A friend in his seventies developed a rapidly progressing angina. A by-pass operation was considered, and a coronary catheter examination was performed. Unfortunately, the procedure loosened and dislodged plaques from the aorta, which caused a major embolism in one kidney and a number of smaller ones in the other. The first kidney died and the other lost performance gradually. Because of this the by-pass was impossible. The doctors didn't expect him to survive, and he was given the last rite.

When I saw him in hospital, after praying with him and Bible reading, I anointed him with oil and laid my hands on him. Jesus turned his spiritual and physical condition around and performed a wonderful healing: after a year or two his dead kidney came back to life and his kidney function reached almost 100%, and he felt his heart worked about 2.5 times better than at his low point and was still improving. Once I was found to have cancer in my kidney and the surgeon wanted to remove my kidney. I rejected his advice, trusting in the prayer of my friends and myself. As the lump did not disappear, I agreed to have just lump to be removed and the pathologist found that it not a malignant kind. I also experienced many other miracles of different kind. Some more and some less important objects disappeared. Some of them appeared in impossible places, others were never found. Other objects appeared out of thin air. When preparing to give my testimony, as I reviewed more than 80 years of my life, I began to count the incidents in which God's hand was clearly obvious, after about 150 still more and more came back to my mind and I lost count of them. The above are just some of the most significant ones. I experienced His caring hand also in countless minor things and the number of greater and minor incidents is, of course, still growing.

From my experience I concluded with absolute certainty that the Bible is true, if you do what it tells you, it works, God is real and loves you so much that His son Jesus died for you and rose from the dead. Jesus did not say, you will have a bed of roses, but He did promise never to leave you. He will be at your side to help you through any problems, difficulties you might have, as He helped me. When He puts you through difficulties, He always does it for a purpose, e.g., to test and strengthen your faith, to train you, to teach you something, to discipline you, etc., but all somehow for your benefit. Trust in Him, after all He loves you so much that He died to save you from Hell. I cannot think of anything more relevant to my daily life than knowing God and Jesus personally, and trying to follow Him. This gives me such a peace of mind and joy, that nothing and nobody else can give, nor take away. I am not an exception; you could see God's help also in countless other people's lives. You too can enjoy this loving, caring relationship with God, if you turn to Him sincerely. Concerning the proverbial "pie in the sky when you die", don't despise it or ridicule it. It means that sometime after the death of your body you will have to face the Last Judgement. Then all those who have not asked forgiveness in faith in Jesus before they died, will be condemned to punishment for their wrong doing, that will last for ever, but those who had turned to Him, will go into the Kingdom of God and live in wonderful happiness ever after. Life in this body is simply a time of preparation for eternity. Now you must draw your own conclusion. I recommend you to turn to Jesus, in simple words ask him to forgive your past ignorance and wrong-doing, and come into your heart.