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From the Bishop's Pen!

Continuing from May issue.... In Search of GOD's Glory:-

During the 400 silent years we hear nothing significant about the Ark. The box might have been there, but the Glory was gone. Then in 70AD the second temple was



destroyed and plundered and it was presumed that the Ark was lost during that time.

Whether destroyed in the fire or removed to a secret location by the priests - the Ark disappeared! And we heard nothing of it since. For many centuries people tried to find the Ark and some even reported findings with no actual proof. Some said the Ark is beneath the city of Jerusalem in one of the many chambers and passages... others said the Ark was moved to Ethiopia. But it seems that the Ark and the presence of God's Glory were lost forever! But in fact the people were looking in the wrong place and Jesus came to reveal the Ark of God's Glory to mankind.

The Glory of God was once again revealed to mankind in the life of Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by John 1:14;- *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* Hebrews 8:2 says; *"Jesus became the minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man"*. But the people did not recognize the Glory of God, although they often said; *What manner of man is this?* If the Jewish leaders knew that Jesus was the revelation of God's Glory they would never have crucified Him. 1 Corinthians 2:8; *"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."*

Hebrew 1:3 says that Jesus was the brightness of God's Glory. Again the Glory of the Lord came to dwell with mankind, but again the people did not reverence the presence of His Glory and didn't follow His teachings. But just as the Ark was a temporal arrangement, the embodiment of God as Messiah was a temporal situation for the purpose of our redemption at the cross. However God promised His people that He would dwell with them on a more permanent basis, for instance in Zechariah 2:10;- *"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD."*

Even Jesus said that He would never leave us nor forsake us, and then His crucifixion took place! But that was just the process needed to establish the permanent habitation of God with His people. The temporal presence of God in human flesh was to provide the eternal sacrifice for the remission of the sin for all people who accept Him as Lord and Saviour, in order to qualify them to receive the permanent habitation of the Glory of God.

Acts 15:16 said; *"After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up..."* This is a prophecy of the time of Messiah and the restoration of God's Glory in the lives of all people. The tabernacle of David was not a fixture like the temple ó it was a tent and movable. God decided to again bring His Glory into a movable tabernacle. But this time it would not be a tabernacle made by human hands, but a tabernacle made by God. Instead of placing His Glory in one locality, God decided to have tabernacles all over the world in order to reveal His Glory all over the world, by filling people who are living for Him, with His Spirit all over the world. With this God revealed a great mystery that He mentioned in Isaiah 43:7 where it says that God created us for His glory. We are carrying that Glory *"in jars of clay"*. We are the vessels which **"contain"** His glory as it is stated in 2 Corinthians 4:7; *"But we have this treasure (God's Glory or Spirit) in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."*

Merely accepting Jesus and even believing in His Name does not save you; it only empowers you to become a child of God. John 1:12; *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."* You still have to follow God's prescriptions and be born again of water and of Spirit according to John 3:3-5 in order to be saved. Born of water speaks about water baptism in Jesus Name according to Acts 2:38 and born of the Spirit speaks of being filled with God's Spirit. That is why Romans 8:9 says we can only belong to God if the Spirit of God dwells in us, and His Shekinah Glory inhabits the Tabernacle of our fleshly tents!! It is with this in mind that Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:16; *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"* Through the infilling of the Holy Spirit we become the vessels of God's glory! Every human being is a potential Tabernacle or vessel for God's Glory. But just as there was a condition in the Old Testament for God to inhabit the temple in 1 Kings 6:11-12; *"And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying; Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee...."* there still is a condition before God will indwell your fleshly Tabernacle with His Glory as stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:7; *"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."*

To be continuedí .

Birthdays:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY WEDS:

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- **A SHORT HISTORY OF MEDICINE:**

"Doctor, I have an ear ache."

2000 BC - "Here, eat this root."

1000 BC - "That root is heathen, say this prayer."

1850 AD - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."

1940 AD - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."

1985 AD - "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic."

2000 AD - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root!"



- A woman takes her 16-year-old daughter to the doctor. The doctor says, "Okay, Mrs. Jones, what's the problem?"
The mother says, "It's my daughter, Debbie. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight, and is sick most mornings."
The doctor gives Debbie a good examination, then turns to the mother and says,
"Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but your Debbie is pregnant - about 4 months, would be my guess."
The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you, Debbie?"
Debbie says, "No mother! I've never even kissed a man!"
The doctor walked over to the window and just stares out it. About five minutes pass and finally the mother says,
"Is there something wrong out there doctor?"
The doctor replies, "No, not really, it's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the east and three wise men came over the hill. I'm not going to miss it this time!"





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What we Believe:

We are Apostolic Pentecostals

- We are Charismatic and Passionate about Jesus Christ
- We believe in One God
- We believe baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ
- We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- We believe in living a Godly Life.