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One thing we need most in this season is grace to align with God. God is particular about us in this season. We are in a new day, with a new visitation of the Lord wherein He is revealing the Son and changing us. The revelation of the Father is meant to make us whole. This new day is the day of God and is a day in which Sons are begotten. Surely, a new day has dawned upon us. We should make efforts to pattern our conversation according to the level of revelation that we have received. There must be willingness on our parts to change in response to the words and instructions that we are receiving. It is important also that we develop a contrite heart towards the Lord and repent quickly whenever He shows us our errors.

God is painting before us a picture of what He wants us to look like. Our hearts must be desirous of meeting His expectation; this is the definition of service unto God. We must be zealous about doing the commands of the Lordly, because our becoming lies in our obedience. The knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the seas (**Habakkuk 2:14**). “*In the beginning God...*” (**Gen. 1:1**), this statement means that God is meant to be all in all; He is meant to be our conversation. The life that is in God is eternal life (**John 1:1-4**) and this life is a light. Man was meant to live by the illumination that emanates from the life of God. Illumination is for a worthy walk. Without the revelation of God, darkness will not be dispelled.

God is light, hence, He must be unveiled. Without the unveiling of light, darkness cannot be dislodged. The essence of the words we are receiving is to make us hate darkness. When light shines, darkness retreats.

The journey of the believer is progressive; from Christ to God. There is a light in Christ and when a believer has attained this light, he must not retreat, but should continue unto the greater light, which is God. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (**1 John 1:5**). He is the Almighty, Who never goes weary and Whose strength has no end (**Isaiah 40:28**). The reason the Lord brings these words to us is to take us where He is. We were not created in this present depleted state, the enemy did an adverse work through the spread of darkness across the world. The solution to darkness is the rising of the Lord upon us (**Isaiah 60:1**). Death increases as darkness increases. The civilization of today’s world makes it impossible for women

to enter the Kingdom of God. The principles and ideas of today's world have made room for several kinds of ailments to creep up on mankind. These ideas have made man believe a lie, which is a dark conversation. God created man after His own image and likeness so that he should have dominion. It takes image and likeness to have dominion. It is important that we maximize the light we have received for our conversation. When we do so, we will then break into greater light.

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven [is] my throne, and the earth [is] my footstool: where [is] the house that ye build unto me? and where [is] the place of my rest? For all those [things] hath mine hand made, and all those [things] have been, saith the LORD: but to this [man] will I look, [even] to [him that is] poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (Isaiah 66:1-2). He who is contrite in heart is one who acknowledges his sin when light shines on it and repents. Anyone who covers his sins will not prosper (**Proverbs 28:13**).

For one to inherit everlasting life when God is being revealed, he/she must draw agreement with the standards that are being revealed. Our hearts must desire to attain God's standards. The conversations of everlasting life come by instructions and commandments, which are opened to men to live by, by the revelation of God. Our conversation must change as light shines upon us. Without a change in conversation, there can be no receiving of the inheritance. Conversations hold the power of life and death; they can either make or mar a man. Hence, we must fear and ask the Lord for grace to give heed to the things that we are hearing.

We have entered another zone wherein everyone must be fearful. The visitations we are being granted are because we are in a new terrain. We have come to mount Zion through the teaching of Christ that we received and journeyed by (**Hebrews 12:22-23**). This is similar to the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness by commandment as expressed in the movement of the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire. Anyone who decides to stay back when the cloud lifts, does so to his/her own peril.

There is an innumerable company of angels upon Mount Zion. The reason why angels visit us is because we have journeyed to their midst. The church of the firstborn comprises saints who have journeyed to a particular estate in God. Their names are written in heaven because they have done certain conversations and have become heavenly beings. Another personality on Mount Zion, is God, the judge of all. He is so called here because He will be giving judgement in this realm.

We are in a fearful zone (**Hebrews 12:23**), and all our conversations are being monitored, especially our thoughts. Thoughts translate into actions; therefore, God stops us at the point where we stray in our thoughts so that they do not escalate into

actions. Some thoughts may have been permitted in previous realms, but they are no longer permitted in our midst.

Ungodly thoughts do not only include thoughts that relate to works of the flesh; they may even be legitimate and good thoughts, which fall below standard when undressed by the light of everlasting life. The light of everlasting life judges such thoughts and kills them. This is a zone wherein we will be required to count all things but dung (**Philippians 3:8**). Not to count something as dung according to instruction, leads to judgement.

Thoughts that are lower than the thoughts of everlasting life are thoughts that offend. We should desire to trap the thoughts of the realm of everlasting life. We have come to a ground where judgement is being dispensed and revealed. These are judgments we should live by. One thing that makes us draw back in obedience to the words that are coming to us is that we are not yet convinced of them. The words that are coming to us are everlasting thoughts that can raise a man out of the zone of darkness. Some sicknesses remain in the body because thoughts of death are entertained. The original plan of God is for us to live as He is revealed (**1 Peter 1:18**).

A woman who fails to agree with the decision of her husband is in rebellion and the Lord frowns at it. The proper submission that is required of a wife entails following her husband's direction with joy, even when it is contrary to her reasoning or what she wants. Focusing on God's plan as against her right, or the decision taken by her husband, would help a woman obey God's instruction to submit to her husband. God's purpose is paramount and we must take it as such. A woman's submission to her husband is an expression of the level of her submission to God.

The instruction of the Lord is that the wife submits to the husband in all things (**Ephesians 5:24**), including the petty things. A woman should adorn herself for her husband just like the Lamb's wife who adorned herself for her husband (**Revelation 21:2**). It is by patterning her life to suit her husband, that a woman is able to fulfil her purpose in his life. To insist on one's opinion as against the will of one's husband is idolatry.

God is raising a generation in a manner that is contrary to the kind of raising that the present dispensation is giving men. The new Jerusalem was seen coming down from God (**Revelation 21:2**). This takes place as they ascend the hill of Zion, by their conversation. We ought not to live for ourselves but for the Lord. A woman's obedience and submission to her husband helps her learn how to live for the Lord. The woman was created for the man (**1 Corinthians 11:9**). This is contrary to modern civilization, which teaches men to live for themselves.

Submission is not slavery. Our Lord Jesus was not a slave, yet He chose to live, die, ascend to heaven, for us in subjection to God. This is a high spiritual conversation.

There can be no resurrection without death. The death we are being called to die, is a death to a life which is a lie. The Church must be bold to declare the standard of God, else darkness will continue to reign.

The devil has cast a lot of darkness over the Western world. Anyone who would survive there needs to have deep roots in life else, such would inherit death. The ground we are treading is a dangerous one. To fall off is to fall into the lake of fire. Hence, we must be fearful and take caution. Anyone who refuses the teaching of the everlasting gospel is a candidate for lake.

A woman who chooses to live for her husband is not less of a woman, rather make a woman less than who God has made her to be; rather, it makes her aligned under God. No woman who is unable to submit to her husband, will be qualified to sit on the throne. An unbelieving husband is not won over to light by the preaching of his wife but by her conversation coupled with fear (**1 Peter 3:1-2**). Conversations of life bear spirits within them. The ancient women were dressed with such conversations. Some cultures promote pride in women, which affects their submission to their husbands.

God's instruction to the man is to love his wife as his own body (**Ephesians 5:28-29**). A man must rise up to nourish and cherish his wife like the Lord does the Church. Husbands should take up the responsibility of grooming their wives. The words that are coming to us is salvation and resurrection packed for us (**Hebrews 2:1-2**). These words may not come with much force, and so the forces in our souls wrestle against them; but we must bring our souls under subjection to them through obedience.

The Lord instructs the woman to ensure she reveres her husband (**Ephesians 5:33**). Reverence for one's husband is a culture that is not known in today's world. This instruction is not an advice but a commandment. One of the reasons some women fail to submit to their husbands is because of pride, which may be based on the things that they contribute to the home.

A lot of instructions will come to us in the days ahead, which we must do, for no other reason but that God has said so. The devil comes with thoughts to lure us into disobeying God's instructions. It is a warfare of thoughts; God is bringing His thoughts to us, and we must learn to decipher thoughts, knowing which to take and which to shun.

The light of everlasting life which is now coming to us, is removing the light of death. Life or death is acquired through the kind of conversation a man lives (**Romans 8:1-2, 13**). The Spirit of Him who raised up Christ from the dead is made to dwell in us through our conversation (**Rom. 8:10-11**). Conversation after the light of the

everlasting life brings about the quickening of the soul and the body. The conversation of death is increasing upon the earth and is having an effect on the body of mankind. We see this expressed in sicknesses and diseases. Men have walked so much in death that their conversation has invited demons to the earth. There are so many insane men living now.

We must agree with the commandments that are coming to us, and align with them by doing them.

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There is a measurement of fear for each level we attain in our journey to God. There is a level of fear required of us in this season; we can trust and ask God to work it into us. True reverence is coupled with fear. There is a level of fear demanded of us individually as well as a level demanded corporately. When children do disobey their parents, it is because of the absence of fear in their hearts for them.

Our prayer is that the Lord would measure out the level of fear required of us in this season into our hearts.

One of the skills we need to fight thoughts in the terrain we are in, is fear. It was said of Jesus Christ, that He offered up prayers with cries and tears, He was heard because He feared (**Hebrews 5:7**). It was a warfare of thoughts, thought of being offended with God. We lose life, and fail in our alignment with the conversation of eternal life, due to our lack of fear. The season we are in is not business as usual. We are engaging in a warfare, one we do not even understand, only the Lord does, hence, He is giving us these strategies to help us overcome.

The Lord is narrowing down the commands of everlasting life to the family level, the relationship between a man and his wife. The men should treat their wives bearing in mind that though they are the head of their wives, their wives are daughters of a Person who is their own head (**1 Corinthians 11:3**).

One thing the Lord wants to do via this teaching is to preserve the head, and moreso, take away sicknesses in the body. A holy body is a priestly body.