THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

~The Apostolic Age~

In the prophets, Christ was called the "everlasting Father". (Is. 9:6) Yet since the exodus of Israel from out of Egypt, we have never seen the "Fatherhood of God" so wonderfully demonstrated.

As I have written in other places in this book, we will see it with great signs and wonders.

Micah wrote:

"As in the days of your coming forth from the land of Egypt, I will show them marvelous things. (Micah 7:15)

Thus the Father will come forth in this final hour of history exercising His right to rule in the destiny of man.

Although all the angelic visitors spoke to me about the Apostolic Age, not one used the term "The Fatherhood of God". It was the Lord Himself who gave me this term. He said, "The greatest distinction of the coming Apostolic Age will be the revealing of the Fatherhood of God." This will be accompanied by great signs and wonders. But first, David's mighty men of valor will arise, preparing the way, making all things ready. It will be the great demonstration of the Fatherhood of God that will open the eyes of many Jews to see Christ their Messiah.

I want to share just a little about this crucial Apostolic Age, as many of the things addressed by the angels will come to fruition just prior to or during that time.

Perhaps one of the most critical changes that will take place in this upcoming age will be concerning the cross. In the days to come, no one thing will be exalted as the cross of Jesus Christ! In this present time, as well as in the recent past, the call to the cross has been severely diminished. In some circles it has been watered down; in other circles, it has been considered beyond Christian dignity. Still in other circles it has not been considered all. God will, however, turn this terrible misconception around, revealing His heart concerning the matter. The church in these last days will embrace the crucified life, the way of the cross, in an exceptional way. Having embraced it themselves, they will then strike out on a new, successful path of evangelism bringing to birth a new quality of church. Perhaps an even more profound reality will be the fact that God Himself is going to lift up the cross, not only through His church, but by His own hand as well. We can safely say that the day of the prophet, the apostle, and the

Fatherhood of God, will be the day of the church's espousal to the cross. The Apostolic Age will be a day of confrontation - that of man with the Living Christ, a day when all excuses for ignorance will be shattered. It is a day when the true disciple of Christ will be discipled, not by man, but by Christ Himself. This discipling cannot bypass the cross. Moreover, it must travel through it and remain under it. That is the reason most people now reject it. It is just as Jesus Himself said,

"Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me, cannot be My disciple." (Luke14:27 Amp.)

One can sit under exemplary teaching by the best teachers and never truly be a disciple of Jesus. However, one cannot be a true disciple of Christ without living the crucified life. God has born with the comfort zones of the present day Church because of His great and longsuffering love for us. But the day of the prophets, and more so the apostles, will mean the end to His tolerance of our apathy. His love for us demands that He bring us to His highest and best for us, completing us in the perfections of Christ. So while He has been patient, in the end He will compel us to our own confrontation with Christ Jesus. Any who will go on with Christ will submit to His way!

~The Age of Maturity~

While God is getting ready to reveal to His Fatherhood to the nations, man is also entering a unique time of maturation. He is making passage into the "manhood of man." This will be true in three different spheres.

First, the community of unbelievers, or those we will refer to as "the world", will enter his manhood. This will be a time when all things concerning man will come to its ultimate climax. The rebellion of the rebellious will be the greatest distinction of the world. The community of the unbeliever worldwide will arise as one man, rejecting Christ, ultimately enthroning the antichrist.

Having negotiated a universal "quasi-unity" in purpose and unrighteous endeavors, the autonomy of man will be the only acceptable belief. Hence, lawlessness against righteousness will be the way of every man. Howbeit, not without ultimately establishing a one-world "pseudo-religion" that will climax at the foot of the antichrist in a religion that will carry in its wings the most powerful deception the world has ever known.

The deception will initially be released in a moderate wave. A deception the Lord referred to, as "the deception of the eleventh hour" will grip the hearts of those who are not willing to embrace Christ and the life of the cross. This will increase until it becomes the "deception of the final hour".

Heed a strong warning! Anything less than total sell-out to Christ will end up at some point in shipwreck. That doesn't exclude possible restoration, but the shipwrecked soul will travel through much unnecessary suffering.

On the other hand, there will be many who will not recover from the deception, to the loss of their own souls. As the tide increases, it will be accompanied by increasing signs and wonders. As for the Church, we must remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God. So press in and stay faithful to pure truth.

Although in some spheres this will be a time of "quasi-unity" as I have already mentioned, in other spheres this will not be true. The manhood of man will be found to be a time of growing, unprecedented violence. There will be violence within nations, rising against another. There will be upheavals in government, as well as oppressive violence from government upon the people they are supposed to serve. Accompanying these various form of violence will be the upheavals brought about by the chastisements of judgments of God.

Because man will be in the apex of his manhood, refusing God's government, he will find himself under the greatest judgment of God for his rebellion. This judgment is depicted quite clearly in the book of Revelation.

The second category of individuals reaching their manhood will be the Jew. As the Scripture says of Jacob, "He took his brother by the heel in [their mother's] womb, and in the strength [of his manhood] he contended and had power with God." (Hosea 12:3)

When Israel reaches the strength of his manhood, he will enter into an unprecedented wrestling with God for the sake of survival. Seeing his Arabian brother riding hard after him (as depicted in Esau) and realizing that extinction will result if there is not Divine intervention, the stage will be set for the national awakening of Christ as their Messiah. At this time, Zechariah's word as recorded in (Zech.12:10) will come to pass: "And they shall look [earnestly] upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness forhis firstborn."

By this spiritual wrestling, Jacob will at last prevail with God. Christ will then be revealed through His people Israel, hence opening the gates of the final phase of the global revival. As I understand it, the church, being removed in the rapture, will pass the baton of evangelism back to Israel. The day of God's wrath will then be released which will culminate His dealings with man.

The third category of humanity that will be entering its manhood will be the church. Paul wrote in respect to that:

For because of Him the whole body(the Church, in all its various parts closely) joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love. (Eph. 4:16 Amp.)

This he wrote depicting the ultimate reality of the church - matured in love and forged in faith. The presence of Christ in us captures the heart, uniting one another until His church rises like one man to demonstrate the perfections of Christ.

God will, through His church-universal, demonstrate to all mankind and devils alike, the nobility for which man was created. He (the church) will have been ushered into a mantel that will release the excellence of maturity in those who are ready. The beauties of Christian virtue will be upon the very young. The church will have entered its "manhood". Having thus traversed this higher plane, the grace of Christ will flow in a most profound manner, as I shared in the chapter of unity.

The peculiar power and authority currently residing only in the Head will then begin to be released in the Body. Love, wisdom and glory will abound in His church. Humility will mark this powerful army as they go forth setting the prisoners free. Apostolic wisdom and knowledge will be released in an unprecedented way upon the church, thus, bringing to earth an age of enlightenment so brilliant as to be compared to the rise of the Morning Star sweeping away the haunting darkness. Even so, darkness will be maturing and getting ready to explode with a vengeance. Regardless, as the age comes to a climax, all will be without excuse concerning their rejection of Christ.

Just prior to this great era, the church will be confronted by three major crises. There is a purpose for this. When man meets a crisis, he is thrust into a transitional state out of which a permanence is established. This permanence will act as a new foundation stone for the remainder of his life. For that reason, crisis is extremely important in every life.

God is going to usher the Body through these three crises, generating healing and maturation in the transitional stage, hence, securing us in a new permanence in Him. Although these crises will be painful, His purpose is to bring us, each and every one, to completeness in Christ. This higher grace is the reality He will use to glorify His name among the nations.

~The Cycle of Crises~

I will not necessarily be listing these crises in sequential order, nor will I be going into great explanation of them, as this is not meant to be a teaching book, but rather a means of getting information about future events to the Body.

The first crisis I will mention will be that of the "great house of deception" which is coming! People from every denomination, leaders and lay people alike, will enter into a "quasi-unity". This will culminate in a dangerous New Age theology, which will be mixed with the true Gospel, the likes of which has not yet been seen. Accompanying this movement will eventually be signs and wonders that will be very convincing. The major emphasis will be that of love. But, it will not be God! In fact, it will be demonic, a major deception against the Body of Christ.

It will be the building of a great spiritual house of deception which the Lord spoke to me about in 1989 while I was in a trance* This is the spiritual house, the temporal house I discuss in the section "Judgment on the Nations". Some that will fall into this deception will eventually be freed from it through prayer. Unfortunately- "the one-world religion". Today we need discernment unlike any other time in history.

The second crisis will be a result of spiritual warfare of the "mighty men of valor" previously mentioned. The sifting, separating, judgment and restoration that will accompany these "men of valor" will, in effect, establish steel bones in the backbone of the church.

The third crisis will concern the temporal climate in which we live - calamities and economics, as well as the great persecutions mentioned throughout this book, will be coming upon the church and the unsaved Jew. This will have an impact of such a nature as to create a generation of the most valiant and noble souls ever to grace this earth. God has typically had His *men*, but in this age, He will have His *generation*, generation of born again Jews and Gentiles showing forth the excellencies of Christ.

So, while the man of the world is entering his manhood, an unrestrained lust for power will drive him to the insanity of outrageous lawlessness. His very character will become acclimated to the climate needed to bring forth the antichrist whom he will embrace to his own destruction.

In Conclusion

What we will find opposing the man of the world in justice will be the Son of Righteousness through His militant church, a church which will be going forth as "one man" in profound love seeking the lost. The mission will be that of healing the nations through righteousness. The battle of the ages - good against evil - will have been fought and won by this triumphant church.

Through it all, God will reveal His Fatherhood, a revelation which clearly defines the love, power, wisdom, holiness, government and judgeship of God. His Spirit will reach into humanity in tangible ways never before seen. He will do this first through His Church. Then, after the Lord has taken His church in the rapture, He will pour His Spirit out afresh upon the nation of Israel, forming a national body which will move forth, demonstrating the greatness of our God in a way destined only for these newly bornagain Jews. They will arise to sing the unsung song of generations. God, having made known His Fatherhood in great signs and wonders, will wave His Almighty arm across humanity one more time through His son Israel, confounding the nations. He will simultaneously pour out His wrath upon the rebellious and close the curtain. Where will you be!

NOTE: For a complete teaching on the Apostolic Age, which for the author's new releases about the Church in these last days. The first, "Putting on the Breastplate of

Righteousness" and the second, "Winning the Vision." This second book to be released at a later date.

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