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Jesus said, "For without Me, ye can do nothing."

Special Holiday greetings, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to you and yours.

It is with love and respect that we at Workers Together With Him join Christians around the world in mourning the passing of Rev. B. G. Leonard, founder of Christian Training Centres. As you may know, I worked for Rev. Leonard and his wife for many years, presenting his video class, *Gifts of the Spirit*, in the United States and abroad. I also helped prepare several of his books for publication, including such titles as *Gospel of Grace*, *Foundations*, and *Healing Made Plain*. My years at CTC were vital to my growth as a servant of God and teacher of the Scriptures, and I will always hold them in high regard.

There were two projects that were completed during my years at CTC of which I am especially proud, even though my personal role was minimal, primarily in bringing project and artist together: the recording of fourteen of Rev. Leonard's original hymns, sung by Rudolf Illavsky with piano accompaniment provided by Mihaela Ursuleasa; and the portrait in oil of Bro. Leonard painted by Jeffrey Bass. I hope these two works continue to bless God's people, and serve as a fitting tribute to a faithful man of God as was Bro. Leonard.

Our prayers are for the very best for Rev. Evelyn Thiele-Leonard and her staff at Christian Training Centre of Texas in the furtherance of their mission. Please remember them in your prayers as well.

In September, we celebrated the first anniversary of Workers Together With Him. This has been a wonderfully fruitful year, with classes on *The Weapons of our Warfare* presented eleven times in seven countries: in Germany, Mexico, the USA, Australia, England, Switzerland and Wales. There have been *four* classes taught just since the last newsletter! This newsletter contains class reports and testimonies from those classes.

Special thanks are due Carl Roberts from Wales, for the superb effort he made in organizing that event. Carl gave of himself before, during and after the class so that others might receive a maximum benefit from their time in Wales. Thanks

also to Jerome Lucas for his splendid assistance.

I want to express my gratitude to Evan Pyle, who organized the wonderful class in Louisiana, and to Judy Rogers, who along with Beth Allen, made all the preparations for the Florida class. Thanks also to Howard and Arlene Stokes for allowing us to use their property to hold the class.

Nelly and I would especially like to thank our friend Monica Fuentes for her excellent help as an interpreter at the classes in Mexico. Thanks also to Samuel Presa and the congregation of Quiero Servirte for making us feel so welcome in your city. And of course, thanks to you, for your prayers and financial assistance that have made these events possible.

My book *The Weapons of our Warfare* is in the hands of the publishers and should be ready for distribution by April 2001. Rev. Todd Pekel's study, *The House of God* is also being published, even as this newsletter goes to print.

In September, I along with my friend and co-worker Rev. Evan Pyle, had the joy of ordaining our brother Raymond E. Beard to his Christian ministry. Ray has been instrumental in the success of Workers Together With Him and the *Weapons of our Warfare* class presentation.

Already, there are seven classes scheduled for 2001. The first will be presented at a church in Matamoros, Mexico, just across the border from us. This Spanish class is currently scheduled for February. The class will also be held in England (March), Greece (April), England again (May), Louisiana (June) and Austria (July) and Mexico City (November).

If you would like to host a class in your area, please let me know as soon as possible as scheduling is critical.

On behalf of my wife Nelly and our family, as well as our co-workers Todd and Evi Pekel, I wish you the very happiest of Christmas seasons, and a wonderful New Year.

In the Service of His Majesty,
the King of kings,
Rev. Tim Sullivan



For Unto Us A Child Is Born,
Unto Us A Son Is Given

by Rev. Tim Sullivan

It is in the joyous season of Christmastime that people everywhere are brought into remembrance of the greatest gift of all, the gift of God's only begotten Son.

Isaiah 9:6A:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

God's gift to the world was a gift of love and a gift of life.

John 3:16:

For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son...**

God gave His Son, knowing that His Son would one day give Himself for us all.

Galatians 2:20B:

... the Son of God, who loved me, and **gave himself for me.**

Such a marvelous, unspeakable gift. Yet what makes this gift even more fantastic is that it was given "unto us." This precious gift was not reserved for a people that loved and honored God as He deserves to be loved and honored. No, unto *us*, such ungodly sinners, a child is born. Unto *us*, a people so utterly without merit, a Son is given.

This is a great reality, a cornerstone of truth. God did not give us His gift because *we* were good. We were everything *but* good. God gave us His gift because *He* is good. This is what Christmas is all about.

Isaiah's prophesy, declared some 700 years prior to the birth of Christ, revealed great things about God's wonderful Son:

Isaiah 9:6B:

...and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

The government is upon His shoulders because Jesus Christ is the *head* of the Church. Even as the head rests upon the shoulders, everything rests upon Him.

Colossians 1:18:

And **he is the head of the body**, the church:

who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Jesus is the *foundation* of truth.

I Corinthians 3:11:

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Knowing Jesus Christ is the key to understanding all of God's wondrous works. Jesus is more than "the reason for the season." Jesus is the reason for all Creation.

Ephesians 3:9:

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

This prophesy of Isaiah concerns the *name* of the Son of God:

Isaiah 9:6C:

...and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

His name is *wonderful* because the Lord is wonderful in all His ways, and in all His works.

Psalms 40:5:

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

His name is *wonderful* because God has given Him a name that is above every name.

Philippians 2:9-11:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

His name is *wonderful* because in His name, God is magnified.

Psalms 34:3:

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

It is by the Lord's *counsel* that He directs our paths into the doing of His Will. It is never expected of the sheep that they lead themselves. Sheep are led by the Master's voice.

John 10:27:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Even as He leads us by His voice, His name shall be called *Counselor*.

Psalm 16:7:

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Psalm 73:24:

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Isaiah prophesied that His name would be called *the mighty God*. The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah Saviour." Like the name "Emmanuel," His name makes known that God would dwell among His people.

Matthew 1:23:

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Son bears the name of the Father, Who is the mighty God, our Saviour.

Psalm 50:1:

The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Jude 25:

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

As Jesus Christ said, no man has seen God at any time.

John 1:18:

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

To see Christ is to see God. Jesus Christ is the *image* of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15:

Who [Jesus Christ] is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

Some acknowledge the existence of God, even reverence Him as the Creator. Others crane their necks to see *around* or *beyond* Christ. But no one will ever *see* God until he sees Christ. One may only see God by looking *unto* Christ.

Jude 21:

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jesus Christ is *the Word made flesh*. He is the personification of God, as inseparable from God as breath is from life.

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.

One will never know the God of grace and truth until he knows the Son, the literal embodiment of grace and truth.

John 1:17:

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

This is the great *mystery of godliness*. Jesus Christ is God Almighty made manifest in the flesh. All the fulness of the Godhead bodily dwells in Him.

I Timothy 3:16:

And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness**: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Colossians 2:9:

For in him [Jesus Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

This was a wonderful revelation that opened the eyes of "doubting" Thomas.

John 20:28:

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

When we walk in the love of Christ, we too make manifest the invisible God Who dwells in us.

I John 4:12:

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Isaiah prophesied that the Son would be called *the Everlasting Father*. No man can be called a father until he has children. Jesus Christ the Son came to make known God the Father. No man can know the Father unless the Son reveals Him.

Matthew 11:27:

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

No man can come unto the *Father* but by Him.

John 14:6:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Even as God is the God of peace and the author of peace, Isaiah prophesied that the Son of God would be called *the prince of peace*. The heavenly angels announced His birth with a proclamation of peace.

Luke 2:13-14:

And suddenly there was with the angel a multi-

tude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

Jesus Christ came to bring peace between man and God. He *is* our peace.

Ephesians 2: 14:

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

The peace that Jesus Christ gives is not the peace of this world. Like the song says, this is a peace “that the world never gave, a peace it cannot take away.”

John 14: 27:

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Therefore, in all seasons of the year, and under every circumstance and condition, we can be of good cheer.

John 16: 33:

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Isaiah concludes this portion of Scripture with the glorious proclamation of the everlasting kingdom of His Royal Majesty, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 9: 7:

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given. May we glorify the God of heaven and earth this season and always for giving us such a gift.

Psalms 20: 5:

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

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He Humbled Himself

By Rev. Todd Pikel

As can be seen all around us, we are fast approaching the one day a year when the entire world (symbolically at least) recognizes the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Songs are sung, trees are decorated, cards are sent, stockings are stuffed and families gather to exchange gifts and reminisce about days gone by. The Nativity scene is prevalent at the mall, on TV, in churchyards and just about everywhere one looks. Have you ever taken a good look at one of those scenes depicting the birth of our Lord? Not exactly a suite at the Hilton or Holiday Inn, is it? As a matter of fact, there was *no room* at the Inn when Jesus was born.

Luke 2: 4-7:

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; **because there was no room for them in the inn.**

Imagine that! Jesus Christ, Son of the Highest, King of kings and Lord of lords, God Almighty in the flesh, took His first breaths in a manger, “because there was no room for them in the inn.” There were neither silk sheets nor physicians on hand. Neither heads of state nor special announcements on the global news channel. It was as if the world itself wanted nothing to do with the greatest gift that it has ever been given.

God took care of the special birth announcement, however, as He has His own way of making His things known.

Luke 2: 8-12:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,

and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Notice that the announcement didn't go out to princes or presidents, either kings or queens. Neither doctors nor those in academia heard the good news of the birth of a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. The announcement was made to shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:15-16:

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

There you have it. Joseph and Mary along with a couple simple shepherds and a few beasts of burden were witness to the Lord Jesus Christ the night He was born. Humble beginnings indeed! The Lord of Glory, Jesus Christ, began life on this earth in the humblest of fashion, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. A simple beginning witnessed by simple people.

II Corinthians 11:3:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Remember that the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety. Therefore, we are told what things we are to think on so as not to be corrupted away from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Philippians 4:8:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

In fact, not only are we told what things to think on, we are told the very mind we are to have.

Philippians 2:5-8:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not

robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus Christ made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant. *He humbled Himself.* He, who knew no sin, became sin for us as He hung on the Cross so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

II Corinthians 5:21:

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him

Truly, there has never been a greater example of humility than the Lord Jesus Christ. Neither has there been, nor will there be, a greater distance traveled from one's state of humbleness to one's degree of exaltation.

Hebrews 2:9:

But **we see Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour**; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

How fitting it is to see "the humbled one" as He Whom God has "highly exalted" both now and forever.

Philippians 2:9-11:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ came *after* He humbled Himself. Thus, He set the pattern for us to follow.

James 4:10:

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

I Peter 5:6:

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

"In due time" used to be a real problem for me. It seemed that my time and God's time had been traveling at two different speeds. That's before I really knew that it was God Who was at work in me to will and do of *His* good pleasure, rather than me trying to convince God to bless *my* desires.

Philippians 2:13:

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Indeed, God resists the proud.

James 4:6:

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Conversely though, He gives grace to the humble.

I Peter 5:5b

...Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

As in our Lord's example, the exaltation that follows is contingent upon the humbleness that precedes it. God resists the proud, but He will exalt the humble.

Mathew 23:12:

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

It is the same Jesus Who *humbled* Himself that has been given a name above every name both now and forever. The humbled Christ *is* the exalted Christ; they are one and *the same*.

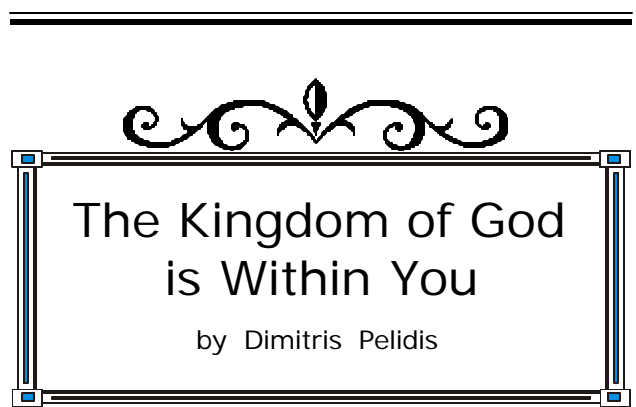
Hebrews 13:8:

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Therefore, let us be mindful of our Lord's example. Let us humble ourselves with all humility and serve our Lord with a pure conscience. Unto Him belongs glory both now and forever.

II Peter 3:18b:

...to him [our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ] be glory both now and for ever. Amen.



We live in a time when there is much speculation about the kingdom of God and its establishment on earth. It is in such a time that it is wise to turn to His Majesty Jesus Christ the King for answers of truth.

When a gang of ill-willed Pharisees confronted Jesus Christ with the question of when the kingdom of God should come, he offered them this reply.

Luke 17:20B-21:

The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! FOR, BEHOLD, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.

Here was the King Himself standing in their midst, yet they were too blind to recognize Him as such, let alone realize that the kingdom had already been ushered in, by means of His presence on earth. Well did the Lord decry them saying,

Matthew 23:13:

Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees hypocrites For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men. For neither go in yourselves neither suffer them that are entering to go in.

They were not interested in God's kingdom! Quite the opposite. The only thing they were after was the preservation of their own worldly rule and authority. They were observing times and looking for signs. However Jesus Christ said

Matthew 12:39:

An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign.

Let's not forget what the Lord professed before Pontius Pilate,

John 18:36B:

My kingdom is not of this world:

His kingdom is not material but spiritual and therefore cannot be discerned by human intellect but by God's Spirit. Indeed the kingdom of God doesn't come by natural man's observation no matter how keen it is. Actually it has already come because of God's good pleasure to offer it.

Luke 12:32:

Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

It was an act of unfathomable love and mercy from God and His dear Son Jesus Christ whose precious blood made entrance into God's kingdom entirely free for anyone who believes. When we accept CHRIST as LORD we become citizens of His eternal kingdom. We are in Him and He is in us in perfect unity.

John 17:23A:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;

No wonder the devil, the father of lies, has been so craftily propagating the popular idea that "The truth is out there." But no. The truth is in here! In you and in me each and every one of God's children and it has come here to stay for good. God's home, God's domain is man's heart.

11 Corinthians 6: 16B:

For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Note that God did not come to dwell and sit in us. It says He will dwell and WALK in us. God has purposed for Himself to WORK within us both to WILL and to DO of HIS good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). It certainly behooves us not to be content with just entering the Kingdom of God but also to will and do what God would have us do for it.

Sadly enough, though, in our days some children of the kingdom are subtly being drawn away from being heavenly-minded to being worldly-minded. They have become lukewarm in their relationship with God. Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, they tend to seek Him last. It appears that they would much sooner have a worldly leader pamper them and dictate their lives from without rather than be led by the Spirit of God from within. They would rather be lulled to sleep than awoken to life in Christ; or be taken for a ride than walk in the Master's footsteps. For them, the Kingdom of God is seen as easygoing and unruffled. Their minds being corrupted they have erringly associated God's kingdom with worldly royalty and jet-set lifestyles. It is entirely out of the question for them to suffer or be persecuted for the kingdom of God rejecting what the Bible says:

Acts 14: 22B:

That we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Consequently, they like children are "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14B). If someone comes along with a new sophisticated doctrine they attentively listen to him. If another comes with a trendy worship service and new special effects they take to him like fish to water. And if a third says "See here!" or "See there!" pointing to another Christ or a new illustrious messiah, they mindlessly follow him. Our true lord Jesus Christ has sternly forbidden us to follow them.

Matthew 15: 14:

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

For us the choice should be obvious.

John 6: 68B-69:

Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

And we believe and are sure that thou art that

Christ, the Son of the living God.

There is a day coming when our Lord shall appear as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS and when "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever"(Revelation 11:15B). Until that glorious day, as workers together with Him, let us not receive the grace of God in vain. Let us always abound in the work of the Lord by teaching the word of the kingdom and leading lost souls into the kingdom. Most importantly, let us exercise kingdom authority by being strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Let us stand with our King and pray His prayer.

Matthew 6: 9B-10:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

An Invitation to Greece

Dear Sister and Brother in Christ,

It is with great joy and high expectations that I'm inviting you to attend the Weapons of our Warfare class to be held on the island of Thassos, Greece from Monday 16 April throughout Sunday 22 April, 2001. Classes are scheduled for morning, afternoon and evening.

An Easter Sunday fellowship will be conducted preceding the seminar on Sunday 15 April (Greek Easter Sunday). You are very welcome to attend this special event also.

I trust that by the end of your stay you will be thoroughly refreshed and fortified in Christ the Lord. We also aim for this week to be a time of retreat and rest in the beautiful landscape of Thassos and in our Heavenly Father's presence. My wife Marjo and I will be delighted to be your hosts and helpers in any way we can. We are looking forward to seeing you here at this special time for this special occasion.

For those of you interested in this class please contact us by mail at this address: Dimitris and Marjo Pelidis, Prinos Thassos, 64010 Greece. Or e-mail us at: dimitrismarjo@yahoo.com. You can also reach us at these phone numbers: 0030-593-61764 or 0030-593-72004.

With our warmest greetings in Christ,

Dimitris Pelidis

CLASS REPORTS



The Weapons of our Warfare Penparc, Wales

August 26 to September 3, 2000

by Vivienne Roberts
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In April my husband, Carl and myself were very blessed to have been invited by Jerome Lucas, to Cornwall for the last weekend of the Weapons of Our Warfare seminar there. It was a wonderful experience for us and we knew that we wanted to take part in a class ourselves. The Lord worked greatly in Carl's heart and he was inspired to host a seminar in Wales. After speaking to Tim to arrange the dates, we were blessed to find a wonderful location near Cardigan, West Wales, some holiday cottages in a beautiful setting in the Welsh countryside. Jerome had already said that he would like to come to the seminar and there were also a few others from London who were interested, so it was coming together really well.

During the weeks leading up to the class the names of the people attending changed, but for every person who was not coming there was always someone to fill their place. Just after we had heard that a student had dropped out we received an e-mail from our brother, Dimitris in Greece saying he would like to come along. He was really blessed to find out that there was a place available for him.

One of the students was involved in an accident just before the beginning of the class and was being detained in hospital. After someone else had stepped in to take his place in the cottage he was given the all clear to travel. He was very keen to come so arrangements were made for him to stay at a nearby Bed and Breakfast.

As we have three young children, Carl said he would take care of them while I attended the sessions. This was a great blessing to me and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to be there. All of us attending the seminar were so blessed by the simplicity of the teaching from God's wonderful Word. For many of us there was a lot of unlearning to do; I for one spent a lot of time crying, either to the Lord, or in front of the class when things fitted into

place like never before. We all received so much deliverance when the scriptures were opened up to us and when we were ministered to. The Lord worked greatly in Tim's heart to share many great things with us, not only from the Bible but also some personal experiences that helped us greatly.

Between sessions there were opportunities to spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. These times were also very healing as it allowed us to share things that were on our hearts and get rid of old baggage that was holding us back from serving God.

On the Saturday we held the baptism service. The Penparc Baptist Church had very kindly allowed us to use their outdoor baptistery. It was an unforgettable experience for all those who took part in the service as apart from the water being very cold, the baptistery itself looked like a tomb. The symbolism of being buried with Jesus Christ into his death was made so real. A couple of the students shared that although when they went into the water it felt cold, when they came out they felt a kind of warmth.

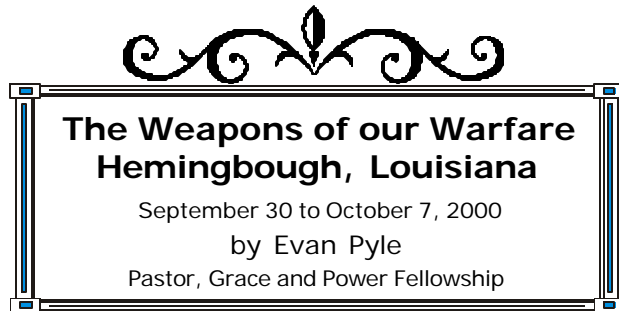
Saturday night was a time for the students to share what the week had meant to them. It was so clear to see that each and every person there was there because the Lord had worked in his or her heart. Each and every person had something to share about how he or she had come to be there and how they had been blessed. One student was delivered of back pain, another had a peaceful nights rest after Tim had prayed for her to sleep better, one student shared that he would be taking back a gift to his children - a new daddy! I personally was just so pleased to be able to get back to reading and enjoying the Bible without having to be a Greek or Hebrew scholar and to really see the simplicity of the operation of the Gifts of the spirit - not just head knowledge but practical application. What a privilege to be able to bring deliverance to God's people and glorify Him. Our God is so merciful and gracious.

On the last day, Sunday, we had a communion service and some of us had our children dedicated. It was a fitting end to what had been a great week.

Thank you so much Tim for having taught such a wonderful class and for running your race so that so many of us could receive such deliverance. I thank God for your life and stand for God and His Word, and for your family who support you so faithfully as you travel around the world to make these teachings

available. Your ministry is an inspiration to all of us who have had the privilege to have heard you share God's Word.

In Timothy the apostle Paul said "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". Those of us who have sat in the Weapons of Our Warfare Class at least have the opportunity of getting into the fight, of setting out on our course and endeavoring to keep the faith.



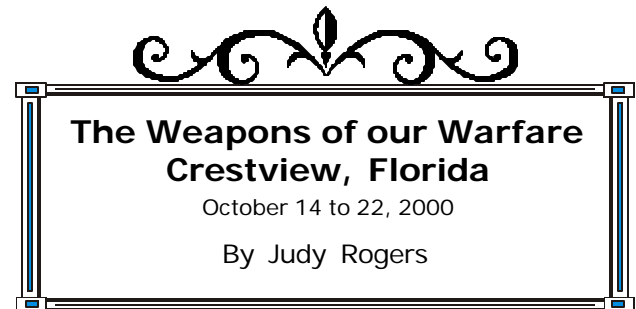
Our church, Grace and Power Fellowship, hosted the seminar The Weapons of our Warfare at a beautiful estate/retreat center called Heming-bough in the rolling hills near St. Francisville, Louisiana. Yes, the accommodations were wonderful (including canopy beds and beautiful antiques), the food was wonderful and grounds were magnificent. Yet the star of the show was the Lord teaching us through the Scriptures and the anointed teaching of His Word.

I have personally sat through more classes, seminars, revivals and sermons than I care to recount. So often these events are inspiring, even exhilarating, and I leave "pumped up" and "ready to conquer the world." Yet, why is it that some weeks or months down the road I find the excitement has faded and I've settled into my old life essentially unchanged?

The presentation of Brother Tim's seminar was entirely without hype or "pumping up." And though I left the week built up, even exhilarated, it was not because of the excitement of the preaching and promises of dramatic eye-popping results to follow. Rather, the work of this seminar was inward, and was a work of the Lord. The material is presented in a way that encourages allowing the Holy Spirit to do an inward work of making the Truth come alive in each believer's heart. Jesus Christ is indeed "in charge" of this seminar, and all eyes are turned to Him. This was certainly my experience and of those who have described the fruit they have had from this time in

God's presence. I have a constant remembrance of the seminar in seeing the fruit produced in my daily living in my family, work and ministry.

The next time we in Baton Rouge host a seminar I pray more of you will come from afar. We are a hospitable bunch and we love company!



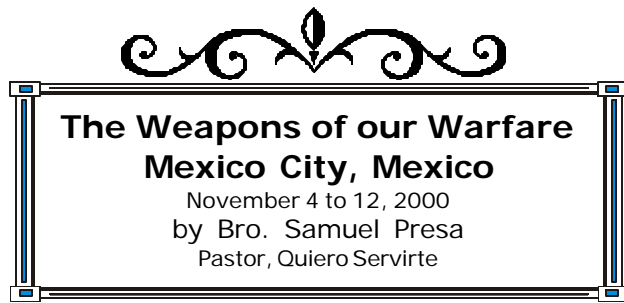
The students settled in one by one on Saturday morning October 14, 2000 with great expectations of the next nine days to follow. Rev. Tim Sullivan taught the class from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., teaching in 50 minute segments. We were soon to learn that the scriptures did "come to life" as we gained a greater understanding concerning the spiritual gifts and their use in the church today.

Each of us sat expectantly, day after day, some with tears streaming down our faces, some with hearts so pierced by the Word of God spoken that we would forever be changed men and women of God. We saw, in truth, the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, which convicted, called to repentance, and healed hurt hearts and broken relationships.

Each one of us experienced great deliverance in areas of our lives. Two men in wheelchairs with unimaginable physical limitations heard God's Word daily. One of these men had not been out of his surroundings for years, but God gave both men the strength to continue day after day. We all realized that there are no limitations or boundaries in the senses realm where God is concerned.

I do believe that Rev. Tim Sullivan is called to this ministry as a Spirit-led teacher of the Word of God and a minister of the gospel of truth. He truly is a man of God who restores reverence and respect to God and His Word.





(Translated from Spanish by Nelly C. Sullivan)

We wish to thank the ministry of Workers Together With Him for the great blessing that you brought to Mexico for the second time, the seminar on the Weapons of our Warfare. We also thank God for Tim and Nelly Sullivan, for the great effort that you made to come to share the living Word of the Lord with us. For some, it was a new experience, but for others who took it again, it brought a refreshment of what they had learned before.

It was a great joy for us to invite other churches of this city to join us in this event. We at Quiero Servirte were joined by members of the church "Principe de Pas" (The Prince of Peace) to the north of the city and also the church "Casa de Oración" (The House of Prayer).

The graduation and the prophetic Word, (the Blessing of the Lord) had a great impact on my life, and also I have heard the same thing from other who were ministered to in this way. I think it is the desire of God to speak to His children personally, in a clear way. This is the way it was done.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will remind us of what we have learned, and that we also will have the diligence to search out what we have received. We are very sorry for the place we offered for the seminar. I hope that God keeps adding to your rewards, because I know that it was hard on some occasions for you to teach (because of the airplanes flying overhead, the street vendors calling out their wares, etc, etc.) but Brother and Sister Sullivan, know that God has been glorified in the work you have done in Mexico. Because it wasn't only our church, but "the Church of Mexico."

We hope to have you again in our country, and for you to keep establishing the foundation of the good doctrine. Here in Mexico, we have been invaded by many "winds of doctrine" and we need correction where we have been led astray.

Thank you both. We wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. We love you.



Dear Tim,

God bless you and your family. I wanted to thank you for your presentation of the Weapons of our Warfare class that you taught in Louisiana earlier this month. I would like to try to express my thoughts regarding what the class meant to me. Thank you for the opportunity to do so.

Taking the class was very timely for both my husband and myself. We both needed a re-exposure to a thorough and in-depth teaching of the gifts of the Spirit. Your class more than provided for that. The class provided a do-able format, in terms of both the length of the class over the eight days, and the daily schedule. I appreciated your insight and fresh perspectives, as well as how you synthesized truth. I appreciated that you used Scriptures from the entire Bible, not just isolated sections of it. Your teaching was easily followed, logical; yet required the student to allow the Lord to teach them as we were reading the Scriptures together.

On a specific level I found the sections on the power gifts the most meaningful to me, the area that I needed to learn the most. I think I actually now know that faith is a gift of the Spirit, that it is something that is provided by God. Gone are my days of mental gymnastics, of trying to wrap my mind around something so I can believe it, as well as trying to figure out how the believers in both the Old and New Testament "did it." I truly marveled at the sections of Scriptures that you shared with us showing how God inspired faith in Moses, David, Daniel, and others. That was quite a revelation to see how God showed them the outcome, the end as well as the beginning, before they ever acted on the revelation. I also appreciated the understanding of the purpose of miracles; how every miracle glorifies God, demonstrates His power and might, and brings man face to face with God. In that moment he then must decide whether to believe and serve God or to reject Him. Another major truth that was of great interest was to see how these same miracles confirmed that the individual that performed the miracle was sent by God. I think God is much more willing to perform miracles and show His power and glory than I had ever imagined. The importance of repentance as an ongoing way of life for the believer and its significance in relationship to healing was another revelation to me. I had

never seen the correlation of repentance and healing. Finally regarding the session on visions and dreams, I didn't have much interest in that, but the Lord has shown me that He wanted me to believe in that. The first week that I was home I had a dream. Waking up my first thought was, I wonder what that meant, and then the Lord told me. It was very specific to my situation and it answered a very real concern that I had. God is good! Thank you for this class. You are in our prayers.

In Christ,
Patti Houlihan
Covington, Louisiana

Thank you, Tim, and we thank your family too for their prayers and love that made this class one to be remembered to the end that God's Word is shared, His Son manifested, and both are trusted more fully.

I've prayed earnestly now for the last year that the Lord would cause me to become a good soldier equipped with an obedient heart. The Weapons of our Warfare Class has contributed to that cause and partly answered that prayer. It will be completed at the end of my course when I have finished my fight and kept the faith. I realize this is a tall confession, but I'm not alone to see it through. He is faithful and able. This brings me to the things that stand out most to me in the class.

Of the many things that impacted me greatly, two stand out and made the class a joy to sit through. One is to be able to learn about discerning of spirits and spiritual warfare without glorifying the adversary. Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. I've sat through many classes before reaching 55 years of age and I've never liked it when someone tried to scare me with a defeated foe. I'm more scared of my own disobedience than anything. Obedience is in my control and responsibility.

This is the second thing that I've been enlightened to during and since the class. What can one man do? The world would answer, "Nothing" or "Not a whole lot." Instead of me trying to phrase this answer I'll let the Father answer:

Romans 5:19:
For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Jesus Christ our Lord is the one man I want to be like. In him I can do all things. Without him I can do nothing.

I thank God for you Tim and thank you for the way you present the Word of God. Humility, thankfulness, gentleness, praise, and power from and to God are in the forefront of this class. Thank God for faithful men and women of God that will teach others also and declare God and Jesus Christ the Lord and not themselves. This is the first class I didn't walk away from feeling like a balloon full of I don't know what with that loud voice in my ear: YOU CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT, louder and louder, inwardly knowing I would pop and any power would be misdirected and depleted as my own power dried up. This time I walked away with a quiet inward knowing and a still small voice saying, "I can do it. I will direct you. I will supply your need. Then, with me you can do it too."

Thank you, Tim. The Lord guide you deeper and deeper into His truth that you may hold it forth and cause others to live.

Jay Pearson
Prairieville, Louisiana



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