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PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU WINS RE-ELECTION



**As the results came in on election night,
Mr. Netanyahu waves to his supporters.**

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has managed to hold onto power, winning what will be a record fifth term in office despite a bruising re-election fight.

The preliminary results from Israel's election have Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party getting 35 seats out of a total of 120 seats in the Knesset (Israel's evidently wasn't compelling enough to overcome Netanyahu and his Likud party's appeal.)

Netanyahu focused on his long record of guiding Israel through conflict and security crises, but also on his close relationships with right-wing, nationalist leaders.

Of these global friends, one was especially important: President Donald Trump, not only is the US Israel's closest ally, but under Trump, the US both moved its embassy to Jerusalem, just before the election, recognized sovereignty over the Golan Heights – both unprecedented moves that were big wins for Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Likud's strong performance was buoyed by the success of a number of smaller religious conservative parties, including one party – United Right – that includes one faction that is far-right and anti-Arab.

Netanyahu also benefited from what looks like a collapse in turnout among Israel's Arab minority, who were vital to the hopes of the broader left. The anti-Arab tone has been a constant backdrop to the election campaign and even Netanyahu's opponents are afraid to challenge it, writes Anshei Pfeffer, a columnist and reporter at Israel's left-wing Haaretz newspaper.

Netanyahu will figure out exactly which parties will be included in his coalition. The exact setup of his government will be decided in the coming month or so.

One big question is about Netanyahu's promise to begin annexing West Bank settlements. It's hard to overstate how significant this move would be if Netanyahu follows through with it. Israel would be asserting permanent control over land that some believe belongs to the Palestinians. It would immediately cause a rupture in Israel's relations with some countries around the world. To the Palestinians, it could mean catastrophic. Such a move would likely signal the death-knell of the two-state solution and move Israel closer to a death-knell of the two-state solution. It's not clear what will come to pass what his victory means but it reminds those who love Israel

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THE BETTER WAY

by Sister Ruth Moore

What is the Better Way? Do you remember the days when this body of people stepped out of the religious world and began to preach and sing a message that was far-removed from what even our Pentecostal brethren were doing? I love to consider the words that I heard and read from Brother Wm. Sowders. He said the Lord told him in early 1900, after he received the Holy Ghost that He wanted him to bring a people together that will be like the Early Church; a group that God would use to close this Gentile dispensation. He was facing so much criticism from the brethren that he was working among that he decided not to preach the new revelations that the Lord was giving him because they didn't like what he was preaching. He knew they were from the Lord and were wonderful revelations, but they were different than what those ministers preached.

He became very discouraged and at a very sad point in his experience with the Lord, he received words from the Lord that he was to preach 'MY GOSPEL,' not just learn to preach, he was to preach those very things that God had given him.

Now, I don't know when the song "Better Way" was written exactly, nor who was the author. Let us consider the lyrics that came to them:

THE BETTER WAY

**"There's a way that seemeth right
To a man in his own sight
But God's way was never in the mind of man.
If we let Him have His way
And in our hearts control full sway
We will then be finding out The Better Way.**

CHORUS:

**Oh, I know there is a way
That can change our night to day
And can roll the clouds of sin so far from view
God can change us from the old
Where none can tempt us back with gold
And can show to us this is The Better Way.**

**God has shown us that all sin
Can in no wise enter in
To the people He has called to be His own
If we love our neighbor, too
In the way God told us to**

We will then be finding out the Better Way.

**There are people watching close
Just to see if we make the most
Of the gift that God has given us to use
Can we show to them some way
That Christ dwells in us today,
We will be then be finding out The Better Way.**

We began hearing words that were completely different from those things that we had been hearing. Our message began to change to the point that other religious groups began to leave us. But there was such a covering in learning at "the Schools of the Prophets" that many friends wouldn't work with us. But what a glory came into our services. Some of the saints began to receive songs from the Lord that were so wonderful that we found ourselves rejoicing in the Spirit of God.

I was 14 years old when I received the Holy Ghost and began to hear these songs and hearing brethren preaching those words, I questioned how we became a different group of people. Our services were led by the Spirit of God and had a special anointing. I was told that a blind brother, Brother Ray Williams, was singing The Better Way in one of the services and his sight was restored. Others told of how the Lord had given them a special revelation about the Body of Christ. Though I had grown up in the church, my Mother, Sister Noreen Roberts, was one of the first pianists in the Kansas City Gospel Tabernacle, so I had heard many of these things but as I began to serve the Lord and listen to the teaching, I realized that the Lord had given me a Revelation.

Our churches began to use the words, "WATCH THE SPIRIT" as we entered into each service. We soon learned that we should watch how the Spirit was moving in the service and we would be able to find a channel of worship how the Lord was speaking to us in that service.

As the church grew, we found that slowly new ones among us began to feel the Holy Ghost convicting them of certain things concerning our dress and certain habits that they saw in the older and more seasoned saints in the church.

There were certain sketches on our walls showing the **TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS**, from the book of Exodus. Showing what all those things meant, spiritually speaking, which the Lord gave to Moses when they built it in the wilderness.

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The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

There were other things like the dream of Nebuchadnezzar showing from Babylon on down to the Medes & Persians, to Greece, to Rome, all empires that had rule over the world, then the feet of iron mixed with clay, which represented the weakness at its end. Also, many had the drawing of a large hand, showing what part each finger represented the thumb, representing the Apostle, the next finger being the Prophet, the index finger was the Teacher, the ring finger representing the Pastor and the small finger, the Evangelist. Reading from Ephesians 4, it names the five gifted ministry that was to lead the church into perfection.

Our church never really had a dress code but as the church grew, we found that the Holy Ghost had convicted us of certain things concerning our dress and certain habits in our lives and most of the people followed that pattern.

Some decided that they would not go along with them and by 1914, there was a gathering where the Holy Ghost brethren of America were called together, and they formed certain organizations. Brother Sowders said that the Lord showed him not to organize but continue to seek more truth from the Bible. Those organizations, each of several, decided certain regulations and leaderships which they chose would to be recognized as the body of Christ. From that point on, people who did not belong to the organization, or carry their card, would not have the liberty to participate in their services. The Lord showed us that was not of Him, so we continued to reach for the channel of our services as the Spirit of God led us.

There were very lively services where folks were moved by the Holy Ghost, to dance, run the aisles, to testify by the Holy Ghost and there were

services where the Spirit of God would fill us to weep and receive certain truths. How glorious this was. We sat together in teaching services and learned about showing charity as Apostle Paul taught in I Corinthians 13. Showing the love of God to all races, all creeds and other people whether they were part of our church or another one. We came into the services with expectancy and the services were always good, or good for us.

About 1913, Brother Sowders began to teach about the Jews returning to their homeland. So much is written concerning this event. In 1920, Brother Bob Shelton and his wife, Lizzy, made a trip to Israel and actually stayed there although it was not called Israel at that time. Brother Sowders said he felt that he should stay in America and help support Brother Shelton. During the years between 1920 and 1938, the churches looking to Elder Sowders took up offerings on Sunday in order to provide the costs of living for the Sheltons. He returned to America in 1938 and felt he was to do something else then.

The greatest message that Brother Sowders, along with the brethren who were working with him from the beginning told us that the Lord was going to raise up a people who would teach perfection and be the Body of Christ for this latter day. Many of the songs written in that day were about making the "bride" and fulfilling God's plan for this last hour among the Gentiles. Then, the Lord would gather the Jews back from where they had been scattered since 70 AD into their ancient homeland and they would not go out anymore. We lived to see the day that Israel was declared an independent nation, fulfilling Luke 21:24.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
Luke 21:24

That was in May 14, 1948. Israel this year has celebrated their 70th year since becoming a nation, We could fill up the pages with scriptures in the Old and New Testament concerning this time when Jews from all over the world began to make their way to what was once referred to as Palestine by the Roman Empire. It is now known as The State of Israel.

As the years went by, some changed certain practices, but we now have determined that we are to move closer to one another and reach out for perfection in the Spirit.

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DO ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS

by Elder R. E. Dawkins
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“Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” Colossians 3:17

Have you ever stopped to think what Paul actually had in mind when he was writing the Epistle to the Colossian church? Let us go back to the beginning and look at some of the key thoughts that Paul had in mind before using the above quoted scripture. In that scripture, you can readily see that Paul addressed this letter to the church and let them know that he was an apostle by the will of God and he also included Timothy, a brother who was close to him. In the endeavor that he was putting forth to build the church there at Colosse, the same as the other cities of which he was the apostle. He addresses this epistle to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ be sent greetings of grace and peace from God and the Lord.

Notice very closely that he addresses this letter to the saints and faithful brethren that were IN Christ. There is a vast difference in knowing about Christ, praying IN CHRIST and working IN THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST. As we go on through this book as well as other books that Paul is the author of, you will see that he makes a vast difference in the people that he is writing to and putting his approval on their activity, because they are IN CHRIST.

Notice the 4th verse we read, “*Since we heard of your faith IN Christ Jesus.*” Not faith about Christ, believing that he existed, or does exist at this time, but the faith they had IN CHRIST “*And the love which ye have to all the saints (that were in Christ)*”. The context is that Paul is referring to people called saints of God that are IN CHRIST. He is letting them know in the next verse, that there is “a hope that is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before” in the word of truth, as it was bringing forth fruit since the very beginning when they heard the revelation Paul had taught them concerning his being IN Christ. He goes on to explain how fellow servants brought him word of their faithfulness and how they

had taken word back to the saints concerning his desire to be with them.

Then in the 13th verse of the first chapter, we find that he refers to the saints who were enlightened, “*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His Dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.*”

This man who had shed his blood as a Mediator between God and man is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature, “*for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him.*”

Now notice in the 18th verse, we go back to the thought of being IN CHRIST. “*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 preeminence.*”

Paul goes on to say, “*For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell.*” No wonder, my dear friend, that it leads up to the thought “*Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father by Him. For it was through him,*” Paul says, that there was peace brought through His blood on the cross, to reconcile all things unto Himself. Paul said that whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. “*21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.*” It was in His flesh through death that he could present the people holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight, “*If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, (that is the faith that we are IN CHRIST, the faith that there is and that He is the head of the body which is the church, (referring to the 18th verse) “and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.”*

Notice, it is so plain, that he is speaking concerning a body in this earth, called the church. The 24th verse makes it very plain again. “*Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for His body’s sake, which is the church: 25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God, which is given to me for you to fulfill the word of God.*”

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He declared that *“the mystery has been hid from ages and generations but now is manifest to his saints; those who are in the body of Christ. 27 “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”* And if Christ be in our midst, we must be a member of the body or He is not in our midst. It has been said by many that we individually, and independently, one from another can have Christ in us, the Hope of Glory. But my dear brother, we do not have Christ in our midst or Christ to be the head of our group or of the body which is the church of Jesus Christ unless we are members of His body. Paul declared that is whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. It is impossible to present every man perfect outside of the body of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue this study by going into the second chapter of the Epistle of Paul, the apostle, to the Colossians. Notice how this great Jewish apostle, Paul, starts the second chapter by showing how the hearts of those in Christ can be comforted, being knit together in love unto all riches and of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, the Father and of Christ; (3) “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. That is referring to the church which is the pillar and ground of the truth of the Body of Christ, where these treasures are hid and we will never understand or enjoy the presence of them until we become a member of this great body. Paul declared that,

lest any man should beguile you with enticing words, we should consider the order that is laid down by this great man to work by. He declares every man should take heed how he builds on this order. And steadfastness of your faith in what? In what measure should we have faith? Faith in the body of Christ. And as he said in the 6th verse, *“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him.”* Not outside of him, or in some other direction, or talking about Him, or in some organized, incorporated body, or fellowship separate and distinct from the rest of God’s people. But we are to walk in Him. “We are to be rooted and built up in Him”, not outside of Him, or in some other movement, but IN HIM. And be established in this faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

My friends, though it is an impossibility to be established in the faith of Jesus Christ unless you are taught it by some man of God that has the authority to do so, he says to beware in the next verse, *“lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ”*, Meaning that if anyone will try to say that by you are being converted or by receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you are in the body of Christ, that is philosophy and vain deceit, for it cannot be a separated people. Many people are saying that they have the Holy Ghost, which we are not permitted to doubt to the extent that we would say they don’t have it, but it certainly has not put them in one body. (9) *“For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”* And if we are IN HIM, we are complete, which is the head of

all principality and power. We put off the body of sin, the fleshly carnal nature, through the circumcision of Christ. When we become a part of this great body of Christ, which is His church and we are buried with him in baptism wherein also we are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God that raised Him from the dead. Now, why would people want to say this baptism would be water? Or others say it is the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Actually, Paul did not refer to either one. But is referring to the one baptism that puts us in the one body. As you can see in the 13th verse, he said, *“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven all trespasses; (14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross.”* Actually, what Paul is saying is, the handwriting of ordinances that was against the Jewish people and all concerned under the Law of Moses was blotted out and that came from the different traditions of men and cults of that religious world and became one in the body of Jesus Christ, nailed to the cross.

Let us notice in the next few verses, *“And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* Now, he declared we that are in the body of Christ need not be judged by any man in the eating of meat or in what we drink or in the respect of a holy day or of the new moon or of the Sabbath days”. Notice here, the thought, DAYS, it certainly would be supposition if we would try to separate some Sabbath days and say

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they were done away with and hold to others when actually the King James translation makes it plural when it says Sabbath days.

He declared that they are a shadow of things to come but the body is of Christ. The body of Christ is to be restored and come forth in these last days of restoration and all of these things, the meat offerings, the drink offerings, the respect of holy days, the new moon, or of the Sabbath days, are all a shadow of things to come and if things have not been fulfilled according to the shadows, they soon will be. Therefore, we are to let no man beguile us. *“Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.”* They refuse to hold to *“the head from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together increaseth with the increase of God.”* Oh, how I wish that my brethren and fellow ministers and dear saints of God would study the 19th verse of the 2nd chapter of Colossians.

Notice that if we would only become a member of the body that he is the head of, and all the body by joints and bands will have nourishment ministered unto them and it will knit us together with the increase of God. The truth about it is that men will let doctrines and dogmas separate them and actually it proves they have never received the right kind of experience to become a member of the body of Christ. Now, if you are in the body of Christ, you are dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world,

why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances. He was referring to those from the Old Testament writings of Moses. He tells us not *“to touch them, taste them or handle them for they are all to perish with the using after the commandments and doctrines of men. Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship”*, meaning that if a person wants to do it and just will do it, it shows he is a religious person and in humility, but it does not help you to become a member of the Body of Christ, and is not any honor to the satisfying of the flesh so why do it? It doesn't satisfy the outward min, it certainly means 'will worship', it is neglecting to put you in the place that you could have a right to the Tree of Life and become a member of the Body of Christ.

Notice what he says in the very next verse. Chapter 3, *“If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”* Now, according to Isaiah 60:7, Christ Jesus is to glorify His house of glory in the Holy Land. In Matthew 25:31, it speaks about Him coming back to earth and setting up His throne of glory in the Holy Land and He shall bring the holy angels with Him and all nations shall gather before Him and He shall separate the nations as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. They that reign with Him shall be with Him. Here, in the third chapter of Colossians, Paul is showing us that we are to mortify our members which are upon this earth and not let them cause us to

become a covenant breaker and cause us to yield to our natural, carnal nature, that we will not become a covenant breaker or a permanent fixture in the Body of Christ. For everyone that comes into the Body of Christ may not be a permanent member of the Body of Christ and because of this, the wrath of God will come upon the children of disobedience. That is, they that come into the House of God and refuse to abide by the laws and covenants and vows that were taken will not escape the judgment, for we know, Bible scholars, which judgment must begin in the house of God. We cannot walk in the same things that people on the outside of the Body of Christ walk and partake of and still be a member of the Body of Christ.

As he says in the seventh verse, *“In which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.”* That is to say we do not live them any longer. We are not an individualist, we are not independent, we are not trying to make it alone but we have become a member of a many-membered body that all the scrip-tures can be fulfilled according to the writings of the New Testament, where we will have all things in common. We become helpers one of another. We are not our own. We are bought with a price. We become a member of the Body of Christ and have the same care one for another, bone of each other's bone and flesh of each other's flesh. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, we realize now this great revelation of the Body of Christ. Being brought together through an Apostolic Order means that whatsoever we do in word or in deed, we can do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, only when we become a member of the body of Christ. ☆

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that God has not forgotten His people, Israel, and very possibly will need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and watch God settle the way things are going, due to the fact that Amos 9 says:

13 *“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and treader of grapes him that slowest seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.”*

14 *“And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.”*

15 *“And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.”*

Amos 9: 13-15

**PRAY FOR THE
PEACE OF
JERUSALEM,
THEY SHALL PROSPER
THAT LOVE THEE.
PSALM 122:6**

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EMPTY HANDS

By Martha Nichols

**One by one, He took them from me,
All the things I valued most.
Till He left me empty-handed
Every glittering toy was lost,
So I walked earth’s highways grieving
In my rags and poverty
Till I heard a voice inviting, saying,
Lift your empty hands to me,
Then I raised my hands toward heaven
And He filled them from His store
Of His own transcendent riches,
Filled them till I could hold no more,
Then at last, I comprehended
With my stupid mind and dull.
That God could not pour His riches
Into hands already full.**

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We have learned that without Jesus and His Father leading us, we will go nowhere.

There are great references in the New Testament concerning this. Jesus taught from His birth from Mary, that He was to find among the people of the world to bring forth a people who were “no people.” He will use them to finish the work among the Gentiles. That people will represent God’s work in this latter day. The time element is upon us as we see so many things in our world are pointing to this.

To worry that many don’t believe us only makes it more true and connected to how Jesus was hated by certain ones in the Jewish world, which brought about the destruction of Israel in 70 AD, also, the Early Church, after the Holy Ghost was poured out on them on the Day Pentecost, they went about thanking the Lord that they also could suffer the persecution.

They also suffered persecution even as our Lord did. If we are the Body of Christ and I feel in my spirit that this is true or, whatever will come forth of this people will make up that great body of people who will be used to fulfill the teachings of Apostle Paul and the 12 Apostles. Do you believe that we will not suffer as they did? Thank God for those who do not believe this. That is our STAMP OF APPROVAL FROM GOD AND the BRIDE which John talked about in Revelation 20-21. ✪



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