



The 153 Fishes

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“The Lion King”.

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Jesus Christ God's Son Savior.

Jesus Christ. The Messiah.

It is now 7:47 am, the 25th of July, in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 2006. Blessed is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no name under the Heavens or on Earth that one might be saved.

To the Glory of God and Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Will Be Done.
Amen

Read this message in it's entirety.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. - The Gospel According to Matthew 13:47-48

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. - Psalms 98:4-9

Raise a Joyful Noise!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; The Gospel According to Luke 21:25

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. - Isaiah 60:5

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken - The Gospel According to Luke 21:26

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. - Acts 3:19-21

It is now 3:23 am, the fourth watch, the 27th day of July, in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 2006. Blessed is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no name under the Heavens or on Earth that one might be saved.

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Amen

If you have not done so, DO read the first companion part of this message study, "The Mystery of An Empty Net", located in archive three of our web site, or if you are downloading from a alternate site, the file will be located there. I as God has prompted have added to it over the past two days.

Now let us begin.

"Go The Distance".

The following is an excerpt from "The Dance" located in archive one of our site, something I had originally penned some three years ago, modified only slightly, while sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at a local assembly :

"Go The Distance".

Truth.

Aim at the sun and you may not reach it; but your arrow will fly far higher than if you had aimed at an object on a level with yourself. - F. Hawes

"And what a great truth it is. A truth that can not only be applied to our general everyday lives, but a truth that can be applied or has application within one's self. Strive not only for perfection, but for distance. Run the race, fight the good fight. And above all, reach for the stars.

Man as a race, has the capability to obtain that unobtainable goal, if we but would only search within ourselves; placing our full weight of

trust and full faith, in God, we would find no obstacle too great, no mountain too high, no star beyond reach.

Strive again not only for perfection, as he that is Christ Jesus is perfect and without blemish. Strive also for, and hold true to those concepts, truths and ideals, that go the full distance; ...that full distance and height of "arrows flight".

- "The Phoenix"

"The Lion King".

Prophecy... Prophecy...

"I AM the Lord God, ... Aim for the Son".

Aim for Jesus Christ.

Anything less... anything less... is "Missing the Mark".

As to the above writing, I penned for a letter, as I just stated for a local blood drive, let me now just for a moment give you a bit more detail, and perhaps a little bit more of the "Rest of the Story" so to speak.

Originally penned (as a small excerpt) to promote and support the American Red Cross, the blood drive was held on a weekend, the Saturday, the week prior to Easter.

The purpose of that timeframe, and message, was "Give the Gift of Life, and the Gift of Love". Not unlike the great gift of life and love Our Lord gave, when He gave that great sacrifice upon the Cross. The Gift of Life, and the Gift of Blood. The perfect Lamb of God. But then again, it was not asking for it all as Our Lord gave, only a pint.

The purpose of the drive was three fold, as often that which God so inspires me to do, has more than one purpose. Now understand, this all took place during my walk through the denominations, when God was showing me what TRULLY was there.

The first purpose was of course to help the Red Cross, who at the time was experiencing a large shortage in blood supplies. The second to bring light upon the assembly that hosted it.

The third and one most vital was to promote UNITY. The preparations for the drive started months in advance. And yes, I must say a whole lot of “leg work” was done, most or a goodly amount of it by myself. Mailings of the letter were mailed out to what was then the seventy seven different Churches and denominations, here in the greater Jonesboro area, and several perhaps 120 total, as the others were in the immediate metro area. All asking them to come together to support this great cause. The impact that it could have had on saving lives could have been beyond measure.

Notice I used the words “Could Have Had”. The promotion of the event didn’t fail. Along with the mailings, by the time the date drew near, I had a handful of volunteers that manned the phone lines, contacting the other churches by phone, along with scores of flyers posted all over town. Radio spots and an interview were promoted and done, along with if I recall two or perhaps three television spots on our local station KAIT. I believe it was two, it was supposed to be three, but we had two television interviews.

With the radio and television interviews, we had the potential of reaching a population base of 250,000 people. Jonesboro itself is somewhere between 50 and 70 thousand. Coupled of course with that of a far lesser number, the assemblies and churches themselves. All in the name of UNITY... and saving lives. Saving Lives.

250,000 people... and 120 different congregations. Want to know how many pints of blood we raised in the Name of Christ?

Nine pints. And one of them of course my own.

Not ninety, not nine hundred. Not nine thousand. Nine Pints. With zero other church participation.

Blood - Nine.

True Unity and Love - Zero. One BIG goose egg.

I recall at the time, the pastor, and I use the term very loosely of the assembly that was to host the drive, when asked to promote the drive, responded "This Has Nothing To Do With Me". Perhaps.. maybe.. the other pastors felt the same way. "This Has Nothing To Do With Me". Or perhaps "This Has Nothing To Do With Us".

When the mentioned pastor, (who like the rest, was and is supposed to be shepherd) said it, I thought at the time,

"IT HAS Everything To Do With You". As it Had everything to do with the "Whole".

You see friend, in addition to the chance to save lives and embrace the fellow man, **ALL where being tried and tested by God and didn't even know it.**

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The promotion of the event didn't fail.

ALL where being tried tested by God and didn't even know it.
God was watching.

Prophecy... Prophecy...

"I AM the Lord God, ... Aim for the Son".

"Missing the Mark".

But then again God's watching....

As He is watching many of YOU right now. In the entire Church.

Don't be deceived and believe this has nothing to do with you friend.
"It Has Everything To Do With YOU".

Perhaps you can extract some much needed truth from all this.

Extract it and take it to heart. Take it to heart.

The promotion didn't fail, the Church did.

In Unity, in Faith, and in Love.

Friend... beloved... remove these...loose sight of these, and there is ... No Hope.

Loose sight of true faith, unity and love... there is no Hope.

Do not be deceived, nor deceive yourselves. Recall the Churches of Revelation Chapter 3.

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In Unity, in Faith, and in Love.

And this was just a symptom of "You Will" of a much larger problem both nationally and worldwide.

Now perhaps you can see "what I see".

The promotion didn't fail, the Church did.

In Unity, in Faith, and in Love.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints,

for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: - Ephesians 4:4-13

God is watching. As so am I.

“I Watch”.

Now you may say, look at the hurricanes and devastation and destruction, and death, and how we pulled together. Yes you may say that...

And I will then tell you.... “Look What It Took” and “Look What It Will Take”.

And now you know part of the reason, “The Thunder Rolls”. Moreg.

Look at the hurricanes and devastation and destruction, and death.

And even then you didn't move in unison and as a collective whole.

And you didn't move in unity of faith. One Faith.

Response to a disaster let's give you a 5 maybe a weak 6. Unity in Faith. 0

What you did was only respond to a symptom, a trial, a judgment, that came to be, due to a much larger problem.

“It is like... treating the symptom, but not treating the problem”.

It' is of FAITH: That it MIGHT be by Grace. Not response to devastation it might be by Grace. Even the unsaved do that. Yet ALL this is a part of the whole. Can you see? Can you see?

Sardis? Laodicea?

“It is like... treating the symptom, but not treating the problem”.

“Wake up and Anoint Your Eyes With Eye Salve, and See”.

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For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. - Hebrews 10:26-31

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for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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Apostle and Special Messenger of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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As to the 153 Fishes. Don't worry about them right now.

Get Your House in order first.

Notice I, as Peter, said "House".

For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? - 1 Peter 4:17

**Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.**

American poet Robert Frost (1875-1963)

Yes it has made all the difference indeed.

"It's Been A Long Road".

"the Phoenix".

"The Lion King"

Apostle and Special Messenger to Our Lord Jesus Christ

Have you noticed that God in His most abundant Grace, will take the worst mess up there ever was and make something of him. First Paul, who persecuted the early church, and then myself, the modern day prodigal son, chief of all backsliders, and sinners of whom I am no doubt chief. I often marvel at His greatness. God's greatness.

I guess the point I am trying to make is this:

Just think for one moment, think what He could do with YOU.

"Go The Distance".

“The Full Distance And Height of Arrows Flight”.

God is watching. As so am I.

**Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!**

“Go The Distance”.

"Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

William Carey

"Who will, can; Who tries, does; and Who loves, lives"

Anne McCaffrey

“And the Greatest is Love”.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape* , if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this *word* , Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God *is* a consuming fire. - Hebrews 12:25-29

Rev 3:1-21

1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 "Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 "So remember what you have received and heard; and keep {it} and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

4 "But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5 "He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

9 "Behold, I will cause {those} of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie-- I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and {make them} know that I have loved you.

10 "Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that {hour} which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

[Once Saved Always Saved, Security of the Believer” you corrupted his word. And twist the true meaning of perseverance of the Saints. And in doing so have fallen.]

11 "I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 "Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and {that} the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

(NASU) New American Standard Updated.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. - Daniel 12:3-4 (KJV)

And the teachers {and} those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness (to uprightness and right standing with God) [shall give forth light] like the stars forever and ever. But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro {and} search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as

revealed by His prophets] shall be increased {and} become great. - Daniel 12:3-4 (Amplified)

It is now 2:42 am, the 28th day of July, in the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 2006. Blessed is the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no name under the Heavens or on Earth that one might be saved.

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Amen

As I make ready for the fourth watch, God has brought to remembrance "Philadelphia", and the "Fall of Colossus and the Great Wall".

And then of true Liberty, and "Security in Christ".

There is no true freedom or Liberty separate from Jesus Christ. None.

As there is no freedom or liberty except that which is given by God.

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power,

and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

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By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. - Hebrews 11:7

Philadelphia. Not unlike the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.

"There's Something About That Name".

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"It's A Matter of Heart"

"The New Ark".

Philadelphia.... "Click". "It's A God Thing". Not the City, A Church. "It's A God Thing".

Philadelphia.... A tabernacle, a church, of true worship and praise!

and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

Philadelphia....

Philadelphia....

Yep.... "There's Something About That Name".

"the Phoenix"

The Lion King".

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. - Daniel 7:4

The Messenger. The Messenger of the Lion of the Tribe of Juda, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:

but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. - Proverbs 25:2-5

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Amen

OH OH.. My Lord... A Vision...A REVELATION!

OH>>>OH... I Get It!

Philadelphia!

Philadelphia.... A tabernacle, a church, of true worship and praise!

and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

Philadelphia....

Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: - Amos 9:8-11

From the Clarke Commentary:

Verse 11. *Will I raise up the tabernacle of David*] It is well known that the *kingdom of Israel*, the most profane and idolatrous, fell first, and that the *kingdom of Judah* continued long after, and enjoyed considerable prosperity under Hezekiah and Josiah. The remnant of the Israelites that were left by the Assyrians became united to the kingdom of Judah; and of the others, many afterwards joined them: but this comparatively short prosperity and respite, previously to the Babylonish captivity, could not be *that*, as *Calmet* justly observes, which is mentioned here.

This could not be called *closing up the breaches, raising up the ruins, and building it as in the days of old*; nor has any state of this kind taken place since; and, consequently, the prophecy remains to be fulfilled. It must therefore refer to their restoration under the Gospel, when they shall receive the Lord Jesus as their Messiah, and be by him restored to their own land. See these words quoted by James, #Ac 15:16, 17|.

(End of excerpt)

And yet much more as the commentary puts it only as to those of Jacob or Israel. Remember the graft of the olive I spoke to you of so many times, from the Book of Romans. This speaks of the fallen Christian Church as well. As I have told you before, when looking at unfulfilled prophecy, you must remember the “event” of Christ’s work upon the cross, and the olive by which we are grafted in. Most all commentators as well as you, loose sight of this. Clarke got the restoration of the Gospel right; he just forgot the graft. And a lack of vision of a lukewarm sleeping church. Fallen, to false doctrine, division and heresy. “Mystery of an Empty Net”.

The tabernacle of David. A bringing back of true worship and praise, a casting aside, and destruction of all idolatry. If you have not done so read all the files and messages of Phoenix Seven. People as I have told you, you have been lied to. And so many of you have been robbed of good things. Good things have been held from you...such as the spiritual gifts. Oh Philadelphia.. Oh Philadelphia..

Oh Philadelphia....

And the promise God gave me when I was only nineteen.

And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. - Isaiah 58:10-12

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Philadelphia.... Harvest Home.

I guess I will start building as soon as possible. But then again, if you have been reading the pages of Phoenix Seven, He already has had me start. Could be too, the picture you see below this text, I have had for months now. When He first gave me the vision. A reflection of the heart.

“Bless The Lord, Oh My Soul”!

“God sure doesn’t miss a lick”!

Will someone...someone out there give them some TRUE glory and praise!

“Philadelphia”.... Harvest Home.

A tabernacle, a church, of true worship and praise!

5:22pm - The following is a bit of commentary I dug up courtesy of JFB:

tabernacle of David — not “the *house* of David,” which is used of his affairs when prospering (2Sa 3:1), but the *tent* or *booth*, expressing the low condition to which his kingdom and family had fallen in Amos’ time, and subsequently at the Babylonian captivity before the restoration; and secondarily, in the last days preceding Israel’s restoration under Messiah, the antitype to David (Psa 102:13, Psa 102:14; Jer 30:9; Eze 34:24; Eze 37:24; see on Isa 11:1). The type is taken from architecture (Eph 2:20). The restoration under Zerubbabel can only be a partial, temporary fulfillment; for it did not include Israel, which nation is the main subject of Amos’ prophecies, but only Judah; also Zerubbabel’s kingdom was not independent and settled; also all the prophets end their prophecies with Messiah, whose advent is the cure of all previous disorders. “Tabernacle” is appropriate to Him, as His human nature is the tabernacle which He assumed in becoming Immanuel, “God with us” (Joh 1:14). “Dwelt,” literally, tabernacled “among us” (compare Rev 21:3). Some understand “the tabernacle of David” as that which David pitched for the ark in Zion, after bringing it from Obed-edom’s house. It remained there all his reign for thirty years, till the temple of Solomon was built, whereas the “tabernacle of the congregation” remained at Gibeon (2Ch 1:3), where the priests ministered in sacrifices (1Ch 16:39). Song and praise was the service of David’s attendants before the ark (Asaph, etc.): a type of the gospel separation between the sacrificial service (*Messiah’s* priesthood now *in heaven*) and the access of *believers on earth* to the presence of God, apart from the former (compare 2Sa 6:12-17; 1Ch 16:37-39; 2Ch 1:3).

breaches thereof — literally, “of them,” that is, of the *whole* nation, Israel as well as Judah.

as in ... days of old — as it was formerly in the days of David and Solomon, when the kingdom was in its full extent and undivided.

(end of excerpt)

Note that I have underlined a bit of the above commentary. Now knowing this, what then or how then can we look at this prophecy knowing that Jesus Christ dwells in the heart of those that have true faith?

Just as “the Temple” has changed by Jesus Christ’s redeeming work on the Cross, how then does this “event” of the Cross, effect the meaning of “tabernacle”?

“It is all a matter of Heart”.

Note I have included a bit of commentary from Gill’s Exposition of the Bible below:.

close up the breaches thereof, and will raise up his ruins; the doctrines of the Gospel will be revived and received; the ordinances of it will be administered in their purity, as they were first delivered; great numbers will be converted, both of Jews and Gentiles; and there will be much holiness, spirituality, and brotherly love, among the saints:

and I will build it as in the days of old; religion shall flourish as in the days of David and Solomon; the Christian church will be restored to its pristine glory, as in the times of the apostles.

(end of excerpt)

Just make sure you are of the right faith. The truth. Flee idolatry.

Oh Philadelphia....

And the promise God gave me when I was only nineteen.

And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. - Isaiah 58:10-12

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Philadelphia.... A tabernacle, a church, of true worship and praise!

and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

Philadelphia.. There's something about that name!

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. - Ephesians 3:17-19

"It's A Matter of Heart" - The "New Ark".



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