



# An Eagle's View!

## *The "Lion Hearted" Church!*

In this month's newsletter I am going to address a topic that I feel is very relevant to the present time of the Church. I believe that the Church, the Body of Christ, has been in a constant progression of restoration that will ultimately result in the Bride of Jesus coming to a purity, without spot, blemish, or wrinkle (*Eph. 5:25-27*). This is not just the reality of **TRUTH** that declares that "**SHE IS SO**", but it is also seen in a continued progression of the manifestation of that **TRUTH**. The earth will be filled with the manifest glory of the Lord (*Num. 14:21; Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14*). There is a restoration taking place in the earth that must take place before Jesus Christ can return to sum up all things before His Father in Heaven (*Acts 3:19-21*). We are living in the days of "**His Kingdom Come**"!

The following is a prophetic word that was given by myself to the congregation of Abundant Life on December 22, 1996. I believe that this word is not only true for the congregation of Abundant Life but also for the "Body of Christ" in this present hour:

*"You're going to be faced in the coming days with many things that will try to stop your destiny and cause your heart to melt. People's hearts around you will melt like wax. Some will melt by the fires of the enemy, and the fires of adversity. Some will melt by the fire of the Lord, but hearts will melt. And as hearts are melting your heart cannot melt. When you endure the fire of the Lord, the presence of the Lord, you've got to let*

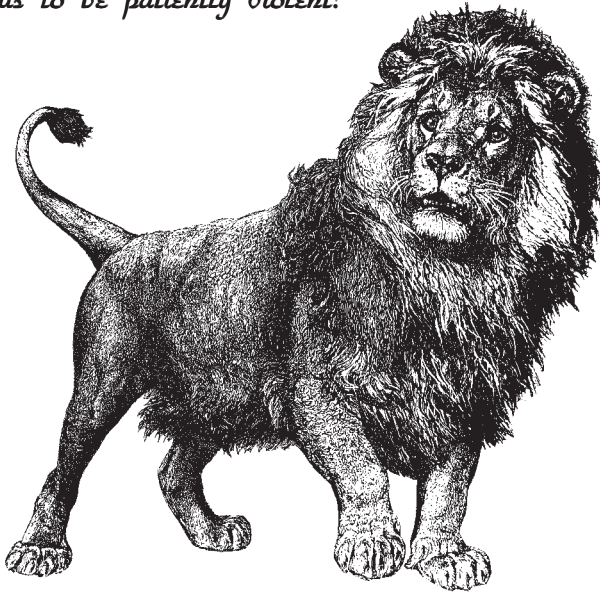
*your heart be purified and purged but you can't let your heart melt in the presence of the Lord.*

*I believe that 1997 will be a year of facilitation and release. The face of the Lion is going to come on the church like never before. I believe that God has called us in this season and in this time to have the face of an eagle. To see things that are not, to bring honey from the rock. But I believe the "moment", I'm not even saying the hour, I'm say the "moment" is at hand where the Lion face is coming on the church. For in times past there has been the face of the Lion on the church but the Spirit of the Lord says the face of the Lion lacked a depth and it lacked an intimacy with Me. And I've brought the winds of My Spirit and brought an intimacy with Me. And I've wooed you as My children, I've called you as my children. For I am your Father and I've called you to the place where I could heal your heart and bring you into My house. But it's time to go forth says the Lord! It's time to go forth! And I'm raising you up as My sons. I'm raising you up as My sons! And your face shall be as the face of My Son. Your face shall be as the face of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. And you shall go forth with strength. But you will not go forth amiss you will go forth with target! For I've brought you into a season to know the intimacy of My heart and that intimacy will not wane, it will not grow slack. It too will increase! But you will go forth with a fortified strength of My name.*



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*God is wanting to bring the face of the Lion on the church in a new way. Patience comes from intimacy. Faith comes from hearing the word of the Lord. But the walking out comes with a violence. God wants us to be patiently violent!"*



God is calling the Church in this present hour to rise up with the face of a Lion! We know that the scriptures describe Jesus as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah". In order for us to properly understand this expression of Jesus, our King, we must first of all look at the root of this expression.

If we look at the 49th chapter of the book of Genesis we find a record of the blessings and impartations which the Patriarch Israel declared over each of his twelve sons. We know through the teaching of the Bible that Jesus was born of the tribe of Judah according to the legal genealogy of His natural father Joseph (*Mt. 1:2-16; Lk. 3:23-38*). History also teaches us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was also of the tribe of Judah. Jesus was therefore declared to be of

the tribe of Judah both by the legal right of authority through the headship of a natural father as well as through the natural seed of His DNA of humanity through his mother Mary. Both of these are sound rights to fulfill the prophecy found in the blessing of Israel to his son Judah in **Genesis 49:8-12**:

*Gen. 49:8 "Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people. 11 Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk."*

Jesus is the one whom we praise! It is His hand that is upon the neck of His enemies. All of the children of God bow down before Him. As a lion's offspring He has risen to His destiny as King of all the kingdoms of the earth and it is He who takes vengeance upon His enemies. He is the one who has brought the presence of our God to His temple and has become our peace (Shiloh). There is no other law but the law that comes by His Spirit writing the truth of His New Covenant sealed in His precious blood upon our hearts. He has bound the donkey to the vine in that He has brought the Gentile nations of the earth



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to the house of the Lord and has brought His judgment upon the apostate covenant breakers who through their harlotry rejected their King. All of the nations of the earth are being called to tabernacle with God in Christ (**Zec. 14:14-21**). God's covenant house is made up of all nations who become one in Him (**Rom. 1:17; 2:10,29; 10:12; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11**) and His praise is a banner being lifted up over all lands!

If Jesus is the root of the prophecy spoken by Israel to Judah surely we, the Body of Christ, are the fruit of that same root. It is with triumphant boldness that Jesus is declared to be King. Surely it is with triumphant boldness that we shall declare our King among us!

The Scripture says that the devil goes about "like a roaring lion" seeking whom he may devour (**1Pet. 5:8,9**). The devil may go around "like a roaring lion" but it's time that we the Church manifest as "roaring lions" in Christ! Jesus is not "like a lion". He "is a Lion"! We are His children and there is that within us which is of the "lion character" of Christ.

There is a holy prophetic right that all of us as saints have before our adversary. That right is manifested in the "lion character" of Christ as we



declare His praises over the nations of the earth. The testimony of Christ within us is bringing about a boldness to execute the written judgments of Christ upon our enemy:

*Ps.149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment--This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!*

Jesus is the "Lion of the tribe of Judah". The name Judah means "praise". It is the praises of God in our life that executes the written judgments of God upon our enemy. These praises are "high praises". They are the break-throughs, the testimonies, the changes, the triumphs that come from the presence of God in our lives. Out of the abundance of our heart our mouth will speak! God is filling the hearts of His people with the abundance of His presence once again! It is His manifest presence in our life that breaks every yoke of our enemy (**Isa. 10:27**). These praises are going forth as judgments upon the enemies of our souls who has held us captive for generations. We know that we don't wrestle against flesh and blood. Our enemies are principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places (**Eph. 6:12**). These praises are but enforcements of the "it is finished" blood covenant of Jesus Christ sealed upon the cross! There is no weapon formed against us by our adversaries that will prosper for



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Jesus has triumphed over them in His death and resurrection and has made a public spectacle of them all (**Col. 2:13-15**)!

It is time that the Church become "**Lion Hearted**" against their adversary and appropriate from God the blessings of the Lord as blood bought saints of the King!

Our face before God is that of the *calf*. We are but creatures and He is the Creator. We present our bodies a living sacrifice to Him. Our face of faith is that of the *eagle*. Surely we have caught the winds of God's Spirit and we have seen what we could not see apart from Christ. His Spirit is leading us as sons of the Living God to the heights of Zion and we are finding our strength therein. Our face before one another is a face *like a man*. Truly we must humble ourselves and become of no reputation as we wash each other's feet with servant's towels and clay pitchers filled with the pure water of love and His word. Our face before our enemy however is the face of the *Lion*! We are more than conquerors in Christ and it is in this hour that a new level of victory shall be heard in the Church before our enemies! Shout!!! For the King is among us!!! The face of the Lion gives us confidence in Christ and continued victory over our enemy (**Num. 23:13-24**):

*Num 23:13 Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there." 14 So he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and*



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a ram on each altar. 15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet the LORD over there." 16 Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." 17 So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" 18 Then he took up his oracle and said: "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me, son of Zippor! 19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? 20 Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. 21 "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them. 22 God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox. 23 "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!' 24 Look, a people rises like a lioness, And lifts itself up like a lion; it shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain."

When the King is among His people there is no curse that will come upon them. When Balak called for Balaam to prophecy a curse over God's people Israel, he told him to go to another place where he would "see only

*the outer part of them*". It was from that place that Balaam was to be able to speak a curse over God's people. That is just like the Devil and the impish servants that serve his purposes of death and destruction. The Devil is always pointing to our weaknesses. He is more than willing to focus on our outer flesh but God is the one who fills us up with His everlasting presence from the inside out. The good news is that Balaam was unable to speak anything but the word of the Lord and blessing over God's people, even at their weakest point. Our righteousness is in Christ and not ourselves. We are told in the Scripture that we can regard no one according to the flesh any longer since we are now new creations in Christ Jesus (2Cor. 5:16,17). A proper examination of the body of Christ, and any member of the body of Christ, is to find that Christ is indeed within us (2Cor. 13:5)! When we walk in fellowship with Him the sound of the King can be heard in our life. Where the shout of the King is, there the King is! Just as Balaam declared; "Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them."





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A further description by Balaam reveals how God's people are seen before their enemies; *"Look, a people rises like a lioness, And lifts itself up like a lion; it shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain."* We are not to be intimidated by our enemies. We are a prophetic people blessed by God! It is the character and nature of Christ within us to strike fear in our enemies camp, even as the lion devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain. Truly we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but rather against spiritual powers of darkness. Surely the power of God's spiritual light within us will overpower the darkness of our enemy.

Looking back at the prophecy given at the beginning of this newsletter we find a key phrase concerning our stand as the *"lion hearted"* people of God. It declares that we are not to ***"let our hearts melt"*** when the fire of the enemy, or even when the fire of God, comes. Our hearts must be full of *"courage"*. We can do whatever God calls us to do! We go wherever God tells us to, because "God is with us"! The King is among us!

We are humbled in the presence of our God but our hearts are still filled with faith and great courage. Like the lion we are prepared to devour the prey. We are prepared to accomplish any task that Jesus our King sends us to do! **Worship God, but let your heart be STRONG!** The lion

knows that he can have victory. The lion knows that those who *"wait"*, but not faint, will be rewarded with the success of their task. Like the ***"Lion of the tribe of Judah"*** we need to let our hearts be filled with courage and our mouths with the praise of our God to silence the mouths of our enemies and enforce the written judgments of our God.

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