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Characteristics of the Name

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Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh (they have crucified self) with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

Galatians 6:1 *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

And what is this law of Christ Paul said we are to fulfill? It is the Law of Life where every seed must bring forth after its kind. And it is called the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus as Paul says in **Romans 8:2** *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

In other words as Paul speaks in Galatians 5 there is one law that Governs how you live, and that is the law set forth in **Genesis 1:11** that "*every seed must bring forth after its kind.*" But last night we examined the law of life in the natural man and then we began to examine the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus showing those who have died to self, to the old nature and have been buried in the Name of Jesus Christ, actually are planted in baptism and are raised up bearing the Name of the One that planted them, namely the same Name that governed the nature of Life in Christ Jesus Himself.

As Paul said in **Romans 8:10** *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

Planting the vine and where to plant it 59-0920 P:68 *The Bible says this now. The very Bible that said, "The works that I do shall you also," said this: "These signs shall follow them that believe: If they lay their hands on the sick they shall recover." Now, the God that made one promise and keeps it... **If you're planted in that--by the rivers of water, it***

brings every Divine Presence of God, every promise right into your connection. You're a tree that's planted by the rivers of one Water. That one Water is Christ, His Holy Spirit. There's healing; there's salvation; there's joy; there's long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience, all kinds of gifts laying right in that one precious Name. "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I will do." Now, you pray in the Name of Jesus for the person you got your hands on; I'll pray overall for all of you. Let the Holy Spirit that's present now heal every person.

Planting the vine and where to plant it 59-0920 P:61 *the Church is actually planted in God. Jesus said, "At that day, you'll know that I am in the Father, the Father's in Me, and I in you and you in Me." See, it's that Life of God flowing right down through the Name of Jesus Christ, right down into the Church. See? Makes us one. We're branches. We're representatives of His.*

Notice then as we bear the name of Jesus we bear the Life in the name. We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, Word of His Word and Spirit off of His Spirit. we are one. And so as we continue in these attributes that identify the life in the name, let us continue in **Galatians 6** and verse **2**.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives only himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For every man shall bear his own burden. 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teaches in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Last night we spoke on the characteristics of both the natural man, the self centered man, the old man, and then we turned our focus onto the characteristics of the Spirit filled Son of God. But do not forget we are still talking about the Name here. The attributes and characteristics that identify the name. For as we mentioned in no 1 in this mini series about the Name of Jesus we showed how names have meanings, and therefore the nature of the name is expressed in the Life of the one who is bearing the name.

Therefore in continuing to address the attributes of the Spirit filled sons of God, *the one who bears the Name of Jesus* in baptism, and newness of life, Paul continues in **Galatians 5** and verse **22** and let us examine the next attribute that Paul speaks to us concerning our reflecting the nature of God's Spirit in our lives which he says is *longsuffering*, because after all **God is the God of long suffering**. And simply put long suffering means to be willing to suffer long.

Psalms 86:15 *But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.*

Numbers 14:18 *The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.*

Exodus 34:6 *And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering**, and abundant in goodness and truth,*

In other words, when you know the other is wrong, and they are perhaps not walking in the way which is right, instead of jumping all over them, we must approach them with long suffering. Now, that does not mean for one minute you have to agree with them, or that you are supposed to accept what wrong they do. No, long suffering simply means that although they are wrong, you **bear with them**. Therefore **Forbearance** and **Longsuffering** run hand in hand as we see in the Scriptures.

Ephesians 4:2 *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

1 Timothy 1:16 *Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all **longsuffering**, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.*

Colossians 3:12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, **longsuffering**;*

Colossians 1:11 *Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, **unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness**;*

2 Corinthians 6:6 *By pureness, by knowledge, **by longsuffering**, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,*

Now, the next attribute of a Spirit filled believer who bears the name of Jesus comes forth as a progression out of long suffering, for one who is long suffering is not harsh but rather shows themselves to be gentle and kind in their disposition. So Paul says, Longsuffering and then he mentions *gentleness*, which is defined as "**kindness, or mildness.**" *The quality or state of being gentle; especially: mildness of manners or disposition.* So what does that mean? It means: **having or showing a kind and quiet nature: not harsh or violent.**

James 3:17 *But the wisdom that is from above is **first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.***

Titus 3:2 *To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, **but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.***

And I think this is where we as a believing people make our biggest mistakes in our relationships with others. We need to come to the place that no matter what men would say against us, we just learn not to respond to it. I know this has been my failing as a Husband, and as a Father and as a Pastor. Basically, I have taken a strong and sometimes bold stand when no response would have been the best position to take.

By responding to insults you are acknowledging them. Ignoring them is the best medicine for the one doing the insulting, because the reason they insult you is to get a response out of you, so they can say, See! See! Look at their response. But in not responding at all, it defuses their sting.

But what they fail to see is that John said, "he that is born of God does not initiate sin." He does not go out looking for it. So when they attack you and as Jesus said, "*they will say all manner of evil against you for my names sake,*" There's the name again. And so when they do we are commanded to just let go and let God. Turn the cheek, for the one throwing the blows at you will have to answer to God one day for there words. But sometimes as I said we fall short ourselves and return blow for blow, and that is exactly what Satan wants you to do, because then he can say, 'see, You're not so perfect yourself'.

And of course we are not perfect but we bear the name of one who is perfect. And the one who bore the name first said, "*be ye perfect, even as my Father in heaven is perfect.*" and the only way we are perfected is by the blood of the innocent one, Jesus.

Now, Paul said in **2 Timothy 2:24** *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,*

And Jesus Himself told us in **Matthew 5:11** *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

So think of your *reward in heaven when men revile you and speak against you*. What they are doing is throwing your reward at you. Then we should be thankful for all they throw our way. And we should never throw back our reward at them, or else they are storing up our treasure.

That is why the Apostle Paul said in **Ephesians 4:31** *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

And Jesus told us that men will prove what nature they bear, by what they speak out from their mouth as He tells us in **Matthew 12:34** *O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

So when you hear men reviling you, just remember, how can anyone who is good speak such evil things. They speak evil because they are evil. Because Righteous men speak righteous things because they think righteous thoughts while evil men will speak evil things because they think evil thoughts. It's just that simple. How can a well bring forth good and bad water at the same time. That is what James said, and it's the truth.

In **James 3:5** we read, *Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

The next Attribute that the Apostle Paul speaks of as attributes of a Spirit filled person is *goodness*. *Goodness* is defined as *virtue or beneficence*: in other words, *morally good behavior or character*. And not only being moral and of good character, *but producing or manifesting good and moral acts*. *IE: doing or producing good; especially : performing acts of kindness and charity*

2 Thessalonians 1:11 *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:*

Ephesians 5:9 *(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*

And of course the apostle Paul who taught us that it all begins with faith would never think to leave it out of the list of Divine Attributes that every Believer filled with the Spirit of God would manifest. *faith,*

Hebrews 11:6 *For without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

And we know God's vindicated prophet taught us that *Faith is a Revelation, something that is revealed to you*. And we know that Revelation is not a mental thing, but something that had been hidden is now manifested openly so that our knowing is not based upon human ability to understand, but by God's grace to open the eyes of your understanding that you might see what He sees.

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

And therefore, Faith gives us access into the very mind of God.

Ephesians 3:12 *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

Romans 5:2 *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Ephesians 1:15 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being **justified by faith**, (justified by revelation) we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Hebrews 4:2 *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

Then we see him list **23 Meekness**, as an attribute of the Spirit filled Christian.

Colossians 3:12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*

Notice that Paul tells us here to put on meekness. Then if we are commanded to put on meekness, then meekness is something within our own power to do in response to the command put it on. Now, the word meekness speaks of gentleness but also speaks of humility.

Webster's dictionary defines meekness as *enduring injury with patience and without resentment* : and the word humility is defined as *the quality or state of not thinking you are better than other people : the quality or state of being humble.*

Romans 12:3 *For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

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followed closely by temperance: which he says, against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

So you see, the closer and closer we come into the image of Christ, the less we will provoke others through things we do in our actions and words. But if we are to put on Christ, and to bear the name of Jesus Christ, then to put on Christ means just exactly what Paul said. He did not say we are to put on a part of Christ, but we are to grow up into Christ in all things. That's what he said in Ephesians 4.

He said, **Ephesians 4:15** *But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up into him** in all things, which is the head, even Christ:* Notice, not grow up to be like Him, but to grow up into Him. That means to put on the very nature and character and the very life of Christ. Most people who call themselves Christian have no clue what that name entails. But we are finding out today.

From his sermon, **Tested Faith Produces Goods 58-0518 P:37** *"He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life, and shall not come to the judgment; but has passed from death to Life." Then what kind of a character would that be? If many has that profession and don't have the fruits of the Spirit to follow it, then they're deceived. "If you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not in you."*

Now, just think about that title of that sermon. Tested Faith Produces Goods. Untested faith doesn't produce anything. So it's the test that counts.

Communion 57-0418 P:33 *I wonder tonight if I'm speaking to people who once made a start to go through with God, and when the testing time come you chose rather to go back into the world and do the things of the world, or did you take the rugged old way of salvation? **Did you do like Moses when he was under testing?** When he had his foot on the throne of Egypt, but he esteemed the riches of Christ greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt. He forsook Egypt, did not care how much gold, how many popular, **he took God at His Word**, and he forsook the things of Egypt, **counting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.** What do we do under the testing when the hard trials come? When they say because that you separate yourself from the things of the world, that you're a religious fanatic, does the strain come? It's got to come. And you've got to make the choice.*

Reproach for the word 62-1223 P:34 *Can you remember the disciples returning back and rejoicing because they figured that **they were counted worthy to stand the reproach of His Name?** He said, **"All that live godly in Christ shall bear a persecution,"** the reproach of the Word. **You always have to stand this reproach in order to give your testing to see.** Every man that comes to Christ must first be child-trained for the purpose that God has ordained you for. And remember, if you could just keep quiet... Remember, **if He's called you for this, there's nothing that can keep it from happening.** There's not enough devils in torment but what God's Word will be made manifest. You're born for a purpose. And nobody can take your place. **You might have impersonators and everything else, but they'll never take your place.** That's right. God's Word will triumph. It cannot fail. **There's where every Christian ought to stand, knowing that trials will come up and seem every way to you. But remember, God has a purpose, and it all will work right.***

Victory day 63-0421 P:64 *Now, remember. God has counted you worthy when you have a test. Now, don't fail this, to get this. When you have a trial, or a test, it shows the grace of God has found... You found favor with God. And God believes that you'll stand the test. You remember, He did the same thing by Job. Satan said, "Oh, yes, I seen Job down there." God said, "He's a perfect servant. There's none in earth like him. There's nobody like Job. He's a perfect man. Now, He's My pride and joy." Satan said, "Oh, sure. He gets everything he asks for." Said, "Let me have him once." And said, "I'll make him curse you to your very face." Said, "I'll just make him curse you." God said, "He's in your hands, but don't you take his life," See? God had confidence in Job. Amen.*

So just remember, "all things will work together for those who love the Lord and are The called according to His purpose." And remember one other things.

Thy seed shall possess gate 62-0121M P:38 *And you go through a testing time. The church goes through a testing time. Each individual goes through a testing time before it can ever possess the gate of the enemy. Abraham went through it. Christ went through it. After Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit there at the river of Jordan, He went through a testing time. After Abraham was called out, put into his land where he was to be a pilgrim, then give circumcision and God met him time after time. Yet he had to go through the time of testing. Every seed of Abraham does the same thing, Abraham and his seed, an organization, a church.*

Notice that brother Branham said not only do we as individuals go through a time of testing, but so does the church. And he also said "*if the church is not being tested it is not of God.*"

Impersonation of Christianity 57-0120M P:71 *Is that Spirit that's in your life, ticking out your emotions exactly with the Bible? Have you **longsuffering, and gentleness, goodness?** Material is not tested... Listen as you pray. Material is not tested by its quantity, how big it is, how big of a church, I mean here. See? It's not tested by its quantity, but by its quality. Metal is tested by its strength. And **the Church is not tested on how big a church or how many members. It's tested by its strength by the Bible, how can it say, "Amen," to every promise that God has given.***

Now, I know we all are tested in ways that may very much from one another. But let me say this. I know specific times in my life that I knew the test was on, and God was going to see how I responded in the situation he brought me.

I remember specifically as a young man, facing the test, do I play football on Sunday with the Minnesota Vikings or do I put God's Word first. You know brother Branham was tested in that when he was thirteen years old and he passed the test and so did I.

I remember other tests as well. Do I accept this job for 6 digits but I would have to move to Michigan, and that was when 6 digits meant a whole lot more than it does today, that was 20 years ago, but I would have had to leave the ministry to do it, or do I turn it down and continue serving God as a pastor. I never even flinched, even when the recruiter told me that he was told that he had received over 400 applicants for the position of Director of Packaging for this very large firm, and the Vice president said he was only interested in one person and that was me, and he was to offer me whatever I wanted to get me to come work for them. I never gave it a second thought. I passed the test.

But do you know as a pastor we get tested quite often in what we preach. I know many do not understand this, but when God tells you to preach some things that are very hard, you got to do it. And when He tells you to do it, immediately Satan is there telling you if you do you are going to loose a whole bunch of people. But I can honestly tell you that I have been obedient to My Father and I have not withheld from you even tough I knew saying certain things would cause some to leave.

This has been the case several times over the years, but I would rather say it and say it the way he told me to say it, than to not say it or say it in a way that it would not be understood.

Now, I know that many preachers cloak their words in obscurity, to ease their consciences. They justify that they said what they were supposed to say, but they say it in such a way that there is no power, their is no impact.

I was listening to brother Branham the other day and he just blasted the people for something, and then he said, I know that what I just said hurts, but I said what he wanted to me to say, and in the manner in which he wanted me to say it. So we are all tested, but how well are we in passing the test? How many times are we taking the same test over and over again. That will tell you how you are faring.

From this sermon we are studying, **Christ is the mystery - 63-0728 216**. brother Branham said, *"Listen closely now again as we go on, going back to the original Eden. Then when we are borned of Him, we are filled with Him. See, your life... **His Life is in you.** Then all of our actions should declare Him. It's like taking life out of one tree and putting it into another. Taking life out of a pear tree and put it in an apple tree, it'll bear pears. It's got to, 'cause the sap, the life in it, the germ is pear tree. All right. Then all of our actions should declare Him. We have His Name. Is that right? **We should bear his name.***

And again from **Christ is the mystery - 63-0728 217.** *And remember, we are now as His Bride, **pregnated with His Spirit.** Oh, my. The Church bearing children (See?), **pregnated by His Spirit with His Name, bearing His Name, bearing His Life, bringing forth the signs of His Life evident with the preeminences, evidence of His resurrection showing that He is not dead, but alive forevermore. This is Eternal Life. And a-vindicated--vindicates to the world that we are alive in Him. Whew.***

Christ is the mystery - 63-0728 281. *What is it? Not them people; **the Headship and the Body has become One unit.** It's **God manifested in His people.** That's the reason the husband and wife is no longer twain; they're one. **God and His Church is One: Christ in you, God's great revelation (Glory to God.), even bearing his name. His Name is Jesus, the Anointed. The reason He's called Jesus, He is the Anointed. And **it's the Anointed Body of Christ proving, manifested God like that Body did.** And that Body redeemed every these bodies.***

So how can you bear anything else but His life if you are bearing His name?
How can you bear any other character than his character if you are bearing His name?
How can you bear any other nature than His nature if you are bearing His name?
How can you bear any other Life than His Life if you are bearing his name?

Then, How could you **not** bear His Power when you are bearing His name? Because bearing His name means you are bearing his presence, bearing His power. Because when he said, I am, that means "the self existing one," "the One Who is present".

Did Jesus not promise in **John 17:24** *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

And did not Jesus promise us in **Matthew 28:20** *"lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

And **Matthew 18:20** *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.* Therefore *Speaking His name brings His Presence.* Because that is what His name means. I exist that I exist. I am present that I am present. In old testament they knew that if they spoke his name it would bring his name it was too holy to utter.

Therefore, *We are kept by the name of Jesus* as Jesus himself prayed in **John 17:11** *11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*

Therefore, *Jesus came to manifest the name* of the Father which means he came to manifest the very nature, the very character and the very power of the father through the name the father gave Him. **John 17: 4** *I have glorified thee on the earth: (I have doxazo, I have magnified thy Values, and thy Opinions and judgments) I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me (magnify in me thy values, opinions and judgments) with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.* and what was this work of the father that he finished? We get our answer in the next :. **6** *I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

Therefore in manifesting the name of the father he manifested the very character, the very nature, and the very power of the father.

God identifying Himself 64-0320 P:31 *The Bible don't give an uncertain sound. It identifies the characteristic of God in Its sounding. Jesus said in St. John 10:37, "If I do not the works of My Father, and I don't have that character of My Father, then don't believe Me. They are the one... They identify His character in Me, His characteristics, because the Father is the Word." In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the characteristic of God is displayed by His promise for that age.*

let us pray...