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Your Home and the House of God part 1
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Now, last week we spoke from Paragraph **174** and took the first part of what brother Branham was saying here and spoke to you sisters where he said, *Break those veils that's hiding Him from you. Break those veils of pride, you women; you're a King's daughters; **act like it; live like it.** Break every veil.*

Now, this morning I want to take the rest of this paragraph, and turn it to you brothers, and look at what he is saying to you.

*“No matter what Ph.D. and LL.D. says; **if it's contrary to that Bible, break through that veil; for we've crossed the riven veil. We're on the other side now, on the other side.** And you will see, if you'll just do that, **break those old traditions and things and come to Him, you'll see Him standing the Mighty Conqueror, the Word of promise for this age made manifest. You'll see the mighty God unveiled, see Him right among us here, unveiled, the mighty God, unconquered by traditions.**”*

So you have old traditions also that are keeping you from seeing him. And remember, according to **2 Corinthians 3:15-18** we are to be able to see him when we are looking in the mirror of his Word.

2 Corinthians 3:15 *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it (the heart) shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face (no traditions, no creeds) beholding as in a glass (mirror of the Word, and we see) the glory of the Lord, (the doxa of the Lord, his opinions, His values and His judgments, we) are changed into the same image (that we see in His Word, and we are changed) from glory to glory, (from doxa to doxa, from your opinions to His opinions, from your values to his values, from your judgments to his judgments) even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

So something happens to you when you are focused on his doxa, his mindset in His Word. You are changed and that change creates an atmosphere within you that permeates all around you. And then your role as the man of the house, the leader of the house is to bring that new atmosphere into your home for the salvation of your family.

Remember the advice Paul gave the Philippians Jailor. He said, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house will be saved.”**

Brother Branham explains this in his sermon **One of the meanest men in town 61-0429B P:26** *Let me say this. When the Roman was converted, Paul... **The Philippian jailer**, down at Philippi, he said, "What can I do to be saved?" Most of us would tell him what not to do: quit drinking, quit stealing, quit lying, quit smoking. But that wasn't his question. "What must I do?" Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved." Say, "When a man gets saved, does that save his house?" No.*

But if he's got enough faith to get saved himself, he's got enough faith that his house will be saved also, the same faith that saved him.

So in his sermon **238 God's Only Provided Place of Worship 65-1128.1M** Brother Branham said, *"We live in our home like Branham's live. You live in your home, the Joneses, like the Joneses live. 239 And in the House of God we live by the Word of God and every One that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, and any other, fraud, we won't listen to him. See?"*

Therefore this morning I would like to take a short dedicational Message for our brothers. And to begin let's focus on what our prophet taught us here.

Notice, brother Branham said, *"we live in our home like Branham's Live and in the house of God we live by the Word of God."*

Now he is not saying that these two places should be different. No not at all. He is saying the same atmosphere we live under when we go to God's home is the same atmosphere we should carry over to our own homes.

I was listening to a video tape of brother Billy Paul Branham as he was being asked questions by teenage kids who are being brought up in this message. And the overall theme of his testimony was the way in which his father, Brother Branham, conducted their home in the same manner as he did from the pulpit. **He kept the banner of God's Love, Grace and reverence in their home at all times held over his family. He literally applied the Token to His home.**

Now, we know that brother Branham believed in *creating an atmosphere* where ever we go. And He certainly was a living example of **Love, Reverence and Respect**. That is something we all need more of in our lives.

I think today, we need to re-address this issue of **our home and house of God**, because I think that is where we are missing the mark today. We should be so aware of God's Presence that we would find it very hard to do things in our own homes knowing full well, that He's in our home watching everything we do and say. And since God knows the very thoughts of our hearts, we should know that we want to keep even our thoughts covered by the blood of his son. And so we should control our thoughts knowing that our thoughts create the atmosphere in which we live and express ourselves.

Brother Branham even asked his father to never come to his home when he had been drinking. He wanted to maintain a certain atmosphere in his home.

Now in paragraph number **233** we read*"My action, and the vindication of God's Word in my life shows whether I'm a child of God or not. Now, there's God's only place. See it? The only place that God will receive your sacrifice (I don't care how sincere you are) is in Christ."* And in paragraph **234** ...*the Bible said, 'Whosoever believeth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, shall be saved.'* " **235** *It says that, but remember it also is written, "No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost."* See? You might say "he is," but **he isn't until the Holy Spirit Itself which gives Life to the Word proves it by vindication that you are the son of God.** *That's the Scripture.*

Now let's just turn to this scripture that brother Branham refers to here. Where he quoted, "***No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost.***"

Brother Branham is telling us here that, "**just because you say you believe it, doesn't really mean that you believe it.**" And that is what I'm trying to tell you. The only way I can tell if you believe it is **if your life is manifesting what you claim to believe.**

If Noah really didn't believe God's Message of the rain, he would not have built the ark. If Moses did not really believe God's Message of an Exodus, He would not have left Egypt with all those people.

And brother Branham is telling us that **the Life in the Word must take a hold of our lives** or we are not even a part of the Message of this hour.

That is why I hit on something as simple as tithes and offerings. Because *when you know to do right and you don't do it, to you it is iniquity* and it shows that you are not even born again.

And you must be born again to be a part of the rapture and inherit the kingdom. All others will go through a tribulation period.

Notice again in pp 235 he said, "*You might say "he is," but he isn't until the Holy Spirit Itself which gives Life to the Word proves it by vindication that you are the son of God*"

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (even our revelation) ***5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?***

Now this morning we're looking at this statement brother Branham said, "***We live in our home like Branham's live. You live in your home, the Joneses, like the Joneses live. And in the House of God we live by the Word of God and every One that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,***"

Now, brother Branham was a mild mannered individual. He tried to live at peace with all men. He was not loud, nor was he an outspoken person, but he was humble and quiet. One day Brother Branham took Billy Paul and his wife and 2 kids to a restaurant and as they were sitting there eating, in walked 2 rugged looking men. They walked up to the counter and sat on the stool side by side. One of them began to pour out filthy talk from his mouth. Billy said, "*I could see dad becoming disturbed and the next thing I knew he excused himself from the table and headed over toward those men.* Billy Paul remembered thinking, "*oh, oh, now were in trouble.*" Brother Branham walked up to where the 2 men were eating and talking filthy talk and he said, "***sir, I am a minister of the Gospel, And I am over there at that table eating with my boy and his family.***"

He said, *"Now, you have as much of a right to eat here as I do, And I have as much of a right to eat here as you do. But may I ask you a question?"* And the man said "sure". He said, *"are you going to put food into that same mouth that such filth is pouring out?"*

Just then, Billy Paul, thought to himself, *"Oh, oh, now you done it, I'm going to get killed!"* Brother Branham continued, *"I do not believe in such talk as what you are doing. I do not preach such and neither do I practice such. My son's family are not accustomed to hearing such talk, and I do not want them to hear it."*

He then turned around and came back to his seat. The man never used a foul word again that night.

From his sermon **Is Your Life Worthy of the Gospel pp. 151** Brother Branham said, *"And did you know, you are a little creator yourself? Did you know that? Certainly! You've seen people that you just love to be around. You don't know why. Just that loving type of person. Haven't you seen that? Just as kind, you like you be around them. They create that atmosphere by the life they live, the way they talk, their conversation. Then you've seen those that every time you - you shun them. All the time they want to talk about something evil and talk about somebody, and say, "Oh, my, there they come, they're going to talk about this man. All they're going to do is tell dirty jokes, or something about women, or something like that." You just hate to get around them. See? They create. Seemingly pretty nice people, but they create that atmosphere. And the things that you think on, the things that you do, the actions, the things you talk about creates an atmosphere.*

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be first of all in your own heart:*

Notice that the very first thing, before you can even attempt to apply the token for your family, you must apply it in your own life. Now, let's read on...

7 *And then thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

The **NIV** says, *"Impress them on your children"*.

And the **Amplified Bible** says, *"You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up."*

8 *And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*

In other words then as part of applying the token you want to have as many remembrances in and around your home to always make sure that your focus is on one thing, and that is what your earthly journey here is all about.

That is why we hang up pictures of Hoffman's head of Christ, and Christ in Gethsemane and many other such pictures to help us to remember what our life journey is all about. Even William Branham hung a cross in his car from the mirror to always remind him of Jesus sacrifice he made for our sins.

Malachi 3:16 *Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.*

NIV 17 *"On the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. (he's talking adoption here) 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.*

Malachi 4:1 *For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and **the heart of the children to their fathers**, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

So Malachi 4 is a time of child training, getting the Bride to act like a lady and come under the headship of her mate, the Lord Jesus Christ.

And we see the same thing is spoken to us by the apostle Paul in the book of **Ephesians 4:21** *If so be that ye have **heard him**, and have been **taught by him**, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye **put off concerning the former conversation** (the former way of living) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**; 24 And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in right-wise-ness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore **putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor**: for we are members one of another. 26 **Be ye angry, and sin not**: (its ok to be angry but do not disbelieve while in anger, and in fact he says) *let not the sun go down upon your wrath:**

In other words it is ok to use anger to bring about a proper result, a rightly wise result, but don't stretch out that anger, and therefore don't let the sun go down upon your anger because then it has become no longer anger but wrath.)

Then he adds, **27** *“Neither give place to the devil.”* Now, why would he speak that anger is ok, and then warn us to not hold onto it so long that the entire day is spent and the sun goes down and you are still holding onto it? Because that would be; giving place to the devil. That would be giving the devil victory over your anger, and allowing him to use it against you.

28 *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his own hands the thing which is good, that he may have extra to give to him that needeth.*

29 *Let no corrupt (or worthless) communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

In other words, “control your tongue”, and any words that do not minister grace to the hearer, just let it go and do not even speak it.

30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

So how do we get to the place where we do not grieve or make sorrowful the Holy Spirit? He tells us in the next verse.

31 *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

In other words, any words that are hurtful, whether in anger or from bitterness, let it be put away from you. In other words, divorce the anger, divorce the malice, divorce the bitterness, instead of divorcing the wife.

You men, we all have a choice, we can give back anger for anger, wrath for wrath, and malice for malice, or we can divorce ourselves of anger, wrath, malice, and bitterness. Its your choice. If you want to go through this life angry all the time, and bitter all the time, that will take a toll on you and you will lose your family and friends, or you can chose instead to divorce anger, wrath, bitterness and malice, instead. And he leaves this up to us. Just think about that. You have the control over your own destiny. So what do we do instead? He tells us next...

32 *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.* In other words, be like him. While you were an ornery old cuss he forgave you your sins, and gave you new birth. So why not take his example and do just the opposite of what the situation is calling out.

When the wife is angry, Be tender. When she is being difficult, be kind. Do just the opposite, and it will cool down the situation. And this is not an easy thing to do, because it takes a death to self to be able to do it.

And then the apostle Paul tells us **5:1** *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ (in the same way that Christ) *also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather **giving of thanks**. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **Let no man deceive you with vain words:** for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.** 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 **Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.** 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.**

13 *But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, (watchful and discreet) not as fools, but as wise, 16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore **be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is**. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**.*

In other words, wives, as you submit to your husband you are doing so to the Lord.

23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

You know some women will submit to their husbands in certain things but not in other things, yet the Word of God says **You are to submit to your husband in EVERYTHING**. And never forget, “take one word away and you go to tribulation.”

Now, you husbands, he says, **25** *Husbands, love your wives, even as (in the same measure as) Christ also loved the church, (and what is that measure? He tells us) **and gave himself for it**; Your duty is to love your wife, doesn't say you have to like all she does or does not do, but your love will be expressed by your giving yourself for her betterment.*

Always in the Bible Love is expressed in giving. **John 3:16** *for God so love the word that He gave...*gave what? The thing he held as dearest to Himself, the very life of His Son. His Own God Life in his son, given on our behalf which showed his great love for us.

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth** and **cherisheth** it, even as the Lord the church:

So the role of the husband is to love his wife, and give his own self for her, to sanctify and cleanse her, and prepare her for the head ship of Christ.

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Not they four, father, mother husband and wife, but the man is to leave father and mother, and join himself to his wife and they two shall be one flesh. I have seen so many young men who were tied so close to their mothers apron that they ruined their own marriage because they could not leave mother.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Hebrews 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; **13** And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. **14** Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: **15** Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Bitterness will keep you out, so be careful people, never let bitterness rule your life. I've seen marriages that were good, but then the wife gets to gossiping with someone who did not treat her husband with proper respect, and the next thing you know that wife begins doing the same to her own husband. That is wrong and that will put you out of God's Kingdom one day. So what keeps you in the Kingdom? Paul says, ...

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably (how?) with reverence and godly fear.

Br. Billy Paul's wife Loise babysat for brother Branham and Meda on occasion and one day she came to the home in blue jeans. Sister Meda took her aside and said, "Now, Loise, I'm sure you will not understand what I am trying to tell you right now but we have many people come to visit our home who look to Bill's ministry for guidance and help. Now we do not believe in men and women wearing shorts and women wearing pants and such as that. We believe in our women dressing modestly. And since you and Billy Paul are seeing each other, if people see you here wearing jeans and such they will not understand and it can cause some to doubt and question. So I am asking that you not come around here dressed that way." And Billy said, "Loise never wore pants again".

1 Peter 2:9-23 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth (that you might manifest) the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: **10** Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. **11** Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; **12** Having your conversation (the way you conduct yourself) honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. **13** Submit yourselves (yield yourselves) to every ordinance of man **for the Lord's sake**: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **14** **Or unto governors**, (that is why we social distance and wear those worthless masks, even though we know they don't protect you from anything, they may protect others from your own spit but they certainly can't protect you from a virus that is so small it could easily be breathed in through the mesh fibers. But we submit, we yield) *as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.* **15** For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: **16** As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. **17** Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. **18** Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. **19** For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, **suffering wrongfully**. (and in all my years as a Christian I have never seen anyone exemplify this like Steve Gray did all those 45 years he worked for a company that gave him the worst jobs in the factory, yet he did them without complaining. I asked him why, and he said, "I'm not working for them I'm doing this as unto the Lord.")*

I would like to say that I really admire that in a man. Now, he is a man that was an MP in the Army, so I'm sure he was taught how to defend himself, and I've played against him on the basketball court, and let me say, he's no push over, yet br. Steve is one of the mildest men I have ever known. And I admire him for that, and wish I could be more that way. And you know, I've wondered about that because he's always worn those Clark Kent glasses, so I've kind of tucked that in the back of my mind. Not super man, but son of God man.

Let's continue to read, **20** *For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but **if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*** **21** *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:* **22** *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:* and I want you all to pray for me that I can become more that way, when reviled, to revile not back. I'm from the old school, hit me and I hit back harder, and I have to die to that. I must die to that. I must die to self if I am to reign.

1 Peter 4:1-11 *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: **5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. **6** For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. **7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. **8** And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins. And when you are hit and hit back, it shows you are lacking in love. And I pray for that love to manifest itself in me. **9** Use hospitality one to another without grudging. **10** As every man hath received the gift, (spiritual endowment) *even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God*. **11** If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

In other words, don't try to imitate anyone else, just be what you are by the grace of God, and accept your limitations and be grateful for the opportunity that God sends your way, because after all, it is not you doing, but "**God that works in you both to will and to do**".

1 Peter 5:1-10 *The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, **not by constraint**, (not because you are pressured into it) **but willingly**; not for **filthy lucre**, (not for financial incentives) **but of a ready mind**; (that means willingly)*

3 *Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

4 *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, (at the appearing when he comes to reward every man for what he has done in the flesh according to Matthew 24, then) **ye shall receive a crown of glory*** (a crowning of doxa, his opinions, his values, and his judgments, and of course this is the crown) *that fadeth not away.*

5 *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for **God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble**. **6** (therefore) *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time* (at the time when you are due).*

7 *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. **8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**: **9** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.* In other words, his attacks are universal, and you are not being singled out, but your brethren all over the world are being attacked as well.

10 *But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, shall make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

Why? Because unless you suffer with him, you will not reign with him.

From the **Church Age Book Chapter 8 - The Philadelphian Church Age P:91** we read, *“It is in the midst of a time of great trouble that Jesus comes. And with His coming there is a resurrection. Many are to come forth out of the dust and rise with those who are alive but waiting for His return. And these will be given crowns. Why? Because they are Sons of God. They are kings with Him. They are reigning with Him. That is what the crown signifies--reigning and ruling with the Great King, Himself. That is the promise to all those who suffer with Him here on earth--all those who endured patiently knowing that God, the Just Judge would reward them. They who gave up all for Him and committed all to Him will sit down in His throne and share in His glorious kingdom.”*

Church Age Book Chapter 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age P:18 *Why does He stand by? The reason is in **Romans 8:17-18**, “**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. 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.**” Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a **VICTORY**, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is **Satanic**. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous **glory that will be revealed in us** when He comes. Oh, **what treasures are laid up** for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.*

Let us pray...