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“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:15-16

THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

By Betty Houk

“Do not deceive yourselves. God is not to be scoffed at. For whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap. He who sows in the field of his lower nature will from that nature reap destruction; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap the Life of the Ages” Gal.6: 7-8 (Weymouth)

In the past I have heard this scripture quoted many times and seemed to me to imply that God is nearly as quick tempered as a hot headed natural man, and He doesn't take kindly when He is scoffed at. The offender may very quickly find lightning bolts shooting out of the blue to appease God's wrath and judgment; if He doesn't get you on this side you won't escape on the other side. Oh, how we have marred the image of our Heavenly Father.

This scripture has nothing to do with the wrath of God. However, it does serve to remind us of an immutable law that God has set in motion. It works in the natural, and if you plant corn you will harvest corn. If you plant beans you will harvest beans. If you sow an acorn you will grow a great oak tree. It also works in the Spirit. If you sow love you reap love. If you sow kindness you reap the same. If you sow sparingly you reap sparingly. If you sow bountifully you reap bountifully. If you sow anger you will reap hate and violence. If we sow in the field of our **lower nature, WE WILL, from that nature reap destruction.** It will destroy us. I have seen the ravages of self-destruction and so have you: drugs, alcohol, illicit sex, and all kinds of perversion. I have also seen the harvest (fruit) of anger, jealousy, envy, strife, etc. and it destroys the same. I personally do not believe that this reaping is hell fire for eternity, but if we sow

to the flesh one thing is for sure; we cannot escape the harvest of the seed we have planted. It is the result of the law of sowing and reaping, **NOT** the judgments of God.

I believe America has sown to the wind and may very well reap the whirlwind, whatever form that might take. Yet, I know that God has a great plan for this country. I refuse to engender fear in God's people. What hope does that give families with young children? What does it profit them to fear the future? I grew up under the doomsday mentality and raised my children under the same end-time thinking, and it robbed greatly from us. After all, if doomsday is on the horizon what is the need for some of the natural things, such as higher education? Why worry about working out difficulties in relationships, or why should we be concerned about raising disciplined children if they will not have a chance to grow up etc..?

I once heard someone say that they charged up credit cards which had a very high limit, and it didn't really matter because the economy would soon collapse, so they would "charge it to the dust and let the rain settle it," as the old saying goes. Many who live each day with the 'end-time' thinking that religion has created, seem to be so 'heavenly minded' they are not much earthly good. We must realize that heaven is coming to earth! That is where it is all taking place, so none of us will escape the maturing process, but we must NOT fear the future. Our desire is to encourage and strengthen God's people and to have a positive word that causes hope to spring fresh and anew in their hearts. My prayer is that any who read these lines that may be experiencing fear and dread of the future will from this time forth fear no more, but rejoice because great things lay ahead. We are living in an age like no other since the beginning of time. Creation is as it were, standing on tip-toe with out stretched necks waiting. Most do not consciously know what they are expecting, but I believe there is an awakening in mankind that is unsurpassed in any generation and the soil of humanity is being prepared for the next Tsunami wave of the Spirit. (We have printed below an article from David Huskins, which we witness to, for your consideration).

I believe in the sovereignty of God in the affairs of man. Whether certain things are changed by divine intervention or whether God seems, as it were, to step back and allow things to take the only possible course, without His action. In the words of John Gavazonni, and I quote, "Everything that occurs occurs within the sovereign will of God. Nothing is accidental. All has been foreseen by Him because all things come to pass by His decision, so that everything has occurred by Him, either doing something to make it come to pass, or by deliberately refusing to act so as, by that absence of His action, to trigger certain consequential results." End quote.

SPIRITUAL TSUNAMI

By David Huskins

I, like all of you have sensed grief and compassion over all who lost their lives in Asia. It has been very personal to me. The pastor and his church that we worked with were completely destroyed and lost their lives. Yet, I caution us to not affix blame to God, or sins of those in that region of the world.

Natural disasters and tragedies are most often a component of several factors: scientific weather patterns, geographic climate changes, (*earthquake prone areas due to geologic formations and volcanic activity*), and the sovereignty of God. This is no exception. It is easy for those who reside in tsunami safe zones to be critical of the faith of those in the strike zones. I assure you, that is *totally* inappropriate. Natural disasters are not caused by a lack of faith, nor would they have been prevented by more faith. The sky is not falling and the world is not coming to an end. The following are a few of the dozens of natural disasters that have occurred over the past one hundred years.

- #1 December 28, 1908, 123,000 people died in an earthquake in Sicily and Southern Italy.
- #2 200,000 people in China died in an earthquake on December 16, 1920.
- #3 September 1, 1923, 1/3 of Tokyo and Yokohama, 140,000 died in an 8.3 earthquake.
- #4 In an earthquake in China, 200,000 people died May 22, 1927.
- #5 In Turkmenistan, 110,000 died on October 5, 1948, in a 7.3 earthquake.
- #6 60,000 people died in Peru on May 31, 1970; it was a 7.9 earthquake.
- #7 A cyclone hit Bangladesh and 300,000 were killed on November 13, 1970.
- #8 In July, 1976, 255,000 (official) were killed in Tangshan, China in an earthquake. Estimated death toll as high as 655,000. Worst earthquake to hit China in the twentieth century.
- #9 December 26, 2003 there was a 6.6 earthquake in Iran that killed 30,000.

(This list is but only a few of many major natural disasters around the world).

Our concept of God will determine the level of comfort we can receive from Him in the midst of any storm. Several years ago, I taught on the proper paradigm for ministerial excellence. In that teaching, I used the tsunami for what I saw coming in the spirit. Part of that, which is three years old, I'm going to now share for your consideration that we are approaching:

- #1 Moments of monumental change.
- #2 Change must occur.

#3 A coming tsunami of the spirit. A tsunami is a harbor wave and is used as the scientific term for seismic sea waves generated by an undersea earthquake, undersea landslide, or volcanic eruption. A tsunami can be most devastating. I do not know if we will ever experience *another* one in my lifetime, but we probably will because, first the natural, then the spiritual. I know in my heart that a spiritual tsunami is beginning. You may ask, "How do you know?" I have read the seismograph. Seismographs are instruments that detect vibrations that the undersea quakes send through the Rock beneath the ground. There is a stirring below the surface of the sea of humanity. Something is beginning to vibrate and resonate in the hearts of mankind.

#4 Change that has changed. There is a difference between change and transition. Transition is the passage from one place, or condition to another; change is incremental and situational. Change is when you have to do better what you already know how to do. Transition is supersonic change. Transition goes from incremental to exponential. Transition is when change changes. Transition is the physiological process that people go through to come to terms with a new situation. Transition is when you have to do what you don't know how to do. We cannot stop the spiritual tsunami from coming—be wise and do not even try—there is a spiritual tsunami coming. I can feel the vibrations. I detect something moving in the Rock.

I would not be at all surprised if we don't hear about some more natural occurrences that wash away landscapes and structures. A tsunami of the spirit is on the way. When it strikes the landscape of religion and the structures that are authoritarian instead of relational, they will be removed forever. The spiritual tsunami like its natural counterpart will remove whatever does not embrace its coming. We are in a transition at this very moment. The tsunami I see will have a wave crest that will build without breaking for decades to come. It will cause Azusa Street to look like a Saturday afternoon surfer's wave.

This tsunami will be both great and terrible. This tsunami will create many problems, but remember God's answers are as big as our problems. There has always been a connection between a move of God and a move of water. Moses stretched forth his rod and it rolled back the waters. In the book of Joshua the priests were required to put their feet in the water of the Jordan River before the waters rolled back. We are a new covenant Joshua ministry.

It's time to create some waves of our own. No greater wave has ever been made than that which was made by the Morning Star, Jesus Christ. His death, burial, and resurrection created a tidal wave that has not crested yet. I am convinced that the comprehension of this three-dimensional truth (death, burial, and resurrection) will be the tsunami that sweeps a generation. The challenge is how to stay true to who you are while changing who you are.

We must under-promise and over-deliver, for we are going where there are no roads. Roads will be made from walking.

This tsunami will bring great cultural changes. These changes will require changes in ministry approach and outreach.

We must stop making faces at those who face the future. We must think seriously about the long-term of our life and ministry. We must be willing to let go of what no longer works or is irrelevant. We will either write the new His-tory or become history. If we remain comfortable, we will not change.

We are equipped for this tsunami of the spirit.

I am not making predictions; I am just reading the signs of the promise. There is a promise of the coming tsunami of the spirit. I see the potential in the groaning creation. Even nature is crying out to be free. The vibrations below the surface declare a spiritual tsunami is on the way. Brace for it, as it will be great and terrible. You are called and chosen to change the world, but to do so you must have a new and constantly forming paradigm that is proper and produces service that is excellent.

I encourage all to act with compassion and generosity to aid those that are in need from the natural tsunami, and to prepare for what is upon us in the spirit—that it is just as severe, but great. It is severe for those clinging to bondage and false teaching, and great for those swimming in the grace and truth of the finished work of Calvary. We are in a new day of GRACE with God’s righteousness and corresponding empowerment.

DESPISE NOT YOUR MOTHER

By F. Lee Houk

“Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.” Proverbs 23:22

“A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.” Proverbs 15:20 (ESV)

I know that most of us have a great love and respect for our natural mother that gave birth to us and nurtured us until we were young men or women. Many great men have given the respect due their father, but have made it very clear that if not for the special role that their mother had in their upbringing they would not have achieved the success that they did.

I, by no means want to downplay or belittle in any way the respective roles of either father or mother. Each has its important and distinctive place in each of our lives. I know that there are some that have not had the natural privilege of growing up in a home according to the God given natural order of families. Some have been subjected to orphanages or other relatives as guardians, etc., but they have always had a precious heavenly Father who has loved them more closely and dearly than a natural parent could ever be capable of, as we all do. These particular ones have had to sacrifice experiencing the family relationship during their adolescence, but many have been able to make up for it, to some degree, during their adult years with an immediate family of their own.

I believe the biblical principle is first the natural, then the spiritual. The natural family relationship is a type of the spiritual relationship. Our traditional western culture has dictated that one man joined in Holy Matrimony to one woman, known as husband and wife are to have their own residence, procreate and raise their own children, the husband as the father and primary breadwinner and the wife as the mother and keeper of the home. Over the last several decades, these traditional roles have been undermined and modified greatly in our society and has produced a great deal of confusion in the younger generation, and has engendered a venturesome mindset that is pernicious to the family unit.

The eastern family tradition which is much older has been somewhat different (it has evolved over the many generations also). In Old Testament patriarchal times there were free men and servants (slaves). Being a free person was to live a life of privilege (such as it was—being constantly vulnerable to war and the force and power of a neighboring nation which may be stronger than yours). It was a tribal time and free men could have any number of wives. Slave girls, especially those that were fair to look upon, were more-than-likely to be made “concubines” (one who shared the bed of her master, even to bear children to him, but never having the equality and freedom of a married wife) and were made the handmaidens of a married wife.

We see examples of this in the book of Genesis with Sarah the wife of Abraham and Hagar his concubine, also, Leah and Rachel the wives of Jacob, and Zilpah and Bilhah his concubines.

Of course, with so many wives and mothers the family order had to function quite differently than what we are used to today. Each wife had her own tent, and her own particular children dwelled with her being assisted by her handmaid. To the best of my knowledge, the children that were birthed by the handmaids were accounted as the wife's children because the mother belonged to the wife, and they dwelled together in the same tent. However, each child was the offspring of their father, just as Jacob's sons were **his** regardless as to who the mother was that birthed them. The patriarch had his own tent with servants assisting him that was separate from the women's tents. The young children all resided with the women, however, the day would come when the announcement would be made when a young boy approached adolescence that he would no longer be allowed to dwell in Mother's tent, but had to make a transitional move to Father's tent. This would be a ceremonial event known as an 'adoption' or as the Jewish tradition 'the bar mitzvah' He could no longer play children's games, but now he had to learn how to be a man and do manly things. His younger brothers were still in Mother's tent, behaving as children, but their day would come also, when they would have to leave Mother's tent. Mother could no longer take care of every little aspect of his life because now he was fully under the jurisdiction and responsibility of his father. Many times, Mother may have found it hard to let her 'baby' go to live in Father's tent. If it was up to her, she would probably cling to him much longer than she should. I am sure he loved his mother as much as ever and he would still see her often, but the relationship had changed. He could go for a visit anytime that he desired, but he could no longer stay. He was now becoming a 'man' and he had to put away childish things. Childish things are allowed in Mother's house, as they should be, for it is a realm of children.

We see this in the record of the life of Jesus, that at age twelve he became aware and acknowledged that "*I must be about my father's business*" or, "*I must be about the things of my father*" (Luke 2:49). It was Jesus' spiritual bar mitzvah. His life and purpose could no longer be dictated by His mother, but now He must walk by the influence of His Father. We too, as the sons of God, at some time during our development heard the call from our Father that it was time to leave our mother's house and to go be 'about our Father.' At first we were very uncomfortable with the thought of leaving our mother (the church that nurtured us) and our younger brothers and sisters. Yet, we knew that we had to be willing and obedient to the voice of our Father. We could go and visit anytime that we so desired, and we did, and we also discovered that the religious games they were playing were just too elementary for our participation. We once played these same games, but now we could no longer do it. Also, there were those of our brethren who should have been of an age to make a move to Father's tent, and yet refused to do so, and Mother was very happy to let them remain with her. Mother went so far as to try to prevent them from leaving by asserting that to leave her house was committing grave error. That is why there are so many who are old and grey and still on the milk, and the moustache has to be parted to insert the nipple. Mother's way of dealing with us who have left her house is to ostracize us and act as though we were never her children. If we are not going to be subject to her authority, then she is not going to acknowledge that we were ever in her house. She will even instruct her younger children to not listen to anything that we might have to say, and if they want to stay in her good graces, they are not to have anything to do with us. And yet, unbeknownst to her we have been listening and adhering to the voice of our Father and spiritually prospering. The sons of God are led of the Spirit of God.

Mother's house is a house of religion. Relationship with the Father has absolutely nothing to do with religion. In the book of Acts 15:16, God said that he would restore the tabernacle of David. Now let's take a closer look at this for a moment: the tabernacle of David was just a simple tent on Mt. Zion that they placed

the Ark of the Covenant in after it made its triumphal entry into Jerusalem, after the oxcart and Uzzah incident and the house of Obed-edom. There was no Outer Court and Holy Place. Just one room with the Ark of the Covenant (which represented the presence of the Lord), equal to a Most Holy Place. There God met with them without all the ceremony and dogma of the Outer Court and Holy Place. Yet, the Priests were continuing to have church at Shiloh, with the tabernacle that contained the other furniture of the Outer Court and Holy Place, and they were doing it without the presence of the Lord. Sound familiar? That is exactly what is happening today. They continue with their religion, having their ceremonial dogma, yet there is something missing, THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD! You see, Mother's house is a place where we learn about our Father without having an intimate relationship with Him. Religion becomes a substitute for a living and active relationship with Him. The kind of relationship that God wants to have with us is becoming ONE with us, and us not just knowing about Him, but becoming ONE with Him.

Now, I am a very non-religious person. I haven't always been that way. I have had my history of imbibing in religion. The truth is that the longer one stays in union with religion the more it steals from him. Religion is a thief and a robber. It will have one following all kinds of rules and codes of legality that leads nowhere. It masquerades as something of substance, yet it leaves its participants high and dry and thirsting for reality. Yet, the Spirit is saying come and drink of the water of life freely. This life comes through relationship, and this will lead us outside the camp bearing His reproach. Jesus said "*All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.*" John 10:8. There is quite an impressive list that came before Jesus: All the patriarchs, kings, prophets, etc. Weren't all these good? They left a good report. Of course all these we could put in the 'good' category; but when Jesus came He superseded the 'good' category into a category that only He could fill. He was in the 'best' category, and 'good' has become a *robber* and a *thief* of the 'best.' The scribes and the Pharisees became the victims of 'good.' They could not accept the 'best' because they were blinded by 'good.' The scriptures declare that the 'law' was good, therefore, He became a 'stumbling stone' and a 'rock of offense' to them. If one settles for 'good' he will never have the 'best.'

All that calls itself the church is not necessarily the church. Is this to say that I denounce and disdain the church at large? Absolutely not! There is a very real church. She is responsible for birthing and nurturing babes in Christ. She has a very necessary function. Babes and children are her responsibility until it is time for them to hear the voice of the Father (they must hearken unto the Father who gave them life) and must be about their Father. [Let me insert here: I believe that God is doing a quick work and children do not have to spend as much time in Mother's house as many of us did in the past. They are grasping it much quicker and are able to be about their Father]. Mother has a heart of a mother and does not understand the heart of Father. She does what she does with a true concern for the welfare of her children. She is only trying to do what she thinks is the best for them, but her 'good' is not the 'best.' Mother is old and her devices are tired and worn out, yet she drudges on. The mature ones understand what she is about and love her anyway. We have a God given love for our brothers and sisters in the church system, we just cannot dwell there. They are God's children and have their place in His plan. Let us continue in the path that God has set before us.

Be blessed.

(This next article is a response to an article in issue #7 entitled "In The Beginning, One Tree.")

THE TEST OF REVELATION

By Bonnie Morris

Many Christians have received great inspiration from the Word of God, perhaps from an anointed teacher bringing a fresh interpretation, or from reading a book. Inspiration through interpretation, however, never takes a person very far. It has usually greatly diminished by the time one reaches the door. In other words; it doesn't last. Revelation, on the other hand, will never leave you. To live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God is the challenge we all face.

Whenever I hear something new, I want to be careful how I hear it. This was my plight when I first read the idea expressed in Bro. F. Lee Houk's article entitled, "IN THE BEGINNING, ONE TREE." He stated that the *Tree of Life* and the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* was really 'one tree,' as the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was the 'law (*the letter of the word*).' I can't say that I was inspired by this idea, as actually, I was quite disturbed by it. But, I was trying to be careful how I was hearing it. It became my quest to find out if this was actually a truth.

When I want to know if something is really true or not, I absorb everything the Word has to say about it. Over and over I will read the same scripture, and I question people I trust as I seek God for an answer. I love the reality that we don't have to take man's word for it. If we seek the Word as for silver, He is faithful!

After tugging at God's heart strings on this subject, I began to get a revelation. The first thing that happened....The Holy Spirit illuminated the word "**EVERY**" in Genesis 2:8, "*And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow "EVERY" tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*" **EVERY** tree was good! I had never seen that before. Somehow, I had always thought the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was bad. I guess that was because Adam was told not to touch it. So, the tree was good. That still didn't mean it was the 'law.' As I always do in seeking truth, I read from various translations. I particularly like the Aramaic Translation. Many times it has brought great insight into the Word and in this instance, this was no exception. Here it is in plain English: Romans 5:14, "*Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them who had not sinned in the manner of the transgression of "THE LAW" by Adam, who is the likeness of him that was to come.*" **THERE**, there it was! A place called **THERE**! A quickening and I had it! Two sides of the same tree; like my right hand on my body and my left. This revelation has profoundly affected my life.

You can test any revelation in the following ways:

1. The knowledge will stay with you.
2. No one will be able to change your mind.
3. The revelation will make a difference in your life.
4. You will be able to convey the revelation as it will be your heart knowledge, not head knowledge.
5. Some will love you for it and others may even hate you for it.

Thank you Fred for the article, I love you for it!
