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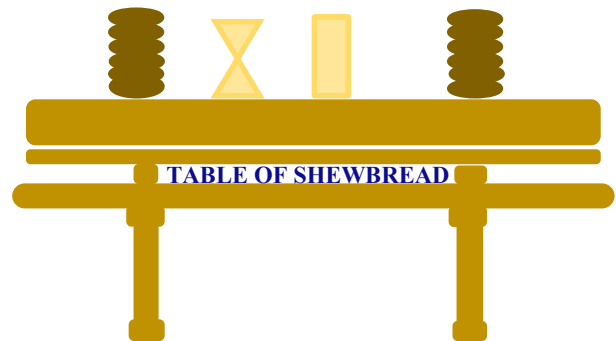
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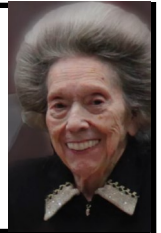
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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” **2 Timothy 3:16-17.**



Literature by Reverend B. R. Hicks, Founder



Introduction—SCIENTIFIC evidence proves that the earth has been in existence for billions of years. Scientific evidence also indicates that man lived upon this prehistoric earth millions of years ago. These discoveries actually confirm the teachings of God's Word which record the existence of a prehistoric earth and prehistoric creatures living upon the earth! Yes, it is true! There is no disagreement between true science and God's Word. Lack of knowledge of the truth that is in the Bible has kept both the religious world and the scientific world from finding answers to many of the most perplexing questions man has pondered. From a scientific and a philosophical viewpoint man has asked the following questions: • Do the Bible and science agree? • How were all things brought into existence? • Are living and nonliving matter the results of scientific laws which operated to form matter into precise order and functions, or is there a self-existent Master Designer Who instituted the laws that govern all things? • What has caused the episodic, massive extinctions of life on earth? • Has the theory of evolution rendered the Bible obsolete? • Can science furnish all the answers we need about the origin of life? Scientists feel they have answered most of these questions to their satisfaction. Yet, in his book, *Space Time Infinity*, Dr. James S. Trefil, professor of physics at the University of Virginia, says there remain three profound questions still unanswered by science: Where did the moon come from? What exactly are the fusion reactions that drive the sun? Why does life on earth suffer episodic massive extinctions? It is to this last profound question that this book mainly addresses itself. God's Word gives clear answers to all of our questions. To the first and most basic question—how was all creation

brought into existence—we have two viewpoints: one comes from the believers in God, and one comes from the nonbelievers in God. The believers base their explanations on the truth of God's Word, while the nonbelievers base their answers on their own hypotheses. Believers know and believe that God created all things from His eternal master plan by His almighty divine power and that He has assigned a purpose to all life. The believer ascribes the cause of all matter, both nonliving and living, to the LORD God and recognizes that He is the Creator of all species of plants and animals, and that He is the Creator of mankind. To the believer, God is the One Who created everything out of nothing but His invisible Word. The believer attributes God with the work, composition, and production of all creation and believes that God brought all things from nothing to something. That man can discover the chemical ingredients and laws which God used in His creation is possible, but the secret of how He united inorganic and organic materials in various, visible, living forms is still a mystery. At some point, man in his search has to get back to the realm where there was no visible thing. At that point he is stymied unless he acknowledges that a power beyond finiteness exists. Creation is the first realm of four great operations attributed to God. The second realm of God's operations is that of Owner and Master. The third realm of His operations is that of providence, and the fourth realm is that of His redemption. The second explanation for the existence of creation comes from the nonbeliever who presents his hypothesis as though it were a proven fact; therefore, he thinks everyone should take his mere supposition for granted. The nonbeliever never deals in his hypothesis with the facts of the true beginning of matter. He supposes that nonliving matter came into existence by itself and eventually turned into living matter. Then the little original speck of living matter moved upward in its evolutionary development until it reached the epitome of a perfect machine called a human being. He refuses to acknowledge the source of energy that has the power to transform nonliving matter into living matter, and he bypasses the question of how life could have arranged itself into multiplied millions of complex forms without a mastermind. Faced with finding the origin of life from a natural standpoint, scientists call it an unsolved problem. Just how all the necessary ingredients arranged themselves into a functioning cell capable of reproducing itself is, according to one scientist, "the central question faced today by researchers who probe the origins of life." He also stated, "About the moment of creation itself, we can only wonder."* For centuries a battle has raged between the believer and the nonbeliever over the answer to the origin of the earth and its world of inhabitants. Who is right? The very best place to go in order to find the answer to the origin of the earth and its inhabitants is to search the divine Word of God, the Book given to man by the Creator. The Bible is the instrument through which God reveals Himself to man and tells of man's origin and the origin of the earth on which he lives. In both the natural world and in the spiritual world, knowledge is not easily gained. In the spiritual world, one must apply himself to diligent study, praying for understanding and the wisdom to recognize truth. In my years of being a believer, as I have prayed and studied God's Word, many Scriptures have been opened to me through God's Spirit, and I have been able to find the answers that to me have supplied the link between what believers uphold as the truth and what scientists have discovered as truth, which has appeared to both groups to be contradictory. God's Word does have the answers. The purpose of this book is threefold: 1) to strengthen the faith of those who believe that God is their supreme Creator; 2) to help those who have lost their confidence in God to recover their faith in their divine Creator; and 3) to help those find faith in their Creator who have never experienced the great joy and peace that come to the heart and soul that trust in God. As, together, we look into the Word of God, I trust that each mind and heart will be enlightened by God's illuminating truth. Then, perhaps every reader will choose to stand with the believers in God, not with the nonbelievers. — The Author



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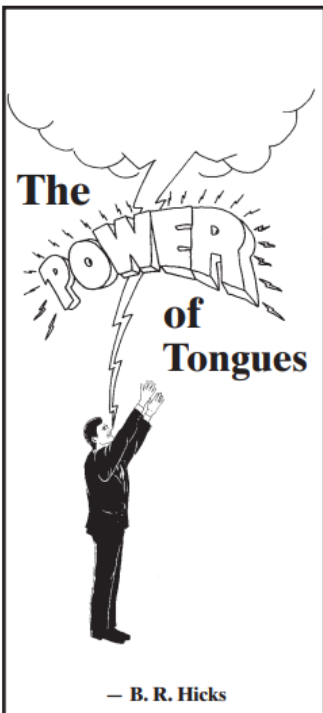
Sermon Study #1559—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* BLOOD COVENANT—1ST MESSAGE—(SUN AM 7/13/97)—(Communion Service)—This message is the beginning of a series of studies about God's Four square, Everlasting, *Ber-eeth* Blood Covenant, which He made before all creation. This Covenant cannot be acted upon from within nor from without. It cannot be acted upon by circumstances or situations. Noah built the ark and pitched it within and without, according to God's directions. But, the *Ber-eeth* Covenant was what kept the ark from sinking. When we drink the Communion Cup, by faith, we are taking inside of us the Son's Begotten *Ber-eeth* Blood Covenant, and we are standing inside the Father's Unbegotten *Ber-eeth* Blood Covenant—Pg. 1. **Sermon Study #1560—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* COVENANT—2ND MESSAGE—(SUN AM 7/20/97)**—In **Matthew 26:26-28**, Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new testament [new covenant], *Ber-eeth*, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. The *Ber-eeth* Covenant is an Unbegotten Covenant. Before anything was created, the Unbegotten Father determined His Master Plan and Purposive Will. And, in the Master Plan and Purposive Will was the *Ber-eeth* Covenant. Then, God begot His Son and truthed Him up in His Bosom. Then, He set the Son within the Foursquare Fence of His *Ber-eeth* Covenant. There also is a circle of the LORD's Name inside the Foursquare Fence. Since all creation came forth through the Son, all creation was within the Foursquare Fence of the *Ber-eeth* Covenant in Eternity-Past. The Son's delights were with the sons of men (**Proverbs 8:22-31**). This was a relationship of Universal Harmony. In the beginning, remission was within the Unbegotten Foursquare Fence. Then, when the Son came down, He started a new remission through His shed Blood. Now, He is waiting for those who voluntarily come in and experience the Blood that is full of remission; the Hebrew root word means forgiveness. Remission of sins means forgiveness. And, you are not free until you forgive.—Pg. 1. **Sermon Study #1561—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* COVENANT—3RD MESSAGE—(WED PM 7/23/97)**—Previous lessons disclosed the following aspects of the *Ber-eeth* Covenant: before anything was brought forth, God made a unilateral Covenant with Himself. Inside the Foursquare Fence of the *Ber-eeth* Covenant is Life and Remission. The Hebrew root word for remission means forgiveness. First, we wash at the Laver, by faith, all over, in order to be completely clothed with remission or forgiveness. Then, daily, we have to go back to the Laver to wash our hands and feet of unforgiveness before we can minister as a Priest before the LORD. This is remission by Water. This lesson shows the three aspects of the *Ber-eeth* Covenant that God revealed to Noah: (1) **Genesis 6:18** reveals that it is a Covenant of Life. (2) **Genesis 9:12,13** shows the visible sign, token, or witness that God gave to confirm His Covenant. The bow in the sky is like the bow of a bow and arrow, with the arrow of judgment pointing upward away from the Earth. (3) **Genesis 9:14-16** shows that it is an Everlasting, Eternal Covenant.—Pg. 1. **Sermon Study #1562.—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* COVENANT—4TH MESSAGE.—(7/27/97).**—In the beginning of this lesson is a brief review of the three things in the *Ber-eeth* Covenant that God made with Noah. There was Life in the Covenant. There was a visible sign, token, or witness of the Covenant, and it was an Everlasting, Eternal Covenant. The Covenant that God made with Abram has two parts. This message deals only with the first part, which was the promise that Abram's Seed would inherit Canaan's Land. The Promised Land was flowing with milk and honey. However, in order to possess Canaan's Land, the Israelites had to go in and drive out the ten enemy nations that inhabited the Land. These enemy nations represent attitudes and dispositions in our flesh that fight against the Ten Commandments in God's Torah and will prevent us from possessing spiritual Canaan's Land if they are not driven out.—Pg. 1. **Sermon Study #1563—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* COVENANT—5TH MESSAGE—(SAT. PM. 8/2/97)—(Youth Convention)** This message shows the Principle of having to go down before we can come up. The downward stairway began with Noah and continued with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses (**Exodus 2:24,25**) and the Nation of Israel (**Exodus 6:1-8**). At the bottom of the stairway was where the LORD appeared to Moses in the midst of the thornbush. The message focuses on the Principle of God having to let us get down to the bottom, to the place of helplessness and hopelessness, in our flesh, before He brings us up and leads us into Canaan's Land. Moses started out by trying to deliver his people through his own fleshly efforts. But, when he killed an Egyptian who was fighting with a Hebrew man, he had to flee for his life. He had fouled up God's Plan for him, seemingly. One could not get much lower than Moses was at this point in his life. Yet, the LORD appeared to him in the midst of his thorny situation and called him to lead His people out of Egypt. The LORD took Moses and the Nation of Israel into Canaan's Land because it was in His *Ber-eeth* Covenant. And, He will do the same thing for us, spiritually, because we, too, are in the same Covenant.—Pg. 1. **Sermon Study #1564—EIGHT THINGS ABOUT THE *BER-EETH* COVENANT—6TH MESSAGE—(SUN AM 8/3/97)**—This message is a continuation of the Downward and Upward Principle. When Israel went out of Egypt, she was carried upward on Eagle's Wings (**Exodus 19:4**). In **Exodus 19:5,6**, God gave a Promise of the three things He would do IF Israel obeyed His Voice and kept His Commandments. **Exodus 19:13-20** tells of the LORD God's descent from Heaven to Mount Sinai. The Father came down on the Mountain in Fire and spoke His *Torah*-Truth to His Son. The Son, then, spoke to Moses who, in turn, spoke the *Torah* to the children of Israel. When we ascend to the Father, we must come through the Son, Jesus Christ, Who makes us Holy. Then, we can offer ourself as a sacrifice to the LORD, not for our satisfaction but for the Father's satisfaction.—Pg. 1.

Firmament

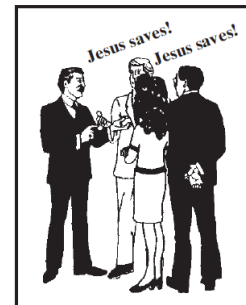
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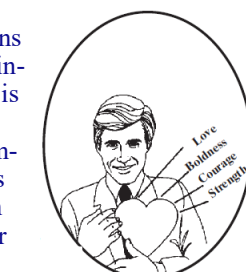
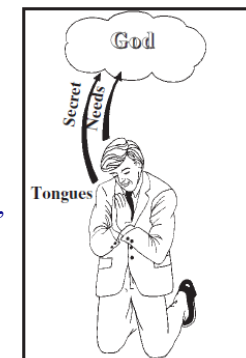
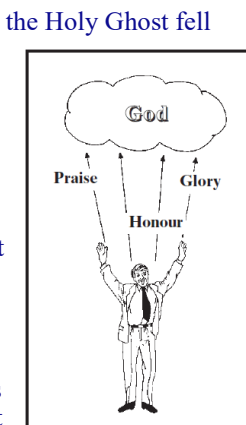
There is a natural Firmament, and there is a spiritual Firmament. The ministry of the natural Firmament is to divide the waters above from the waters below, to furnish the earth with light, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day... And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good (**Genesis 1:7,8,14-18**). The Hebrew word for firmament is *raw-kee-ah*, which means an expanse or arch in the sky. It comes from the Hebrew root word *raw-kah*, which means to pound on the earth as a sign of passion and display of God's infinite, divine Principle of stretching out anything He wishes, according to His Purposive Will. The Firmament is God's analogy of expanding anything by hammering it, spreading it out into plates, or stretching and stamping it into the form or place of His Purpose. The stretching and expanding of the Firmament is a mirror of the LORD's Unbegotten Infinity that is unceasingly stretching into the beyond, as it were. From His firmament, the Unbegotten LORD supports His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, through Whom He rules over all the universes. For example, the LORD stretched out the Heavens according to His Purposive Will. Likewise, He stretched out the Earth in His Purposive Will and hung it on His Purposive Will, which was not anything that He had created. The LORD uses the natural Firmament to declare His natural Handiwork. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork (**Psalms 19:1**). The Glory of God in His Firmament is a display of the reverential grandeur of His Handiwork. God's *kaw-bode* Glory is the brilliance of His ineffable Name, Wisdom, and Power. God commands all Creation to praise His glorious Name in the Firmament of His Power. Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power (**Psalms 150:1**). The Firmament is a special stretched-out place of the LORD's Infinite, Divine Power. Daniel bore witness that true soul winners will shine like the brightness of the Firmament. And they that be wise shall shine [*zo-har*] as the brightness [*zo-har*] of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (**Daniel 12:3**). *Zo-har* Light is the teaching Light with which the LORD empowers His wise soul winners; it is the same *zo-har* Teaching Brightness that the Unbegotten LORD uses to teach and to lead all the universes from the Firmament of His Power. The Firmament, with its heavenly bodies of light that orbit with flawless precision in the skies, are a clear manifestation of the LORD's *zo-har* Brightness of His Infinite, Divine Wisdom and Power. The Heavens (Firmament) declare God's *kaw-bode* Glory through the light of the sun, moon, and stars. Their astoundingly precise orbits declare God's Glory. The natural Firmament shows His Handiwork or expansion. The Hebrew word *raw-kee-ah* means the expanse, to spread, to enlarge, to open, to stretch, capability of expansion or extension in surface or bulk, expansion of native stature. Likewise in the spiritual realm, the spiritual mind of a penitent man cannot be confined to the limits of this world, for his thoughts extend beyond the utmost expansion of earthly matter, making excursions into the incomprehensible realms of the LORD's spiritual Firmament. The word for expanse, *raw-kee-ah*, means to stamp with the feet, to tread down, to stretch, to spread out or expand, to beat into plates, to cover with metallic plates, to beat or spread out in plates, the expanse, the firmament, the people spread abroad, to crush, to overcome. In the Bible, we see three ways that this Truth of stamping to expand is revealed. First, let us examine the plates (*raw-kee-ah*) that were stretched or beaten out in the Mosaic Tabernacle.



The Gift of the Holy Ghost was prophesied by John the Baptist: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:" (Matthew 3:11). And, it was promised by Jesus Christ: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:5). The Holy Ghost was waited for and received, thus fulfilling the prophecy and the promise: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). The tongue is one of the smallest members of the body, but it becomes weighty and powerful when the Holy Ghost furnishes it with the great miracle of speaking in other languages. There are miracles of healing which touch the body, but the miracle of speaking in other tongues transforms the mind. It is in the mind that words are first formed and, then, spoken by the tongue. Let us look at the Power placed upon the tongue after the Holy Ghost has come and spoken through this little member. **I. Power to Witness** "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus Christ confirmed that after we are baptized with the Holy Ghost, we will receive Power. The Power we receive gives us an ability, strength, and courage to do wonderful works beyond our normal capacity. We are empowered by a greater, nobler Spirit than our own after we have been endued with Power from on high. This supernatural Power on our tongues enables us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. This wonderful Power strengthens us to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour to a lost world. This miraculous Power gives us courage to be witnesses or even martyrs for the Truth of the Gospel. **II. Power to Praise** "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell



upon them, and they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." (Acts 10:44-46). The Holy Ghost miraculously fell upon these Gentile believers, enabling them to speak with tongues which they never had learned. Notice, when they spoke with tongues, they magnified God. In other words, they praised and glorified Him. Because we are weak, frail, finite beings, our mortal tongues are unable to send sufficient praise and glory to God. Therefore, God has given us the Holy Ghost with other tongues to assist us in our praise to Him. Then, we are able to render to God the kind of praise that will bless and satisfy His Heart. Speaking other languages than our own helps us heave up the kind of praise that will glorify and magnify the LORD's Name. One great miracle of the Power of the Holy Ghost is that it makes it possible for mortal beings to present something to God that He will receive and, by which, He will be blessed. God gives us life and love; we can give Him praise. He is gracious to allow us this privilege. **III. Power to Pray** "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26,27). The Power of the Holy Ghost helps our infirmities, our weaknesses, which hinder us as we pray. Holy Ghost tongues strengthen us in our frailty and compensate for our defects as human beings when we come before God in prayer. We know not what to pray for as we ought. Since we are not competent judges of our own condition nor the condition of others, we do not know what requests to make of God. What is good for us and others in this life, we do not know. Our own will is very much biased in favour of ourself, making us shortsighted. We often ask for ways that would lead us to the wrong destination because we know not what we ask. We are like foolish children who cry for unripe fruit that is unfit for them. If the great Apostle Paul included himself by saying, "We know not," how much more should we say we know not how to pray? The Holy Ghost, through other tongues or through other languages, makes intercession to God. Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of God in Heaven: "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). And, the Holy Ghost intercedes, through our mouth, in other tongues on earth. Christ and the Holy Ghost intercede in unity and harmony according to the Will of God. This way we can obtain what is best for us in this life. Being competent judges of each person's condition, Christ and the Spirit know what requests to make in his behalf. In contrast to us, Christ and the Spirit are long-sighted and favour the Will of God. They ask for the ways that will help us grow to be like the LORD Jesus Christ in Character and Nature. What miraculous Power the Holy Ghost gives to our prayer life as He prays through us in other tongues. **IV. Power to Edify** "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church" (I Corinthians 14:4). The Holy Ghost Baptism with speaking in tongues gives us power to edify ourself. Edify means to instruct or improve spiritually. It also means to build. The Holy, Anointed Tongue of the Holy Ghost strengthens the heart with courage. It puts purpose and determination within us so that we are able to endure difficult, painful, and even dangerous circumstances for His Name's sake. One result of our edification by the Holy Ghost is that our understanding of God's Word is increased. What we speak to others will be of benefit to them when our instruction has come through being edified or taught by the Holy Ghost. Our words are powerful and comforting after we, personally, have been instructed, improved spiritually, and enlightened by the Holy Tongues of the Spirit. What a living joy and delight to begin each day with a fresh flow of Holy Ghost Tongues which strengthen, encourage, and empower the heart with new determination to see God's Will accomplished in our life.



THE VICTOR'S CROWN**THE BRIDAL CROWN SCRIPTURES****I. I AM The LORD Thy God.**

“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” **Ephesians 1:22-23**

II. Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Before Me.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28**

III. Thou Shalt Not Take The Name Of The LORD Thy God In Vain.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” **Acts 4:12**

IV. Remember The Sabbath Day, To Keep It Holy.

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” **Philippians 1:6**

V. Honor Thy Father And Thy Mother.

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;” **Philippians 2:13-15**

VI. Thou Shalt Not Kill.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” **Philippians 4:13**

VII. Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery.

“For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” **1 Corinthians 2:2**

VIII. Thou Shalt Not Steal.

“Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” **Isaiah 41:10**

IX. Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness.

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” **Psalms 119:18**

X. Thou Shalt Not Covet.

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” **Psalms 23:1-6**

TEN COMMANDMENTS, Exodus 20:1-17

I. I am the LORD thy God.

II. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother (*to live long*).

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's (*all things*).

THE BLOOD SCRIPTURES**SIN OFFERING BLOOD**

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” **1 JOHN 1:7**

TRESPASS OFFERING BLOOD

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” **MATTHEW 6:14**

WHOLE BURNT OFFERING BLOOD

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

ROMANS 12:1, 2

PEACE OFFERING BLOOD

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **COLOSSIANS 1:14** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” **COLOSSIANS 1:20**

ATONEMENT BLOOD

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” **ROMANS 5:8-11**

PASSOVER BLOOD

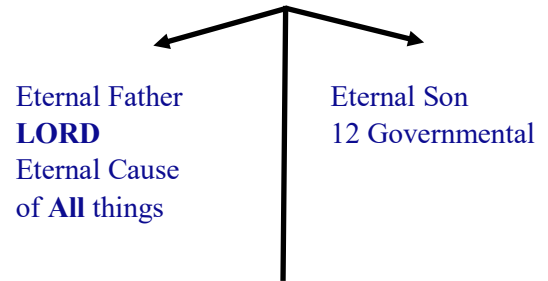
“And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”

EXODUS 12:13

TWELVE GOVERNMENTAL NAMES OF THE LORD

1. The LORD
2. The LORD God
3. Merciful
4. Gracious
5. Longsuffering
6. Abundant in Goodness
7. Abundant in Truth
8. Preserver of Bountifulness
9. Forgiver of Iniquity
10. Forgiver of Transgression
11. Forgiver of Sin
12. Just Judge

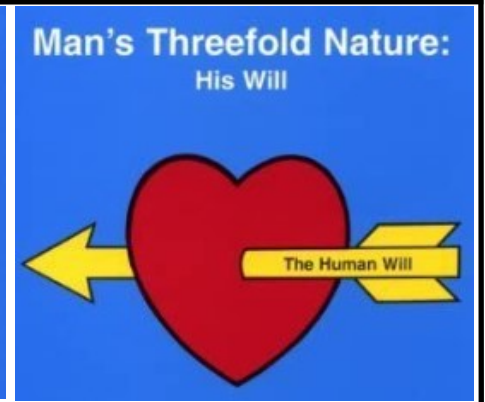
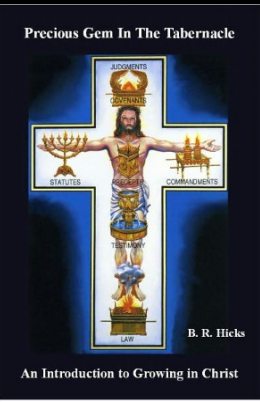
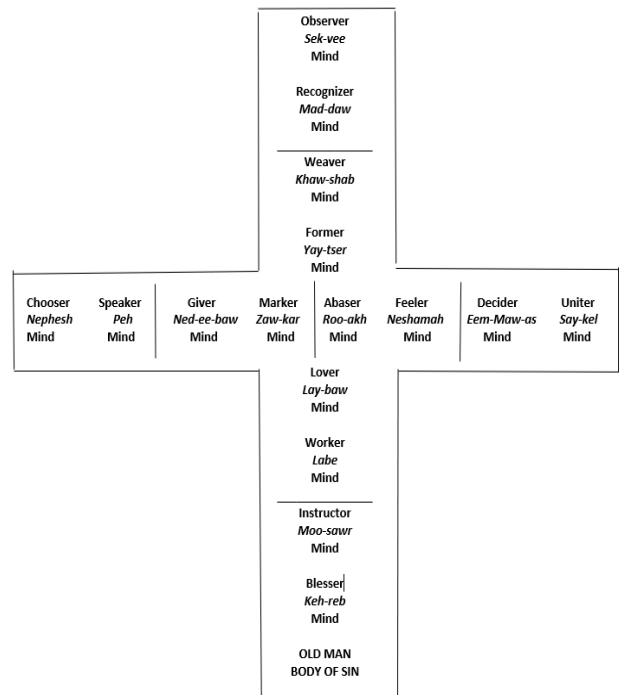
THE REVELATION OF THE UNBEGOTTEN AND BEGOTTEN NAMES OF THE LORD



“And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation” **Exodus 34:6,7.**

THE SIXTEEN MINDS

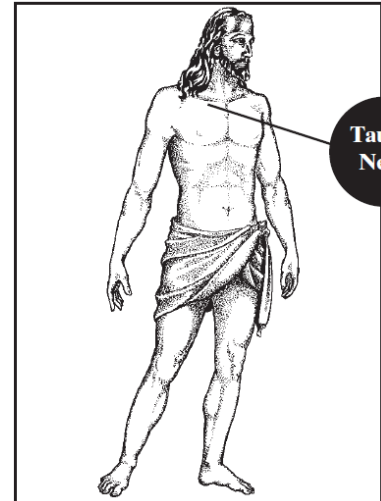
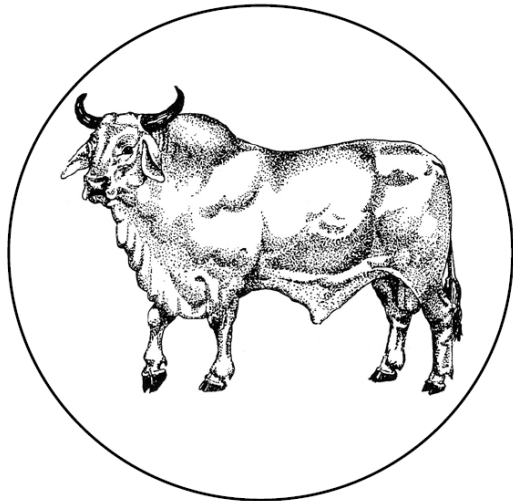
1. The **Blesser** *Keh-reb* Mind in Man's Body
2. The **Chooser** *Nephesh* Mind in Man's Body
3. The **Instructor** *Moo-sawr* Mind in Man's Body
4. The **Speaker** *Peh* Mind in Man's Body
5. The **Worker** *Labe* Mind in Man's Soul
6. The **Willing** or **Giving** *Ned-ee-baw* Mind in Man's Soul
7. The **Lover** *Law-bab* Mind in Man's Soul
8. The **Marker** *Zaw-kar* Mind in Man's Soul
9. The **Former** *Yay-tser* Mind in Man's Spirit
10. The **Abaser** *Roo-akh* Mind in Man's Spirit
11. The **Weaver** *Khaw-shab* Mind in Man's Spirit
12. The **Feeler** *Neshamah* Mind in Man's Spirit
13. The **Recognizer** *Mad-dah* Mind in Man's Will
14. The **Decider** *Eem, Maw-as* Mind in Man's Will
15. The **Observer** *Sek-vee* Mind in Man's Will
16. The **Unifier** *Say-kel* Mind in Man's Will



TRIBAL NEWS

Happy Birthday to the Tribe of Benjamin!

“The Stars Speak” by Reverend B. R. Hicks



Chapter Eleven — Taurus And The Tribe Of Benjamin

April 21 — May 20 — Amethyst Stone

Benjamin / Taurus — “Meaning son of the right hand, those belonging to the tribe of Benjamin display the twofold nature of the LORD—humility and exaltation—as they pray for Christ’s second coming” (*Genesis 49:27; Deuteronomy 33:12*).

The ninth prophetic light in the sky is Taurus, the bull. The nature of Taurus is seen in the Old Testament tribe of Benjamin. The blessings of power of this sign are reflected in the amethyst stone.

APRIL: WISDOM

Disciple: James, son of Zebedee
Color: Yellow
Body Area: Pit of Stomach

Divine Mind, let your wise and right decisions be expressed through my judgment.

Contributed by Brother J. McGriff

***Happy Anniversary to all of
April's Married Couples!***



The Word From Our Elders



Greetings, Brotherhood, in the Precious Name of Jesus!

May the Word of God bless you all.

“But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee” **Genesis 6:18.**”

“And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;” **Genesis 9:9.**

“And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth ” **Genesis 9:11.**

Amen and the Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Elders Herman L. Sr. and Tonja C. McGriff

2023 Events

CGCII Conventions, Luncheons, & Bible Quiz

- ◆ Ministerial — Thursday, March 2—Sunday, March 5, 2023
- ◆ Ministerial Luncheon — Saturday, March 4, 2023
- ◆ July — Saturday, July 1—Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- ◆ Ministerial Luncheon — Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- ◆ The Bible Quiz Nationals — Wednesday, July 19, 2023
- ◆ Youth — Thursday, July 20—Saturday, July 22, 2023

Tacoma Church Renovations in progress

Weekly Services

Men's Bible Study & Retreat

Women's Bible Study & Retreat

Single's Bible Study & Retreat

Married Couple's Bible Study & Retreat

Youth Bible Study, Retreat, & Rally

Leadership Training

Financial Training

Annual “End of the Summer” BBQ

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” **John 14:15.**

THE NORTHWEST COAST MINISTERS

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some, pastors and teachers; – *Ephesians 4:11*

REVERENDS MCGRIF — ELDERS OF DISTRICT 14 & PASTORS IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Reverends Moseley — Assistant Pastors, Church Operations, & Married Couples Fellowship

Reverends Harris — Singles Fellowship Group Leaders & Pastors in Oak Harbor & Wenatchee

Reverend McMillian — Outreach Director, & Adult Sunday School Teacher

Ministers — Youth Ministers

Ministers Lee — Royal Regiment Ministers

Minister Gross — Sunday School Superintendent in Tacoma & Seattle, Nursery Coordinator, & Secretary

Sister Schick — Administrative Secretary

REVERENDS MCGRIF — ELDERS OF DISTRICT 14 & PASTORS IN PORTLAND, OREGON

Dr. Reverend Hintze-Pothen — Assistant Pastor

Reverends Dore — Children Services Ministers

Reverends Miller — Youth Ministers & Worship Leaders

Ministers Miguel — Outreach Directors & Sunday School Superintendent

Sister Swanson — Administrative Secretary & Royal Regiment Minister

Sister Woolbright — Royal Regiment Minister

REVEREND HUMBERT — PASTOR IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Ministers Quiroz — Assistant Pastors & Exhorters

Ministers V & H Nicolas — Deacons & Outreach Directors

REVERENDS MIGUEL — PASTORS IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Ministers Medina — Youth Leaders & Music Directors

Minister Costilla

Ministers Rosales — Ushers

REVERENDS HARRIS – PASTORS IN OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON

REVERENDS HARRIS – PASTORS IN WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Minister Aguilar — Bible Study Leader

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name; – **Romans 1:5**

THE NORTHWEST COAST MINISTRIES

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. **Acts 6:4**

Word & Spirit Ministry

Elders — District 14 — ([McGriff](#))

Pastors — ([McGriff](#) — [Washington & Oregon](#), [Humbert](#), [Miguel](#), [Harris](#))

Assistant Pastors — ([Moseley](#), [Hintze-Pothen](#), [Quiroz](#))

Associate Pastors — ([Harris](#))

Reverends — ([McGriff](#), [Moseley](#), [McMillian](#), [Hintze-Pothen](#), [Dore](#), [Miller](#), [Humbert](#), [Miguel](#), [Harris](#))

Exhorted Ministers — ([Quiroz](#))

Auxiliary Ministry

Bible Study & Cell Groups

Administration & Treasury

Evangelical, Missions, & Outreach

Sunday School — Superintendent, Teachers — Adults, Children, & Youth

Prayer, Praise & Worship

Music, Adult Choir, Junior Choir, Audio & Media

Deacon, Deaconess, & Usher

Fellowships — Men, Women, Singles, Married Couples, Youth, Children, Nursery, & Royal Regiment

Building, Hospitality, Housekeeping, & Congregation

“The Heart of the Prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge” **Proverbs 18:15**

Biblical Resources

CGC app

CGC Set — <https://cgcset.org/#/auth/login>

BIBLE HUB — <https://biblehub.com/>

BIBLEGATEWAY.COM — <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

BLUE LETTER BIBLE — <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/66books.cfm>

READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR — CHRISTIANITY.COM — <https://www.christianity.com/bible/year/kjv/bjan01.htm>

CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE — https://www.christianbook.com/?tm_source=google&kw=christian%20bookstore&mt=e&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1018818&cb_src=google&cb_typ=search&cb_cmp=16515724003&cb_adg=137831860961&cb_kyw=christian%20bookstore&gclid=Cj0KCQiA4uCcBhDdARIsAH5jyUn9RabJ70yak1fAdG0kk-

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

SONG OF THE MONTH

How Firm a Foundation

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:" **Isaiah 43:1-3**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?
In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.
Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
Even down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.
The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Words: From A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors, by John Rippon, 1787; attributed various-ly to John Keene, Kirk-ham, and John Keith.

My Thoughts:

The original title of this hymn was "Scripture Promises," and in Rippon's A Selection of Hymns (1787), **2 Peter 1:4** was printed above the first stanza. Each stanza emphasizes a different promise in the Word of God.

2 Cor 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." The promises of Satan are like quicksand, looks OK, but once you stand on them, they suck you in, into your death; whereas God's promises are as a rock, as Jesus told us in **Matthew 7:24-25**: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Our God is with us in every situation and circumstance, and we can learn to trust Him to be there and to help us, as Paul wrote in **Philippians 4:12-13**: "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

As we walk through life, our old flesh is a bit of a coward, fear is almost a natural state of mind, thus the Lord tells us in **Isaiah 41:10**: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

When we are walking with the Lord, He gives us strength to face every circumstance, and He will remain with us during it all, as He promised in **Isaiah 43:2** "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:"

Life brings many trials our way, but as we read in **1 Peter 4:12**: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:"

I found 1 scripture that covers these last 2 stanzas, **Deuteronomy 4:30-31**, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them." As we grow older, we shall show that God's love does not change, He will still carry us in His bosom like a lamb.

As long as we remain faithful, and depend on the Lord for our rest, He promises that He will not leave us to our foes, but will ever protect us, as we see in **Heb 13:5**.

Building on a firm foundation.

Contributed by Brother M Wilson

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PRAYING ALWAYS

- God's Most High & Holy Will in All Things, Always
- CGCII Headquarters, Affiliated, & Associated Churches, Congregations, & Families
- Elders/Pastors, Reverends, Ministers & Families
- The Brotherhood & Families
- The Deployed, Military, First Responders & Medical Emergency Workers
- The World Leaders and Inhabitants

THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Tithes: 10% of gross income

First-Fruits: First hourly pay

Offerings: Amount the LORD ask of you

Love Offerings: To help those in need

Alms: Amount not spent on food that was saved during a fast (Remember weekly fast)

Missions: Sent to Jeffersonville to help other countries

Benevolence/Outreach: \$120 a quarter per couple/\$60 a quarter per single—May the Lord bless you all for your support.

Pastoral Benevolence: Gifts to the Pastors

Pledges: Amount that you have agreed to give

Nursery: Supplies for babies and toddlers

Building Fund: Building Expenses

Travel Funds: Travel expenses for the Pastors

Men's Fund: \$10/month paid to Reverend E. Moseley

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Reverend B. R. Hicks, Founder CGCII and Author

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Shalom, GOD Bless you, Go in Peace, Brotherhood!

BROTHERLY REMINDERS**DEPARTMENT HEADS & CHURCH WORKERS**

All monthly reports are due by the first Sunday of the month or the third of the month whichever comes first.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Remember to reach out to one another in a Christ-like manner, keep one another encouraged throughout the week, and above all, pray for one another.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Please check the weekly cleaning schedule and nursery schedule. Copies of the schedules are posted on the bulletin board. If you cannot fulfill your time listed, please find someone to trade with you or contact the Local Administrator or Secretary.
- Before leaving the sanctuary, please check around your seat for your possessions. In addition, please help keep the sanctuary, the nursery, classrooms, and offices tidy, as they are part of God's house that we are entrusted to maintain.
- Please check the bulletin board and/or email for church supplies that might need to be
- Replenished (like toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies).

If you have any question about these items, please contact the Local Administrator or Secretary.

FINAL WORDS

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—**Ephesians 6:10**

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.—**Philippians 3:1**

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—**Numbers 6:24-26**