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Dearly Beloved,

I believe that you and I are alike in a lot of ways, especially in being hungry for the manifestation of the Spirit of God in earth, and wondering why we aren't seeing more and more of His Glory!

I believe that one of the reasons is because we in the Body of Christ have made carnal (fleshly) compromises which have corrupted God's ways of doing things on the earth. Do we really want God's presence to rule in our lives, or have we replaced the challenges of God—inspired progress with a sense of complacency?

In **GENESIS 6:12** "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; and all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Who was responsible for the corruption on the earth? The people were! When we yield to the flesh instead of the Spirit, it corrupts God's ways in our lives. Our fellowship with and acceptance of the ways of the world have caused us to tolerate the flesh dominating our lives, sometimes under the false guise of "love!"

The world is constantly feeding its flesh with immorality, intellectualism, dishonesty, homosexuality, adultery, and the list could go on and on. We need to realize that our flesh will follow the course that it is surrounded with most frequently. But it doesn't have to be that way for believers. Through fellowship with the Holy Spirit and the Word, we can discover how to yield to our inner man instead of yielding to the flesh. We will begin to see more clearly the ways of God and principles He follows.

Contrary to the ways of the world, God's ways are filled with compassion, peace, righteousness, and power! Jesus was a revelation of the Father God, He was the *LIVING WORD!* In **COLOSSIANS 1:15** it says "Who is the image of the invisible God......" Jesus was tender, yet He was unbending. He was always compassionate, yet intolerant of sin. He ate with the outcasts and downtrodden, and was ruthless toward the religious snobs.

Our fellowship with Him affects our perception of things. Notice what Jesus said to Peter in MATTHEW 16:23 "......get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." As we begin to view things from God's viewpoint we will no longer be a hindrance to His work in our lives. When we surround ourselves with His influence, our fleshly desires start to lose their hold on us.

If you happen to be one of those who lives in a continual battle with the flesh and feel that you are never going to be victorious..........I HAVE GOOD NEWS! First of all, take a long look at what is controlling your life. Then, speak to your flesh (1st CORINTHIANS 9:27) and command it to get into subjection (speak out loud to IT. You may have to do it more than once). Then, according to JAMES 4:7 you are submitting yourself to God (HIS WORD) and then begin to RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU!

I want you to notice something VERY IMPORTANT! God is NOT going to resist the enemy for you, He gave you as a New Creation in Christ Jesus, the ability and right (authority) to do it in the Name of Jesus!

There are some things that only God can do, and there are some things that we need to do. We cannot expect God to do what we are expected to do....YOU ARE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITH RIGHTS AND ABILITIES!

Because you have been made the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2nd CORINTHIANS 5:21). We can finally turn against the weaknesses and compromises that have dominated us, and put an end to justifying and protecting those things in our lives that are hindering from fulfilling all that God has called us to do.

As we "DO" the Word, this gives the Holy Spirit permission to watch over that Word and begin to manifest in our lives, setting us free from those things that are holding us back!

You can do it, you are a Child of the King, Blood-washed, Blood-bought, overcoming, seated in Heavenly Places and Joint Heirs with Jesus! Remember PHILIPPIANS 4:13 "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGENETH ME!"

Kathy and I call you BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

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John Quincy Adams: Anti-Slavery Champion, His Lifetime

Of Public Service, Guided by the Bible

On February 21, 1848, "Old Man Eloquent" John Quincy Adams suffered a stroke at his desk in the House Chamber. He had just given an impassioned speech against the Democrat plan to expand slavery into the Western territories acquired after the Mexican-American War.

He died 2 days later without regaining consciousness. His death was the first to be communicated over **the newly invented telegraph.** The pallbearers at his funeral, February 26, 1848, included South Carolina Senator **John Calhoun**, Missouri Senator **Thomas Hart Benton**, and a freshman Congressman for Illinois-**Abraham Lincoln**.

The son of the second President, John Adams, John Quincy Adams had one of the longest careers in American politics. His many positions included: At age 11, he accompanied his father as part of diplomatic team to France and the Netherlands, 1778; at 14, he was secretary to the American diplomat to Russia, 1781-1783; at 17 he assisted his father's diplomatic role in England, 1784; President Washington appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands, 1794-1797; U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, 1796; U.S. Ambassador to Prussia, 1797-1801; U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, 1803;-1808; Professor of Logic at Brown University, 1803-1808; Professor Rhetoric and Oratory, Harvard University, 1806-1809; argued before supreme Court, Fletcher v. Peck, 1809; President Madison appointed him to be First U.S. Minister to Russia, 1809-1814; Published Lectures on Rhetoric & Oratory, 1810; President Madison nominated him to the Supreme Court, being confirmed unanimously by the Senate, but declined, 1811; He negotiated the Treaty of Ghent, which favorably ended the War of 1812 (Britain intended to retain the territory around the Great Lakes); President Madison appointed him U.S. Minister to Great Britain, appointed by Madison, 1815-1817; U.S. Secretary of State, under President Monroe, 1817-1825, where he negotiated the Adams-Onis Treaty, obtaining Florida from Spain; he was the 6th President of the United States. 1825-1829; U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts, 1831-1848.

John Quincy Adams was the only U.S. President to serve as a Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives after having been President. In Congress, he earned the nicknamed "The Hell-Hound of Slavery" for relentlessly speaking out against slavery. He single-handedly led the fight to lift the Gag Rule which prohibited discussion of slavery on the House floor. As a result, Southern Democrats tried to have him censured in 1837. In 1839, he introduced a constitutional amendment to ban slavery in all new states entering the union.

In 1841, at the age of 73, **John Quincy Adams** spoke for nine hours defending the 53 Africans accused of mutiny aboard the Spanish slave ship **La Amistad**. With the help of lawyer **Francis Scott Key**, he argued their case before the **U.S. Supreme Court** and won, giving them back their freedom.

John Quincy Adams stated: "The moment you come to the Declaration of Independence, that every man has a right to life and liberty, an inalienable right, this case is decided. I ask nothing more in behalf of these unfortunate men than this Declaration." He was the only major figure in American history to know both the Founding Fathers and Abraham Lincoln.

Prior to 1807, African slaves were purchased from Muslim slave markets and brought to America. Muslim slave markets had existed for over a thousand years, enslaving an estimated 180 million Africans. Elikia M'Bokolo wrote in "The impact of the Slave Trade on Africa" (Le Monde diplomatique, April 2, 1998): "At least ten centuries of slavery for the benefit of the Muslim countries (from the ninth to the nineteenth)...Four million enslaved people exported via the Red Sea, another four million through the Swahili ports of the Indian Ocean, perhaps as many as nine million along the trans-Saharan caravan route, and eleven to twenty million (depending on the author) across the Atlantic Ocean."

The annotated **John Quincy Adams-A Bibliography,** compiled by Lynn H. Parsons (Westport, CT, 1993, p. 41, entry #194), contains **"Unsigned essays dealing with the Russo-Turkish War and on Greece,"** (The American Annual Register for 1827-28-29, NY: 1830): "The natural hatred of the Mussulmen towards the infidels is in just accordance with the precepts of the Koran...The **fundamental doctrine** of the **Christian religion** is the **extirpation of hatred from the human heart.** It forbids the exercise of it, even towards enemies..." He continued: "In the 7th century of the Christian era, a wandering Arab...spread desolation and delusion over an extensive portion of the earth...He declared **undistinguishing and exterminating war** as a part of his religion...The essence of his **doctrine** was **violence and lust**, to exalt the brutal over the spiritual part of human nature."

(To be continued next month)

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT