

- 5 -

in them." 1 Cor. 6:19, 2 Cor. 6:16

Emphasizing entire control of the whole man by the Spirit, we read, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Teaching the Sabbath rest in Isaiah 58:8-14 it says, "The Lord shall guide thee continually." "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath from doing thy pleasure on My holy day and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words."

This is the being one with the Father Jesus lived in and prayed His disciples should come into. In describing it He said: "I can of mine own self do nothing." "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me." Rom. 8:14; Jno. 5:19, 30.

This paper, given by the Spirit, sets forth the preparations essential to entering the "most high order of the saints." It deals only with the states and not with the processes. It is an open door toward bridehood. In this way most intimate and satisfactory business relations may be entered into with Jehovah. It is the foundation conditions of the reign of the King of kings upon earth.

If you will not only read this Word but seek Divine illumination till you

- 6 -

comprehend its various views of celestial things, and then press into experimental processes, you may also attain to "the most high order of saints," (correct Spirit witnessed translation of Dan. 7:18). There are many commissions pertaining to the kingdom in the concession of the KING. He might design to offer you one. High privilege. "I rose up and did the King's business." Dan. 8:27.

Seeley D. Kinne
Sonoma, California

ELIM LIBRARY

Ecclesia and Intervention No. 27
August 1946

Business Relations With God

Seeley D. Kinne

May we come into practical, successful business relations with Jehovah? If so, on what basis or terms may we approach a proper plan for such a proceeding? The answer is, God considers such an alliance very much to be desired. He has already made vast outlays and elaborate designs for this very purpose. So then we have but to be brought into discovery of His plans and find a place therein to be abundantly gratified. We need to see at the outset that any successful business requires harmonious relationships. So, too, we must, in approach to God, find amicable terms. The attributes of Jehovah correspond to the affectionate heart nature in man. They are of so high order, deep and intense in nature and operation, that they cannot be satisfied with shallow responses or half-hearted

agreements, but demand whole-hearted response and cooperation.

God in His great love and mercy for man has condescended to stoop down to man in his low, fallen level that He might lift him out of his degradation and exalt him to a station. But this must not be a basis for equality of our communication. Our manners have lacked that awe, reverence, meekness, worship and adoration properly due from us low-born creatures to so exalted a Creator. Our degree and quality is so inferior to the scale of being, compared with His almightiness which we scarce can conceive. How could we expect business relations with Him were it not that He proposes and invites us.

Also, since Jehovah has already ordered and perfected far reaching and spacious designs, He does not desire us to present our plans to Him, in this the time of His culminations. They originate with Him, therefore acquaintance with them comes by illumination and revelation through the Holy Spirit. It easily follows to our comprehension: the day of man's independent works is past. "There remaineth therefore a deepening of a Sabbath to the people of God." Man's work will not be accepted. "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest,

any of you should seem to come short of it." "We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain." "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry: ye are God's building." Heb. 4:2, 2 Cor. 6:1, 1 Cor. 3:9.

So discovery is by revelation and activity is by Divine movings. And there are reasons why it is necessary to wait on God for Him to lead. It calls for silence and resting from our own works. "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say to me." How lacking in the elements and attitudes essential to the Divine business, fellowship and relationship we have been. Hab. 2:1.

Consideration of History would inform us that comparatively few indeed have transacted the King's important business. There could have been a hundred Finneys or Wesleys, or George Foxes, or Guyons, or many others, and no crowding. Hear the Lord's mournful comments, many of them. Take one or two: "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man." (Jer. 5:1). "I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me, for the land, that I

should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out my indignation." (Ezek. 2:30). Alas, how often God looks for a man in vain.

DIVINE CONTROL is essential to proper business relations, and applies, according to Scriptures, to the various parts of human being.

Referring to control of the heart the Lord says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Ezek. 36:5-27.

Speaking of the will: "For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." "I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes." Phil. 2:15.

And of the mind: "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5.

Concerning the prophetic Word: "If any man speak, let him speak as the Word of God." "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." "I will utter dark sayings which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. 1 Pet. 1:21, Matt. 13:35, Ps. 78:2

Speaking of physical control the Word is, "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost." "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." "God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk