

Late Summer / Early Autumn 2019

Dear Partners in the Lord's Service,

In August we had our fourth session of 3BI (Billye Brim Bible Institute).

The Lord directed me to teach the Bible from the unique tutelage and witness He has given me in an online Bible School. It is an in-depth study of the Scriptures, with a prophetic perspective applicable today.

We are preparing the courses now in this manner. About 70 students sit at tables in our chapel. I sit at an old oak desk with a bell and an apple atop it—almost like in the old one-room schoolhouses. The whiteboard and technical aids, however, are up to date. We aim to go online in early 2020 with fully accredited courses. We are trusting God to reach many.

The students enjoy the classes so much they re-enroll. Ninety percent of the recent class was repeaters. The Lord blesses us with His holy presence and revelation. This was especially so with our study of Abraham and Covenant and the amazing word *chesed*. One pastor said he'd taught from his revelation of *chesed* for a month or more. I trust that in this letter I can share the thrill of that word's meaning. Here's how it came to me.

***Chesed* חסד**

My son Chip called me after a man came to our church in Collinsville and said, "The Scripture your mother teaches about what they said at the Temple dedication—*Praise the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever*—is mistranslated. It should be grace instead of mercy" (2 Chronicles 7:3). [When I teach on the Glory, we sometimes sing it in Hebrew: *Hallelujah, key tov, key l'olam chasdo.*]

Somewhat taken aback by what Chip told me, I began a study. The Lord supernaturally had prepared me for it. He'd caused a book with the answer to come into my hands. In February 2019 I received in the mail an old copy of *Hesed in the Bible* by Nelson Glueck. First published in Germany in 1927, an English translation was printed in 1967.

In its pages I found that neither *mercy* nor *grace* adequately gives the meaning of this wonderful word. There is another Hebrew word, *rahamim*, translated *mercy*, but it is not the word used in 2 Chronicles 7:3, nor in many places.

***Chesed* is a covenant word—applicable only within the confines of a covenant relationship. I came up with the following definition: obligatory loyal love.**

Chesed was understood in the ancient Hebrew as the duty of one participant in a covenant toward the other. This was not just in God's covenants with His people, but in marriage and familial covenants. Biblical examples are many. Here are a few the book points out:

In Gen. 47:29 Jacob, about to die, asks his son Joseph, to swear to him that he will show him *חסד*. Abraham asks his wife, Sarah, to render *hesed* to him, Gen. 20:13. Boaz praises Ruth, Ruth 3:10, for the *hesed* she is showing her husband and his family. Naomi, Ruth 2:20, blesses her kinsman, Boaz, for having shown *hesed* to Ruth. Abraham's servant, Gen. 24:49, asks the family of Nahor, Abraham's brother, whether they are willing to show *חסד* to his master. Saul, 1 Sam. 15:6, recalls the *hesed* which the friendly and related Kenites had demonstrated toward the Israelites when they went up from Egypt. (Page 35)

The book states "*Hesed* can be practiced only between persons who share an ethically binding relationship...."

(A note about spelling. The translator of the book into English used the symbol "h" for the Hebrew letter *chet*. I prefer using "ch." Both "h" and "ch" are pronounced like the "ch" in Bach. It has a hard rather than a soft pronunciation.)

Following are a few quotes from the book:

...*hesed* is the conduct required in the mutual relationship between allies. The obligations and rights acquired through a covenant are translated into corresponding actions through *hesed*. (Page 47)

Modern commentators translate *hesed* as "mercy" or "favor," which is unacceptable. The *hesed* which Solomon was to show Barzillai's house did not emanate from mercy but from obligation (1 Kings 2:7). It did not depend upon the mere will or whim of David or Solomon, but was a requirement. (Page 53)

Hesed constitutes the essence of a covenant.... In older sources, the common usage of *hesed* never means an arbitrary demonstration of grace, kindness, favor, love. (Page 55)

The *hesed* of Yahweh is ... not to be understood as "grace," "favor," or "kindness," but as the covenantal relationship between him and Abraham (Gen 24:12-14, 27, 49). (Page 71)

Hesed is best translated ... as "covenantal loyalty" or "faithful assistance according to the covenant." ... *Hesed* ... is that which the members of a covenant are obligated to practice reciprocally. (Pages 81, 82)

While God offers mercy to the world, it is only those in covenant with Him who are entitled to His *chesed*. Think of it: "His *chesed* endures forever" was often Israel's battle cry. They called upon His covenant promise to only them.

Think of it! We have a better covenant based upon better promises. We can call upon His *chesed* to His covenant children.

I'd like to quote you the entire book. But we found it is in print. The book and an impromptu teaching I did at Prayer Mountain chapel is our offer with this letter.

Mustering the Troops

When Phillip Halverson told me the day before he left earth, “Never forget your number one assignment is to ‘help the pray-ers,’” I wondered how it could be so. I would have thought teaching, preaching, writing, etc.... But every day I see more clearly that this is so. I see that the number one purpose of the Lord’s Body is to work with God. We do that primarily through communication with Him—prayer.

I had prior warning that the enemy planned a series of mass shootings and truck rammings. Receiving such “intelligence” means to me that I am to contact the prayer force the Lord has raised up under our influence.

Only one group can stop the strategies of the devil—the body of Christ. We do it through the operation of the Authority of the Believer, not by hearing about it on the news and playing catch-up. We do it as the army of the Lord on the offense, “ruling and reigning” according to Romans 5:17. We do it sitting morning by morning in our seats of authority as outlined in MacMillan’s book *The Authority of the Believer* and in my mini-book *The Authority of the Believer and How To Use It*.

In praying about this, I heard “Muster the troops.”

Dictionary definition:

muster (verb)

1. call up something
2. assemble soldiers or crew members

muster (noun)

1. military assembly

Then I received a plan. We are to ask pray-ers to commit to take their seats of authority daily, morning by morning, as outlined in MacMillan’s book and in my mini-book. Each prayer warrior will commit to taking what we have come to call their “habitational” authority. For instance, when I rule and reign over the kingdom of darkness, I take authority over demonic activity in the Greater Branson area, etc.

We at Prayer Mountain will make a map of the United States; within each state we will graphically record where troops are committed city by city. For instance, someone may call us saying, “I am John Doe. I commit to take my authority morning by morning over demonic activity in the Springfield, Missouri, area.”

With this letter, I am asking you to commit to daily—and it is daily—take your seat of authority in your geographical area. I am asking you to answer this call to muster so we can know what areas are covered by God’s “rulers and reigners.”

You can sign up for duty:

- 1) On our web page billyebrim.org.
- 2) By mail, P.O.Box 40, Branson, MO 65615.
- 3) By phone 1-800-972-3447.

Autumn Assembly

This year I have been much involved in prayer for our nation and for Israel. In both Jerusalem and Washington, D.C. we have walked on assignment. I implore you to do your best to be with us in Branson for a powerful prayer meeting including prayer for everything leading up to the 2020 elections. I've seen God use this meeting and believe He will do it again. We need your supply of the Spirit.

Victorython!!!

Brother Kenneth Copeland has well obeyed the Lord's directive to "to go on every available voice with the good news." While the newly named Victory Network will remain on Dish Satellite (9 million-plus homes), KCM now has Direct TV (22 million) in its scope. Brother Copeland has never charged any of his broadcasters (including BBM) for TV time. So, the Lord has given Jesse DuPlantis a directive to host a live Victorython, September 29 through October 2. I'm looking forward to the good time we broadcasters will have as we meet in Ft. Worth for the event. And you can join us via the live television broadcast!!!!

Report to You, Our Partners in the Lord's Work

Billye Brim Teaching and Prayer: Twice weekly Prayer Mountain Chapel. 8 AM Wednesday Prayer Call for Israel. 3BI Sessions. Weekly TV "Prophetic Witness" (Victory Network, The God Channel, NOW Network). Daily Radio "Voice of One Witness." Writing: includes blogs (see web page). Travel ministry in churches, meetings, tours. Prayer Assignments in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere. Thank God for the Bravo! Much needed tool.

ISRAEL: 4 trips in one year. Led 2 tours. Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. Met with Migdal Team.

A Glorious Church Fellowship in Collinsville, Oklahoma: Growing in every way!

Champions 4 Christ Youth Rally: Great! Souls Saved! Young lives empowered. See champions4Christ.org/media, Instagram @c4crally. Next year 20th anniversary.

God's Café: Our ministry to the needy and homeless in Branson. Rented a facility for teaching, food, clothing. Reports to follow.

Thank You for Helping Us Serve Him

And, borrowing from the way Brother Kenneth E. Hagin always ended his letters, "May God's Richest and Best Be Yours."



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