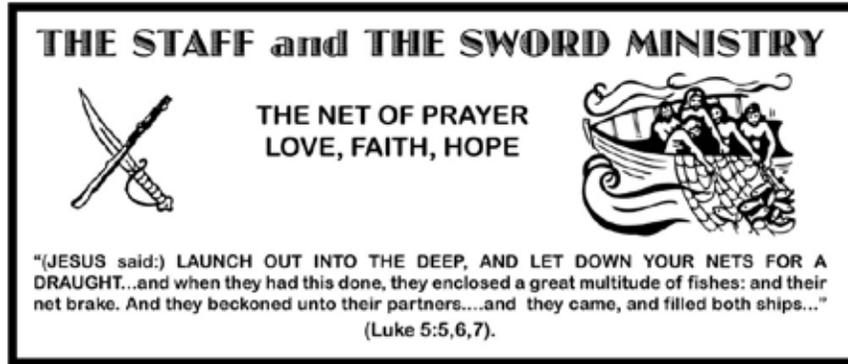


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PART 5 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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PROLOGUE

Why do I include a GLOSSARY OF TERMS?

In short: I use certain terms in very particular and very specific ways. But, let me explain . . .

*When I receive a WORD, a VISION, a REVELATION, or an INSIGHT by the SPIRIT OF GOD through JESUS CHRIST, I have found that a **literal sharing** of these can be somewhat confusing to brethren who read Ministry newsletters, etc. or who hear me speak at various gatherings. This is not a fault on the part of me or the brethren reading or listening to what I discussed, But, it is important to make every effort to clarify things that I talk about as best as I am able.*

*Since 1977, I have worked to relate **exactly** (well, as exactly as possible) what it is I understand about what God has given me to help others have a better grasp of His meaning and intent. In one sense, I have worked to translate some of the more complex revelations whereby everyone can understand what it means to the extent that is possible. The shortcoming is that my understanding has not (and IS NOT) always perfect or complete. Nonetheless, I trust the Lord Jesus to keep me in all I do in His Name.*

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*In June 2000, I wrote a detailed document of the specific terms I use and titled that document **Terminology**. The 2000 **Terminology** document was essentially a glossary of specific words and phrases I use when discussing the Lord's Word, etc. My intent was to make everyone who had occasion to read the Ministry's Newsletters, reports, etc. understand exactly what I meant by my choice of those specific terms. I wanted to ensure that everyone was on the same page with me. Over the years, I have worked to discipline myself to stay within the confines of the 2000 **Terminology** document.*

*Here follows a reprint of select portions of the 2000 **Terminology** document that has been revised and reformatted for inclusion on this website. Please note specifically that the terms are purposefully **NOT** listed in alphabetical order—instead, the terms are listed in logical-contextual sequence.*

THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD / GOD'S WORD / JESUS' WORD

When I give God's Word, I am very careful to always present His Word in capital boldface letters and with quotation marks at the start and at the finish of His Word. I also often share who received His Word and the date His Word was received—I usually put such information at the end of His Word within parentheses or square brackets. Whenever I use such phrases as JESUS SAID, JESUS SPOKE, JESUS' WORD, etc. that is identical to saying “**THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD.**” **Reliability level: 100%.**

KNOW / KNOWING / KNEW

When I use the words **KNOW**, **KNOWING**, or **KNEW**, I mean to convey that I **KNOW** this by the Spirit of God. I usually write the words **KNOW** in all capital letters, but in some older reports and Newsletters, I also place the word within single or double quotation marks. This is equal to saying “**THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD.**” **Reliability level: 100%.**

PERCEIVE / PERCEPTION

The words **PERCEIVE** and **PERCEPTION** are very close to **KNOW**. When I **PERCEIVE** something, it is a blending of what I know by the Spirit of God and of what I understand or have experienced. When I use the word **PERCEIVE**, the knowing by the Spirit of God is usually the majority part, while my understanding (or experience) is the minority part. **Reliability level: 70%.**

BELIEVE / BELIEF

The words **BELIEF** and **BELIEVE** are used to convey what I understand of a given situation or circumstance. Like **PERCEIVE**, it is a blending of what I know by the Spirit of God and what I understand or have experienced. But here, the level of human understanding/experience is much higher and the degree of Holy Spirit knowing is much less. **Reliability level: 30% to 50%.**

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THINK / THOUGHT / IDEA

I use the words **THINK, THOUGHT, and IDEA** to express my opinion (which is generally no better—or no worse—than your opinion) about something. Human understanding and experience is central to this, thus it may be very faulted. **Reliability level: 10% to 30%**. While I certainly have my own opinions on many subjects, I work and pray to present HIS WORD, HIS WILL and HIS VIEWS, rather than mine.

PROJECTIONS

A **PROJECTION** is an effort to present timing matched with a given judgment event. This kind of endeavor usually falls somewhere within the PERCEIVE-to-BELIEVE areas. Projections are usually made to prove-out if our understanding of the timing of judgment or specific judgments are correct or not. It is a purely trial-and-error kind of undertaking that is designed to improve our overall understanding of how judgments actually work.

WATCH DATES / WATCH TIMES

A **WATCH DATE** is just as it sounds, a date to watch and see what happens. A Watch Date may be connected with a Projection or a potential judgment event. Over the years, we have observed and seen numerous judgment patterns set and established under God's Law by the enemy of our souls. Knowing these judgment patterns and knowing Jesus' Word we can and do work to project for certain events to appear at certain times. If we begin to see a known judgment pattern reappearing on a given **WATCH TIME**, this alerts us to what can come next. This, in turn, affords us the opportunity of warning those on our mailing list and of directing prayer-intercession to save lives and limit the level of death and destruction.

IN THE SPIRIT

IN THE SPIRIT is an action or an action state. In the early years of prayer, I began to discern a sense of movement while I prayed looking to Jesus. After some years, I began to see IN THE SPIRIT. I realized that, as I brought my focus to Jesus Christ in prayer, I was drawn to Him and was joined to Him in Heaven. In that case, I was not taken bodily into Heaven, but my Spiritual man in Christ was drawn into Heaven, and, as a result, this experience began to reflect in my soulish mind. When this happened, I began to see IN THE SPIRIT. My soulish mind was like a television receiver and my Spiritual man in Christ was like the television camera or transmitter. The degree of my experiences IN THE SPIRIT through Christ was well-developed and established long before I encountered the first Christian groups. I say this because Jesus taught me not to fear, but to trust Him implicitly—and I have learned to do just that. When I encountered Christian groups, they were suspicious and fearful of the extent and depth of my relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Over an extended period of

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time, I realized that most Christians did not have this kind of relationship with Jesus. I also realized that most Christians did not have the freedom in Christ by the Spirit of God because they were put back into bondage to fear by man's teachings. As I was injected with a dose of fear (fear of deception, fear of trusting Jesus, fear of trusting the Holy Spirit), I found that my experience in Christ began to dim and that my relationship with Jesus got distant. Where fear entered in, love left. As a result, life with Jesus began to fade, until I learned to reject anything not of love as Jesus taught me. Over the years, I met a number of Christians who had a like experience with Jesus as I did at first. These Christians also enjoyed the blessedness and joy I had. As they submitted to man in the Church, their relationship dimmed out and died, leaving many of them empty and cold. I know that when Christians pray looking to Jesus, they too are joined to Him by the Spirit of God and IN THE SPIRIT. Because of man's teachings, these Christians are prevented from seeing and experiencing the depths of Christ. Uniquely, the Holy Spirit brought me into experiences IN THE SPIRIT first and only afterwards led me to Scriptures speaking of these things. **Some of these Scriptures are: *Ezekiel 8:3-4, Ephesians 6:12, Ezekiel 13:5, Ezekiel 22:30, 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, and Malachi 3:10. The Prophet Zechariah wrote "NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, saith the Lord of hosts" [Zechariah 4:6].*** By the Spirit of God, I came to know that "MIGHT" (as used in the Scripture above) refers to physical/bodily might and the power of the soul. I always specifically indicate when something I am discussing was seen IN THE SPIRIT or when I was taken IN THE SPIRIT. Over the years, I have written the phrase IN THE SPIRIT in various ways, including: IN THE SPIRIT, In The Spirit, 'In the Spirit', and "In The Spirit", etc.