

THE FOUR SPIRITS OF GOD

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Look in the book of Ezekiel 1:5 -10. Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet [were] straight feet; and the sole of their feet [was] like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And [they had] the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings [were] joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Although these four creatures look quite strange, these four represent the powerful four winds of God. These four creatures live very close with God. They are the ones who cry out when every man of God has a vision. They are always before the throne of God whom every man of God who had a vision witness them crying out Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty.

When Kenneth Hagin had his first vision, he stared at those four creatures. The Lord Jesus told him not to look at them. He was staring at them and also the image of the Father behind those four creatures. Those four creatures were close to the heart of God and this has a special message for us.

On one side they look like a man. A man is made in the image of God. In Genesis 1:26 God said, "Let us make man in our image." One day according to Ephesians 4 when the fivefold ministries have completed their work the church will be in the full stature of the manhood of Jesus Christ.

On another side they look like an eagle. An eagle is always a symbol of healing. It says in the book of Psalms 103 that he shall renew your youth like the eagle. Isaiah 40 tells us they that wait on the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles. When God brought the Israelites out, He told them He brought them out like an eagle carrying them on His wings. He promised them that no sickness would be upon their lives. Throughout all those years that they were with God in forty years, no sickness came upon them. Why because He said, "I brought you out as an eagle." We sing the song, "With healing in His wings." What wings? Eagle's wings. Eagle is a symbol of the healing move of God. On one side they had an image of an eagle. The wind of healing is judgment on the devil but healing for the body of Christ.

And on the other side we see how they look an ox. An ox is a symbol of a creature of burden and it is also a symbol of provision. Paul says in First Corinthians 9 not to muzzle the ox. The ox symbolizes the ministers of God who treaded out the grain and live by the gospel. And he used that as a symbol of how they should be provided for. He that labor is worthy. It tells us there the ox is a symbol of provision. It is a symbol of prosperity. And praise be to the Lord if your ministry has an emphasis on the South wind, the wind of provision, use an ox for your symbol.

On the other side they look like a lion. Whenever you see the Lord like the Lion of Judah, you know that He has come to deliver his people. He is a deliverer. The devil is only a roaring lion. But the Lord is the one and only Lion of Judah. He is the one who set free over the works of the enemy. Jesus is our deliverer. A lion is the symbol of boldness, where you will have no more fear. You will tread over the enemy. The wind of deliverance is the West wind. Now these four creatures are multiplied four times.

Turn to Ezekiel where we touched on the four winds of God. We are going to touch a little bit on those things and develop them further. We mentioned that when God sends a revival He always sends the four winds. When all four winds blow the wind of revival comes. Ezekiel 37: 9-10 *Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet,*

an exceeding great army.

We mentioned last week how the four winds of God are tied up to the seven spirits of God as listed in Revelation chapter one and Isaiah chapter eleven verse one. And how those seven spirits of God flow in four rivers. The Spirit of the Lord. The Spirit of wisdom and counsel and might and all those are broken down into four by the words "spirit of". There are four times the word spirit is mentioned. Outline it in the seven spirits into the four rivers. We also mentioned how the rivers of God and the four spirits of God which are the four winds of God are tied up to those four creatures. And those four creatures are in the book of Ezekiel chapter one.

Now we realize that these are actual creatures. These are actual spirit beings whom God has created. But they symbolize something else. They are picture of a working of God. Ezekiel 1:5 -10 *Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet [were] straight feet; and the sole of their feet [was] like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And [they had] the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. Their wings [were] joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.*

Thus were their faces. These are strange four living creatures who dwell in the closest part of God's holiness. They are continually with the Lord. They are those same creatures who cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty." They are God's transportation. They have wings. They are tied up to the picture of the four winds of God.

These four creatures also tie up to a picture of what God is doing in these last days. You have heard it mentioned how that we are living in the so-called Joshua generation. And how the old Moses generation is passing put. Now there are a lot of truths in those things. Just as Moses had to climb up to Mount Pisgah and all he

had was a glimpse of the promised land. Deu 34:1 *And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that [is] over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, He could see what is to come and yet he could not enter into it.* This is exactly what so many men and women of God in previous generations had experienced after they had fulfilled their task and their purposes. Many whom God had called in previous generations had pointed the way for the latter generations. People like Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, and many of those who have lived before us. They had pointed to a time when a generation that will see the return of the Lord. And of course the generation that would see the return of the Lord would be the most blessed. They are going to see the full manifestation of God's move. All the four winds of God will blow in the end time generation. All the wonderful workings of God's anointing and manifestation has been reserved for this generation.

Now Joshua prepared himself in four ways also. Joshua had the four aspects of the Spirit of God. And when we call ourselves the Joshua generation, we must make sure that we have those four spirits that Joshua had. This ties back to the four winds of God and in turn, ties back to these four creatures. In the end, they tie to the seven spirits of God. I hope the numbers don't confuse you. But that is the way the Bible is. In fact we haven't done any further teaching on the four winds of God yet. The seven rivers of God became the four winds of God. And in the ends they flow into two spirits. That's another topic altogether.

What we are going to touch on tonight is how the four creatures symbolize the four different spirits. Like we mentioned last week, the North wind, the South wind, the East wind and the West wind. Each wind symbolizes something. And it's a representation of something. Now Joshua had to prepare himself and partake of these four spirits of God. And one of the first that he tasted was the experience of the ox. Remember the ox we mentioned is the wind of provision, prosperity. And the ox is also a symbol of servanthood, servitude. When there is a picture of an ox there is always a picture of a yoke. You would see the ox pulling and drawing the plough. When we call ourselves the Joshua generation, the first thing it means is that the Joshua generation is a generation that serves. Gone are the days where people seek to rule and reign. That is a generation that seeks to serve. For Jesus said the greatest among you shall be the servant of all. In his earlier part of his ministry, Joshua had to learn to serve. He was actually called the servant of Moses, the

minister of Moses. The word *minister* in Hebrew means servant.

Let's look at the book of Exodus chapter twenty four. That is not the first time that he is starting to serve. But that is one of the first mention of him as being a servant. He has been a servant of Moses all those days. Exo.24:12-13 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.*

In this verse taken from the old King James Version, Joshua is described as Moses' *minister*. Now the same word is used again in Joshua chapter one where it says *Joshua the minister of Moses or the assistant or the servant of Moses*. In all those times that Joshua was with Moses he did no miracles. He saw the glory of God from outside. Now to a normal person that could be very frustrating. Here you are at the fringe of something. You are just so near yet so far. And he has to continue faithfully while there is Moses and he had all the excitement. Moses heard the voice of God and he carried Moses' belongings up to the mountain. At a certain point Moses would say to Joshua, "You stay here while I go further." Most people would say to Moses, "I want to go all the way with you." And Joshua was left there and Moses went up into the glory. But Joshua was at the fringe of the glory. He was further than the rest but not in yet. And that is the most difficult point to be. You are far out and you stand out in the field but you are not in yet. You are different but you are not in yet. It is somewhere in between. I am not talking about fence sitters. God doesn't like that. Jesus said I rather you be hot or cold. Now here is Joshua not in that kind of situation or choice but more in a situation of preparation.

In those early years he had to see somebody else having all the glory. Somebody else would be having all the miracles. Somebody else would be having all the experiences. Somebody else would be having all the wonderful things. And here he was in the background serving while Moses was on the mountain for forty days which is a long time. How do you like to wait for somebody for that long. Moses didn't tell him how long he would be away on that mountain there. And here is Joshua waiting, consecrated, dedicated, surrendered, and Moses was having the time of his life – basking in the glory of God. I mean he was having a time of his life in God's presence. Then meanwhile the people down the mountain were having

their own ceremony. They said, "Moses is delayed. Let us make our own god." And they brought the golden calf, and created festivals with dancing and singing. They were also having the time of their life. They were having their orgies; Moses was in his spiritual experience and Joshua was just in between. Where was Joshua? Serving. That is the spirit of a servant. That is the ox. See there are times when God develop love in our life. He develops discipline and discipleship in our life. And those four have to be balanced. And those four have to be balanced in order for us to grow mature in God. We don't know how many years Moses had Joshua serving him. Let's suppose he started when God called Moses into Egypt. You know how long Moses lived. He lived to be about 120. That means that at least forty years of service if he started in Egypt. And forty years not seeing a single sign in his own life. Somebody else was doing all the signs but not him. He was always in the background. That is a test of perseverance. The spirit of a servant.

Elisha had to go through the same things. The first call of Elisha was to serve. His ultimate call was to be a prophet in place of Elijah. But in First Kings chapter nineteen God told Elijah to go and select Elisha and call Elisha to follow him. Elisha followed Elijah and served him. Can you imagine living so close with a man of God and seeing miracles being performed all the time? But it is not you. And what did Elisha do? Some of the things he did as listed in Second Kings 3: 11 *But Jehoshaphat said, [Is there] not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here [is] Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.*

What a humble task. Washing clothes, boiling water, preparing the food, collecting things for Elijah, what a humble task. And he did that for about ten years. I have fellowshiped with many people coming up in the ministry. Many say that the big hindrance for those new in the ministry is patience. But as we grow in the Lord, we learn patience. That is one of the dealings of God we have to undergo where He brings us to nothingness and we are like the ox chained to the yoke of Jesus. Jesus says that His yoke is light and easy. Till we finally die completely to self. That is a spirit of a servant.

The second spirit is the spirit of the lion. On one side they have a face of a lion.

Now that is a different creature altogether. You see those four images that are seen are not exactly like that. It is not that they look exactly like a lion. But they were in the image of that. There was a message involved. For example from the left side you look like something. Then I assume from the right side you look like the same thing. And then you have a face facing the back. The image they saw on one side is a lion. A lion is a symbol of courage and boldness. And the Joshua generation also needs courage and boldness. When Joshua took over the position of Moses, the phrase *be strong and of good courage* was repeated many, many times in the book of Joshua chapter one. Now the Hebrew word for *be strong* also imply *be bold*. In simple English *be daring*. In explanatory English *take a risk*. Be bold means you are willing to take a risk. What does it mean to be bold? To be courageous. It ties up to the situation one faces. It does take boldness to do something that nobody else had done. It takes no courage to walk the path that somebody has blazed before you. The spirit of a lion in the Joshua generation is spirit of boldness and courage. The Lion of Judah is a spirit of daringness. That is willing to launch out into new things. Launch out to do things that the previous generations had not done before.

Now you notice here how it is going to balance with the other side. See when we have tasted the spirit of being a servant and when we launch onto the other side and taste of the spirit of boldness like a lion, we are going to be much more balanced. In fact there is such a thing as a spirit of boldness. And the one main hindrance to the body of Christ moving forward is boldness. Not that we don't have the authority my friends. But it is the lack of boldness to exercise the authority. It's the lack of daring. Too many like to sit around and be comfortable. That's when God send prophets to afflict the comfortable pastors. So shake those who are comfortable. That spirit of boldness is what the early church prayed for.

Notice in Acts chapter four when they were more persecution, more difficulties. They did not say, "Lord, I will now take it easy." They did not say, "Lord why is this happening to me? I do not want all these things. I would rather have it the easy way and compromise." But they prayed in Acts 4: 29 – 31, *And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

And the Spirit of the Lion of Judah came on them and boldness came upon their lives. Joshua needs that. If Joshua did not have that spirit of boldness, he would not be able to do what he did. He cannot be saying Moses didn't do this before. If he keeps saying that, he would never have brought them into the Promise Land. Some people claim to be the Joshua generation after they heard Benny Hinn in Singapore. But when it came to actually doing it, they became stuttering and fearful like Moses. So when we say we are the Joshua generation let's understand what it means. The Joshua generation speaks about boldness as well. Boldness means willing to stick your head out. Willing to take risks. I like what Col Stringer said. He said when you have grown old and when you are just about to home to be with the Lord, what would be your greatest regret? Those of you who are young, you got a long future to look forward to. You may not think of all those things. But it is good to hear wisdom from the experienced. He says when time is passing you by and you have grown in the Lord to such an extent that you feel you are ready to go home. You look back in all your life and see if there is anything you could have re do, what would you have done? What would be your greatest regret? He made this statement which I think is wonderful. The greatest regret that anyone would have on their life is that they have not been bold enough to do something that they should have. But the spirit of a coward seems to cripple many. And as a result we are not bold enough.

That is where the spirit of an eagle comes. On one side of those four creatures looks like an eagle. The spirit of an eagle is a spirit of power and the spirit of vision. An eagle most powerful strength and reliance is its powerful sight. Way up yonder in the skies he could spot a prey. He has a very good vision. So that he could fly down upon the prey and grab it with his talon and pull the prey up. Short sighted eagle die fast. It would catch little food to eat. He has to behave like a vulture. Vultures have no initiative. Vultures just hang around, stick around, and when somebody else have finished their food and if there is any left over, here they come. Christians are supposed to be like eagles. But some Christians behave like vultures and would hang around when there is left over meat. When somebody dies or when something is left over, then they come around. But when there is nothing, they are not out there hunting with the vision of God. Now the spirit of an eagle speaks about vision and power. That's the spirit of the Joshua generation. It is the generation with the vision of the Lord. It is the generation with the power and the

anointing of God. You need the strong talons of an eagle as well as the sight of an eagle. Swiftiness of an eagle. That's another tropic we are going to touch on afterwards. But we are just introducing these four different aspects.

Then we have the last the face of a man. And that speaks of perfection. Man is made perfectly in the image of God all the animals were not. That points to the person and presence of the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord. Notice the four winds there. Isa.11:2 the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. And that is the North wind or the face of a man. Manhood speaks of the fullness of Jesus Christ. Then the second spirit mentioned is the spirit of wisdom and understanding. We mentioned last week that is the South wind. That is the spirit that brings prosperity, provisions. That is the face of the ox. Then the spirit of counsel and might. Might speaks of the mighty works of God. The East wind speaks about the face of an eagle. The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The West wind brings deliverance. The West wind is the face of the lion. The four winds of God that blows across this planet earth are spiritual winds and not natural winds.

Novel Hayes has a book called the Winds of God. He mentioned how he saw the four winds come together and formed a whirlwind and descended on the earth. Where ever it descended, it caused revival to come forth. So these are the four winds of God. When we pray for revival we need to pray in all those areas. And in the Joshua generation we need the spirit of a servant. We need the spirits of boldness. We need the spirit of power and we need the Spirit of the Lord himself in order to equip us in this generation. Now the Spirit of God and the winds of God have conditions for it to move.

And you see all these four winds in the book of Acts. Let's look at Acts chapter two verse one onwards. *Now in the day of Pentecost had fully come. They were all in one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled the whole house were they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues as of fire. And one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Now this same incident Jesus said of Acts one verse eight. Now this incident was what He spoke about when He said the Spirit of God will come and you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. That's a picture of an eagle. The spirit of power is symbolized by the eagle.

Then as we look on in the book of Acts chapter four verse twenty seven onwards. *For truly against your holy servant whom you anointed both Herod and Pontius Pilate with the gentiles and the people of Israel were gathered together to do whatever your hand and your purpose determined before to be done. Now Lord look on their threats and grant to your servants that with all boldness they may speak your words by stretching out your hands to heal. And that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus. And when they had prayed the place where they were assembled together was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And they spoke the word of God with boldness.*

That's the picture of a lion. You asked, "Weren't these apostles already baptized in the Spirit?" Yes they were but look what had happened now. They received a greater degree of boldness. It was the wind of God blowing. The spirit of boldness was filling their lives in a stronger measure than before.

Together with that we see also the picture of the ox. In the very next verse in verse 32 it says. *Now the multitude of those who believe were of one heart and one soul. Neither did anyone say that the things they possess was his own. But they had all things in common. And with great power the apostle gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lack. For all who have houses or land sold them and brought the proceeds of the things that was sold and laid them at the apostles feet. And they distributed to each as anyone had need.*

Don't forget that's a revival of love that took place. We may think that it is very easy to sell one's belongings and lay them at the apostles' feet. But let me tell you that if you have a house it is not that easy to sell it and give away. It is easy to read about other people's sacrifices but not easy to part with one's precious belongings. And here they sold their possessions and gave them to the Lord. And the amazing

is that it says there was none who was poor among them. The love of God had caused them to serve one another. That is the picture of the ox.

There is another picture in the book of Acts in the Jerusalem church but more clearly seen in Acts 13: 1-3, *Now in the church at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers. Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Spirit said now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have called them. Then having fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, they sent them away.* That is the picture of a face of a man. What does that mean? If you notice how the fivefold ministries in Ephesians 4: 11-13 says how God some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the church, and it says that the whole church may grow into a perfect man. One of the manifestations of the move of God in the spirit of the Lord will be the release of the fivefold ministries. And so here in Acts 13 we see the release of the fivefold ministries. It was birthed forth from that prayer meeting that they had that night.

Now having laid some foundations let's draw some principles. There was one common denominator in the move of God, in all the four winds and all the four pictures that we had. In Acts chapter two is repeated at least three times, *they were with one accord.* In Acts four it was repeated again. *They were praying with one voice.* Then after that, *they were filled with boldness.* It mentioned *they were with one heart, one soul, one mind.* And then you see the revival of God's prosperity in their midst.

Then over in Acts 13 These leadership were in one heart, one mind, praying and seeking God together. There is no way we can get the winds of God blowing without united prayer. You can get so far by praying alone. But we will never see the wind of God blow until God's people gather and pray corporately together. There is a place and time and a purpose. Sometimes people have the impression that they can pray at home, so why bother coming all the way to the church to pray with others? Why should I drive all those kilometers and pray with you? After all, my brother, there is no distance in the Spirit. Wrong application. Why should I come all the way? Prepare myself and then there is someone who has a distraction next to me. But there is a purpose for praying together. Let me repeat. We will never see the move of God until we mobilize God's people to corporate prayer. We

must be in one accord, in one place. That will release the winds of God. I haven't seen where God release the wind of God in any revival without corporate prayer. Individual prayer can do for your life. We need to mobilize God's people to corporate prayer. Mobilize them to pray in your home together. Mobilize them to pray in any where you know. In the early days of Christianity they always gather together to pray. And it was not just once a week. It was every day. So there is a common denominator among these four pictures that we have, corporate prayer together.

Now each one brought forth a different manifestation. Notice in Acts two when Jesus talk about power, He speaks about tongues. They began to pray forth in tongues. Then when it talk about they being filled with boldness, it talks about them speaking the word of God. Then when it talks about them being filled with the love of God, there is oneness in heart, mind and soul. That points to us 1 Cor.13 the love of God. And in Acts 13 when it speaks about that face of a man and the release of the fivefold ministries, it points to ministry onto the Lord. So in each you will find a key theme that is there. In order for us to partake of the spirit of a servant, we must grow in love. Without love we can never be a servant. Love and servanthood are linked. So if people say we are the Joshua generation but we don't have love, we are only kidding ourselves. Love is the face of an ox.

The spirit of a lion, Lion of Judah, is boldness. You will never get boldness until you get a revival in the word. The spirit of the lion is boldness. That is the revival of the word. So we need a revival of love, we need a revival of the word, boldness, power the eagle. We need a revival in tongues and in prophecy. We need a revival of the gifts of the Spirit of God. And you start with tongues.

And finally the face of a man is the revival of the fivefold ministries. We need a revival of praise and worship. We need those who have established the four spirits of God, the four winds of God to blow and do whatever he desires.

So far in Christianity in the 20th century you have seen to a certain extend a revival of what we call the discipleship movement but it went slightly lopsided. But it was

originally intended to be a movement of love. You read John Coller's teaching and writings. You will find his tremendous emphasis on love. Love being the principle, the motivation behind all of Christianity. His organizational structure may not be fully that can be followed. The methods may defer but the principles remains the same. The principles he brought forth are tremendous. Jesus did not ask us to make converts. He asked us to make disciples in Matt. 28. The great commission is not just go and preach the gospel full stop. The great commission is go and make disciples of all nations. That's the great commission that Jesus wanted. And discipleship you have to pay the price of servanthood. There is no way you can make a person disciple without follow up, without calling them, without visiting them, without meeting their needs, without being there when they need you. There is no way you could make a disciple of somebody without moulding their life in the love of the Lord.

Then you have what we call the word movement. That's another wind of God blowing. And you have also the Charismatic movement. The gifts of the Spirit. The restoration of God. In all these moves the body of Christ has yet to see the revival of true love. The discipleship movement seeks to do that. What we see in our day is the revival of praise and worship. I bring this to the current situation so that you could have a picture of what God is doing in our time. He is not seeking to create a wave and then let it die. He did not intend for any move to die off. He intended the move to carry over inclusive not exclusive of the previous move of God.

What we want to see in these last days is all those four winds of God blowing fully. And that takes prayer from our hearts. And just as there is a general move of God there is what I call a personal move of God in our lives. And the personal move is this. Everyone of us must taste what discipleship is like, character building. Now character buildings take time. In five years time you will not be the same person as you are today if you keep going to a good Bible teaching church and you keep fellowshiping with brethren. They will mould your life and you will mould their life and help in character building.

Now there is the other aspect which all of us naturally long for is to move in the power of God, the gifts of the Spirit. The power of God is symbolized by the eagle. And then there is another development in our lives where people have to learn to

be like bold and courageous like a lion. That talks about difficulties you face. If you have those three you don't have enough, because you got to take your roots in God and developing in the presence of God. The face of a man. Do you know in all those four they speak of different tasks that you face yourself? In discipleship and in the ox you face yourself. Your own weakness and your strong point. Your battle is yourself. The first battle any Christian had to fight is with themselves. If you can't win the battle that is raging within you, you cannot win the battle without. Your first battle is within yourself. The storm is within you. And you must face yourself. Take a close examination of yourself, your character, your weaknesses, your strong point, and make it into meekness, gentleness, kindness. Your first battle is yourself.

Your second the lion is your foe, your enemy the devil. It goes about roaring, a roaring lion. There was this teacher in the fivefold ministry that I met. One day God showed him a vision. And he saw the devil like a roaring lion. After a while the lion sat down and took his false teeth out. Hi that is not the Lion of Judah, this the devil. But yet Christians will still let him gum them to death. The spirit of a lion speaks about you facing the enemy. Everyone of us has to face the devil. There is a time when there is no body but you facing the enemy. Thank God for brethren but to be really tested you need to be thrown into the lion den alone. In this way, the best can come out of you. And God is going to release you into that when you are ready to face different areas of opposition. One you face the battle within yourself second you face your foe the enemy.

In the third area might and power you face the need of humanity. Sometimes you want to cry and weep because you see so many needs and you are helpless to meet. You could do everything you can and you would not have touched the fringe to release the sufferings of humanity. There are all kinds of sufferings internal and external. You begin to face the awesome task of perfecting human beings into the will of God. You rely on the power of the Spirit of God, the eagle. You shall renew your strength like the eagle. You can do it not by yourself but by the Spirit of God. It's a different battle to face yourself. It's a different battle to face the devil. It's a different battle to face human beings.

In the fourth phase the face of a man, you are facing the Lord. I have seen the Lord,

seen many visions. Each time I meet the Lord it is awesome. It makes you want to take out your shoes and then throw them aside. The Lord is standing on holy ground. When you are face to face with the Lord, you literally tremble. He loves you but the awesome of it. There is so much more that we can know of God. And each time you face God you get more and more awesome. We learn to relate to Him. Closer and closer we grow to Him until one day we are like in the fullness of His presence.