

Hine Ze Ba

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Dear Family and Friends,

This Friday, December 15, our daughter Rachel and her husband Daren will graduate from SMS in Springfield. They initially met riding on the school bus in junior high but got to know each other when they both worked at McDonald's. They continued working at restaurants while going to school at SMS but they both eventually found part-time jobs related to their careers. Now they both have full time jobs. Rachel is the marketing-human resources manager at a bank and Daren is a computer programmer at O'Reilly's. We are so proud of them! We thank God for blessing them and the blessing they are to us!

Our spiritual walk is like "**graduations**". When we come to know him personally as our Lord and Savior, we "graduate" from death (spiritual death) to life (eternal life which starts NOW). That commitment starts like the birth of a baby. The water "breaks" (through repentance- acknowledging your sin and that you have been a sinner) and you receive Jesus into your heart and life. He is your Savior delivering and cleansing you from sin. To make him your Lord is a decision to make His will your will. It is the first step in a life of obedience. This involves choices all through our life. A life of obedience can be lived through Him.. And when we fail, we come again to the cross and receive his forgiveness. But our "graduation" doesn't stop there. As we seek to know Him more, we go to new levels. To go to new levels, there must be more DEATH TO SELF through obedience. We can choose to graduate all through our lives or stay in kindergarten. God is so wonderful. He will even take our failures and once we repent of them will actually use them as stepping stones to another "graduation". What we do in the natural realm, has spiritual implications. When we submit our plan to HIS PLAN in us, we get propelled into his destiny. Did you see the movie, "One Night with the King"- the story of Esther? It is TIME TO SEE the STARS- the revelation of our God given destiny (our high calling) "*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God IN Christ Jesus.*" It is time to get pregnant with HIS DESTINY in us. Are you getting BIG in HIM? Does it show? It's getting TIME to birth our destinies because each individual destiny fits into the corporate destiny of a pure, spotless BRIDE without spot or blemish- AN ARMY BRIDE with her boots on, treading down snakes and scorpions (the enemy's plans). I can hear the shofar call of an army that is ready to march- an army that will heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, win the lost, an army that will RUN into the marketplace at his beck and call. A revival army is awakening. Are YOU part of that glorious number???

December 15 is another important day as well. It is the first day of **Hanukah**- not one of the seven major Biblical feasts- but nevertheless important as well. It is considered a second "*Succoth*" (Feast of Tabernacles) so the spiritual meanings are similar. "*Hanu*" means "rested" and "*kah*" means "25". It was on the 25th of Kislev (a Jewish month) rested from their enemies. Like *Succoth* it is called the Festival of Lights because of the many lights used in the feast.¹

In my previous volumes I related the ancient Jewish wedding to each of the major Biblical feasts. (Vol. 1- *A Love Letter Signed in Blood* (about covenant, marriage- a blood covenant, Passover/Pentecost), Vol. 2- *Return* (about Feast of Trumpets) Vol.3- *Blood on the Mercy Seat* (Day of Atonement), and Vol. 4- *Feast of Tabernacles/Jesus'Birth/Wedding Supper* are available if you would like a copy of each or some of them.) Although this is not a major feast day, it is related to marriage as well.

"To the Jewish people there is much significance in the idea of lights- one of them is relative to marriage. 'From every human being there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven. And when two souls that are destined to be together find each other, their streams of light flow together, and a single brighter light goes forth from their united being.' (Baal Shem Tov).

And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to evening before the Lord: it shall be a statute forever unto their generations on behalf of the children of Israel." (Exodus 27:20-21)²

Hanukah is celebrated to remember the rededication of the temple in 164 B.C. by Judas Maccabeus after it had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphanes, the Syrian king. In 175 B.C. King Antiochus tried to force the Jews to give up their faith and adopt Greek customs. He invaded their temple setting up the idol Zeus. He brought in a sow (called the abomination of desolation by Josephus, a Jewish historian) and placed it on the altar to desecrate God's holiness. He desecrated the holy vessels in debauchery and drunkenness and put out the *Ner Tamid* called the Perpetual Light which was to never be extinguished.

The Hasmoneans, a Maccabee family, led the Jews in a revolt. After several years of fighting, on the 25th of Kislev in the year 165 B.C. they drove the Syrians out and rededicated the temple. However, after this tremendous victory, they sought to rekindle

¹ Lascelle, Ruth Specter, *Jewish Faith and the New Covenant*, Rock of Israel, 1993, p. 344

² Lascelle, *Jewish Faith and the New Covenant*, p. 344

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this light and found there was only enough oil to last ONE DAY. Search was made to find pure oil. None could be found and it would take 8 days to prepare it properly with the high priest's seal. But according to Jewish tradition, a MIRACLE occurred and the oil lasted for a **full eight days!**

Today, Hanukah is observed using an eight candle menorah (candlestick meaning place of light) instead of the usual seven candle menorah. The central candle is called the *Shammas* or SERVANT candle. It is used to light all the other candles. Here we see a reminder of Jesus (his Hebrew name is *Yeshua- salvation*) who is the "Light of the World"- the perpetual light that will shine forever. Believers are called "lights" (Eph.5:8) and we are to make our lights shine before men so God would be glorified.(Matt.5:16) We are to be full of light and full of oil (full of the Holy Spirit) so we will be ready when Jesus returns!

Recently, my son Nathan, his wife Cathy, five year old Caleb and two year old Rebekah who live in Milford, New Hampshire had an **oil spill**. The furnace developed a hole spilling out gallons of oil on the floor. Even after the cleanup, the putrid old smell persisted forcing them to live in Cathy's parents home for about a month. For a time because of cracks in the foundation, they thought they might have to break up the whole foundation. They did not have to do that but occasionally; they still smell a whiff leaking in from the basement.

I love the anointing of the Holy Ghost but there are dangers of the anointing. A hot oil spill is like a Christian full of the Holy Ghost but operating in pride, or a lack of death to self or dependence on God. And when that happens the devil will attack and God will step out of the way! I am thankful that even in those times we can ask forgiveness, be cleansed, with no hint of a putrid smell!

Cracks in the foundation are not only dangerous if there is an oil spill. In the natural, if cracks in the foundation are repaired, and the soil cannot bear the weight of the foundation, those cracks will reappear. The Lord's marvelous love is like the soil that supports our faith- the foundation of our Christian life. (Eph. 3:17-19) How important it is to know his love more and more and have our faith cemented in our only one foundation- JESUS CHRIST! The **hole** in the furnace is like a "holey" (not holy) Christian who has hurts, unforgiveness, or grief. Jesus Christ is the HEALER of **holes** and his blood will make us WHOLE.

Our second son Jeremy is coming home for Christmas. He is in his third year of medical school. He spent the first two years at Lubbock, Texas and is now at El Paso, Texas engaging in hands-on experience there. He has delivered six babies himself! *How good God has been and how faithful He has been to all my children and us as well!* Every so often, he has a different "rotation" where he is put into a different area of medicine. His girlfriend, KD is coming for a few days and this will be the first time we have met her!!

May the Lord bless you and your family as you celebrate Jesus' birth. May the light of HIS LOVE, and His marvelous grace and mercy ignite you in a fiery passion for Jesus, your foundation, your friend, your BRIDEGROOM and soon coming KING! May you and I get every spot or blemish UNDER HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD. May 2007 be a year free from CRACKS. May our lives be like love mortar or love glue- bonded to each other through the awesome love of HIM. May we overcome by the power of His precious blood. May we jump over every obstacle and climb every mountain. May we SEE HIM in all of HIS BEAUTY. May you and I not only be candles of mercy, but drip with fresh oil, and have NO HOLES in our furnaces or our hearts!!!

Love IN *Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Christ)*,

Wayne and Edith Saller

P.S. If you would like a copy of "*Is there a CRACK in your foundation*" (About 8 pages) or any of the previous newsletters let me know. I am working on a book "*The Unveiled Bride*". I would appreciate your prayers- that the Holy Spirit would blow all through the book and enable me to finish it.