

## ASOM MARCH 2011

School number nineteen has come and gone  
But not without God his light having shone  
On certain things which He wanted restored  
So the church could be called the house of the Lord

We may have many signposts erected  
But yet some truths have been neglected  
While this is a season of restoration  
They have to be lived by God's holy nation

So **Thamo** started to mention the issues  
This was practical and not a time for tissues  
We were ashamed to see the craziness  
Of how God's people have fallen into laziness

Some time ago God brought His word  
And two great truths then were restored  
In giving we came into one accord  
And then addressed the table of the Lord

It's amazing how the Spirit stirred  
And how God's people willingly heard  
To bring back the reading of His Word  
To all of our lives this order referred

This is a facet we're seriously needing  
Our liturgy should also include public reading  
But more than that, the scriptures should be  
Important and foremost in every family

So the Word will be honoured and cherished again  
We'll stand to attention to hear it, and then  
Our worship will flow from a grateful heart  
What a wonderful way, a gath'ring to start

But there's something else which we have to repair  
And that is a lifestyle of constant prayer  
Imagine what power be could be releasing  
If we started to fervently pray without ceasing

So for the parents we have this message  
Don't let your children steal your courage  
You'll surely get whipped, and you might even die  
If you pinch your child to make him cry

We have to restore respect for the Word  
For faith only cometh when it's properly heard  
God's house is not a den or a lair  
For thieves and robbers, but a house of prayer

"The image of God" is what he brought next  
And took us right through the Bible text  
We saw how Adam sold out to his soul

And how his senses came into control

But God still wanted His image portrayed  
The original reason why man was made  
Cain got a chance but just like with his brother  
The people started to murder one another

So God repented and would wipe them out  
But His image was what it was all about  
This is His grace that we cannot fathom  
And then Seth came in the image of Adam

Before we would see the spiritual man  
Which really was God's original plan  
The natural had to be put into place  
That's why Adam started the human race

So everything God would give expression to  
Depended on man, the showing to do  
So the one that has to represent  
Must be less than equal, obedient and sent

Now faith is needed to shut off reason  
Opinion counts nothing in this season  
What must be established is theocracy  
So give up your rights – it's not democracy

Your spirit will tell your soul to rejoice  
If your ear can hear the voice in the voice  
This principle is very clear  
You'll only receive by the measure you hear

The antichrist's main task is done  
By rejecting the doctrine of father and son  
We should not be fleecing God's sheep, but rather  
Like Joseph, be an invisible father

You can never take the Father's place  
Or think that you possess the grace  
You're just a guardian, custodian and steward  
The Son formed in them is your only reward

If God should look at us and find  
Our bodies being shaped after the mind  
It's like idolatry in His eyes  
The same as hatred, greed and lies

God simply hates idolatry  
So it won't help to save up for purgatory  
Just examine yourself, and if you must  
Put off your anger, slander or lust

So the purpose of the holy city  
Is to act as heaven's university  
Where all of the spiritual world can study

The long-hidden mystery of Christ and His body

Before God can be seen physically  
There first has to be subjectivity  
A substance from which to emanate the image  
Or else we will cause so much spiritual damage

So the image of God is not mystical  
But firstly it has to be physical  
Yet you cannot claim to be His picture  
If your life still contains an idolatrous mixture

It then, a man, in Christ does abide  
It's not only on top, but it must be inside  
This change comes by daily renewing the mind  
And it's only in "Son" where God you will find

We saw this is principle number one  
To receive His image you must be His son  
But this does not happen at spiritual birth  
For a shortcut and quick fix, in God has no worth

It comes through a process of suffering and pain  
It's only by losing that you'll know any gain  
God uses life as an engraver's tool  
To mark us, His icons, through us to rule

While nature's contractions are speed'ly increasing  
It seems that the troubles will never be ceasing  
The only condition for the land to be healed  
Is that the sons of God have to be revealed

And so we learned about predestination  
And the limited point of God's horizon  
The firstfruit among and in many brothers  
That's why we cannot exclude the others

To carry the image of the Son  
Is never forced upon anyone  
But you have to come into perfect alignment  
By a process of consent and willful agreement

For the sent one to represent the sender  
He has to submit, yield and surrender  
You must eat His body, which is strange to a Jew  
If you want the Son to be formed in you

There is a truth that is really a pity  
A little child cannot rule a city  
Don't give it a thought, not even "maybe"  
To try and feed meat to a little baby

This is the truth that you'll have to see  
You can be what God wants you to be

But to represent as equivalent  
The life of a doulos must be prevalent

That's why character only comes by formation  
You simply can't get it by scripture quotation  
So if God decides to teach you a story  
He's marking you to display His glory

Your marks will not be displayed by your bleeding  
But they'll carry weight only in your healing  
The character must have a backing  
Or else the image will have something lacking

We came to learn of hupostasis  
The thing that forms a solid basis  
For the character to be displayed  
Just like a good foundation laid

May be, once more, you should hear the song  
If the basis is wrong then the image is wrong  
And the voice should not come to tickle your ears  
But bring life to the spirit of the one who hears

The aim of meeting or having fun  
Is the image restored in everyone  
Here is the thing that raises the bar  
Your origin defines who you are

We saw that the mirror is always the Word  
And it comes in a voice that has to be heard  
In the lampstand of doctrine you'll come to see  
What Christ in you really ought to be

We don't understand the incarnation  
How we became a holy nation  
When Jesus came it was heaven's loss  
But more, He had to be stripped at the cross

God put all He is in a body on earth  
This goes to show our value and worth  
His glory to the church had to come  
So when He left, He gave gifts to some

God is invisible, He cannot be seen  
But we must lead Him out, and this will mean  
That you look for one that can speak to your life  
By teaching enlighten your soul in it's strife

So when the word comes into you  
It's no more a theory, but has impact too  
Grace is the thing that you will receive  
The result is truth if the word you'll believe

The grace received truth must produce

Or else the image will suffer abuse  
Like the substance eventually will be shown  
The inside, through process, shall be known

**Shaun** opened up on Sunday morning  
Just after the day had finished dawning  
He spoke about the mindset to finish  
And why our faith should never diminish

He mentioned the people of Hebrews eleven  
And how their faith was touching heaven  
Today God is looking for a generation  
That will have the same divine expectation

We heard about the twelve Hebrew spies  
And the ten that believed the enemy's lies  
So be like a sheep and keep your mouth shut  
'Cause all trouble starts with goats that butt

Shaun also spoke on the mystery of Christ  
And how this truth the apostle enticed  
The only thing not found in shadows and types  
Is that of His body, not the one with the stripes

The body Paul saw was a spiritual one  
A corporate Christ, redeemed by the Son  
He called it his gospel, this revelation  
And laboured in birth to bring forth this "nation"

God has planned to bring everything back  
Under one head where there is no lack  
That is why Christ is the only solution  
For a world that is so full of pollution

It's only in Christ where there are no divisions  
And no more place for strife and schisms  
In Him certain things have come to extinction  
Like all of the gender and race distinction

Christ brought together both Gentile and Jew  
He made one new man out of the two  
It's all got to do with perception and sight  
But if people can't see they have no light

As death is a strong principality  
The enemy comes with much subtlety  
To keep us afraid of our day of dying  
But the timeless zone exposes his lying

The greatest distraction in God's holy race  
Is someone operating outside of their grace  
The ultimate in God is the glory  
The height of all of redemption's story

The reason creation has so much merit  
And why our God you can never discredit  
Before He can form it, He's already said it  
And the substance He calls from then has to sustain it

So Jesus, in His humanity  
Became Christ by the Spirit's activity  
The Father's voice was totally quiet  
Until the Son was fully compliant

And when we see the descending dove  
We know our election was all out of love  
And later, in time, we were born of God's seed  
But the fruit will be the glory indeed

Now the fruit will be seen when the body lives  
In the culture which the Spirit gives  
Not thinking of self but esteeming another  
Higher than you, because of Christ in your brother

So the seed is Christ and the fruit is His nature  
While the tree is the body, becoming mature  
Baptism is God's way to get us there  
'Cause burial makes everything equal and square

We also heard the **apostle from Zim**  
Who told how the Lord is using him  
He showed how God restores His fullness  
When the church slips into spiritual dullness

God's nation is not like the other nations  
And should not get caught up in their temptations  
But rather should be a peculiar people  
Who live and decree from a different steeple

The difference will only be exposed by the flood  
'Cause it leaves behind it just a lot of mud  
And when they start the bodies to count  
Your ark should lie safely on top of the mount

**Sagie** said we have to bring back the glory  
And showed us why this is mandatory  
If we want to enjoy credibility  
As a witness for all men to see

The glory was locked up in a dead man's bone  
And not in Aaron's rod alone  
For if it was only Peter's shadow per se  
Who would get healed on a cloudy day?

Now that we've settled all doctrinal disputes  
And focused a lot on God's attributes  
The time has come for the restoration  
Of the glory's outward manifestation

We have an entertainment overload  
While we should be enjoying the real kabowd  
Without it you'll be an informational teacher  
But with it you'll be an inspirational preacher

The absence of the glory of the Lord  
Is because we are not in one accord  
Like an owl in the desert we'll be out of place  
As long as we only focus on grace

Where there's glory there just cannot be any vulture  
But for that we will have to abide in the culture  
It's the secret place with the miracle aid  
This is why man was originally made

We have many pictures of the glory of God  
Like the ark of the cov'nant and Aaron's rod  
But Israel their own demise orchestrated  
Whenever the culture they violated

In Ezekiel eight there's a great revelation  
Of the temple of God and it's desecration  
And when Eli the culture did not obey  
The ark and the glory was taken away

The ark had the Philistines frustrated  
'Cause it left their Dagon dethroned and prostrated  
And later they had to stop swallowing  
It was the price for their constant wallowing

The ark and the glory their rats did expose  
And an itchy problem suddenly arose  
While they carried the marks of the carnal nature  
They suddenly needed no marriage lecture

The Philistine's name stand for fleshly sowing  
And a life of indulgence where everything's going  
The glory must help to keep the old man down  
Or else the lust of the flesh will take you to town

So David, the tabernacle became  
And never brought the Lord any shame  
He lived the culture and the glory did dwell  
In the midst of the people and all went well

Then we learned about Matthew twenty four  
That it never meant what we took it for  
It's all about the temple's demise  
To religion this must be a big surprise

Dispensationalists won't be too thrilled  
When they hear that these things have been fulfilled  
But we saw from the Bible, and other writings

There have been many earthquakes, famines and fightings

So when Jesus talks of the end of the age  
He's not setting, for antichrist, the stage  
But between AD thirty and seventy  
It proved to be one big catastrophe

The coming of the Lord is a teaching  
That we have to contextualize in our preaching  
They could not foresee such a simple fulfillment  
That the armies of Rome would be His instrument

The great tribulation for the Jew  
Is to lose his temple and his lineage too  
But this bastion the culture did violate  
And that is why they suffered this fate

Matthew twenty four has a difficult word  
It's the one called the "coming" of the Lord  
The Greek uses six words, some literally  
But they also can be figuratively

So if a pastor should promise you  
That he's coming to your conference too  
You have to find out which coming he meant  
The Greek word will show you his real intent

If you don't understand the sun, moon and stars  
You might think it's talking about Venus and Mars  
Just like the eagle spoke about Rome  
And the golden streets are not your home

When Jesus talked about the clouds and the dust  
The high priest erupted in utter disgust  
He knew the scriptures and believed in them  
Thus he saw what was coming for Jerusalem

The fig tree has really been taking punch  
But if you should touch it, they'll have you for lunch  
They say it is Israel, the poor little tree  
No-one knows how long a generation could be

Now Jesus' speech became quite fervent  
When He told them about the wicked servant  
So in the next parable or four  
He clearly showed the culture once more

Then, on the final day of the feast  
The last but definitely not the least  
We heard great things and a lot did learn  
When he spoke about Jesus' bod'ly return

He read Acts chapter one from verse nine  
And brought all the comings into line

“This same Jesus” – that is the key  
The One with the glorified body we’ll see

He was seen with natural eyes when He went  
And one day, like this, we’ll behold His descent  
We also agreed that the dead are in Christ  
From there they’ll arise, no spiritual heist

Now here is where this whole thing started  
It says that Jesus came up and departed  
Everything follows when the glory does arrive  
But we’ll have to keep the culture alive

The glory of the third day will be  
Characterized by intimacy  
While instantaneous maturity  
And favour divine is what you’ll see

**Ben** led us to look at our human nature  
And the struggle to reach our Lord’s full stature  
In Genesis three were promised two seeds  
Though the tree of life is all man needs

The seed of the serpent is dangerous  
And also can be very poisonous  
On the tree of knowledge is where it is found  
It can leave you faithless, fearful and bound

This seed has many manifestations  
Like arguments, doubts and vain imaginations  
But the woman’s seed has much more in it  
And it’s all about living life by the Spirit

So this is just where you have the choice  
Which seed you’ll follow and obey his voice  
Choose life and keep living after the Spirit  
For the bad seed simply has nothing good within it

**Frans** spoke about the wonderful story  
Of Joseph that ruled over Egypt’s glory  
How it takes a process of hardship and pain  
To form a son that can rule and reign

Joseph’s brothers saw a great distortion  
Their father would give him the double portion  
So they sold him away and lied to their dad  
The story they told made him very sad

But Joseph was faithful and stuck to his dream  
Even when Potiphar’s wife had a scheme  
She tried to seduce him and lustfully lied  
When she offered to give him what he had been denied

So Joseph became the evidence and witness

Of the God of heaven and His righteousness  
And even in jail where everyone's sad  
There was no stopping this God-fearing lad

Though his life did not seem to be fitting the plan  
Or worked out according to the standard of man  
He refused to get bitter or even get mad  
'Cause he always kept longing for the face of his dad

So the people around him who also had dreams  
Were not turned away, but rather it seems  
He was always ready, the interpretation to give  
While the answer to his own, he did not receive

Like Joseph, a witness we have to be  
But you must be positioned accurately  
You only can do it from the place of a son  
'Cause it's not what you say but what you've become

If the witness is not a trustworthy source  
The guilty could go free, of course  
So discredit the witness and win the case  
Can you see why we are so in need of His grace

So the testimony might begin in the ark  
But all it's surroundings will come to carry the mark  
Just like our spirits, where God's Spirit is given  
And our souls and our bodies become touched by this leaven

**Kobus** spoke about the restoration  
Of the standard of God in every nation  
It's not for the world that Jesus prayed  
But for the church, intercession was made

There are certain places where the word "until"  
Shows it's not only God's sovereign will  
But the church also has a part to play  
To hasten the coming of the day

So the seed has to fall in the ground and die  
That's the only way it can multiply  
And underline the truth afresh  
That we don't know Jesus after the flesh

Just what does it mean that with Him we died  
For this we looked at the men crucified  
The three parties of Eden were now on the cross  
For two it was gain but for one it was loss

We heard how old mindsets form a cage  
That blind us to the Messianic age  
And then we heard a truth like a blast  
A new creation has new past

And so the school had to come to an end  
It's always sad to see off an old friend  
Once again, we salute our hosts  
Thanks for the food, from curry to roasts

This time there was no Friday dinner  
And we all left the place a few inches thinner  
But next time we'll sit, shoulder to shoulder  
And watch someone special turning older