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Have you ever noticed that there are TWO sides to every coin? Even Jesus used a coin to teach a lesson in Mark 12:17.

A big problem in the church world today is that preachers teach ONLY about the grace of God. For example "...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance (Rom 2:4)." Well, certainly that is true. But... that is only ONE side of the coin. Equally true (on the other side of the coin) is another TRUTH.

In fact, the Bible says that it is something else that MOTIVATES us to get the sin out of our lives "... by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil (Prov 16:6)." In fact, the Bible says that the problem with unbelievers is "... there is no fear of God before [their] eyes (Psalm 36:1)."

What I hear the Lord saying to me by the inward witness is that one of the problems with the church world is that ministers are only teaching half of the truth. In other words, in a court of law when you are asked to testify, they have you promise (with hand laid on the Bible) to:

1. Tell the truth (the goodness of God leads to repentance)
2. The whole truth, and (fear of God is what motivates us to turn from sin)
3. Nothing but the truth (and what that means is ...[here comes the lie])

In other words, you have to look at both sides of the coin – you cannot have one without the other. Yes we can and should turn our eyes toward Jesus, but we cannot preach that message only. Turn your eyes TOWARD Jesus, AND your feet AWAY from sin.

One of my favorite Bible teachers is Kenneth Hagin. In his book "I Believe In Visions" on page 51, Ken Hagin told Jesus that he did not want a "special" anointing from God to heal the sick because Hagin knew how people "criticized" healing ministers. So, what did Jesus do in that vision? Did Jesus simply overwhelm Hagin with grace and mercy? No – that is not what Jesus did. Jesus used the other side of the coin that we never hear about in the church world today. On page 52, Jesus "explained that I should fear him..."

In other words, we should not fear man, but... we should fear God and His JUDGEMENTS. Oh yeah, that word judgment is another problem in the church world today. Today's preachers are again not telling the whole truth. Jesus does forgive, but the other side of the coin is that Jesus DOES also judge.

When it comes to JUDGEMENT, the best analogy is to picture yourself standing in the middle of God's hand. If you move away from the center of God's will (out of God's hand), then you are no longer in the center of God's perfect will and by your choice (or ignorance) have moved into an area where the devil can not only attack but also harm you. Jesus will forgive you of that mistake, but most likely you get to live with the consequences of that mistake (unable to repair by repentance what he had done - Heb 12:17amp)

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we came to a beautiful city. We did not actually go into the city but we beheld it at close range as one might go up on a mountain overlooking a city and look down on the city in the valley. Its beauty was beyond words!

Jesus said that people say they are ready for heaven. They talk about their mansions and about the glories of heaven while many all around them are in darkness and have no hope. He said I should share my hope with them and invite them to come with me.

Then Jesus turned to me and said, "Now let us go down to hell." We came back down out of heaven, and when we came to earth we didn't stop but kept going. Numerous Scriptures in the Bible refer to hell as being beneath us. For example, "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming . . . thou shalt be brought down to hell" (Isaiah 14:9, 15). "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself . . . and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it" (Isaiah 5:14).

We went down to hell, and as we went into that place I saw what appeared to be human beings wrapped in flames. I said, "Lord, this looks just as it did when I saw it on that Saturday night, April 22, 1933, when I died and came to this place. Then You spoke and I came back up out of here. I then repented and prayed, seeking Your forgiveness, and You saved me. Only now I feel so different. I am not afraid. Nor am I as horrified as I was then."

Jesus told me to warn men and women about this place, and I cried out with tears that I would.

He then brought me back to earth. I became aware that I was kneeling on the platform by the folding chair, and Jesus stood by my side. As He stood there He talked to me about my ministry. He told me some things in general that He later explained in more detail in another vision. Then Jesus disappeared and I

realized that I was still kneeling on the platform. I could hear the people praying all around me.

About that time the Holy Spirit came upon me again. It seemed as if a wind was blowing on me, and I fell flat on my face on the platform. As I lay under the power of God, it seemed that I stood on a plain somewhere and could see for miles and miles around me, just as one can stand on one of the great plains of our nation and gaze off into the distance for miles in every direction.

I looked in every direction, but I couldn't see a sign of life anywhere. There were no trees or grass, no flowers or vegetation of any kind. There were no birds or animals. I felt so lonely. As I looked to the west I saw what appeared to be a tiny dot on the horizon. At first it was the only moving thing that I could see and so I continued to look at it. As I watched it I saw that it was growing larger and was coming toward me. I continued to watch it until it began to take on shape and form.

Soon I could see that it was a horse. As it came still closer I could see a man upon the horse, riding toward me at full speed. I watched him as he approached. He held the reins of the horse's bridle in his right hand, and he held a scroll of paper in his left hand high above his head.

As I said, I was not conscious of my earthly surroundings, but seemed to be standing high on a plain somewhere in space. When the horseman came to me, he pulled on the reins of the horse and stopped in front of me. I stood on his right; he passed the scroll from his left hand to his right hand, and handed it to me.

As I unrolled the scroll, which was a roll of paper twelve or fourteen inches long, he said, "Take and read." At the top of the page in big, bold, black print were the words, "WAR AND DESTRUCTION." I was struck dumb. He laid his right hand on my head and said, "Read, in the name of Jesus Christ." I began to read what

① KENNETH HAGIN
VISION FROM 9/2/1950

followed on the paper, and as the words instructed me, I looked and saw what I read about.

First of all I read about thousands upon thousands of men in uniform. Then I looked and saw these men marching, wave after wave of soldiers marching as to war. I looked in the direction they were going, and as far as I could see there were thousands of men marching.

I turned to read the scroll again, and then looked and saw what I had just read about. I saw many women—some old with snowy white hair, some middle-aged, others were young women, and some were teen-agers. Some of the younger ones held babies in their arms. All of the women were bowed together in sorrow and were weeping profusely. Those who did not carry babies held their hands on their stomachs as they bowed over and wept. Tears flowed from their eyes like water.

I looked at the scroll again, and again I looked up to see what I had read about. I saw the skyline of a large city. Looking closer I saw its buildings were burned-out hulls, and portions of the city were in ruins. It was not written that just one city would be destroyed, burned, and in ruins, but that there would be many such cities.

① The scroll was written in the first person and seemed as if Jesus Himself were speaking. I read, "America is receiving her last call. Some nations have already received their last call and will never receive another." Then in larger print it said, "The time of the end of all things is at hand." This statement was repeated four or five times.

It went on to say, "All the gifts of the spirit will be in operation in the church in these last days. The church will do greater things than even the early church did. It will have greater power, signs, and wonders than were recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. We have seen and experienced many healings, but we now behold amazing miracles such as have not been seen before."

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Come Up Hither

More and more miracles will be performed in the last days which are just ahead (referring to the end of the last days), for it is time for the gift of the working of miracles to be more in prominence. We now have entered into the area of the miraculous. Many of my own people will not accept the moving of my Spirit, and will turn back and will not be ready to meet Me at my coming. Many will be deceived by false prophets and miracles of Satanic origin. But follow Me and you will not be deceived. I am gathering my own together and am preparing them, for the time is short.

There were several other exhortations to watchfulness, to awake and to pray and not to be deceived. Then I read, "As it was in the days of Noah, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be. As I spoke to Noah and said, 'Yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth, forty days and forty nights, and every living substance will I destroy from off the face of the earth,' so today I am speaking and giving America her last warning and call to repentance, and the time that is left is comparable to the last seven days of Noah's time." ②

"Warn this generation, as did Noah his generation, for judgment is about to fall. And these sayings shall be fulfilled shortly, for I am coming soon. This is the last revival. I am preparing my people for my coming. Judgment is coming, but I will call my people away, even unto myself, before the worst shall come. But be thou faithful and watch and pray." Then the message concluded with the words, "For the time of the end of all things is at hand." ③

Those who were present that night under the tent at the time of this portion of the vision said that I read the scroll aloud for about thirty minutes. I handed the scroll back to the rider and he rode away in the direction from which he had come.

Then I was conscious of the fact that I still lay flat on my face on the floor, and for a few minutes I remained there, feeling the

KENNETH NABIN

THIS VISION FROM 9/2/1950

- ① AMERICA IS RECEIVING HER LAST CALL
- ② AMERICA'S LAST WARNING AND CALL TO REPENTANCE
- ③ JUDGMENT IS ABOUT TO FALL

I fell down before Him saying, "Yes, Lord, I have failed and I am sorry." I repented with many tears because I had missed His will and had doubted His dealings with me.

"Stand up on your feet," He said. As I stood before Him again, He told me that I had entered into the second phase of my ministry in January, 1950, and at that time He had spoken to me by prophecy and by the still small voice in my heart. In the eight months since then, during this second phase of my ministry, I had believed, I had been faithful, and I had obeyed. Now I was to enter into the third phase. If I would be faithful to what He told me, if I would believe and obey Him, then He would appear to me again. At that time I would enter into the fourth and final phase of my ministry.

Then the Lord said to me, "Stretch forth thine hand." He held His own hands out before Him and I looked into them. For some reason I expected to see a scar where the nail had pierced His flesh and had since grown together. I should have known better, but many times we get ideas that are not really Scriptural, yet they are accepted beliefs. I saw in the palms of His hands the wounds of the crucifixion—three-cornered, jagged holes. Each hole was large enough so that I could put my finger in it. I could see light on the other side of the hole.

After the vision, I got out my Bible and turned to the twentieth chapter of John's gospel to read about when Christ appeared to His disciples following His resurrection. When He first appeared to them, Thomas was not with them. They told Thomas that they had seen the Lord, but Thomas was unbelieving and said, "... Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). Eight days later while the disciples, including Thomas, were together in a room, Jesus appeared in their midst. He turned to Thomas and said, "... Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and

thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." Then Thomas, knowing it was Jesus, exclaimed, "... My Lord and my God" (John 20:27, 28).

I had a deeper insight then into what Thomas had seen. He could have put his finger into the wound in Jesus' hand, as well as thrusting his hand into the Lord's side.

And so as I looked upon the wounds in His hands outstretched before me, I did as He instructed and held my hands out in front of me. He placed the finger of His right hand in the palm of my right hand and then my left. The moment He did, my hands began to burn as if a coal of fire had been placed in them.

Then Jesus told me to kneel down before Him. When I did so He laid His hand upon my head, saying that He had called me and given me a special anointing to minister to the sick. He went on to instruct me that when I would pray and lay hands upon the sick I was to lay one hand on each side of the body. If I felt the fire jump from hand to hand, an evil spirit or demon was present in the body causing the affliction. I should call him out in His name and the demon or demons would have to go. If the fire, or anointing, in my hand does not jump from hand to hand, it is a case of healing only. I should pray for the person in His name, and if he will believe and accept it, the anointing will leave my hands and go into his body, driving out the disease and bringing healing. When the fire, or the anointing, leaves my hands and goes into his body, I will know he is healed.

I fell at His feet and pleaded, "Lord, don't send me. Send somebody else, Lord, please don't send me. Just give me a little church to pastor somewhere. I would rather not go, Lord. I have heard so much criticism of those who pray for the sick. I just want a commonplace ministry."

Jesus rebuked me saying that He would go with me and stand by my side as I prayed for the sick. Sometimes I would see Him, and occasionally He would open the eyes of someone in the

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② A SPECIAL ANOINTING

③ CRITICISM OF THOSE WHO MINISTER HEALING

audience who will see Him and say, "I saw Jesus standing by that man while he was ministering to the sick."

He went on to ask who had called me, Him or the people?

"Well, You did, Lord."

- ① He explained that I should fear Him and not people, because people may criticize me, but they are not my judge. I will stand before His judgment seat one day and will give an account unto Him for what I have done with this ministry, whether I have used it rightly or wrongly.

"All right, Lord," I said. "If You will go with me I will go and will do my best. I will be as faithful as I know how to be." Then there swelled up within my heart a love such as I have never known for those who criticize this type of ministry, and I said, "Lord, I will pray for them, for they don't know or they would not say the things they do. I myself have said similar things, never realizing as of course they do not. Forgive them, Lord."

"Go thy way, Son. Fulfill thy ministry and be thou faithful, for the time is short."

- ② As I walked away from the throne of God, Jesus told me to give all the praise, honor and glory to Him for all that is done in His name; also, to be careful about money. Many of His servants whom He has anointed for this type of ministry have become money-minded and have lost the anointing and ministry that He gave them. There are many who would pay a great deal to be well. There are parents with children whose bodies are crippled and twisted. They would give thousands of dollars for their children's healing. Many of these shall be delivered as hands are laid upon them. But I must not accept a charge for my ministry, only offerings as I have been doing. I must be faithful for the time is short, He advised.

I thank God that I have seen polio-stricken children delivered and made well and straight, some of them walking, others in time becoming well.

Jesus then journeyed with me back to the earth. I realized that I still lay on my face on the floor. Jesus talked with me there a moment and then disappeared. My hands continued to burn for three days, as if I had a coal of fire in them.

I have thought about this vision many times and have reflected upon what the Lord showed me. And after these many years since the vision, I am convinced that we are now nearer the end than ever. We read in the Bible that, "... one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Therefore, these many years would be a very small fraction of time in His sight.

Too, I am convinced that the burned-out cities which I saw in the vision were the results of the riots we have had in our heavily populated cities when great portions of them were burned and looted. Judgment came and judgment is yet to come. The only thing that can save America from the judgment of God is genuine repentance—a turning to God.

In the vision, Jesus said that all the gifts of the spirit would be in operation in the church in these last days. He said that the church would do greater things than the early church had done, which are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. And I have seen this fulfilled in the years since then. In my own ministry I have seen miraculous healings as marvelous as any we read about in the Bible.

The third chapter of Acts tells of the man who was lame from birth who sat daily at the gate of the temple begging alms of those who entered. Peter said, "... Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). The man was instantly healed. He leaped and walked, he praised God for his deliverance. We see in our ministry today cripples who are healed in the name of Jesus.

On the Day of Pentecost one hundred and twenty people were

- ① JESUS GAVE KEN HAGIN THE MOTIVATION TO OBEY
 A. THE MOTIVATION WAS NOT GOD'S GOODNESS & BLESSINGS
 B. THE MOTIVATION WAS FEAR OF GOD

② GIVE ALL PRAISE, HONOR & GLORY TO JESUS

③ JUDGEMENT ONTO AMERICA



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Why should we Fear God if He loves us?

We are to reverence Him, respect Him, acknowledging how great God is and we are submitted to his rulership. In the same way child would in relation to their parent[s]. God can be gracious or if we are in rebellion and lose our view of fear he can also judge. The fear of God, is having an awesome reverence that can only come from knowing Him by experiencing His presence and seeing His work in our lives. When God's awesome holiness is understood one cannot help react in the fear of God.

We are told in several places

Job 28:28 And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.'

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom

Solomon wrote, Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints" (Proverbs 2:18).

Solomon exhorted, *"The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death"* (Proverbs 14:27).

The psalmist says of the unbelievers: *"There is no fear of God before [their] eyes"* (Psalm 36:1; Romans 3:18).

Church

"Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him" (Psalm 33:8).

This fear keeps us in living in holiness Prov. 23:17-18 *"Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day; For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off."*

Prov. 8:13 *"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate."*

It means to put God first in our actions and ways and not to go the way of sin.

"By the fear of the LORD one departs from evil" (Prov. 16:6). It means to obey God's way over mans."

The benefits of fearing the Lord- *"The fear of the LORD leads to life"* (Prov 19:23). On the other hand *"The fear of man brings a snare," but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe* (Proverbs 29:25)

Proverbs 10:27 *"The Fear of the LORD prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened."*

Proverbs 14:27 *"The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death."*

Even of Jesus it says in Isaiah 11:1-3 *the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD." Will rest on him –and His delight is in the fear of the LORD"*

"Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You" (Psalm 119:37-38).

To put the Word first is to fear God Himself. A low view of Scripture shows one has little fear of God. Isaiah 66:2: *"But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My Word."* V.5: *"Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word."*

Speaking of the church in Acts 9:31: *"And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."*

Our lives are to be characterized by a reverent fear of Him, for without it, holiness, which is our sanctification process cannot be brought to its maturity. 2 Corinthians 7:1: *"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him" (Psalm 103:17). *"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him"* (Psalm 25:14).

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CHAPTER TWENTY

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S VISION

The father of our country, George Washington, was a man of prayer. We have all read of how he went to the thicket many times to pray during the winter his army was at Valley Forge. However, little publicity has been given to the vision and prophecy he received at that time.

The account of this vision was given in 1895 by an old soldier. He gave it to a writer, Wesley Bradshaw who published it. In the vision, God revealed to George Washington that three great perils would come upon the Republic. He was given to know that America was going through the first peril at that time. The old soldier who told the story of the vision said that the nation would soon see the account verified by the second peril descending upon the land.

We give the account here as it was reprinted in the U.S. war veteran's paper The National Tribune, in December, 1880. The National Tribune is now The Stars and Stripes. This article was reprinted in The Stars and Stripes December 21, 1950. Here is the report of this phenomenal, and most important heavenly message for us at this hour.

Wesley Bradshaw wrote:

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes re-kindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

Message Disclosed

"Let us go into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you of an incident of Washington's life - one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified."

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, some good and some ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's care-worn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation."

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

An Uninvited Guest

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes."

"By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak, but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of

me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my companion."

First Great Peril

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended an arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain, all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.'"

"At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightening gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people." (This may be interpreted to have been the Revolutionary War then in progress.)

Second Great Peril

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"A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view."

"A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.'"

"And this time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill-omened specter approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of

the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word "UNION". He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said, 'Remember, ye are brethren.'"

"Instantly the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and united around the National Standard."

"Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa."

Third and Most Fearful Peril

"Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass their gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up."

"As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of the swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' Where the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast."

Heaven Intervenes

"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shown the word UNION, and who bore our national flag in one hand, and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America,

who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle."

"Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious."

"Then once more, I beheld the villages, towns, and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heaven sends down dew upon the earth, so long shall the UNION last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION,' he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down said, 'Amen.'"

The Interpretation

The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and UNION.' With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and destiny of the United States.

"Such, my friends," the venerable narrator concluded, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."