

## *A Personal Word from Altha*

Some 35 years ago, I wrote *Unless a Grain of Wheat*, a study for those who would desire to press into the fullest measure of their faith and life in Christ. When I wrote these truths, I found myself writing in such a way that each truth strategically built upon the proceeding one. The end-result was a full panorama of what it means to be in Christ and abide in Him as the Glorified One...the Golden Grain of Wheat. The study is filled with the truth of God's Word and will lead you into His presence. It is given in a strategic manner that brings you into the experiential knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ...the one Paul talks about in Ephesians 3:16-19. The result is a fullness of faith that more deeply equips you to reach out and minister to others.

About 18 years ago, the Lord brought Janet Prince and I together. Sometime afterwards, a need was seen to have an audio teaching of these truths. Through Janet's wonderful gift of Spirit led teaching these truths will come alive to an attentive heart and a listening ear...anointing the journey of transformation from new birth to the fullness of maturity in Christ...and thereby walking serious disciples of Jesus into a deeper relationship of intimacy with Him...the Lord of glory.

Some 8 years ago, the Lord then brought Margie's and my paths together. Shortly afterwards a need was then seen to write an amplified teaching for each one of the truths in *Unless a Grain of Wheat*. Having both taken this study and having taught the truths therein, Margie and I partnered together at that time to bring about the actual writing of them. In this way, these truths would be especially opened up for those serving in the body of Christ for their deeper strengthening, for anyone wanting to go deeper in these truths, or for those who would desire to teach them. Our joint project proved itself to be a process of several years as the tapestry of these truths continued to be weaved into Margie's own soul. On paper then, and with my oversight, she communicated the reality of what she had learned from these truths.

When my original teaching is coupled alongside of Janet's audio teaching and Margie's amplified teachings, you will soon discover how very complimentary these teachings are and indeed how transformational *Unless a Grain of Wheat* truly is. For each truth in this complete study will effectively unveil the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to you while imparting to you the true dignity of your position in Him!

My audio teaching is then a call from the Word of God for you to continuously behold the Lord Jesus in His glory...so you may be encouraged and strengthened more deeply in spirit to walk by faith in Him alone *and* so you may ever more increasingly stay up higher in Him and continue to be a reflection of His glory in the earth. Our teachings together will then enable you to bring about the necessary application of these truths in your own life so you may become ever more increasingly established in Christ and a vessel easily poured through by Him. In this way, He will be seen: Christ in you, the Golden Grain of Wheat!

May the Lord bless you now in your study of *Unless a Grain of Wheat*.

In His glorious life,

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