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FROM: Bishop Samuel P. Nesbitt, The Still Small Voice

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Greetings:

It is my pleasure to greet you and to ask you to lend me your ear as I speak to you about a matter which greatly concerns me and one which I feel is of great importance to every member of our Holy Family. We all love each other, and we must not allow the *“angel that was thrown out of heaven”* to deceive us and make us believe that when one member of the body is hurt the body does not suffer. That is not true! When one of our brothers, his family, and jurisdiction have been injured and made to suffer for more than three years; we should help them because we love them. As you read my appeal, please pray that those responsible for the harm that is being inflicted upon our beloved will heed the request and help to bring comfort where it is direly needed.

A prayer for the ceasing and desistance of the uncalled-for actions against our beloved brother, Bishop Thomas Holsey of Delaware

By virtue of the authority given to me as follower of the *“Jesus Way,”* as a member of the Church Of God In Christ that believes in and follows the principles that are set forth in the Holy Bible, *“our rule of faith and practice;”* and, which we profess to observe, I hereby call upon the EXECUTIVE LEADERS of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. to do, inter alia, the following:

1. To cease and desist any further actions that may have the affect of vilifying, annoying, causing pain, embarrassment or any harm to Bishop Thomas Holsey, his family, the Delaware Jurisdiction and The Church Of God In Christ family.

2. To cease the ostracism and coldness that seem to be displayed toward him and his associates by the executive leadership and Board of Bishops of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc. Such conduct tends to reflect the spirit of cruelty and hatred that those who are influenced by the “*angel that was thrown out of heaven*” are known to display. We don’t need, nor do we desire to have OUR BELOVED LEADERSHIP contaminated with that **SPIRIT**. We need LEADERS who are kind, compassionate, loving and not revengeful. Bishop Mason, our founder, was that kind of man. Bishop W. R. Nesbitt, Sr., my father, was that kind of man. As I study the BIBLE, “*our rule of faith and practice,*” I am assured that they followed the pattern that **JESUS**, the Head of the Church, followed. **Any person who is to lead the Church Of God In Christ must be like Jesus. If not, he is not qualified to lead the Church Of God In Christ.**

More than three years ago, the Presiding Bishop and General Board initiated the action against Bishop Holsey that was based upon unsubstantiated information from an unreliable source. Bishop Holsey has since been cleared of all false charges, he has satisfied all probation requirements, and he has been declared free by the JUDICIARY BOARD of the Church Of God In Christ, Inc., the HIGHEST AND FINAL JUDICATORY AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH. But, for some reason there appears to be something in the Spirit of the Presiding Bishop, General Board, and Board of Bishops that will not allow them to accept the fact that Bishop Holsey has been freed from all false charges. They seem to desire to see him suffer for an act that they had thought he had committed.

I, your humble servant, do not profess to be a psychiatrist, but I proudly confess that I am led by the same SPIRIT (**The Holy Ghost**) – the Spirit of Truth (St. John 16:13) – that was poured out on all flesh on the Day of Pentecost (1st Century A.D.). It is the same Spirit that inspires the psychiatrist and gives him the ability to delve into and explore the psyche. In the Church, we like to think of it as the power of spiritual discernment. Prayerfully, I have sought the Lord for an answer as to why the Presiding Bishop, General Board and Board of Bishops insist on trying to treat Bishop Holsey so brotherly; and, now I feel that I may use the word that Archimedes is said to have used when he discovered the way to determine the purity of gold by applying the principle of specific gravity: **EUREKA (I’ve Got it!).**

It appears that they are victims of PROJECTION: The unconscious act of ascribing to another ideas, schemes, and plans when they are considered undesirable or inappropriate. The concept of Projection may best be understood by observing what takes place at the movies. The picture that you see on the screen before you is projected there from a film in the Projection Booth.

Persons who are guilty of participating in practices that violate principles of the Faith – even though they may not be unlawful – may suffer feelings of guilt from which they desire to be freed. Our Faith teaches: *“To him that knoweth to do good and doeth not, to him it is a sin.”* (Jas. 4:17). While others may not know what the sin is, the persons who commit it know and in their subconscious mind they seek ways to rid themselves of the guilt that haunts them. If a situation arises where they feel that they may ascribe what’s in their psyche to an innocent person, thus making it appear that he is guilty of the acts that were ascribed to him, they will do it without remorse. Persons who are guilty of inflicting harm on others because of **PROJECTION** are said to be unaware that they are harming others. It is said to be an act of the unconscious mind, and it can be treated. I recommend two spiritual cathartics and one healing balm: **Confession, repentance and forgiveness**. **Confession and repentance** will purge the psyche of all evil thoughts, the source of all unrighteous actions, and **forgiveness** will bring healing that builds good relationships among the saints.

The Church Of God In Christ is indeed a wonderful fellowship of Holy believers, with the right leadership we can keep it that way.

We are a wonderful fellowship of holy believers. We all don’t profess to be 33° saints, but we are persons who love God and each other. No matter what our faults and weaknesses may be, the love that possesses us is so great that it covers all of our sins, thus allowing us time to repent and be forgiven for our sins. If you are really Church Of God In Christ, you will understand that we don’t hold grudges, we don’t believe in trying to pull one another down; we just forgive and keep going. Presiding Bishop, General Board, Board of Bishops, Council of Pastors and Elders, General Assembly and members everywhere, are you really and truly Church Of God In Christ? Do you know and understand what we profess to believe? Bishops, pastors, ministers, teachers, do you teach and preach what we believe with understanding? Do you preach and teach from the same bible that we profess to be *“our rule of faith and practice?”* If so, why does it appear that what we do is so different from what we preach and teach?

I want to review with you just a few scriptures to see if they have the same meaning for you as they have for me. If they are the same, we can communicate. When you read them, the Spirit will communicate to you the intended message and we will accomplish what God intended to convey to you.

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and Prophets.” Matt. 7:12

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”
Gal. 6:7

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

I Jn. 3:17

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”

I Jn. 4:20

Now that you have read and digested my message, I call upon real members of the Church Of God In Christ to prove your love to Bishop Holsey and his family by sending them a letter of encouragement and let them know that you are praying for them. Enclose a gift that will help them recover from all that they have been made to experience. God will bless you for blessing them. To the Bishops, this is one of your associates and I am certain that you will help your Brother.

I love and respect all of my Leaders, but there is no Leader who has the authority to tell me not to help my Brother. I was informed that some were told not to fellowship with Bishop Holsey and the saints in Delaware. Such ungodly and unbrotherly advice should be ignored. I go to visit them each year; and, God has blessed me for going.

When I finish writing this message to you, I plan to fly to Dover to be with my brother and the saints to help them enjoy their Convocation where they are gathering around the theme: *Building The Kingdom of God.*

Pray for us, just take a little vacation, and join us. You’ll be glad that you did and we will be blessed by your presence. Until we meet again.

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