



The Stubborn Onion - A Forced Peeling! Watch Starting the Year Off Right Webcast Replays!



Thursday, January 9, 2014

Dear Advancing Saints:

Many people are trying to start the year off right, but must first allow the Lord to do something in their life. Yesterday, Justin Rana wrote the following devotion which will give a fresh perspective on this year of deliverance.

The Stubborn Onion - A Forced Peeling

A little over four years ago, I wrote a devotion for all of you regarding the peeling of an onion. Our personal onion. Our layers. You can find that devotional by clicking [HERE](#). It may be good reading before delving further into this current version.

I am now four years older at 33. I have had another child, named Ryan Matthew Rana, with my wife, Jessica. Much has changed in life with the emergence of a second child! Since Ryan's birth in 2012, it seems that much of life got turned upside down. My wife got even more busy, I began revisiting the idea of going back to college to complete my degree, and we now had another little human living with us. During this recent period in my life, God has prompted some heavy soul searching to occur. Or should I say, God has brought many testings about during this time?

I felt myself starting to be peeled again, exposing parts of myself that I was not comfortable with. You could liken it to losing some layers of skin - and getting down to that really raw layer that stings and hurts when it is touched. The part that really annoyed me was that I wasn't willingly doing the peeling. God was. It was a forced peeling. Through the circumstances of life, God was exposing issues in my life that still related to things that occurred when I was very young. Of course, in the midst of everything, you don't always realize what God is trying to show you. I felt abandoned again. I felt unimportant. I felt hurt. I "FELT." I began to operate out of pure emotion - how I "felt." At the time, I could not bring myself to cling to and fight with the scripture about casting down everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Of course I wasn't abandoned. God was there for me. Of course I wasn't unimportant. God created us in His image and He needs us! But alas, I couldn't see it. I started making choices and decisions that were leading to dark places, making covenants with the foes of God rather than believing in all He had promised me. I was in rebellion. And because of what happened to me as a young child, I refused to listen to any authority around me, including God himself. God was trying to speak...

In August 2013, we recorded a song here called "*The God of the Redeemed*." Aaron Smith, Tobias Lyons and I wrote it. I produced it. I SANG it. Yet, I couldn't heed what it said. The lyrics are below and you can hear the song here: [GOD OF THE REDEEMED!](#)

God of the Redeemed - T. Lyons, J. Rana, A. Smith

Standing on the line of precious promises
Chasing choices that our hearts already met
An old familiar foe has cycled round again
Will we seize upon this chance and enter in?

My eyes are fixed on the splendor of the king
Unmatched His love, grace, fury and envy
Tremble and quake you who stand His enemy
Swing wide your gates before the God of the Redeemed

We've beheld the giant in our promised land
Our voices hollowed by the shadow of its hand
Will we embrace our fears and live on desert ground?
Or will we be the chosen few? The time is now.

We've been overcome, but not this time
Had our lives destroyed, but not this time
We've given up every time but not this time
Not this time

God was obviously trying to tell me: "Hey - attention buddy. You are about to face some foes that are coming back around. You can either operate in fear or you can choose to enter in to what I have for you." The following month is when I started walking toward darkness. Rather than embracing the peeling God was trying to do - rather than turning to Him and drawing closer to Him, I turned away from the ultimate authority and chose MY plans, and MY ways.

Let me be the first to tell you: your plans and your ways lead to death and destruction. Thankfully, God, mainly through my lovely wife Jessica, turned back the battle at the gates. And I literally mean at the gates.

This is what happens when we resist God and resist the authorities in our lives. We are left to our own devices. We are left with our soul and our flesh - which without the Spirit of God is just a bad combination.

Whatever is going on in your life right now, **STILL** yourself. Stop your flailing. Realize that God is God and you are not. There is nothing that you can do in yourself to make your life any better than what God can make it. Embrace the place that you are in. Many of the younger group here at Global Spheres Center has been going through a peeling, so we are with you!

This is a year of deliverance! Do not resist the forced peeling that WILL occur this year. Read 2 Corinthians 10 and Isaiah 28.

Love to All,
Justin Rana

Come to the Banqueting Table Webcast Replays Continue!

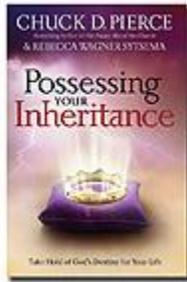
I hope many of you will be able to join in the free webcast replays from last weekend. These are great opportunities to invite others to join you and “taste and see” that the Lord is good! Through January 29, we are offering the webcast replay of Saturday night’s Firstfruits Celebration. Additionally, all week long we are offering the replay from Sunday morning when Paul Keith Davis ministered. The remainder of our replay schedule appears below. Note that our final day of replays will be the powerful time of worship with Micah Stampley!

- Thursday, January 9:
 - **Chuck Pierce: *Moving Beyond Unbelief into the Power of I AM!*** and **Robert Heidler: *A Year to Taste the Goodness of the Lord ... Keys to Prospering in the Year Ahead!***
- Friday, January 10:
 - **Barbara Yoder: *Expect the Unexpected ... A New Release of Joy!***
- Saturday, January 11:
 - **Matt Sorger: *Declaring God’s Goodness to Bring His Glory and Presence for Permanent Transformation!***
- Sunday, January 12:
 - **Rose Sambrook: *A Testimony of Overcoming Adversity to Enter Destiny!***
- Monday, January 13:
 - **Chuck Pierce: *A Lesson from Fishing ... Allow Order to Permeate Creativity, to Receive the Plan of God for Supply for the Future!*** and **Tim Carscadden: *Coming to His Banqueting Table ... Revelations from the Song of Solomon!***
- Tuesday, January 14:
 - **Venessa Battle: *Revelation of Keturah for Reconciliation of African Americans to Israel.*** This session also included an activation of reconciliation between races and modeled in the next generation.
- Wednesday, January 15:
 - **Keith Luker ... *Release of the Elijah Anointing to the Elisha Generation!***
- Thursday, January 16:
 - **Micah Stampley ... *Breaking Forth in Worship!***

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Key Resources to Help You Start the Year Off Right!

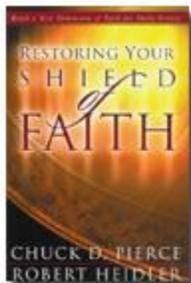
[Possessing Your Inheritance](#) by Chuck D. Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema



When Jesus said, *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10), He demonstrated God's longing for His people to prosper and accomplish all that He has planned for them. God wants to take each of us from a place of judgment, desolation and fruitlessness to a place of restoration, hope and abundant life. In this *revised and updated edition* of *Possessing Your Inheritance*, you will discover how to take hold of that which God has destined for you, your children and your children's children. In addition to a brand new introduction, a prophetic word and scripture study section are included with each chapter. You will want to update your library with this new release.

Special: \$10 (regularly \$13)

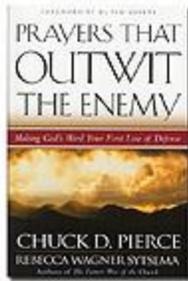
[Restoring Your Shield of Faith](#) by Chuck D. Pierce and Robert Heidler



Sometimes it's a battle to stay strong in our faith. Satan's repeated attacks, using our own feelings of fear and doubt, can wear down our belief in the Lord's power and goodness. Learn to be an overcomer, fighting and winning the daily battles against Satan's insidious objective. As your faith grows, doors of opportunity will swing open, asserting Christ's promise to His followers that through faith, nothing is impossible! Equipped with the four keys to building faith—familiarity with the Word of God, praise and thankfulness in all situations, trust in Him and obedience to His leading—you'll be able to lift up your shield of faith and enter into the fullness of God's blessings!

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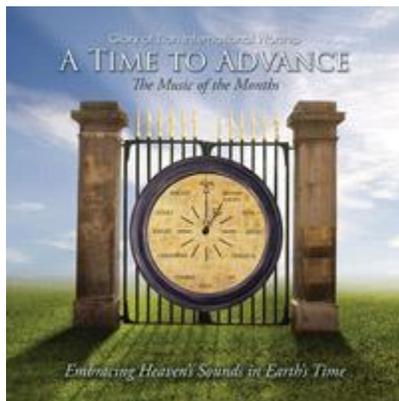
[Prayers That Outwit the Enemy](#) by Chuck D. Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema



By understanding the game of chess in the natural, we can understand the spiritual dynamic of strategy, warfare, and communion. This unique book begins with a comparison of the earthly game of chess with spiritual warfare, prayer, and ascending and communing from our heavenly abiding place. *Prayers that Outwit the Enemy* explains the devil in a way that alleviates your fear to confront him and overturn his schemes! Learn how to overcome the enemy's plan in your life by gaining the strategy of God. The Holy Spirit is teaching the Body to pray in a new way. This book explains many of those ways. Understand your enemy and defeat his plan through prayer. This is a book for now!

Special: \$10 (regularly \$14)

[A Time to Advance: The Music of the Months](#) – with the song “God of the Redeemed!”



The latest release from the GZI Worship Team, this CD features incredible, fresh songs to help you understand the sound of each Hebraic month more clearly. *A Time to Advance* has one song for each month:

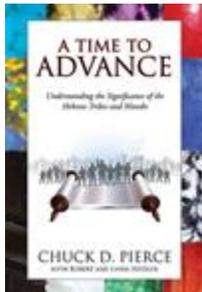
1. **Nissan, the First Month - *The Lion has Roared!***
2. **Iyar, the Second Month - *For I Am Jehovah!***
3. **Sivan, the Third Month - *Put Your Best Foot Forward!***
4. **Tammuz, the Fourth Month - *Shine and Be Brilliant!***
5. **Av, the Fifth Month - *The God of the Redeemed!***
6. **Elul, the Sixth Month - *The King is in the Field!***
7. **Tishrei, the Seventh Month - *For His Glory! (Isaiah 43)***
8. **Cheshvan, the Eighth Month - *The Mighty One of Israel!***
9. **Kislev, the Ninth Month - *Let it Burn!***

10. **Tevet, the Tenth Month - *Dance, Dance, Dance!***
11. **Shevat, the Eleventh Month - *Today is Your Tomorrow!***
12. **Adar, the Twelfth Month - *Cross That Finish Line!***

There is a sound that God brings down in time with us. This "*Music of the Months*" CD will be something to enjoy all year long, as well as to help focus you in a given month.

Special: \$10 (regularly \$14)

[A Time to Advance](#) by *Chuck D. Pierce with Robert & Linda Heidler*



This is a book of redemptive purpose that will help you understand how God, from the past, develops His whole conquering army for today. You will also gain understanding on how each part moves together, as well as the redemptive quality of God's covenant plan for Israel. This will help ground you on how we are grafted into a movement in days ahead. As you learn to think like God thinks and study the *Hebrew tribes and months*, you will receive prophetic understanding of how the Lord orders your steps throughout the year. You will also see your place in God's next Triumphant Reserve that is rising in the Earth today.

Special: \$10 (regularly \$15)

These and many other resources are available by going to www.gloryofzion.org or by calling (888) 965-1099 or (940) 382-7231. **Specials good through January 31, 2014.**