

11. Hiddekel: Up to Our Knees

**“And the name of the third river is Hiddekel:
that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria” (Genesis 2:14 KJV)**

The third river is Hiddekel, and it runs toward the east of Assyria. I believe this is the river from the south that runs down to the east. Assyria comes from a word meaning *in the sense of successful*; the root means *to be straight, to be level, right, happy*. Figuratively, it means *to go forward, be honest, prosper*. This is the next step we find with the Lord. This is when we are to our knees. This is the next step our horse goes through. The elementary level of trust rises to a new level and they begin to trust us to do a job. We are able to line out, “to be straight” and go somewhere. More self-preservation is killed off. They continue to experience comfort and companionship with us and more confidence is gained. We begin to build on the foundation of maneuvers and we are able to use these maneuvers to do a job. I entered this place after I had received Mononucleosis and had no choice but to turn to Him to heal me of my sickness. I went from living my own life to needing Him in order to live my life.

Through a very dear friend of mine, I came in contact with an evangelist. This new friend was then able to lead me to the man waiting on the dock. With Christ working through him, he began to help me know and experience the Holy Spirit. I grew in the Lord’s Spirit, in deeper and greater ways than I ever had. I spent more time in the Spirit in a few months than I had in my entire life combined. I was watering the little seed living inside me, and it began to grow. The Lord began to show me things in the Spirit, and through the Spirit the Scriptures came to life and spoke to me, **“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” (2 Corinthians 3:6)**. The Lord showed me how He wanted to use me and I was excited to experience everything He had in store for me.

I had decided to be *straight*, to live my life for Him. For the first time in my life, I knew I was on the *right* path and I felt *happier* than ever. I was *going forward* with my life and I was letting God lead me in all of my choices. I was willing to leave everything behind, everything that I held dear, and follow Him wherever He chose to lead me. It was during this time that He blessed me in this world. He let me *prosper*.

Through my dad, God sold 2 of my horses for a little under \$20,000. I also had about 10 mares at this time. All the yearlings out of the mares, along with some other horses I sold, also did very well. The Lord told me to marry my best friend. He told me, **“Take your wife and preach the Gospel.”** The Lord was blessing me in Spirit, healing my flesh from my sickness. He had given me a lovely wife, and He was letting me prosper in my business. He also gave me a scholarship back. After not rodeoing for 2 years, I received a full ride scholarship to Montana State University. Hiddekel was a very good time during my life. However, He wanted me to reach Pison.