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- **The Favour of God and Acceleration**
- **Accessing Zoe Life**
- **Restoring David's Tabernacle**
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Introduction

Relationships will be a key focus of exploration in this Apostolic School of Ministry (ASOM).

To 'learn', you sometimes have to 'unlearn'. You need a change of position – 'Take up your bed and walk'.

This is not an intellectual ASOM – not philosophical. It is led by the Holy Spirit. The ASOM is conducted in an **environment of COMMUNITY**. The spirit of **love and friendship** must prevail. This is the spirit of **oneness**; we have to learn how to **integrate and merge together**.

Luke 24 contains the post-resurrection methodology of revealing Christ – consult previous ASOM's for details. Jesus opened the Scriptures, opened their eyes and opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. **God's Word is central to exposing who He is.**

The WORD is the absolute centre. The Holy Spirit brings the Word as a reality to people. The Spirit cannot move beyond the bounds of the Word of God. The Word is filled with Spirit and Life. Signs and wonders follow the Word. RHEMA PROCEEDS OUT FROM LOGOS – this becomes our present truth. **When the word is decoded, your eyes are opened** and you see Jesus (not a movement; not the historical man or the incarnate man), i.e. the Christ – the heavenly man - the Christ, who was before time. Man-centred views must not proceed from our interpretation of the Word. Scripture always backs itself with Scripture.

When the word is decoded, your mind is also opened. The first thing man lost at the fall was his mind; it became dislocated from the heavenly perspective. Religion has damaged the mind of people. Transformation takes place through the renovation of the mind. **Your biggest enemy is not the devil, but what you have inherited in teachings.** If you live in your past, you live in the shadow of divine reality. Some thoughts are at enmity with God. Some of our teachings will address inaccurate mindsets. You are saved once but born again many times. The processes of regeneration occur many times.

Certain words we use need redefinition, and some need to be removed from your vocabulary. E.g. **'Unity' is not God's preferred position for us, but ONENESS.** In Psalm 133, 'unity' is an addition of the translators. It should read **'dwell together as one'**. The God-head is not united but ONE.

When your mind is re-connected to God's intent, in that area of your thinking, you are receiving light. Broadly, we see darkly; even the Apostle Paul said this. Many are saved, but are not in step with God's present season and emphasis.

Everything in God happens in circles; it is not linear. God works in orbits or cycles. In the 'Apostolic Season', a full orbit is about to, or has already been concluded. **The things God emphasised at our beginning, He will again start to re-emphasise again, because we are being thrust into a new dimension.**

This is akin to sitting for 38 years at the pool of Bethesda – where a man just sat for 38 years – a period of **retarded movement** or in some respect, **spiritual formation** at a certain location. It looks

like Israel going around the same mountain. Now we must cross the Jordan and enter the land. We have just finished a period of 38 years symbolically. We are now poised to be launched.

Whatever was foundational, God will now revisit. Israel crossed the river, Zared, in the wilderness. Zared = exuberant growth. Then there was Arnon and the Jabbok (to empty yourself; giving up your Isaac) before they get to Jordan (lowest point – their final death) – then they go into their prophetic inheritance.

We need to revisit our foundations again. This is our Deuteronomy (5th book) – the giving of the law the second time. After crossing Jabbok, they sat on the wilderness side of the Jordan and for three months Moses re-educates Israel.

God is giving us another chance to start again. First time the law was given with the wilderness in view. It gave you spectacles to survive the wilderness. Now the law is given to govern the earth, and administrate His glory. Our eyesight is being re-tested so that new glasses are given to you – for you to see things you have never seen before.

Some people previously could not embrace the Apostolic Season the first time for various reasons. In the place of obscurity spiritual formation took place. Now people are going to start to believe us. Jesus asked the man at the pool if he wanted to be made whole. A similar call is going out today. This is the day of the second chance. **Large groups will come in now. Major conferencing will be resurrected now.** The 11th hour workers are about to enter and maturity will fully come upon them instantly. **God will equalise everyone.** Thus we do not think hierarchically or chronologically in assessing why some are given special privileges, etc. Buy the whole field and be launched into a new place.

This is a season of acceleration. Do not say there are four months to the harvest.

Passover – 1st month; Pentecost – 3rd month; Tabernacles – 7th. Between Pentecost and Tabernacles is 4 months. Bring your Tabernacles into your Pentecost. Go visible and viral. That which was in obscurity will now become elevated on many platforms. Use every platform available. **A barren womb will now become a productive womb. Things will come to you.** Rest and be at peace. Before there was Heaven and Earth God foreknew us, the church. **Heaven and Earth were created for you. Heaven and Earth come to serve you. You are the centre of Heaven and Earth in Christ.** You are the exchange – the connection of two realms. Angels ascend and descend on you as the Son of Man. Heaven and earth get married in you. Everything you need will come to you. Just stay connected. Just hear His voice and declare His word – everything you need will come to you.

You are not the sons of God, but you are the FIRSTBORN sons of God in Christ. You have dignity, executive privilege to rule over everything your Father has.

You are not the priest of God but the High-Priest in Christ. You can forgive sins, and determined the sanctity of everything in Christ.

The next orbit is one of acceleration and increase and harvest. The Feast of Tabernacles is a reality. Your economy will change. Fruitfulness will abound. Revelation will increase. **Structures and**

designs will be released. Do not be distracted in this season. The earth will help those who are apostolically positioned – see the book of Revelation. **If you are in business, God put you in business to represent Him and His Kingdom.** You are not in business to make money to finance His agenda (this mindset will cause you to be fixated on finance, and possibly abort representation).

We are in a new orbit – new things, witty inventions, new innovations, etc. will break forth.

This ASOM is preparing us for the public manifestation of the Glory of God. The house of Saul will always be living until the house of David is fully built. The increasing weakness of the house of Saul is determined by the progressive strength of the house of David. This is not a season of indecision – God is moving – get connected.

Exact Representation - House of David

This ASOM, as should the Body of Christ be, is **Christo-centric** in its approach. We need to study certain patterns or designs in Scripture that reveal Christ. In Heb. 11, Moses, for the sake of Christ, would not submit to the pleasures of Egypt. Christ came in an inter-testamental period. **All Scripture must be viewed from a Christo-logical perspective. To know God, you must know Christ.**

Your presence in the earth must be the most exact representation of Christ and not anything else. We are the representation of Christ – this principle of representation is thoroughly apostolic. Many carry the title of apostle, yet are not called to the office of ‘apostle’.

The term ‘accurate’ implies a level that is less than ‘exact’. ‘Exact’ hits the bulls-eye. Jesus is the exact representation of His Father – and so are we also. He is the fullest expression of everything that God is.

1 John 4: 1-21

- 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;
- 3 And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.
- 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
- 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them.
- 6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
- 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
- 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
- 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.
- 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.
- 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

- 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.
- 17 By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.
- 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.
- 19 We love, because He first loved us.
- 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.
- 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

If you do not LOVE, you are definitely not of God. Is HIS love, faith and grace in us? You must simply **BE who HE is. The manifestation of perfected love is perfected speech.** Your speech must know no prejudice, bitterness, no guile, etc.

We are graduating from faith and hope to that of LOVE. There will be great persecutions and sufferings – but we must love unconditionally.

Note the verse, **'AS HE IS, so ARE WE in this world' (1 John 4:17).** As Christ is, so should we be in the earth. **Our representation of Christ is determined by our view of Him.** The term 'apostolic' has little to do with global dominance or missionary reach or managing a group of people in a network. Networks will die in the coming season. **The apostolic is about exact representation. The apostle is someone who represents someone else exactly.** This is the 'shalliah' principle. The 'agent' represents the 'principal' who sent him. There is nothing you can do unless you capture how HE is represented. You are only apostolic if you caught a view of the heavenly culture and built it into the earthly culture.

We shift from faith to obedience. In faith there is an estimate of choice. You can choose how much you want to believe. **The fullness and perfection of faith is found in obedience.** In obedience, you only live for another and not for yourself. Many things mitigate against this reality, e.g. greed, covetousness, etc.

1 John 3:1-4

- 1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. **We know that when He appears (revealed), we will be like Him,** because we will **see Him** just as He is.
- 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on **Him purifies** himself, just as He is pure.
- 4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Verse 3 – you purify or adjust yourself based upon verse 2 – the revelation of HIM to you. Your position of purity and innocence is determined on how you see Him.

The phrase 'see HIM' has little to do with His literal second coming. For you to get to exact representation, you must know how HE is revealed. **When your eyes see Him as He is, your position gets upgraded.**

SEE = Horao = to perceive.; to discern; to attend to; to experience.

Paul said 'I see through a glass darkly' – **seeing or sight determines levels of maturity. Your view of CHRIST determines your position and function in ministry. Capture revelations of Christ – as He appears to you – so you become.**

One of the keys to do this is to connect to apostolic-prophetic grace. Study John 9. **The pool of Siloam = an apostolic pool of revelation.** The man had to continually wash in this pool. **The more you wash, the greater your sight.** The man's perspective of Christ upgraded from just a teacher or healer to that of him seeing CHRIST. **You become what you see of Christ.**

Each church in the book of Revelation has a specific view of Christ. Their function was determined by their view of Christ. **Revelation must wrestle you to the ground and must 'name' you as it sees you until you become it** (cf. Jacob wrestling with the Lord).

In Luke 11, Jesus said your house is desolate because you kill the ones sent to you – because you have taken away the **keys of knowledge.**

There are apostles and there are fathers or elders of households. The apostles informed the fathers how to function (cf. Acts 15 – at the Council at Jerusalem there were apostles and elders present).

Three groups of SENT ONES: Matthew 23 – I send you prophets, wise men and scribes.

1. Prophets – everyone who prophesies is not a prophet. The prophet gives directional words. Apostles head movements of God, not churches necessarily. The prophets work together with the apostle – in his shadow as it were. **True Prophets re-landscape your mindset. (eg. Zechariah)**
2. Wise men – apostles give structure and design. (e.g. Zerubbabel; Nehemiah)
3. Scribes – Ezra anointing (eg. Ezra, the Scribe)

Stay plugged into the right environment and sound.

Colossians 3:1-3

- 1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 3 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

'SET your mind' – activate your mind on heavenly things. Anyone who is truly sent comes from a heavenly perspective. Glory is a native of the earth - Glory will cover the earth. **Set your mind on heavenly patterns, then Christ will appear in you, and this becomes the life by which you live.** When Christ comes – He appears in you and becomes your teacher. **Do not just get nice new thoughts without seeing HIM.** The glory comes through the life of God manifested in you.

We must be a church that captures pictures of Christ and represent this in the earth. **Plug into those who know how to bring revelations of Christ to you.**

THE MODEL:

We will not see the return of the Lord until we see the reconstitution of all things – see Acts 3:19. This includes the reconstitution of every atom in our bodies. **The immortal culture has to be re-installed into our bodies.** We will live as immortals in the earth. Also, the heavens will be easily accessible to us. You will have a free heavenly flow of blessings on the earth.

There is a template for this, viz. David.

Acts 15:15-19

- 15 "With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written,
 16 'AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL **REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT,**
 17 SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,'
 18 SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.
 19 "Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles.

The template and design for the church is found in DAVID – his life and ministry.

This church will globally embrace the nations of the earth.

Discontinuity of inaccurate thought is essential for the continuity of Divine thought. The Tabernacle of David is not singing, praise and worship. Psalms are declarations of some of the most intimate subjective experiences with God. Your whole life is a song before God.

David was a man after God's heart, even though he made some serious blunders.

Zech. 12:1-9

- 1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,
- 2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.
- 3 "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

- 4 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.
- 5 "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.'
- 6 "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a fire pot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.
- 7 "The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah.
- 8 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day **will be like David** and the house of David **will be like God**, like the angel of the LORD before them.
- 9 "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

These promises are for the house of David in the house of Judah (not the tribe of Judah). This is the **most exact representation – his house is 'LIKE GOD'**. The spirit for the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David is now being released. 'David's clan is within the tribe of Judah. In the land of Judah, David occupied Jerusalem. They were the protectors of the epicentre of spiritual activity in all of Israel. The well-being of these people determined the well-being of the whole land. God restores the tent of Judah FIRST!

Judah, fourth son of Leah, enjoyed FIRSTBORN status. He expedited his father's purposes. They finish what others could not finish.

Matthew 1 – the line of Jesus flows out from Judah. Many great men emerged from Judah. Genesis 49 – Judah drinks the blood of grapes – operates in revelation.

I will rebuild the RUINS; I will restore the Tabernacle of David within Judah – he saves Judah.

The house of David meticulously follows the divine structure.

If the most feeble one will be like David, what will the strongest be like? David in our context, will be the weakest among us. The Bible associates David with the weakest amongst us.

The House of David will be like God. This is claiming co-equality with God. When they see us, they see God.

Relationships in this season are changing. In Genesis, Isaac, by a fatal irrevocable impulse, blessed Jacob. Isaac then discovered that Jacob was pursuing a daughter from the sons of Heth. Rebecca said that if he does so that she has wasted her life in producing him – she would become sick, even vomit at that thought. **Even though you have a patriarchal blessing, you could lose everything if you are not accurately aligned and connected relationally.**

Learn to love unconditionally. The power of forgiveness is given to you through Christ. You can declare forgiveness over a nation. You cannot preach forgiveness if you have the spirit of Jonah – who could not see the city repenting.

“Like the angel of the Lord before ...” (see verse 8). People will see you as angels. Jesus speaks to the angel of each church in the book of Revelation. When people see the angel, they see Christ. Paul said he can speak with the tongue of a man or of angels. Paul said you can receive him (i.e. Paul) as though you are receiving an angel, even as Christ himself. David had no guile – he even thought of Saul’s grandson after Saul died.

Oneness

Part 1

God always gives the Scriptures as if He was given it to one corporate man – and not to the single individual man.

Eph. 2:14-18

- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is the Law of commandments contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,
 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;
 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

God has created one new man in Jesus Christ. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Graduate from the secular view of unity. There are many worldly organs and ideas of unity. We have to come to oneness. **Do not pursue unity; pursue ONENESS.**

Unity may result in a multicultural church with distinctions. He broke the veil on His cross to produce oneness.

God views only two men on the earth. One is an OLD MAN; the other is a NEW MAN. Old man is a fallen creation. The new is a regenerated creation.

Rom 5:12-21

- 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--
 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
 15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
 16 The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification.
 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.
- 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
- 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- 21 So that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One man's actions impact the corporate culture. **Democracy attacks the spirit of oneness and produces the spirit of unity.**

The words 'ADAM' and 'CHRIST' referred to here are not just singular for a person. In the 'one' is represented the 'many'. We are represented in Christ. At the point when Adam lived many years ago, there was one man in the earth. When he sinned, he fell and everyone under him fell because he was the representative head that fell. Christ then came so that in HIM, whoever connects to Him enjoys automatic blessings – they claim this 'IN HIM'. Whatever He did – we enjoy the benefits. **When you think from the position of 'oneness' you will have no prejudice against anyone.**

Whatever Christ accomplished – it is ours in Him.

Prayer must be redefined. The Holy Ghost utters groans in and within us.

1 Corinthians 15: 21 – 28

- 21 For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.
- 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,
- 24 then *comes* the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.
- 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.
- 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.
- 28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Cor. 15:42-49

- 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*;
- 43 it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
- 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.
- 45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

- 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.
- 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.
- 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.
- 49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

The more you see Christ, the more you grow into Him.

DEFINING ONENESS:

The Hebrew word for one = EHUD or EHAS = **one single way; one single person. In a numerical sense, it means one, once or the same.**

It includes **one as in integrity and physical unity.**

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

The term, 'Godhead' is not in scripture, nor is the term 'trinity'. The term 'deity' is.

In the Greek, 'ONE' = heis = **a primary numerical as in a cardinal number;**
a single unit - indivisible - you cannot divide it into parts.

Highlights simplicity - it is uncomplicated. God is indivisible, uncomplicated, simple.

If you attempt to understand 'oneness' from the vantage point of fallen-ness, you always see things in components.

One = Divine simplicity. There is only ONE God. God is without parts; He does not have parts; He is seamless. Everything about God is seamless. Every aspect of God is identical. Any 'part' of Him is identical to any other 'part' of Him. His various qualities summarise everything that God is. Your fallen-ness sees Him from different perspectives. **But you have to think of God as seamless.** The fact that there are nine fruit of the Spirit, does not mean there are nine components to Him.

'One' implies you cannot divide God into parts. God is infinitely simple - He is not complex. Only when we become one will we see the Lord come back to us.

Do not look at God made up as composite parts, but just ONE. See Him as one substance - husios - He is ONE God with three expressions.

As humans we are ONE with different expressions. The characteristics of God are not parts of God. **God does not only have goodness, He is it.** It's the same with love and faith.

God is both just and merciful. He is indivisible in this. He is just; He is mercy. Only to the finite mind, God is infinitely complex - because He is viewed through fallen-ness. Do not think of Him as three parts - even though He expresses Himself as Father, Son and Spirit.

WORDS THAT HELP US TO UNDERSTAND ONENESS:

- WHOLE

Whole = complete; not caught up in its parts but with its totality.

Baptise them in the NAME (singular) of Father, Son and Spirit.

Gestalt (a German Word) = a complete unit, whether physical, biological. The iPad is a complete unit made up of multiple configurations. But you see ONE unit. You cannot appreciate the whole without understanding the various elements. Look at a watch. There are minute details in it which make it function.

We must come to a place of wholesomeness.

Deut 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

Psa 71:22 I will also praise You with a harp, *Even* Your truth, O my God; To You I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

The Son is ONE with the FATHER. GOD is indivisible, simple, uncomplicated. The Son relates to the Father as though when He is in the Father, there is no division between Son and Father. Jesus said, "If you saw me, you have seen my Father". We are exact representatives of Him who is one. We are apostolic. **When God sees you, He does not see you and Him, He sees you in Him and He in you.**

Jesus was not just representing the Father - the Father was infinitely at ONE with Him. As a leader, wherever you are, all the people you represent is where you are.

John 10:1-16

- 1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.
- 2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.
- 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- 4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- 5 "A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

- 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.
- 7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.
- 9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
- 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.
- 11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
- 12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.
- 13 "*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.
- 14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
- 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- 16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

John 10:25-30

- 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.
- 26 "But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.
- 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- 28 And I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
- 29 "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.
- 30 "I and the Father are one."

Note: 'One flock with One Shepherd'. The flock is in Him and He is in the flock. They are seamlessly one.

The principle of 'ONE' permeates everything. Impose the principle of oneness on everything we do.

John 17:11-26

- 11 "I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as *We are*.
- 12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.
- 13 "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

- 14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.
- 16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- 20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
- 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;
- 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.
- 24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- 25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;
- 26 And I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

When the world sees ONENESS – all of God will be seen in us.

The 'name' – is FATHER.

God is asking us to be one with Him.

2 Cor. 5:9-20

- 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.
- 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.
- 12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but *are* giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have *an answer* for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.
- 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.
- 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;
- 15 And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- 16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer.
- 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

- 19 Namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

We must give an account of what we are doing in our body – not just our physical bodies, but also in the Body of Christ. What are we sowing into the Body of Christ?

Christ died for you. Now live for His Body – and so you live for Christ. You never look for selfish gain or pursuit. Because He died for you, you must now live for Him. Obey the Word of God and not your greed or desire.

v. 16 hence we regard no one after the flesh. Never do anything out of selfishness against the Body of Christ.

Our ministry is reconciliation. You are always reaching out to members of the Body of Christ. God in Christ was reaching out to people. **To be one with the Father and the Son, you have to reach out to others.**

You cannot be isolated. You cannot be self-centred, narcissistic. Simply love all people unconditionally. Bring the walls of division down so that oneness can come.

Be reconciled to God – the only way you can connect to God is by reconciling to His Body.

Oneness

Part 2

We have a monotheistic view of God. He is the “Holy ONE”, not the “Holy THREE”.

He died for us - so we do not live for ourselves. Now we all have the ministry of reconciliation. In Christ, we can forgive men their sins. His calling is our calling. Whatever He IS, we ARE in the earth.

Eph. 4:1-6

- 1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,
- 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Your calling is to be a SON OF GOD. **You are a FIRSTBORN SON. You are a HIGH Priest as He is.**

Have a lowliness of mind – a humiliation of mind – you must ‘exercise’ this. **Associate with people that seem less important. See everyone as more important than your own personal comforts – so inconvenience yourself to benefit others.**

Gentleness = meekness; includes humility and mildness.

‘Unity’ (verse 3) here is the Greek ‘**henotes**’, translated ‘**ONENESS**’ - built from the root ‘heis’, meaning ‘one’. This oneness must permeate every part of our existence. The five-fold ministry comes from ONE Lord. Now our focus must move beyond five-fold ministry to the objective of oneness. All five-fold ministry flows from ONE Christ towards one Body of Christ.

1 Tim 2:3-8

- 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour,
- 4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 5 For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus,
- 6 Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.
- 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
- 8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

1 Cor. 12:5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

Movements of people within the Body from one church to another still makes the one who moved ONE with the Body. Do not get offended when someone leaves you.

1 Cor. 10:14-17

- 14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
- 15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.
- 16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?
- 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Cor. 12: 1-31

- 1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
- 2 You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.
- 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.
- 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*.
- 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
- 9 To another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.
- 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.
- 12 For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
- 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
- 14 For the body is not one member, but many.
- 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.
- 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.
- 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
- 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.
- 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be?
- 20 But now there are many members, but one body.

- 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."
- 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;
- 23 And those *members* of the body which we deem less honourable, on these we bestow more abundant honour, and our less presentable members become much more presentable,
- 24 Whereas our more presentable members have no need *of it*. But God has *so* composed the body, giving more abundant honour to that *member* which lacked,
- 25 So that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another.
- 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
- 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.
- 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* miracles, are they?
- 30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?
- 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still **more excellent way**.

Gifts are for the benefit of the body. Hence there should be no competition, nor jealousy, because your brother's gift is for your benefit.

Note:

- One Body, many members
- One Spirit, many administrations and gifts
- One God, many modes of expressions

The members that seem less honourable, you must show greater honour. Give greater honour to the lesser parts of the Body.

You must learn how to cover the parts of the body that seem less comely, just as in the natural, you cover parts of your own physical body. Cover without compromising nor condoning error.

Heap coals of fire and love on your enemies. Pray for your enemies. Forgive unconditionally.

v.26: All rejoice when is one honoured. If one honours another person in the Body, the whole body experiences rejoicing. If this is widespread, imagine what the impact would be and the levels of joy in the house of God.

Christ is not divided.

1 Cor. 3:1- 23

- 1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.
- 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,
- 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?
- 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?
- 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.
- 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.
- 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.
- 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labour.
- 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
- 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.
- 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
- 13 Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.
- 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.
- 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
- 16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- 17 If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.
- 18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise.
- 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "*He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS*";
- 20 and again, "*THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS.*"
- 21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you,
- 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,
- 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

Envy and strife indicate carnality.

Jesus is one with the Father; the Father and Jesus are one with you. **Whatever foundation I lay is never for self-interest or selfish gain.** Grace carriers are one. So if people cross over from one father

to another, it is not divisive, since we are all one. Do not make political or racial decisions, but spiritual decisions. Paul highlights 'fellowships'.

Three streams of fathering existed in Corinth - in Apollos, Paul and Peter. Paul is fathering those to whom he is writing. There is no cause to fight for territory nor geographical area. No one owns anyone.

Fire is already falling on each man's work testing what quality it is.

Dividing the Body is equated to destroying the Body. God will destroy you even though you will be saved.

IMAGERY OF MARRIAGE

Gen 2:24-25

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Eph. 5:28- 33

28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

30 because we are members of His body.

31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

Jesus left His Father to come to earth for a bride (BODY). In this relationship, the principle of love and respect is important. Whatever is His is ours and vice versa. While we are many, but in HIM, we are ONE. Whatever benefits He has, we also share in it. Do not attack the Body anymore.

In a certain geographical area, there should be the sharing of resources among yourselves.

REPRESENTATION

In the one, the whole is represented. We are represented in Christ. Whatever He did, we enjoy the benefits as if we did it. You have to become ONE with Him.

The church is a family of different groupings. A member is a family unit. You meet as the family of God. This applies on a macro and on a micro level.

Connect to the head of Christ and you get benefits. The same applies to your connection to your spiritual father.

A prophecy to the father of the house becomes yours also. Connection takes place through connection to the word. If you insist upon your own vision - you decapitate the headship principle. All of the benefits of the father come to the entire family.

When Achan sinned his whole family was killed. When a king sinned the whole nation suffered judgement. When you see the one, you see the whole.

All leaders must live for others and not for yourself. Surrender your personal agenda for the benefit of another.

Representation operates on obedience of the will of the ONE who commissions you. You only live to obey Him.

Submission, also, is essential. Submit to the one who covers you. Submission has got to do with identification. You identify with each other as you identify with Christ.

Oneness & Hebron

Part 3 Part 1

God wants oneness and not unity. God sees two economies of men on the earth. One is the ADAMIC man outside of Christ. He is the first man. The second man is the Christ. This is the last Adam – He is after the template called ‘Christ’.

The term ‘ONE’ refers to that which is one of the same state or being; a **single indivisible unit**, infinitely **simple and uncomplicated**. ‘One’ implies **Divine simplicity**. This is not a Unitarian view – but a monotheistic view. God is without parts. When you say God is good – i.e. there is not only a part of Him that is good, but He is totally good - completely. God may express Himself in multiple ways but it comes out from one unit.

The various attributes of God is something we appreciate from our humanity. How we receive Him is how we describe Him. **All His characteristics are all identical to the being of God.**

Only in our fallen minds do we make our simple God complicated. Do not see your brother in terms of his giftedness, just see him as part of a whole Body. You see your own body as a single unit. Race is a big issue in the church. Many cannot relate to a spiritual father of another race. The church may be multi-faceted or variegated but it is one.

Unity has a fragile bond of relationship attached to it, but this is not so with oneness. Oneness cannot change – it has immutability. One is a constant – the same yesterday and forever. Oneness must be pursued. It will manifest in people that strive towards it.

HEBRON: HEBRON has a conducive environment in which we can be fitly joined together. Here you belong - bone of bone and flesh of flesh. At Hebron, there is a seamless synergistic coming together. We will have everything in common. We will love unconditionally. At Hebron, the most excellent ministry of love is manifested. See 1 Cor. 13.

1 Cor. 13: 1-13

- 1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.
- 4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,
- 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a *wrong suffered*,
- 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
- 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

- 8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.
- 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
- 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.
- 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.
- 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.
- 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Love is the greatest gift. In love are all the gifts. We are graduating from faith, hope and love. Be known for the greatness of your love. **Your greatest strength must be that you love too much; your weakness must be that you do not know how to stop loving.** There must be no guile, bitterness, slur in your speech, etc. This is the hallmark that defines the sons of God. To get to this ministry of love – you must become the friend of God.

One of the meanings of Hebron is the 'city of friends'. We have the most intimate place of relationship with God. Moses was a friend of God – so was Abraham. The highest form of relationship is friendship in the truest sense.

John 15: 9 -15

- 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.
- 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.
- 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
- 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another

"Abide in my love" = "stay in my love and do not depart from my love" – Make God's love your mansion. Faith comes by hearing. When you receive the word, you receive JOY = strength. Joy is the manifestation of the Word within you.

Friend = philos = loving people.

You love God by loving His Word – by obedience.

Friendship with God is conditional upon obedience to His Word. Friends share secrets. You may not share secrets with your siblings – but you do with your friend – or unless your sibling becomes your friend.

The Father-son wineskin must embrace friendship. It must not be tense and manipulative. Friendship has no disrespect nor familiarity, nor taking advantage of someone else. Friends lay down their lives and share the most intimate secrets.

Friend = **philos (noun)**

To befriend = **phileo (verb)**

- A friend seeks **another's welfare or good**. Never let self-interest govern you.
- A friend is **actively fond of someone else**.
- A friend is **deeply interested in the well-being of another**.
- In Hebrew culture, a bridegroom's friend was commissioned by him to ask the hand of the bride from the bride's father. Eleazar went on behalf of Abraham and asked for the hand of Rebecca for Isaac. A friend renders the bridegroom various services in the marriage and celebration. The bridegroom leaves his future wife in the care of his friend. Now you are a friend of God. You bring His bride (church) and take care of her – **prepare her and care for her**. A friend is one who is active in the coming together of nuptials.
- Friendship implies **treating someone as one's own people**. (cf. David and Jonathan). You see your friend as your **brother**.
- Friendship includes **intimate love for spouse and children**.
- Friendship includes **helping and caring for others**. If they knock on your door at midnight you arise to help.
- **Entertainment** is part of the culture of friendship. Hospitality is an essential component. In the house of friends there is the sound of music and an abundance of food.
- Friendship is an **act of honour**. It is expressed by **kissing**. Kiss the cheeks, hand, the feet = expressing oneness.
- Friendship includes the **appropriation of another's interest unselfishly**. You indebt yourself to free others.
- Friendship implies common interest – having things in common.

Another word translated 'friend' is 'heitairos' – used to describe Judas.

Mat 26:50 **And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.**

This type of friend **hangs himself because of regret**.

Matt 20:13 – the hired worker; Jesus called the **labourers 'friends'** – they complained because the 11th hour workers got the same pay; they did not understand the economy of shared income.

This is friend of a different frequency.

Matt 11:16-19 – ‘friends’ relate to a company not in agreement.

- Refers to a customary companion who protects his own interests above others. Parasitical and deceitful.
- A woman that has a status between a legal wife and a prostitute. She is like a mistress. She is a ‘kept’ woman. She is your companion, but not selling herself to everyone. She gives you what you want so long as you care for her.
- A male companion who has no legally accepted ties.
- In political circles, it refers to a comrade who helps the chief for personal gain or advantage.
- Also in business, refers to a partner in a company who is in for his own advantage and not for the good of others. The good of others is only acceptable for him when it promotes his well-being.
- To keep company with or establish and maintain pretentious and ostentatious relationships.
- A company where people associate with the company for commercial gain.
- In Matt 22:12, in a marriage supper, the guest without the correct attire is called a ‘hetrairos’ – he was an impostor, a religious hypocrite.

Prophetic Impression: God will establish the reputation of His people. The reputation of this season is already established even before you rule, even though you are still in the wilderness.

There will be the Rahab – she lived in a wall – she occupied a gate in the city – she was there for personal interest. Where she was, she could see the enemy – she positioned herself correctly. She became part of the line of the Messiah. Those false friends will change and enter into covenant. They will be included into the registry of what God will do.

HEBRON:

Previously called **KARIATH-ARBA**. Arba is the founding father of this place. It was later renamed ‘Hebron’.

Jos 14:15 Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba; *for Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim*. Then the land had rest from war.

Jdg 1:10 So Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron formerly *was* Kiriath-arba); and they struck Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi.

Gen 23:2 Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

Hebron = place of confederation, conjunction, alliance; (where things are aligned; alliances; not networks) – but as in alignment/adjustment – repositioning. Hebron is where God adjusts things. This is a place of joining together. A place where a company comes together. A place where something is knit together.

Within the scope of what God does, when you set your mind to be a friend of God with no hatred and bitterness, you are automatically stepping into an environment which has all the grace of where you want to be. **You enter a place of conjunction – congenial relationships take place.** Your pool of Bacca becomes a place of rejoicing. **When you set your mind on this you are en route toward Hebron. Hebron is an environment.** When Saul came into the company of prophets, he prophesied – this the power of environment. **Environment causes you to prosper. You must be perfect in your heart. Set your heart on oneness.**

Hebron, from its Semitic roots, **means colleague, as in friend**; 'unite' - as in bringing people together. **It literally means friend. There is an absence of acrimony. There will be tensions, but you push it one side.** Hebron means **to be in alliance**.

In the original Arabic culture, Hebron means the **place of the beloved**. This was the **place of mercy**. Hebron was given to Caleb (from the tribe Judah). It was a mountainous range.

Hebron was one of the 48 cities given to the priesthood – not to the Levites, but to the sons of the High Priest, Aaron. Hence Hebron carried people that knew how to touch the heavens.

Hebron was one of the six refugee cities. If murder was committed unintentionally – the guilty person could find immunity in Hebron. It was a city of mercy. This does not mean we must compromise on sin. **Hebron gives people another chance.** We do not condone wrong, but we do not condemn the one who did wrong if the person has a penitent heart like David had.

In Arabic language, it was called **'the friend of God'**. Hebron was in the province of Judah.

Hebron was **also known as the Holy City**. It was the second most important city – the first was Jerusalem. (in the Moslem world – it was the fourth).

Patriarchs and matriarchs were buried here in the double-cave of Macpelah. **Patriarchs speak of prophetic registry. Even in death you value the Patriarchs and all that they represent.**

Hebron is the last city you journey to before Jerusalem where Zion is (where heaven and earth meet; place of perfection). **You must first pass the test of Hebron.** David could only get to Hebron when God tested his heart with the death of Saul. At Hebron, sons were born to David. **Become king of relationships first before you rule from Zion. You will not rule anything unless you master relationships.** David lived here for seven and a half years; he went the extra mile (he went beyond perfection in the area of relationships).

Do not be masters of revelation, be masters of relationships. Become friends of God because you are true friends in His family. **Fix all your relationships**. Jerusalem = God over peace. Hebron produces giants.

Hebron

Part 2

We have to master relationships. If not, God will bring us back time and time again to revisit failed tests. God will bring you back to repeat the course. Hebron is the toughest place in our journey. It the penultimate position before Zion, the place of rule and perfection.

Many of us have been through Gilgal – reconfiguration; Bethel - building the house; Jericho – bringing down many walls; place where the moon rules – operating on evening light – not pure light – we have brought down this.

We will rule the earth by ruling (mastering) relationships. This is not like Nimrod, who had a conquering spirit – ruling men – produced Babylon – scattered thinking and jammed communications.

Hebron:

Three concepts are embedded here:

- ❖ **Colleague – collegiate**
- ❖ **Unite – to bring together**
- ❖ **Friend**

Friendship is one of the highest relationships. The eunuch enjoys a higher status than son.

Revelatory statements must be supported by the Word of God. Let's look at Hebron from a Scriptural perspective.

Joshua 14:6-14

- 6 Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the word which the Lord spoke to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh- barnea.
- 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh- barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as it was in my heart.
- 8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the Lord my God fully.
- 9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God fully.'
- 10 Now behold, the Lord has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty- five years, from the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty- five years old today.
- 11 I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in.
- 12 Now then, give me this hill country about which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I will drive them out as the Lord has spoken."
- 13 So Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the Lord God of Israel fully. Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba; for Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. **Then the land had rest from war.**

Caleb wholly followed God = this is total commitment. **Total obedience has got to do with wholly following the Lord.** You cannot have grey areas. Leave no area of your life in disobedience.

The Anakim were long-necked people. Note that the mountain has great and fortified fenced cities. If you conquer Hebron (relationships), you can have REST from war. (see Josh 16:14)

Joshua 15:13-20

- 13 Now he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the sons of Judah, according to the command of the LORD to Joshua, *namely*, Kiriath-arba, *Arba being* the father of Anak (that is, Hebron).
- 14 Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the children of Anak.
- 15 Then he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir; now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher.
- 16 And Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife."
- 17 Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it; so he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.
- 18 It came about that when she came *to him*, she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she alighted from the donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?"
- 19 Then she said, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me the land of the Negev, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.
- 20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families.

'Debir' is only taken after Hebron. 'Debir' means sanctuary – speaks of a specific location in the sanctuary. In the Tabernacle, beyond the veil – **you step out of time into the spirit.** This is a realm of Divine engagement. There is a mercy seat – you get mercy and grace; in the Ark are three things; the mercy seat is covered in the blood.

1. Engage principles of manna (grace) that come through a man (Aaron's rod – in the midnight his rod blossoms);
2. when grace comes through the rod (rod is also 'staff of bread or food');
3. then you come into a covenantal relationships (depicted by the law of God).

Then angels (cherubs) witness this. There is a place above the wings of the angels – it is called the 'debir'. It opens up into the realm above – that is the true sanctuary – entry into an eternal dimension of spiritual engagement.

Debir = a sanctuary in which God speaks. **This is where the secrets of God are.** You cannot come to this position by political positions.

The name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher = city of the books – enlightenment – highest learning. The greatest mysteries are about to be revealed.

[E.g. Melchisedek – He was not Jesus because to be a priest – you had to have come out of a human womb; he had to have been one of the sons of Noah.]

To get to this place of enlightenment and revelation there must be no war in your heart. Hebron must be mastered. Most sermons are shaped by your enemy. Only after he possesses Hebron could Caleb go to Debir. Othniel, which means ‘young lion’, took it for him.

Achsah is given to those who take Debir = your **mobility will be fast-tracked.**

This season is not about faith or hope, but love. You will have the closest intimacy with God. **If you perfect love, God will impregnate you with His life and purpose.**

Arba was the greatest of the Anakim.

‘Arba’ means **perfect stature; four square; city of four; one who receives great strength; the croucher or the strength of Baal.**

‘Four’ has got to do with physical existence on earth – the ends of the earth; ministry on planet earth. **Arba mastered perfection on earth – he had full control of his strength on earth.**

The term ‘Perfect’ occurs many times in Scripture, e.g. perfect law, perfect measure, perfect day, perfect one, perfect peace.

Perfection = maturity = your view in life. **God is looking for maturity in how you handle relationships. Have ‘perfect stature’ in relationships.** Hebron produces a people of perfect stature. Noah was perfect in his generation.

Four square = every side is equal. Every part of you must be equal. You must not be strong in one area and weak in another. **Your thoughts must be equal to your speech; what you say is who you are. There must be no posturing, no opportunistic spirit. Get rid of the sarcasm and negativity.** ‘Four square’ implies that even in your secret closet with your wife, you do not speak negatively with bitterness or guile against someone.

John 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

Perfected in ‘unity’ should read perfected in ‘one’.

1 Cor. 13:10 When the perfect has come, that which is in part will be done away with.

The face of grace is love. When you prophesy, people must not so much be impressed by the accuracy of the prophecy, but rather by the spirit of love in which the prophecy came.

Mat 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Eph. 4:13 until we come to the perfect man.

Col 4:12 perfect and complete in the will of God.

Possess the idea that you can be perfect.

Caleb = dog; faithful – a man's best friend; obedient; only listens to one voice. Caleb wanted to possess perfection.

Anak was the son of Arba. Sons replicate the father.

Anak = long-necked giant. Having a neck chain around him.

If your father has perfected relationships – you produce a son with a long neck.

Long neck = obstinate, proud (in a good sense), confident, unchanging in their position or view of life; head in the clouds. Chain around the neck = you have crowned your position.

Anak had three sons:

Hebron is the city of four. Four establishes a domain. You produce giants and people of stature – with a humble spirit. You have to produce men of peace.

1. **Sheshai = my garments is made of fine linen – pure white linen; clothed in white; something that is white and pure.**

He is the firstborn son. He says, "I am clothed in pure white". This highlights **purity, simplicity, sinless-ness, without blemish**. Linen speaks of that which **does not carry perspiration** – a picture of salvation by grace (not works). You never draw attention to your accomplishments – but to God's grace.

The High Priest was God's vicar on the earth. He was clothed in specific garb representing aspects of God; finest silk, cotton, etc. **He walked with stature, nobility**, etc., and you saw a representation of God walking. One group of Levites could carry out the Ark which was carried after the High priest covered it.

Once a year the High Priest had to de-robe, bath, purify himself in oils, purify himself internally and then step beyond the veil wearing a pure white spotless linen ephod, symbolically testifying, "I have not come by my works but by your grace."

Sheshai had to know who he was. He asked, "**WHO AM I?**"

Paul counted all his accolades as dung, to know Christ. You have to come to a place of dis-ownership and humility. Ask yourself, How are you clothed? How are you thinking?

We are living in an awesome hour where, when wine has run out, he is about to bring out the best wine ever from water. Lay down your heart and life for a greater cause.

2. **Ahiman = My brother is Gift**

The question this name suggests is **Who is my brother?** Sheshai suggests, "Who am I?" Nothing!

Who is my brother? **He is the gift of grace that makes me everything that I am.**

Your position is that of - "My brother is greater than me".

First redefine who you are, and then redefine who your brother is. You are your brother's keeper. Wash your brother's feet. Make his feet beautiful. Honour your brother – take a gift to him.

3. **Talmai = I will abound in my furrows;**

His name suggests the mentality that confesses, "I will be bold and spirited in my sufferings; I will be content in my difficulties: I will never compare myself with others that are not suffering as hard as I." Convert what is intended to destroy you to build you.

The question this name suggests is **Where am I?**

Joseph is an example of this. He understood the wickedness of his brothers against him as God's will. They were tools in the hands of God. **The cauldron of testing produces the purity of character.**

Hebron

Part 3

Remember:

- ✓ No matter how people treat you, you must rule and master relationships.
- ✓ Bad relationships deplete your strength.
- ✓ Always see yourself as less than others.
- ✓ The greater parts of the Body always give greater honour to the lesser parts of the Body.
- ✓ Be kind to people. Say a good word.
- ✓ Give correction in kindness.

These things must be MAINTAINED. They must be exercised regularly.

God will release the spirit of the young lion in your life – Othniel. Achsah was given the upper and lower springs – all the waters – firmament- she asked for everything. The earth was too small for this woman.

1 Samuel 25:3 now the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the woman was intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in *his* dealings, and he was a Calebite.

Nabal (the fool) came from Caleb's dynasty. He dishonoured David. If you dishonour relationships you become a fool (stupid). He died because he rejected relationship in David. Dishonour caused the fall of many great men, e.g. Ham – father of Africa. The spirit of Nabal must not come. This does not mean that you have to walk closely with everyone, but you MUST love everyone.

Genesis 13:1-18

- 1 So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.
- 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.
- 3 He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,
- 4 To the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.
- 5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
- 6 And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together.
- 7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.
- 8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

- 9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left."
- 10 Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere--*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah--like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.
- 11 So Lot chose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.
- 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.
- 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.
- 14 The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;
- 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.
- 16 "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.
- 17 "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."
- 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD.

Strife = contention = subtle tensions. When you want to keep the peace by being politically and democratically correct - this is still strife.

Abraham gave Lot first choice. **You always give the one from whom you are separating the benefit of the doubt.** Leave in a correct manner and God will heap blessings upon you.

Lot always seeks to take or to keep. Lot is greedy and governed by self-interest. **Environment does not define you, you define environment.** Learn how to let go. In this season you cannot be connected to a LOT.

God speaks to Abraham **AFTER Lot was separated from him.**

You cannot get to Hebron until you make a decision to give your enemy the benefit of the doubt.

Oak or Terebrinth tree = produces a fuel like turpentine - he could get leverage and momentum.

Mamre = strength or fatness; (cf. Arbar= master of strength)

It also means a **place of improved sight and vision.** Here, you are freed from the root of bitterness. The log in your eye is removed - your perception is clear.

There are certain LOTS that will cloud your vision and perception. Your vision of eternal things becomes clearer. This can happen at multiple levels.

Abraham is at Hebron. **Clarity of vision only comes when you perfect relationships.**

After this He has a visitation by angels, he conquered kings, has a powerful relationship with Melchisedek.

Gen. 23: 1-20

- 1 Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.
- 2 Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.
- 3 Then Abraham rose from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,
- 4 "I am a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a burial site among you that I may bury my dead out of my sight."
- 5 The sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,
- 6 "Hear us, my lord, you are a mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead."
- 7 So Abraham rose and bowed to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.
- 8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your wish *for me* to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach Ephron the son of Zohar for me,
- 9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in your presence for a burial site."
- 10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth; *even* of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,
- 11 "No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead."
- 12 And Abraham bowed before the people of the land.
- 13 He spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept *it* from me that I may bury my dead there."
- 14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,
- 15 "My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead."
- 16 Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, commercial standard.
- 17 So Ephron's field, which was in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were within all the confines of its border, were deeded over
- 18 to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.
- 19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.
- 20 So the field and the cave that is in it, were deeded over to Abraham for a burial site by the sons of Heth.

Heth = people of terror

Machpelah = double cave – cave for two people – the cave of covenant; covenanted in life and in death.

It was east of Mamre.

At Hebron – your dead are buried with you. **You do not discredit the dead.**

In front of you is Mamre. You cannot come to Hebron without remembering and honouring your forefathers in your present.

When the twelve spies returned from spying the land – they saw Hebron – they brought their first fruits. They did not eat it, they first gave their first fruit to their leaders (Moses and Aaron). **First fruits are given within the context of relationship.**

Judges 21:11-13

- 11 "This is the thing that you shall do: you shall utterly destroy every man and every woman who has lain with a man."
- 12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with him; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.
- 13 Then the whole congregation sent *word* and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace to them.

Hebron was a refugee city for safety from murderers as well.

Ex 6:18 The sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty- three years.

Levites – were made up of three families - Kohath, Merari and Gesham.

Kohath (congregation) - they carried the ARK; He had a third son, Hebron. In his responsibility of carrying holy things he produces Hebron, a symbol of relationships. Relationships must be an essential part of the loins of a Kohath people. **Relationships have got to do with the gathering of the people.** Hebronic relationships possess the ability to carry the Glory of God.

Gen 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, and to him *shall be* the **obedience** of the peoples.

Obedience is the 'gathering of the people' (see KJV). Out of our loins must come the spirit that produces the Hebron culture. This son reminds us to gather people together. **Do not scatter people, but gather them. Be a gatherer of the people, not a disperser of the people.**

Build bridges, rather than creating breaches.

1 Samuel 30: 26-31

- 26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, a gift for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD:

- 27 To those who were in Bethel, and to those who were in Ramoth of the Negev, and to those who were in Jattir,
- 28 And to those who were in Aroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in Eshtemoa,
- 29 And to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenites,
- 30 And to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Bor-ashan, and to those who were in Athach,
- 31 And to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to go."

David sent gifts to people in Hebron. **His custom was to roam in the area of Hebron.**

He had a custom in Hebron – whenever he had a breakthrough he would share it with the men in that environment. If you have enjoyed spoils, then **share it with those around you.**

We hate the spirit of the pedlar – we do not defraud the Body of Christ. We are against manipulating people to give. You cannot value relationships without understanding the principle of relationships. Honour is an act of respect. The Body of Christ must learn how to respect each other by sharing gifts amongst each other. Naaman took a camel's load of wealth to Elisha. Queen Sheba honoured Solomon in this way also. Practice honour.

In Hebron there was false alliance: ABSALOM.

2 Samuel 14: 25 -28

- 25 Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.
- 26 When he cut the hair of his head (and it was at the end of every year that he cut *it*, for it was heavy on him so he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at 200 shekels by the king's weight.
- 27 To Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.
- 28 Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, and did not see the king's face.

2 Samuel 15:1-14

- 1 Now it came about after this that Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses and fifty men as runners before him.
- 2 Absalom used **to rise early and stand beside the way to the gate**; and when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."
- 3 Then Absalom would say to him, "**See, your claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king.**"
- 4 Moreover, Absalom would say, "**Oh that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me and I would give him justice.**"

- 5 And when a man **came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.**
- 6 In this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; **so Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.**
- 7 Now it came about at the end of forty years that Absalom said to the king, “Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron.”
- 8 “For your servant vowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, saying, ‘If the Lord shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.’ ”
- 9 The king said to him, “Go in peace.” So he arose and went to Hebron.
- 10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’ ”
- 11 Then **two hundred men went with Absalom from Jerusalem, who were invited and went innocently, and they did not know anything.**
- 12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, from his city Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And **the conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom.**
- 13 Then a messenger came to David, saying, “The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom.”
- 14 David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise and let us flee, for otherwise none of us will escape from Absalom. Go in haste, or he will overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.

Be careful of pretentious men and false spirits parading alliance and friendship. At Hebron, you can strengthen relationships even if they are false relationships as apposed to true. Relationships were used for the wrong purpose – and David realised that he would not prevail against Absalom’s strength of relationship forged at Hebron.

2 Sam 18:18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up for himself a pillar which is in the King’s Valley, for he said, “ I have no son to preserve my name.” So he named the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom’s Monument to this day.

Although Absalom had sons, he built a monument. He realised he had no sons in essence. When you do not build correctly you will never have a son to continue your generational line and your name. Like Absalom, you can only build a monument to remember your past.

Hebron

Part 4

Leaders must also bless someone. Look for opportunities to give to your own people. Even borrow to relieve others. Never stand surety for anyone – it is unbiblical, but seek to help people financially. Do not only give money; demonstrate acts of love in many ways. **Have no enemies; have no prejudice.**

Outlaw the word 'in-law' – it is filled with prejudice. Inconvenience yourself to convenience someone else.

2 Sam. 1:1-27

- 1 Now it came about after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, that David remained two days in Ziklag.
- 2 On the third day, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn and dust on his head. And it came about when he came to David that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.
- 3 Then David said to him, "From where do you come?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."
- 4 David said to him, "How did things go? Please tell me." And he said, "The people have fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."
- 5 So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"
- 6 The young man who told him said, "By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the horsemen pursued him closely.
- 7 "When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, 'Here I am.'
- 8 "He said to me, 'Who are you?' And I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'
- 9 "Then he said to me, 'Please stand beside me and kill me, for agony has seized me because my life still lingers in me.'
- 10 "So I stood beside him and killed him, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown which *was* on his head and the bracelet which *was* on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."
- 11 Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and *so* also *did* all the men who *were* with him.
- 12 They mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.
- 13 David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."
- 14 Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?"
- 15 And David called one of the young men and said, "Go, cut him down." So he struck him and he died.

- 16 David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD'S anointed.'"
- 17 Then David chanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son,
- 18 And he told *them* to teach the sons of Judah *the song of the bow*; behold, it is written in the book of Jashar.
- 19 "Your beauty, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How have the mighty fallen!
- 20 "Tell *it* not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, Or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, The daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
- 21 "O mountains of Gilboa, Let not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings; For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.
- 22 "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did not return empty.
- 23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life, And in their death they were not parted; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions.
- 24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
- 25 "How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places.
- 26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me. Your love to me was more wonderful than the love of women.
- 27 "How have the mighty fallen, And the weapons of war perished!"

Jasher = the book of the just – of equity – of all things being equal.

The book of shooting arrows (sons) from the Bow (fathering).

Everyone must sing the Song of the Bow with rectitude, with uprightness. God hates a false balance and a false weight. **There should be weeping in your heart when you hear of your brother's demise.**

David calls Saul 'beautiful'. David remembered that once **oil was poured on him, and not his behaviour. David wanted to keep the matter private; "Tell it not in Gath". Perfect your speech especially when it comes to the demise of your enemies. David never spoke of Saul with a bitter heart.** David's conscience pricked him when he cut Saul's garment. He touched Saul's mantle – his anointing – and it worried him.

2 Samuel 2:1-7

- 1 Then it came about afterwards that David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." So David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "To Hebron."
- 2 So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.
- 3 And David brought up his men who *were* with him, each with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.
- 4 Then the men of Judah came and there anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."

- 5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, "May you be blessed of the LORD because you have shown this kindness to Saul your lord, and have buried him.
- 6 "Now may the LORD show loving-kindness and truth to you; and I also will show this goodness to you, because you have done this thing.
- 7 "Now therefore, let your hands be strong and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

When you go to Hebron – you take your whole family with you. You do not go alone to Hebron.

2 Samuel 2:11 The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

2 Samuel 3:1-5

- 1 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually.
- 2 Sons were born to David at Hebron: his firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;
- 3 and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur;
- 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;
- 5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

Your heart is measured by Hebron. **Your heart is measured by your conversations. Your speech must be free of venom, hatred, bitterness.** Your song or your speech must drip with grace. Do not 'touch' anyone who is called or anointed.

Keep your heart and your speech clean. **Sadness must grip your heart at the fall of the anointed of God.**

Deal with issues that so often corrupt your relationships in the Ziglag of your lives. Do sort out your relationships. Now when this happens, there are certain things that takes place at Hebron.

A small family can be a great family that will father others.

1 Chron. 11:1-19

- 1 Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.
- 2 "In times past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.'"
- 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.
- 4 Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, *were* there.

- 5 The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David).
- 6 Now David had said, "Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander." Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.
- 7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David.
- 8 He built the city all around, from the Millo even to the surrounding area; and Joab repaired the rest of the city.
- 9 David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.
- 10 Now these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.
- 11 These *constitute* the list of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time.
- 12 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was* one of the three mighty men.
- 13 He was with David at Pasdammim when the Philistines were gathered together there to battle, and there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines.
- 14 They took their stand in the midst of the plot and defended it, and struck down the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory.
- 15 Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, while the army of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.
- 16 David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem.
- 17 David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"
- 18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which *was* by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David; nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;
- 19 and he said, "Be it far from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men *who went* at the risk of their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

All of this was as a result of coming to Hebron.

There were defections of people with unique skills from various tribes to David. **There is coming mighty migrations to us – but you must perfect relationships.** Simply position yourself correctly. David never abused his mighty men – even when they got him water.

When Caleb took Hebron, then only could he take Debir.

When Abraham separated from Lot – he could then go to Hebron.

When God moved David to Hebron – God showed him that he could now have everything that the prophecy said about him.

The people said that they studied him – they validated him by studying his history.

When Israel journeyed in the wilderness, a reputation was being established in the wilderness that transcends into the land of Canaan. The people across the Jordan were already fearing them. People are studying us. Like Rahab – that will not be covenanted sitting in a key position within the wall – they will now come and covenant and be part of the genealogy. She is re-integrated into her genetic code.

Because you value relationships, God will send you the best skills that you need for you to fulfill your purpose.

The welfare of the future of the church is directly linked to the apostolic season.

When God relocated David, he relocated large families or clans. They reconnected to Hebron – and people came to David to reconnect. If you master relationships, revelation will come to you. **People will come to you because of your love, not revelation. Have excellence in your house, but let it be filled with love.**

David went through various experiences in the wilderness. It only increased the force-field of attraction to him. **When you suffer in isolation, and you keep your heart pure, people are attracted to you.**

GATHERED = quabats = movement of a people to a single place of oneness. The power of the mighty men was because they connected to one man, David. The anointing of David was in them – actually it was the spirit of Christ in them. The various modes of manifestation does not destroy the spirit of oneness.

The house of David will be like God – the weakest amongst us will be like David. Gathering = movement based upon divine grace and favour upon an individual. At Hebron they consolidated their relationship. The gathering was not abstract.

As the house of David strengthened, Saul's house got weaker. The weakness of the house of Saul was determined by the strengthening of the house of David. Saul is producing lame children, disorientation in armies, no blacksmiths, absence of skills, etc.

Hebron is a place of Covenant; where conjugal relationships are forged; joinings where partnerships are established; highest and deepest relationships.

David's army is like the army of God. If you are weary racing with men, how can you contend with horses and angels?

There is no racialism or culturalism in this relationship. Tribalism is the spirit of Ammon – segmental thinking. Hebron wants the same alloy (bone of my bone, etc.)

At Hebron, there is commonality of existence. David's development is what attracted them; they studied him and liked what they saw.

1 Chron. 12:39-40

- 39 They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen had prepared for them.
- 40 Moreover those who were near to them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought food on donkeys, camels, mules and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed in Israel.

At Hebron there is eating and drinking. We must not entertain drunkenness and gluttony. At Hebron, we eat and drink – a shared communion and interaction. When a prodigal son returns, there is a party thrown.

Hebron produces seasons of **intimate fellowship** – a third day position. Everyone shared and participated.

Abraham entertained angels with a meal.

PRINCIPLE OF COVERING

Covenant = kareth = symbolic of killing oneself to honour a pledge.

Cf. Covenant of Salt – the couple to be married had to mix their salt indicating their oneness.

Atonement is part of Covenant. Atonement = to cover. He covered the nakedness of Adam and Eve; cancelling debt.

Pitch that covered the ark = atonement; like blood covering sin. When they anointed David king over Israel – they cut covenant with him. They were being immunised.

Be in covenant – do not just be committed to a commitment.

Consecrate the one you are covenanted with – rub oil on the person.

The men anointed David – the people have to also anoint you. The people come to a place of acceptance of you.

SONS WERE BORN TO DAVID AT HEBRON.

God will give us significant people to father in the present season.

Spiritual High Priesthood of All Believers

Part 1

The ministry of prayer has not yet been fully understood. Up to now, many have just been involved in the activity of prayer. We have been entrusted with the ministry of the High Priesthood. Many are involved in the work of prayer and not in the spirit of prayer. We think that prayer earns rewards to attain special privileges. No matter where you are, you should always be in prayer. **When we live in the sanctified environment of peaceful relationships, we will exude the presence of God into the regions of the earth.**

We are after the Melchisedek order of Priesthood. The book of Isaiah, which has 66 chapters, is depictive of the entire Bible, which has 66 books.

Isaiah 61:6-7

- 6 But you will be **called the priests of the Lord**; You will be spoken of as **ministers of our God**. You will eat the **wealth of nations**, and **in their riches you will boast**.
- 7 Instead of your shame you will have a **double portion**, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. **Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.**

The **'wealth of nations'** – the world will give to you. Everything that belongs to God, the High Priest partakes of it. **'Double honour'** – the Priesthood has double honour. Instead of confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion.

The 'High-Priesthood' principle is the gateway through which God will come riding into the earth.

One Pre-requisite for High Priesthood is SONSHIP

You must first be called 'SON'. We are not just the 'son' of God, we are the 'firstborn' son of God. Firstborn sonship must be established into your thinking.

What does the firstborn son do? He acts on behalf of his Father as part of the High Priesthood in the earth. We can in this economy, forgive men of their sins. He does it on Christ's behalf. Similarly you can heal. It includes the administration of the covenants, mysteries, etc.

If people come into this, we will not have the dependant culture. **The profession of Jesus is our profession. His vocation is my vocation. His calling is my calling. Whatever He is, we are.**

- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when **He appears, we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.

As you see Him as High Priest, so you become like Him.

Revelation feeds the sons of God in understanding how they ought to emulate Christ. That's why we have apostles and prophets. Luke 11 indicates that apostles and prophets have keys. These keys bring knowledge to us. When they bring it, you start to emulate Christ.

1 John 4:17 – 'as He is, so are we in this world'.

Rom 8:28,29

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. **For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Image = exact representation. We are being conformed to the image of Him. Unless a seed falls to the ground and dies, it will not bear fruit. He died so as to reproduce after His kind in us. Do not reduce your ministry to less than what it should be. **Do not make the 'gift' more important than the 'Spirit'.**

He is the firstborn '**IN**' (Greek = 'en') many brethren. You are His final resting place – i.e. in you is the firstborn principle.

Hebrews 2:1 -18

- 1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*.
- 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,
- 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,
- 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.
- 5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.
- 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?"
- 7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOUR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
- 8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.
- 9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.
- 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.
- 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

- 12 saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."
- 13 And again, "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM." And again, "BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."
- 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.
- 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Do not neglect so great a salvation. In the past we spoke of salvation to escape hell. We should have stressed sonship (from slavery to sonship).

'Brethren' = those that come out from the same womb. See Jesus not as your husband, but brother. The Name of God is Father (see John 17). To build your faith, just get a revelation of your Father. **The pre-requisite to High Priesthood ministry is to come to the revelation of God as your Father. Sonship is foundational to priesthood.**

Melchizedek could not have been Jesus.

Hebrews 3: 1-3

- 1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, **consider** Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;
- 2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.
- 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honour than the house.

We are partakers in the Heavenly calling. Attentively fix your eyes upon what you are called to be.

Consider = seriously study Jesus as an Apostle and High Priest.

Two things: Apostle and High Priesthood = the King-Priest ministry. All sons of God are both Kings and Priests – not 'either /or'. There was a false teaching that separated Kings and Priests. It taught that some are priests (five-fold ministry) and some are kings (making money).

Apostles = from the idea of one who carries a commission to act on behalf of the king as an emissary. The principle resident within an apostle is that you are an extension or replica of Christ as a King. You are here to recolonise a planet that has been falsely and illegally taken away from us.

Like a cross – horizontal = kingly; vertical = priestly. **As a King you access the heavens as a Lamb. You go as lambs, but on the inside of you, you function as a king.**

You are called to administrate two realms. Your job description includes heaven and earth. You are the God-man in Christ. The divine and the earthly functions in you.

You are the interface between heaven and earth. Through you God administrates His purposes.

Hebrews 5:5-11

- 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";
- 6 just as He says also in another *passage*, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."
- 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.
- 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.
- 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
- 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- 11 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

At the age of 30, a person was coronated as a priest. At 30, the Father said to Christ, "This is my son". **God first recognised that a son will be the priest.** John said, "**Behold the LAMB**". The outward appearance of the son is that of the Lamb – chosen to die for others. A lamb never lives for itself. If you are a son, the picture that describes you in relation to the world is that you die for the world. **You give yourself for the benefit of others.**

In Jewish households, within 30 days, the firstborn is taken to the priest from the High Priest family. They took the child to give him to the priest. They could redeem the child back for a price of 5 silver shekels. The parents knew that they paid a redemptive price to care for the child.

All the firstborn sons from the 11 tribes belonged to God. When God counted the number of firstborn sons it was more than twelve thousand. There were 273 more Levites than firstborns. The parents paid the price of redemption to the Levites who took their place. They paid 5 shekels each to the High Priest – so that the Levites would be the full representation of the principle of firstborn. When God sees the Levites, He sees the whole nation.

In the loins of Abraham was Levi. When Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedek, he was tithing for all the tribes represented in the firstborn (Levites). A whole nation was paying tithes in Levi to Melchisedek. This is the principle of representation. **Wherever you are, in you is represented all the nations of the earth. You bring sanctity and immunity to many.**

If in Adam, we all fell in him, in Christ we live. One of us can stand in a nation and cover that nation.

Note Hebrews 5:9: "To all who obey Him" – i.e. you and I can come into the same ministry.

Heb 7:28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

Son here is the corporate son.

The High Priest functions on the basis of Father and Son. You are God's High Priest – you are His son – He is your Father.

As a High-Priesthood emerges, the environment in which you function automatically becomes a divine sphere. You provide divine immunity into your realm. Some of the most popular people in the earth will come to you for counsel and divine protection. You will become an initiate in the mysteries of God.

Spiritual High Priesthood of All Believers

Part 2

ALL of our ministry on earth is after Christ's high priestly order. Only one person could go beyond the veil. No Levite could go. Three family groups were in the Levitical order – each one had a specific function. None of them could look into the holy things. Kohath only carried the holy things after it was covered.

Moses did not even know that God will change the Levitical order from Levi to Judah after the order of Melchisedek. This was a high priestly order. This was operative within the eternal dimension. **Priests function in the timeless zone.** At the cross the veil was rent in two. At this point every Levite became unemployed. The Levitical order became redundant at this point. Everyone in the new priesthood will now have access beyond the veil. **Thus now we have access beyond the veil – which was a high priestly realm.**

The bowl of incense was moved from the holy place to the holiest of all. All access is given to you, not just forgiveness of sins. The bowl is moved from the holy place to the holiest of all. **True prayer can only take place when you function from the high priesthood of all believers and not from the priesthood of all believers.**

Much of prayer today is based on works and not on grace. Prayer will get redefined in the present season. Twenty four seven, your spirit prays always, even though you have seasons of dedicated prayer.

Prayer can only take place if you understand that the pre-requisite for your priesthood is sonship in God. Prayer operates on the premise that you can only talk to God as a son would to his father. If you approach God as a beggar, you approach Him with a shopping list.

Meanings of 'Priest':

- One empowered to administrate matters on behalf of the Father. He has executive privilege in the earth. He is endowed with the Divine sphere. HE brings the sphere of the sacred into the realm of that which has been contaminated.

Melchisedek means 'King of Salem' - **Peace – harmony – prosperity.** Peace is a well rounded word touching every aspect of one's life. Jews greet with SHALOM! – **This is more of a pronouncement than a greeting – an impartation of peace to areas where there is lack.**

The realm of our existence includes laws, human nature, customs, etc. – every part of us must be invaded by the eternal – by the sacred.

In the fall everything fell into a position of malfunction. Cholesterol, for example, can be arrested so that it will not be in future generations. We have to broaden our horizons.

- **Wherever you are you bring spiritual immunity – that region becomes consecrated.** Demons flee until there is no more place for them – they have to go to the lake of fire or bottomless pit. **Abraham defeated the coalition of kings – because he had a high-priestly impartation in the person of Melchisedek.** When the Tabernacle is in the centre – everything is protected. Cities, villages, nations, continents will come under the custody of divine protection. Anyone who comes within the sphere of that region, they enjoy prosperity at every level.
- When you get the High Priesthood right, kings and heroes will come to seek protection. Kings always stayed plugged into the environment that blessed them.
- If you know how to function in this realm, you are initiated into all the mysteries of the Kingdom. You get secrets, witty inventions, etc. This is the angelic order. You become the angel or the messenger of God. You may be very ordinary, but if you start thinking like this, the environment will change.
- **He has made US kings and priests. He made ALL of us kings and priests. Some of us are not kings only and some are not priests only; we are all kings and priests. You can touch heaven as a priest and heaven as a king.**

1 Pet 2:9-10

- 9 But you are A chosen race, A royal priesthood, A holy nation, A people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- 10 for you once were not A people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Rev 1:4-7

- 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
- 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood--
- 6 and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Rev 5:8-10

- 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- 9 And they *sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- 10 "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

There are mysteries locked up in the scrolls. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah prevails to open the scrolls. He sees the Lamb – a priestly anointing. The Lion is depicting the King. In this world we look like lambs – a substitute – born to die – to deputy on behalf of God.

Hebrews 7:11-28

- 11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need *was there* for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?
- 12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.
- 13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.
- 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.
- 15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,
- 16 who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.
- 17 For it is attested *of Him*, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."
- 18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness
- 19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.
- 20 And inasmuch as *it was* not without an oath
- 21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'");
- 22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.
- 23 The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,
- 24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.
- 25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
- 26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;
- 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
- 28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

Meleceh = King

Malak = to be sent; You function as a sent one on behalf of another.

Zedek = right = righteousness, equity, judicious.

King of righteousness = a new order is coming where righteousness would be represented on the earth. It has got to do with rules, regulations, governmental order, etc. This is the jurisprudence of the heavens. If you want to be a part of the high priesthood – you only live solely for God – and not by the opinions of people.

This priesthood is after the order of an indestructible life. This priesthood gives life that cannot be killed. This is endless life. There is no death within this constitution. Wherever you are, there is life. Every situation should blossom wherever you are. There will be fruitfulness. When God said to Jesus- You are a priest FOREVER – this automatically includes us – because we are after His order.

In my Name – this is the name of ‘SON’ – identity. You have whatever. At His baptism the Father said, “This is my SON”.

This high priestly ministry is above the heavens. The heavens were created on day two. On day one there was light = God is light = nothing hidden.

Melchisedek is Shem:

A man cannot be a priest if he is not human. He must have a mother and father. John was a man sent from God – yet had a mother and father. Jesus came as a man – he had a mother – through blood and water He came out. Before Abraham, Jesus existed, but born in time. He had a mother and father, but when He stepped into timelessness, He is not reckoned after His earthly lineage.

Genesis 6: 1-22

- 1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
- 2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
- 3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
- 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.
- 5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
- 7 The LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."
- 8 But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.
- 9 These are *the records of* the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

- 10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 12 God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.
- 13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.
- 14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.
- 15 "This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.
- 16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.
- 17 "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.
- 18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.
- 19 "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.
- 20 "Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive.
- 21 "As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."
- 22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Sons of God in verse 1 = sons of Seth; they married daughters of Cain and produced a hybrid type. Sons in God's image are marrying daughters of a murderous order and produce gigantic problems.

Noah was just (righteous), perfect (faultless), walked with God. His genealogy is first characterised by his character and lifestyle.

Noah had three sons- Shem, Ham and Japheth. Hence Melchisedek had to come from Noah or from his three sons. **The firstborn son of every family was High Priest. Shem is the firstborn.**

Shem = One who keeps the Name.

Name = the reputation of God. He keeps the name of God. Jesus says, "Father I have kept them in Your name". He said, "The glory I had I want to give it to them" - i.e. in them Your Name would be kept. The name Father is on the forehead of the 144 000. The High Priestly order keeps His name and glory.

Genesis 9:18-29

- 18 Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan.
- 19 These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.
- 20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.
- 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.
- 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.
- 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.
- 24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.
- 25 So he said, "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers."
- 26 He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant.
- 27 "May God enlarge Japheth, And let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant."
- 28 Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.
- 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

The Lord covers Shem (The Lord, the God of Shem)

'May Canaan be his servant' = Canaan (Ham's Son) will be under Shem.

Japheth (European nations) – 'May God enlarge you' – these nations conquered the nations historically. Jews don't do this. They just remain still and rule the earth. Everyone walks in their shadow.

Japheth dwells in the tents of Shem. Everyone is living in Shem's shadow.

If you are after the high priesthood, everyone will come to serve you.

Gen 11:10-32

- 10 These are *the records of* the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;
- 11 and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 12 Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah;
- 13 and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 14 Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;
- 15 and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg;
- 17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;

- 19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;
- 21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 22 Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;
- 23 and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of Terah;
- 25 and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 26 Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.
- 27 Now these are *the records of the generations* of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran became the father of Lot.
- 28 Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.
- 29 Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and Iscah.
- 30 Sarai was barren; she had no child.
- 31 Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.
- 32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

After the flood, Shem lived 500 years. He was 100 years when he came out from the Ark. When God spoke to Noah – it took 100 years to build the Ark – thus Shem was born.

Shem outlived everyone in his genealogy.

Abraham waited 100 years for Isaac to be born. When Isaac was born, Shem was still living.

Terah was 70 years when he had Abraham.

Terah dies at 205 years old.

Shem was 469 years.

Abraham dies at 175.

Shem outlived Abraham. He lived for 56 years while Isaac was living.

He was the one who spoke to Abraham. He gave Abraham God's eternal plan for his life. Any King that comes into your domain will serve you. You can take on Chedorlaomer.

Heb 5:6 just as He says also in another *passage*, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

Of Melchisedek – we cannot say much more of him.

Firstborn Sonship

Part 1

The last pillar of Apostolic communities, viz. prayer, is being built. Prayer is not normal prayer activity. **The Apostolic season has got to do with the eternal conceived in time.** The apostolic is a dimension that exists with Christ.

We are builders of the ancient ruins. He is raising up the ancient foundations – this is not a time-related zone in which they were corrupted, but a time in eternity in the heart of God.

'Reconstitution' refers to putting things back in their original order. The church is not a break in time. Adam did not just fall out from dominion but from eternity. When he sinned, then time as we know it began. **We are moving out from time back into eternity.**

The earth must be re-clothed in its former glory. **The original operational environment for the earth is not time-related. Satan blinds the mind of unbelievers.** There is a blinding of the mind – a pushing back of the sensory facilities – where man operates on the platform of reason and calculation.

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God 'breathed' and man 'became'. Man 'BECAME' as a consequence of the 'BREATH OF GOD'. Adam could not define himself separate from the breath of God (His nature and character). **When the breath of God came into Adam it constituted Adam into the same order as God.** It brought into Adam the Divine 'image and likeness'. This brings representation. Adam had to be a direct representation of God. Image implies exact representation. **The thoughts and actions of Adam were constituted to be the thoughts and actions of God.** Adam named the animals. **In naming it he constituted it to behave in a certain way.**

Adam was as a result of the breath of God. He lost representation in his sin, and his ability to name and call things as God wanted him to call it. Now he chose to operate his life separate and apart from deity. He is now reduced to a mere mortal separate from God. He stepped into the place of logic and reasoning. He became the first orphan. Anyone who operates in this model operates as an orphan. **Religion is the height of the manifestation of the orphan spirit. He lost his identity once given to him and so affirms himself by his works.** All religion stinks in the nostrils of God.

God is after the reconstitution of man.

1 Cor. 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became A living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

There are only two men – the first Adam and the last Adam.

Romans indicates that we must 'Confess with our mouth Jesus as Lord'. 'Confess' implies making an oath – binding yourself legally, based on the internal belief that God raised Jesus from the dead. Two witnesses agree – i.e. your heart and mouth. Heart belief and mouth confession constitutes salvation. You confess Him as Lord. (You don't make Him your Saviour). You come to a place of imminent death to yourself. This is the first place where God begins to axe out the Adamic nature in us.

Melchisedek operated in the power of an indestructible life.

1 Cor. 15:46

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Locate yourself. You are born from above. You come from the time-less zone called Christ! You bear the image of the heavenly.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed.

Not so much the text of Scripture – but the very life of God Himself.

God is breathing over us. When apostles speak, the outflow of this is the release of breath. This reconstitutes into the original order and image.

FIRSTBORN

Rom. 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

The firstborn is being formed within us through the in-breathing of revelation. Christ in you the hope of glory.

Your confession takes you out from the Adamic. **The work of restoration is the restored image. There will be no dominion without a restored image. Dominion is a consequence of the restored image. If the Divine image is marred, there is no dominion. If you seek to have dominion without HIS image, you still function as an orphan. You have to sit under Divine 'BREATH' (voice) in order for the image to come into you.**

God chose you before time. He blessed you. You cannot be cursed. You are sealed in the blessing of God.

Eph. 1:3,4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every **spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ**, just as He chose us in Him

before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.
In love.

You are already blessed. **Blessed = eulogia = a blessing by WORDS; the installation of the right mentality.** The mind of Adam keeps you in the broken image. You are already affirmed in God.

I AM 'FIRSTBORN SON' as it existed in God's mind. Let's go back to the school master – the law – which directs us to Christ. It teaches us by pictures, symbols, divine cameos. The communication is not clear – it needs interpretation. Through it, you can see the reality of the eternal. That which is natural came first. Then the spiritual came. But what is spiritual is first although it comes after the natural. Because our perception is so damaged, God must take us back to the school-master.

Egypt seeks to keep us in bondage. An apostolic type busts us out from bondage.

Exod 4:22-23 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, "Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I said to you, 'Let My son go that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.

Pharaoh locked up the Hebrews for 430 years, reducing them to slaves in their mentality – turning the sons of God into slaves. Where you have leadership control, manipulation and domination, you have witchcraft. If you are subject to this, your pastor is a witch.

Let them worship or serve me. Worship is not singing songs. Worship starts with your body (with all its craving) being on the altar.

First = protos = first in order, time, rank, etc.

Firstborn = first in the order of birth.

Birthright had three fundamentals:

1. **Right of Double portion of father's inheritance.** Elisha had this privilege of firstborn from Elijah. Double share of the inheritance of his father.
2. **Right of headship in the absence of the father.** The firstborn governed over the other sons. It gives the right of fatherhood in the absence of God the Father.
3. **The firstborn was given a verbal invocation of the blessing.** We are already blessed in Christ.

Genesis 49:1-3

- 1 Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come.
- 2 "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; and listen to Israel your father.
- 3 "Reuben, you are **my firstborn; my might and the beginning of my strength, Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.**

Blessings from patriarchal fathers impart a divine trust – something of himself is given to you; this configures your seed line and you function in accordance with this prophetic decree.

Reuben is addressed first. **He is first in MIGHT. He is the first sign of STRENGTH, excellency of dignity and power.**

FIRSTBORN = FIRST FRUIT. The Firstborn is the one that bursts the womb. He paves the way for the others still to be born, the opportunity to be born. **He makes it easy for the others to be born. The firstborn represents the fullness of the others doing it.** He opened the matrix of the womb first. He becomes the **father's generative power.** He is indicative of the father's power to beget. The father's power is concentrated in the firstborn.

The firstborn receives the patriarchal lineage to perpetuate the line. **The firstborn starts a new lineage – he is at the head of a new line of decent.**

He is first in Excellence, Dignity, Power and Might

Excellency = to be superior, to be pre-eminent; to have a rank above; the uttermost in authority; the power to prevail in warfare.

The firstborn son is always higher in rank than satan.

This is embodied in Micah 4 and Isaiah 2, where the House of God is on top of the mountains - the highest in rank. It will be on the top of every other mountain.

As a firstborn son, your confession must be, **“I am the excellency of God's dignity in the earth, I am the excellency of God's strength and power in the earth”.** When this becomes reality, then the nations will ascend the hill and ask to be taught.

David went from Adullam to Ziglag to Hebron to Zion – each place was an ascension into a higher place. The road to this is one of persecution. Understand the persecution of the Saul dimension. David sang Saul's praises when he died. **When Saul throws the spear, just play the harp.** His place of ascendancy is through Hebron. **David is the eighth son of Jesse, but receives the rights of the firstborn.**

Saul asked of David, “Whose son is this”. The son is the social continuance of the father's line in the earth. **There is no direct route from Ziglag to Zion. You have to go through Hebron. Hebron is the highest elevation naturally – the highest place we can come to in covenant.**

If the firstborn fails, the rest fails. The first-fruit is like the yeast in the rest of the dough or body.

Reuben did not receive the blessing because of two major faults.

Gen 49:4 **“Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it —he went up to my couch.**

Reuben dishonoured his father. To dishonour headship is the cardinal sin. David showed us how not to dishonour. 'Bed' is a picture of covenant. In the midst of Jacob's grief after the burial of Rachel, Reuben slept with his father's concubine. He lost patriarchal favour. Esau lost his birthright for a pot of soup. You can lose your firstborn status.

You may cover your sin, but you will be found naked.

'Unstable as water' = unbridled, ungovernable, lacking firmness.

James 1:6-7

- 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.
- 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Double-mindedness = unstable - you will not receive anything from God.

Your rank as a firstborn son in Christ presupposes a strong sense of internal self-government. Firstborn privilege could be forfeited through indiscipline.

Heb. 12:15-17

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

Spiritual adultery is engaging with foreign systems. **Do not sell your birthright for temporal or carnal gratification.**

Reuben's fault was that he violated covenant and had complete disregard for his father's grief. **To dishonour is an internal mental disposition. Honour is seen is how you value someone.**

Where Jesus was dishonoured, He could not do any mighty miracles.

Thamo Naidoo:

The terms, 'image' and 'imagination' are linked. You cannot have the right image without having the right imagination. Your accurate representation of Christ is contingent on your state of mind.

Firstborn Sonship

Part 2

The firstborn is supposed to live in contradiction to the dictates of the earth. If not, the church would be traditional, mundane and institutional. If the church agrees with the world order, we have lost our mandate. One of the things that makes the church ordinary is its misunderstanding of the word ETERNITY. Our headquarters is in the invisible realm. If our operations are cut off from the eternal, then we are doing our own thing. We are to operate from out of the framework of the eternal. **The most important consideration for the church presently is that we do not become divorced from the eternal dimension or timeless zone.**

A river demarcates two realms. We are at the Jordan – lowest point of our journey – going down into death before we are raised into fullness of life. Egypt = world; wilderness = formation; Jordan = death; Gilgal = circumcision of excess flesh; you have to go through all these stages before you inherit your land.

We need to cross over. **Abraham is the Hebrew – i.e. one that knows how to translocate from one realm to the next realm.** The day Melchisedek blessed Abraham – Abraham gave him tithes. Melchisedek negotiated peace. Abraham tithed to him without law but within grace. We were in the loins of Abraham the day when he received blessings. Hence, **the ability to translocate is in us also.** Gal. 3 – the promises made unto Abraham and **His seed, i.e. Christ.** The seed of Abraham is not gender or culture or nation sensitive. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed. **One seed has a dual expression – it is both the head (Jesus) and body (church).** Christ is eternal. Our seed is established in a king-priest order. This King ruled over a realm called righteousness. The throne of God is based on righteousness and justice. The order of the king-priest negotiates in the earth the righteous decree of God – this is related to firstborn.

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined **to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Conformed = to be shaped together with.

This speaks of an association – coming into an associative state with Christ, the firstborn.

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of all creation.**

Christ = image of the invisible God.

We are fused and shaped together into this one image.

We are not really the firstborn in ourselves – but we are being conformed into the image of Christ the firstborn – allow yourself to be conformed into this image.

Church = Body of Christ (not Jesus). The head is in the eternal zone; and the body is in the temporal zone.

The term for God, 'El Elyon' = possessor of heaven and earth. This occurs with Him as head, and we as His body. The problem is that the Body is out of alignment with the headship of this Christ. The church must see the eternal time arrangement.

The ultimate of the blind man in John 9 is that he would confess Christ. Opening of the eyes = coming to the sight of the eternal. **Spiritual sight is a product of the mind.** The enemy attempts to blind us with reason, etc.

The spirit of lawlessness works – yet we do not see its operation in the house of God. The operation of iniquity or lawlessness is at work but we cannot see it. Much of the church does not have the mechanism to detect lawlessness. Lawless works in the church – sets itself in the temple of God showing itself to be God. The church does not realise it is already under a coup.

The word '**RUINS**' from Acts 15 and Amos 9, is 'catascapto' = cato = under; scapto = to dig; hence to dig underneath the foundations. You have to see under the foundations. The foundations are ruined. **Prophets scan everything and look beyond what is apparent.**

Joh 4:35 "Do **you not say**, 'There are yet **four months**, and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

Note, "Do you not SAY".

SAY = lego = to strategically build an opinion through your ability to study it. Look beyond the natural cycles of the earth. Jesus discerned their thoughts.

We are counted in that order of the firstborn. He is the firstborn, as He is, so are we.

He overcame death – then so will we overcome death.

The disciples got stuck in the immediacy of their physical state. Perceive where we are as a church. **'Beulah' land is beyond this present church's reality. Come into the land called Beulah – flowing with the provision of the eternal.** We are supposed to dispense Christ – hence we must see as He sees.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES – and SEE – the harvest is white unto harvest - the harvesting of all things in these end times.

The enemy has sown the tares among the wheat.

Feasts of Tabernacles is upon us and this incorporates ones-ness and glory.

The foundation of the apostolic mindset is the apprehension of the eternal things, not as in an expectation of a future hope, but rather, an assertion of a present reality.

The things that are seen are temporal – things unseen are eternal. Begin to survey the land of Christ that God wants you to access. As you SEE it, you will SPEAK it.

The order of the firstborn is connected to speaking accurately.

Confession = homologeo = to speak the same as the logos. Christ is the apostle and High Priest.

Psalms 110: 2-4

- 2 The LORD will stretch forth **Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."**
- 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You *as* the dew.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a **priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.**"

Order = dibra = dabar is a derivative of it.

Hence, in the words of God is the accomplished act as the words are spoken. "The Word I send shall not return void." The word is 'sent' – the word has an apostolic assignment.

The right of the firstborn = **he has a double-mouth** – from the word, 'double-portion' or 'double-share'. The Hebrew, '**peh**' = edge of the sword = **entrance of a gate and a mouth prepared to speak.**

The firstborn son has got the right of '**double mouth**', i.e. **right and authority to speak on behalf of the father.** In the mouth of two or three every fact shall be established. As firstborn, you do not need another witness with authentic evidence. You have in your singular mouth the power of witness. You are the witness of the Father in the earth. When you speak, law goes out. You have the right to speak on behalf of the father.

There is only one calling – the heavenly calling – we are share-holders of this heavenly calling.

He is the firstborn from the dead. He has overcome death. He carries the evidence that He has conquered death. In the day when He arose, He went to present Himself to His father. He carried His body and blood to His father. Two emblems – body and blood. Melchisedek served Abraham bread and wine. Our High Priest took His own body and blood. High priests had to mediate. Christ was the Priest and the offering. Christ is the great High Priest. This High Priest is in REST. He is the firstborn in us (Rom. 8:29). **Christ in us makes us a 'double-mouth' witness on earth. Us in Christ makes us a witness in the heavens.**

Order = dibra (dabar) = also speaks about succession or arrangement – a word arrangement

The priesthood operates in the power of an indestructible or endless life.

We, the church of the firstborn, must speak on the earth as the logos is in Heaven - as it is in the life of Christ. We, on earth, must vibrate at the same frequency as Christ speaks in the Heavens. You have got to SPEAK in the earth. You send words up from you to Him - Christ mediates based upon your confession.

Decree = the release of a law. Only kings decree. Order of Melchisedek = king of righteousness. You are a 'Melchisedek'.

Christ made you a kingdom of priests. We rule and reign on the earth, He rules the heavens. How does He function in heaven? What is He doing? People say He is interceding for us. He sits as a king-priest. The work of the eternal must be appropriated by the church - we must not be cut off from him because we do not have sight.

From the word '**intercession**' comes '**cession**' - **the cessionary work of Jesus Christ.** This includes Him being an intercessor. Intercession is not just continual prayer.

There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. He is a mediator. He is seated as king in the Melchisedek order. He is the eternal judge on the throne. He is like a CEO of a company - He has emissaries - sent ones - an ambassadors - the function is to do a reconciling work in the earth. He wants to relocate the place of His throne to us.

He is Lawgiver, Judge and King.

He is the root (originator; He is David's Lord) and offspring of David (He is David's greatest son). He is the seed of David and of Abraham. He is the seed of Abraham as to the land. He is the seed of David as to the right to rule the land. David operated as a king-priest. **Jesus is our High Priest - He has given us double-share - double-mouth in the earth. When we speak, it is Him speaking in us. Everything will centre around the mouth as we near the end times.**

What is He doing now? It is the administration of the Kingdom - but we are His emissaries to carry His administrative right into the earth. Matt 28 - All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me, therefore "Go". An ambassador represents his government in another country. He functions in the embassy and enjoys political immunity. We come from the heavens into a foreign land, i.e. the earth (it was sold by Adam by default). Now we are re-invading the land to take it back. Every local church is an embassy. As we speak, we install new laws of our government in the earth. We make the earth compliant.

Righteousness = to operate equitable and just; in divine compliance.

Firstborn Sonship

Part 3

Prophecy: We are coming into the season for the sons. Fathers have laboured and provided enough seed in the sons to beget the line or genealogy that can be carried through until time is no more. Father beget Christ – the seed. Sons beget Christ in the earth. The Father laughs with joy over us. In Psalm 2 He laughs in derision against those that stand against His Holy One. Never ever lift up yourself in pride; remain humble. There are many apostles and prophets in obscurity who are still being prepared. **No one is insignificant – everyone is important in God's economy. The Firstborn principle gives us the right of equality of expression. There is no copyright on revelation. God is looking for name-less and face-less people.** Micah 4:8ff ... God will take the lame and blind and form them into a remnant – a great nation. **God will give the voiceless people a voice.**

As water reflects the face, so a man's thoughts reflect the man. We are the many-membered, one new man, in Christ. Christ is not divided. **God is not counting heads, but He is looking for obedience in this season. Acceleration will occur as you position yourself.** We are part of the corporate Body of Christ.

When the sons begin to run, God will give them great revelation. A son's identity is vested within his father. The Moslem nations will come into the Kingdom in great numbers.

FIRSTBORN – CONTINUED

The Battle of the Seeds:

Genesis 3:15-16

- 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."
- 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

The battle that occurred in the garden is still being fought today. The battle is to maintain the purity of the seed-line. The Bible is a book of our inheritance. The Old Testament is like a picture book. Old Testament saints are contemporary with us – without us they are not made perfect. The cloud of witnesses is here today. God has one family in heaven and in earth. His family in heaven is with us. We are being urged on by those that went on ahead of us.

There are two lines: one of the deceiver and one of the firstborn.

The seed almost got wiped out in the days of Athalliah and Jehoiada. **The issue has always been to get rid of the seed so that the Messiah would not come.** If satan cannot wipe the seed out, he will cause mixture of the seed (Samaritan spirit).

Inter-marriage was forbidden. God wanted the separate development of His people. In Malachi, God was after godly seed. We must maintain godly seed.

There is the firstborn after the flesh and the firstborn after the spirit. Patriarchs brought forth two sons. Son of the flesh is demoted and son of the Spirit is promoted.

Adam had two sons. Cain was firstborn naturally, i.e. after the flesh. **He lost firstborn privilege because he operated in fleshly carnality.** Abel's offering was accepted. The firstborn after the flesh killed the firstborn after the spirit. The blood of Abel is still speaking vengeance, but the blood of Christ cries 'mercy'.

You keep the line pure through fathering and sonship. A father begets a son in the same order of the seed line. Covenant promises are given to the father. If he does not fulfill it, it is given to the son. When the son has done it, it is attributed as though the father has done it.

Noah had three sons. HAM, firstborn after the flesh, uncovered his father's nakedness. SHEM covered his father's nakedness. He honours his father. Through Shem, the line is continued. Shem is always reckoned as firstborn.

Sons of the flesh always persecute the true seed. Abraham had Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael = son after the flesh – although he is firstborn in a sense, he is set aside – he mocked the son of promise and he was a man of wrath. Through Isaac, the firstborn after the spirit, the promises are now fulfilled.

Isaac had two sons: Esau and Jacob. Esau = flesh = carnal appetites; he despised his birthright. The promise goes to Jacob. The birthright was sold to him. He was prince with God.

Jacob had twelve sons. Jacob married Leah – brought forth four boys - Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah. Reuben is set aside because he dishonours his father by sleeping with his concubine. Simeon and Levi operated in the flesh, killing Shechem for the rape of their sister – so that they forfeited the transfer of birthright privilege. The firstborn son of Rachel, Joseph (11th son in the family), receives the rights of the firstborn.

Joseph had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob crossed his hands when he imparted the blessing to them. Right hand of blessing is placed on Ephraim (double-fruitful). **The order of birth of the earth is cancelled and God determined the firstborn status.**

In the narrative of the 'Exodus', we have two nations, Israel and Egypt. Egypt was a great nation. Egypt was set aside. But Israel is the firstborn (Israel = church in the wilderness). A whole nation is attributed with firstborn status. All rights of firstborn are attributed to Israel as a nation.

In Egypt, the lamb is slain – the gospel is proclaimed. The message of the firstborn is proclaimed. It was the last of the plagues that released Israel.

The atoning blood protected Israel. Safety was found under the blood of the lamb (Christ). Their immunity was inside the door (Christ) of the house (church).

God killed the firstborn of Pharaoh to release the firstborn out from bondage. The Passover is the release of the firstborn. **The Passover is a feast of mobility, shutting off the old and manoeuvring into the new.**

All the feasts will now be re-celebrated in the seventh month. Tabernacles = a feast of journeying out of time into eternity.

Major Things Involved Firstborn Rights

1. **Headship**
2. **Double Portion**
3. **Verbal blessing invoked**
4. **Priesthood**
5. **Kingship**
6. **Prophetic**
7. **Double-portion ministry**
8. **Bruising of satan's head**

Most people operate in the legal status of what God accomplished for them. In justification, Christ has done all things for us. **This needs to be appropriated by faith and submission to the Holy Ghost. He works it into our lives.**

Levi got the priesthood and Judah got the kingship. Kingship infers ruling and reigning with Christ.

The book of Hebrews speaks of a sceptre of righteousness. It's our right of privilege.

Be careful of the Samaritan spirit. When they came out from Babylon, only a few came out to rebuild the temple. When they laid the foundations they were intimidated. The building was delayed for 16 years. When they began to rebuild, they were invaded by the Samaritan spirit.

Now we need purity and integrity.

What are some features of Firstborn?

1. Firstborn was **consecrated and presented** to the Lord by sacrifice.

Exod. 13:1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "**Sanctify to Me every firstborn**, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me.

Exod. 13:12 you shall devote to the Lord the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the Lord. But every first offspring of

a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

The **firstborn** ... was sanctified to the Lord,
 was sacrificed to the Lord,
 was presented to the Lord,
 had to be redeemed,
 had to be made holy unto the Lord.

These five principles must be upheld by us today. **You are firstborn, but you can despise your firstborn status.**

When you lose the favour of God, you can journey with the people of God, but you will never access the rights of the firstborn. If you step out of favour, you lose ground. Don't disqualify yourself half way through.

Twelve spies were sent to investigate this land. Ten had a bad report. Two (witness) agreed to take the land. Some of our brothers were sent by God to survey the land - they brought back the evidence - all the doctrine and revelations - but saw themselves as grasshoppers in the eyes of the enemy.

Let us not operate with fervour and then fizzle away because of pride, etc.

We need to walk circumspectly. We have got to finish well.

2. The Firstborn is God's Inheritance

Exodus 4:22,23 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, " **Israel is My son, My firstborn**. So I said to you, 'Let My son go that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.

The people that you have in your churches do not belong to you. They are God's inheritance. Do not take ownership over God's inheritance.

Son = Ben = Builder of the Family

Pharaoh got God's firstborn locked up. Many pastors are just using their people to make their name look great.

3. The Firstborn Groans for God's Purpose.

The **groan of the firstborn** is to be released and to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.

Exodus 2:23-25

- 23 Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.
- 24 So God **heard their groaning**; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 25 God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.

God wants to install a groan within his firstborn. Slavery is labouring in what is not God's purpose.

4. The Firstborn Worships

WORSHIP: "That he might worship me."

True worship = a life laid down.

Romans 12:1-3. - Presenting your body as a sacrifice to God.

Worship is not about singing songs. It is a life laid down in sacrifice to God. Our lives are not our own – you are bought with a price.

5. The Firstborn represents a Clear Distinction from the World

Exodus 11:6-7

- 7 Moreover, there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been before and such as shall never be again.
- 8 But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast, that you may understand how the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

Firstborn = a clear distinction between the world and His people. Do not love the world.

Firstborn = connected with the expression of the kingdom of God.

6. Firstborn Belongs to the Lord – God's Divine Ownership.

Exo 13:2 "Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

7. **The Firstborn has double-portion of the Father's estate.**

Deut. 21:17 "But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a **double portion of all that he has**, for he is the beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the firstborn.

8. **The Firstborn is the First sign of the Father's strength**

You have the ability to start a lineage.

9. **The Firstborn is God's Divine Power to Cancel the Authority of the Earth.**

Genesis 48:8-20

- 8 When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"
- 9 Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."
- 10 Now the eyes of Israel were *so* dim from age *that* he could not see. Then Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.
- 11 Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well."
- 12 Then Joseph took them from his knees, and bowed with his face to the ground.
- 13 Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.
- 14 **But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn.**
- 15 He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,
- 16 The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; And may my name live on in them, And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."
- 17 When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.
- 18 Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head."
- 19 **But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."**
- 20 He blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessing, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

Jacob was cancelling the order of natural birth – and your natural conditions and environment. He cancels what the world says about you.

Thamo: 'Friend' in Hebrew culture: Referred to a friend to the Bridegroom who would go the father of the bride to ask for his permission. He was also responsible for all the celebrations. Jesus called his apostles 'friends' – they are to take care of the church. God only has one son – the apple of His eye. God places His sons in the custody of fathers. We must be careful how we handle God's firstborn sons. How do you react when they leave you? Be delivered from attachment even though you are not delivered from responsibility. Be careful how you handle His firstborn son. Do not walk with a Pharaoh – one who is manipulative.

Favour and Acceleration

Part 1

God wants to bless and prosper His people. **He wants to bless you so that you can be a blessing.**

Note the following corporate expressions in Scripture highlighting the corporate emphasis and oneness:

- Jesus said He came that 'THEY' might have life and that 'THEY' might have it more abundantly." Note the plural 'THEY' – abundant life is a corporate reality.
- WE have the mind of Christ.
- We are chosen, circumcised, etc.
- Our obedience is corporate. Present YOUR (singular) BODIES (plural) a living sacrifice – 'we' present 'one' sacrifice.
- 'WE ALL' beholding – our transformation is also corporate. '
- As HE is – so are WE' – our representation is corporate.

There are many examples in the Word.

LIFE = Zoe Life. [refer to previous notes]

Zoe = the God-kind of life.

This life is connected with the favour of God.

Psalm 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, **His favor is for a lifetime;**
Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning

Psalm 102:13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:
for **the time to favour her**, yea, the set time, **is come**. (KJV)

Favour = goodwill of God that gives you an unfair advantage-God's affirmative action policy!

Babylon is closing. You cannot depend upon this world system. See Isaiah 60:1-2.

Isaiah 60:1,2 " Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
"For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the
Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you

Darkness = a metaphor of power failure. But glory shines upon the church.

Zion is a spiritual position characterised by:

- Integrity
- Overcoming (Psalm 84)
- Extraordinary zeal for God
- Presence of God
- Sovereignty of God
- Maturity
- Extraordinary Favou

You need to position yourself properly.

Psalm 102:14 Surely Your servants **find pleasure in her stones**, And feel pity for her dust.

You take great pleasure in other believers.

This Favour is Multi-faceted:

Examples: (You have to speak these things in your church)

- **WORD WILL GROW MIGHTILY AND PREVAIL. MORE PEOPLE WILL COME BECAUSE OF A LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD.** The Word will prevail over music. Your church must be built upon the love for the Word.
- **GREAT JOY** upon the Saints. The joy of the Lord is your strength.
- **GREAT COMPANY OF OBEDIENT SAINTS.** This includes embracing 'set-man' teaching. The rejection of the set-man teaching has resulted in the house church movement in the USA without a designated leader. Sheep need a shepherd. **Human officiation is the operation of God.**
- **CITY CHURCHES will begin to emerge.** The mountain of the Lord's house will ascend. Nations will come into the city gatherings. Apostles build the Body of Christ and not networks.
- **RESTRICTIONS of evil.** In Samuel's day, there was no Philistine attack. Peter's shadow healed people. **The shadow of the church will heal nations.**
- **SHARPENED PERCEPTION.** Spiritual intelligence will grow. Discernment between the natural and the spiritual. **The counterfeit will not thrive in the house of God. Discerning determines your battles and sacrifices.**
- **GREATER METICULOUSNESS**
- **PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED within the gathering of the House.** Solutions to disease, demonisation, depression, etc.
- **OPPRESSIVE ELEMENT WILL BE OVERCOME.** Persecution will be overcome.
- **ONENESS in the city church.** Heavens will be opened over many cities. Localisation of the presence of the Lord. Capacity to teach difficult things.
- **ABOLITION OF ORPHANITY.**
- **GREATER REST TO HIS PEOPLE.**

- **GREATER COVENANT COMMUNITIES.**
- **Believers getting FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.** God will connect you to friends in high places. Elisha knew the King; Paul could go to Caesar. They will come looking for you. You will be head-hunted. All political systems are in failure.
- **CONNECTION WITH WEALTHY PEOPLE.** Philip went to Samaria; Simon the sorcerer wanted to buy the gifts – suggesting he was wealthy; he was dealt with by the Apostles; Philip connects with the Ethiopian Eunuch – an extremely wealthy person of great influence. Paul connects with Lydia, the seller of purple – her customers were kings. Ezra was connected to Cyrus.
- **CONNECTION WITH THE APOSTOLIC-PROPHETIC**
- **GREAT ASSOCIATIVE BLESSING.** You prosper because you walk with someone who prospers. (Joseph; David; etc.)
- **VICTORY OVER GIANTS** – you will face your Goliath (enemy bigger than you) and defeat him. Your oppressor will say, “name your wages”. Joseph will be called because the king has a nightmare.
- **GREATER REVELATION OF CHRIST.**
- **God will confer IMMUNITY upon His people.** God said in delivering Israel, “I will make a difference between Egypt and Israel”. They lived in Goshen but were protected in the plagues. When the Israelites left Egypt, God said, “Not even a dog will bark”. A barking dog symbolically suggests accusation. God will silence the dogs - every religious Pharisees and Scribes. You cannot accuse the present apostolic season/move anymore.
- **GOD WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO DO HIS WORK.** Babylon is very demanding. People are no longer available for any form of ministry. Nehemiah was the king’s cup bearer but he requested leave to rebuild the wall, and got it - with resources.
- **OVERNIGHT PROMOTION.** Joseph, Daniel, Ruth, Mephibosheth came into exaltation overnight.
- **RESOURCES – coming into the spoils of Egypt.** All the Israelites knew was slavery – but it all changed in one night. They plundered Egypt overnight.
- **ACCELERATION**
- **INNOVATION (INVENTIONS)**
- **DIVERSIFICATION**

- **STRENGTHENING:** Even the feeble will be like David. God said to Joshua – ‘Be STRONG’. When David cried unto God because of Saul’s army – God strengthened David – and he jumped over a wall. Your feet will be like bronze to trample over every system of the devil. You will have strength to give birth – and to finish your assignment.

Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah, ‘if they were willing to receive it’. – **All these dimensions of favour you must believe them. They will come to pass in your life only if ‘you are willing to receive them’.**

ACCELERATION

Moving from **sound to light**. Everything will speed up. From addition to multiplication. The world is advancing rapidly, e.g. the change from landlines to wireless; A few years ago the Zambian Quacha-Rand exchange rate was: 700 quachas to R1; Today it is one to one.

The Bible moved from a book to an icon on your phone.

Agricultural Scriptures that speak of acceleration.

- John 4: Pull the seventh month into the third month.
- Aarons rod budded, flowered and bore fruit = two seasons in one night.
- Latter and the former rain together.
- Tabernacle of David – Amos 9 – plowman overtaking the reaper. David himself was the Tabernacle.
- 11th hour worker got the same wages. Others laboured for years and years.
- Quick work shall He do on the earth and finish it in righteousness.
- Elijah overtakes the chariots of Ahab. A man overtakes horses.
- Water turned into wine. Wine takes many years to mature. This is the third day glory.
- Woman who was bent over. She got one touch and ‘immediately she was made straight’. People will immediately start thinking right.
- John 9 at the pool of Siloam - he got an upgrade is his perception of Christ: Man – Prophet – Lord.
- Elisha prophesied “This time tomorrow”.
- While Jesus spoke, people got healed.
- Before you call I will answer.
- A nation can be born in a day.
- A door opened that no one can shut.
- 1000 years as one day - Something gets added to your life. Be willing to receive it. One day as a 1000 years – slow motion – this is not desirable. But 1000 years is as one day.
- Go to the ant thou sluggard. An ant works with speed.
- Ask for rain in the season of rain = ask for what it is that God is giving.

Everything in your life will now start to move faster.

Acceleration is built into David's Tabernacle:

- One of David's groups – their feet were like the feet of gazelles;
- When he killed Goliath, he got a wife and wealth.
- At Ziglag – there was delay – but within 48 hours David was sitting on the Throne.
- David went into the future and operated as a KING PRIEST – he offered sacrifices. He wore the linen ephod. He ate the shew bread.

Position yourself for acceleration. Get your mind ready. Your mind has to be built for capacity. Refresh the mind. Build engine capacity.

You must get off the by-way and get onto the highway. In the time of Deborah, people operated in the by-way (inaccurate systems).

It demands radical shifts.

Upgrade your actual car (symbolically). Some people cannot accelerate because the wife's foot is on the brake. Who is holding the brakes in your life?

Favour and Acceleration

Part 2

There is unprecedented favour being delivered to the church.

- ❖ Favour **cannot be hidden** – e.g. Joseph’s coat of many colours.
- ❖ Favour is **inspirational**, inspiring honour and respect – also envy (Philistines envied Isaac’s prosperity);
- ❖ Favour is **awe-inspiring** (Sheba);
- ❖ Favour **brings joy** (Mary);
- ❖ Favour is **extraordinary** (Isaac – 100 fold; Benjamin – 5 times more);
- ❖ Favour is **attractive** (men came to David spontaneously);
- ❖ Favour is **supernatural**;
- ❖ Favour **confers an unfair advantage** (Gideon only had 300 men) ;

More Images of Acceleration:

- ✓ **Ezekiel’s river (Ezekiel 47):** a man’s measuring rod measuring 1000 cubits – from ankle, knee, waist and then waters to swim in. As you move deeper, initially you move slower until you swim (disconnecting from the earth – worldliness).
Pray the Scriptures in regards to acceleration. Ask for rain in the time of rain.
- ✓ **Bent woman (Luke 13):** God will accelerate maturity. **People will grow much faster.** Like the Chinese bamboo – grows at 30cm per night.
The bent woman represented deceleration: she was bound to the earth; head bowed to the earth = false humility; overtaken; looking backwards; hand always touching the earth; isolated – could not sit at the table; vulnerable to many forms of attack; could not carry heavy burdens on her shoulders. **She was made straight immediately = rapid maturity.**
- ✓ **The man with the withered hand also (Luke 6).** With maturity comes excellence, autonomy, capacity to overcome. Overcoming of the placebo effect – the soulish effect. In simple terms the placebo effect may be expressed as follows: ‘I give nothing and I tell you it is something’. 80% of medical prescriptions is psychological and 20% scientific. In church there is hypnotic suggestion amongst the immature. This is rife in charismatic ministry. This is nothing but the power of the soul. Music has a powerful placebo effect. Hence the reformation is Word-Intensive.

Acceleration of promotion and resource.

Requirement for Accurate Positioning:

The disciples were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. God's sovereignty is connected to human responsibility. There is something you have to do. Move to the highway – position yourself. You must lay aside every WEIGHT and SIN.

- **Delight in your fellow brothers and sisters in the Kingdom.**

Psalm 102:13

Set time to favour Zion has come; your servants take pleasure in her stones.

- **The posture of Humility:** The prodigal son accelerated the moment he humbled himself. Nebuchadnezzar – he was judged for his pride – he chewed grass; when he humbled himself he was repositioned. Humble yourself.
- **Transparency;** love of God; meekness; servanthood; etc.
- **Abide in Honour and Respect:** When David cut off Saul's garment – his heart smote him. Dishonour of leadership brings delay. The thief on the cross – when he honoured Jesus – was with Jesus in paradise.
- **Fellowship:** Do not be isolated. Relationships bring strength to our prayer base. Ezekiel.1 – four cherubim – when the wings touched, the wheels began to turn with speed.
- **Love for Brothers:** Philadelphia had many promises: 'I will make you a pillar; write my name on you, AND I WILL COME QUICKLY TO YOU. This was a church of brotherly love.
- **Giving Financial Seed:** Barnabas saw the apostolic movement; he sold a tract of land and brought the proceeds of the entire land sale and laid it at the feet of the apostles; he sowed his seed. He was set apart with Saul for the work of the ministry in Acts 13 - because of the power of seed. Perez and Zerah in the womb of Tamar. Perez broke through first after Zerah went out and broke open the womb. Perez accelerated in the womb because of ZERAH, which means 'seed'. There is a serious onslaught against giving, even politically.

INNOVATION

'Innovation' is a new solution to an existing problem - doing something differently instead of doing the same thing better.

Innovation Index = measures the inventive capacity of that country. Indicators used are as follows:
How many doctors produced in a year; new patents; tertiary graduates; scientific publications; exports; capital investment; new employments created; etc.

Global Innovation Report for 2013 – Switzerland was top of the list; then Sweden; then the UK; USA; Finland; Holland; Singapore; Denmark; Ireland. SA is no. 58; India is 66th; 140th - Madagascar; 142th - Yemen.

Africa is not in the top fifty.

The Anointing is not just for healing and deliverance; it is also for innovation and new inventions.

Eccl. 1:1-11

- 1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."
- 3 What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?
- 4 A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
- 5 Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; And hastening to its place it rises there *again*.
- 6 Blowing toward the south, Then turning toward the north, The wind continues swirling along; And on its circular courses the wind returns.
- 7 All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again.
- 8 All things are wearisome; Man is not able to tell *it*. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor is the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.
- 10 Is there anything of which one might say, "See this, it is new"? Already it has existed for ages Which were before us.
- 11 There is no remembrance of earlier things; And also of the later things which will occur, There will be for them no remembrance Among those who will come later *still*.

There is nothing new under the sun as far as the works of creation are concerned. Things above the sun – are NEW THINGS.

Examples:

New Songs Psalms 149:1: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.

New Wine Prov 3:10: So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

- New Heaven and New Earth** **Isa_65:17** "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.
- New Name** **Isa 62:2** The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.
- New Mercies:** **Lam. 3:22,23** Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
- New Spirit:** **Eze_11:19** "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.
- New Things:** **Isa 42:9** "Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim *them* to you."
- New Thing:** **Isa 43:19** "Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.
- Hear New Things:** **Isa 48:6** "You have heard; look at all this. And you, will you not declare it? I proclaim to you new things from this time, Even hidden things which you have not known.
- Witty Inventions:** **Pro 8:12** I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of **witty inventions** (KJV)

Consider:

- God is creator. All life forms are His inventions.
- In the Tabernacle of Moses, every piece of furniture was a masterpiece. The golden candlestick cannot be made today as it was then; 66 units; beaten in the fire; made of one piece of gold = uniqueness of Christ; Gold = Divine nature; seven spirits of God, etc. It was a triple type (central stem and side braches). Bezaleel made this.
- Isaiah 28 contains witty agricultural principles. Joseph's economic policy was God-given.
- Jacob's ingenuity in genetic in-breeding of animals.
- Uzziah demonstrated military genius and invention of weaponry.
- 'As it was in the days of Noah and Lot, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man'. God gave Noah a 'witty invention', viz. the ARK. Because of this, Noah remained buoyant in a time of global crisis. **You will be given witty inventions to remain buoyant in the time of financial crisis.**

- **George Washington Carver (born 1864)** – developed 325 products from the peanut alone and 100 products from the sweet potato. He developed the agricultural system of ‘crop rotation’ as well. When asked how he accessed the creativity for all these innovations/inventions, **he testified that it was from Christ.**

Your ministry is not only about anointing and healing and deliverance. It is built on Christ. Christ is our LIFE. We live and move in HIM. **In HIM there are ‘witty inventions’. Become an inventor. Think innovatively.**

DIVERSIFICATION

Simply stated, **diversification means not putting all your eggs in one basket.**

Diversification implies that you must become different in order to advance kingdom purpose.

Diversification is required whenever migration takes place.

Jesus presented Himself in diverse ways:

- Matthew : Lion – king - servant
- Mark : Ox
- Luke : Man - reason
- John : Eagle- soar over trials.

On the road to Emmaus – Jesus presented Himself ... to the two disciples as a traveller;
to Mary as a gardener;
to John on Patmos – as the glorified Lord.

We are called **many things**(salt, light, farmers, etc.). It is necessary to maintain **diverse relationships**. The voice of God is like the sound of ‘**many waters**’. Penetrate antagonistic environments. David could go into Philistine territory – he faked insanity – he knew how to adapt. You cannot be the same as you were 15 years ago. Learn how to adapt. Paul said, “**I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.**”

1 Cor 9:19-24

- 19 For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.
- 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;
- 21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law.
- 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; **I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.**
- 23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

Paul circumcised Timothy and shaved his head to gain access to the Jewish community.

CONSIDER THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD STEWARD

Luke 16: 1- 13

- 1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this *manager* was reported to him as squandering his possessions.
- 2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'
- 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.
- 4 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.'
- 5 "And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'
- 7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He *said* to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'
- 8 "And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.
- 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.
- 10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.
- 11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?
- 12 "And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?
- 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

This parable was about the Pharisees. This steward acted shrewdly.

Principles here:

- ❖ Corruption will find you out.
- ❖ The steward recognised the lack of diversity as a handicap in his life – he could not do manual labour and would have to live on welfare.
- ❖ He worked out a solution speedily.
- ❖ How you treat people today will determine how they will treat you tomorrow.

- ❖ He knew benevolence is an investment in his future. David repaid the debt to Jonathan later. You will need someone's favour someday. Even the crook recognised the virtue of giving.
- ❖ He made himself look good and his boss bad.
- ❖ He factored his interest and commission into the price. He was stealing and was found out. Then he discounted his customers – he waived his commission and interest – he suffered loss – principle of sacrifice.
- ❖ He diversified through benevolence – he gave.
- ❖ He gave differing discounts: Oil - 50%; Wheat - 20% discount – everyone does not get the same discount.

The wealth of the world will fail.

Rich man is Christ; Steward = pastors; customers = congregation.

Pastors factored interest and commission into the sale of Christian material. Christian material is so expensive. Copyright rules are violated by publishing companies – but to charge churches for singing your songs is something we must not accept. Spirit of merchandise must not thrive in our churches.

Oneness

Part 1

Mark 5:1-9

- 1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.
- 2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,
- 3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;
- 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.
- 5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones.
- 6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;
- 7 and shouting with a loud voice, he *said, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"
- 8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"
- 9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he *said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

Thousands of demons are called by a singular pronoun – note the demons (plural) say, "MY NAME" = a demonstration of unity. They all ultimately die.

Zoe life is in oneness. Christ is our life (Zoe Life). In Zoe life there is ...

- ❖ Light
- ❖ Grace
- ❖ Alpha and the Omega
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Abundance
- ❖ All the I Am statements of Jesus, e.g. I am the Good Shepherd, the Bread (substance), the door, etc.
- ❖ The firstborn
- ❖ The High Priest

One of the benefits of ZOE Life is the glory.

2 Pet. 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to **life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by **His own glory** and excellence.

Glory and Zoe life are connected. Glory was dealt with in previous schools (refer to previous notes).

Glory crafts a low maintenance church – and an automatic church like Zechariah’s candlestick. This glory is in Christ. In Christ is the fullness of the deity bodily.

As we come to oneness, the one church in the city will cast a shadow that will heal the city (like Peter’s shadow healed people). To cast a shadow, naturally, you need light and a solid substance which is not fragmented. Because the church is so fragmented, there is no ‘shadow’ presently.

Revelation 22:1-5

- 1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
- 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;
- 4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.
- 5 And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 21:9-13

- 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
- 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.
- 12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.
- 13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

- The street of gold is not a literal street. The book of Revelation is a symbolic book. **The street is Christ Himself.** It is one street – Christ.
- **The city is a descending reality.** The church is descending out of God from heaven. We are chosen in Him. We are not returning to the garden of Eden. **The ultimate manifestation is a city.**

God starts in a garden and ends in a city. The new city is not physical Jerusalem. The new Jerusalem has both Jew and Gentiles.

- The river is located in the city. **It is pure water.**
- There are many symbols for the church in the Old Testament, e.g. Elisha's school, Bethesda; Babylon = church in captivity; Ark - picture of the church; garden = picture of the church. So is the city.
- **The river of the water of life is in the middle of the city.** Water = Word. **The water (Word) finally becomes the most important priority - in the centre.** In John 7 - out of his belly (middle) will flow rivers of living water. This river proceeds from the Throne of God and the Lamb. **It is a proceeding Word.**
- **It is pure and clear as crystals, i.e. you no longer see through a glass darkly.**
- Coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are included here.
- **On either side of the river was the Tree of Life. One tree is one side and on the other side is the mirror image of the same tree. Exact representation is manifested.** Everywhere you look you see the tree of life.
- **This tree bears twelve manner of fruits. 12 = dominion.** These fruit bring you dominion. These are the fruits of Zoe Life. **They are there every month = endless supply.** Kairoses come to an end. **Kairos is a limitation - when you live from Christ, you don't need to live from kairos.**
- **Leaves of the Tree are for the healing for the nations.** In Heaven you don't need healing - this is on earth. Every curse is broken (e.g., Jezebel, Absalom, Adonijah, etc.). New Jerusalem = the church in the city. Zoe Life must be seen in the context of corporate city church culture.
- The throne of God = the dominion of God.
- His servants serve Him.
- They shall see His face = benefits of His presence.
- Name on Forehead = nature of God.
- No need for light = Zoe life becomes the light of men.

- The '**TREE OF LIFE**' is not seen in a local church. It is seen in a CITY church. Start to move beyond local church.

Tree = zulon = wood = designation of the cross = symbol of the gospel.

2 Tim. 1:10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Tree of Life = believers who have positioned themselves by the River – see Psalm 1.

Tree of Life is Christ Himself:

Prov. 3:18 : **Wisdom** is the tree of life; Christ is the wisdom of God.
Prov. 11:30 : **Righteousness** is a tree of life; Christ is our righteousness.
Prov. 13:12 : **Desire** = tree of life; Christ is the desire of all nations.
Prov. 15:4 : **Wholesome tongue** is a tree of life; Christ = Word on our lips.

Two Positions Regarding the Tree of Life. Adam did not eat of the tree of life.

1. Those that do His commandments – have access to the tree of life:

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

2. Believe and love:

1 Jn 3:23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

You have the right to all the benefits of the Tree of Life. You must lay hold of eternal life, although it's given. Many do not eat of the fruit of the tree of life.

One of the benefits of Zoe is the Glory. The glory is meant to bring us to one. You also have to access the glory to become one. The glory only comes to a people that are one.

THE SHEMA:

All devout Jews recite the SHEMA daily. It is comprised of three passages, viz. Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41.

Deut 6:4-9

- 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the **LORD is one!**
- 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
- 6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

- 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.
- 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.
- 9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The instruction 'Hear' implies three things:

1. Listen
2. Understand
3. Do

One = echad = united One - a composite unity = united One. There is the implication of the binding together of the chords of a rope. Israel was to listen, understand and do the UNITY of God.

John 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

There is a plurality in the Godhead:

<u>Gen 1:26</u>	Let US make man.
<u>Gen 3:22</u>	The man is become of US
<u>Gen 11:7</u>	Let US go down

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
God = Elohim = a plural name.

Psalm 104 :30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

The Father creates.

Gen 18:1 Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

Three persons appeared to Abraham. He called the three persons, 'LORD'.

Mal 2:10 One God created us.

1 Jn 5:7,8 For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the **three are in agreement.**

There are three separate persons in one God. The issue of plurality of the Godhead is valid and established.

- **The echad in Marriage:** Man and wife become ONE FLESH.

There are Four Demands that are Deeply Entrenched within ONENESS

ACRONYM: **A - Association**
 C - Character
 T - Theology
 S - Stature

1. **ASSOCIATION**: The Father, Son and the Spirit are all present equally.
2. The Father, Son and Spirit are equal in **CHARACTER** – righteousness, holiness, wisdom, truth and love, etc.
3. All three have the same **DOCTRINE/THEOLOGY**.
 ‘ANOTHER’ COMFORTER – ‘another’ = ALLOS= another of the same kind.
4. Same **STATURE OR PURPOSE – purpose, function, ways**
 e.g. united in baptism (matt 28); in benediction; indwelling the believer; in regeneration, giving life.

In our oneness, we have to demonstrate the principles of association, character, doctrine and stature/purpose.

Examples:

- **In the prayer of Jesus**

John 17:6-11

- 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- 7 "Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You;
- 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.
- 9 "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;
- 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.
- 11 "I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We *are*.

1. Association

In John 17, the words, ‘THEY’ is used 18 times; and the word ‘THEM’ is used 20 times. This we have a total of 38 times. This is a “they or them” company. This is the ecclesia – the called out ones. There is no place where the Father is that the Son is not. If there is a Body in the city, you should be there. You cannot be isolated in your own city. Attend your city gatherings – because you will get LIFE (not revelation – tree of knowledge). Do not live off theology; live off Christ. Have His faith, His love. Live and move and have your being in Him. This life is located in the Body. What is your commitment to the church in the city?.

2. Character

John 17:12 “While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled”.

The ‘name’ refers to ‘character’.

3. Doctrine

Theology is the same.

John 17:14 “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

We all must believe the same thing.

4. Stature or Purpose

John 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

▪ In the book of Ephesians

1. ASSOCIATION

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Show tolerance – put up with one another.

2. CHARACTER

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love.

3. DOCTRINE

Eph 4:4-6 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

4. STATURE OR PURPOSE

Eph 4:13-16

- 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
14. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
15. but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,
16. from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Christ-likeness; Stability; Love; Co-operation.

▪ In Gideon's Life

1. ASSOCIATION : 32000 came together
2. CHARACTER : Those who were afraid went home
3. DOCTRINE : Everyone that drinks water like a dog
from his hand = WORD of God
4. PURPOSE/STATURE : The One Loaf

▪ In the Book of Revelation 21

There is a shift from 'father-son' to 'brideship'. This implies greater intimacy. The son's problem was the devil, the wife does not have a problem with the devil – she is positioned in heaven. The Jerusalem in heaven is the mother of us all. This Jerusalem has twelve gates and twelve foundations.

1. ASSOCIATION : This Jerusalem has twelve gates (tribes) and twelve Foundations (apostles).
2. CHARACTER : It is transparent glass.
3. DOCTRINE : In the city there is no need of the sun or the moon
– the Lamb is its LIGHT = theology
4. PURPOSE/STATURE: We the church must demonstrate unity.

ISAIAH 22:8 God will not give His glory to that which is not one.

Those that delight in the stones of Zion and the dust thereof (dust used for the cement that glues the stones together).

■ **The echad in the nation of Israel**

2 Chron. 5:13	-	nation as one
Ezra 3:1-4	-	nation as one man
Nehemiah 8: 1	-	they gathered as one man
Israel was to reflect the oneness	-	the unity of God.
Israel's Feasts	-	they had to come together as one man.

The unity had to be manifested in their theology. They all had to believe the same commandments. They all had to become a kingdom of priests. The image of God is oneness. God's glory was only manifested in oneness.

■ **THE STORY OF THE TWO ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Luke 24:32 – They said, “Did not our heart burn within us”. Two people – with one heart. They went eventually with the 120 in the upper room. They were in one accord.

In the book of acts

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were **all together in one place.**

The principles of unity demand great sacrifice. There is no city in the whole world where you can get 120 people in one accord. The glory came because of oneness.

Act 4:24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with **one accord** and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

Act 4:32 And the congregation of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**; and not one of *them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

Act 8:6 The crowds with **one accord** were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

Phil 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the **same mind**, maintaining the **same love**, **united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

Oneness and Zoe Life by Walking in the Spirit

The Body of Christ is the landing place for the head of Christ. This will cast a shadow in the city.

There is immense abuse within the Father-Son wine-skin. This is not the shepherding movement. We are not creating a restriction-based movement.

The glory will manifest in the city church. How the city church will eventually evolve is not certain. It starts with the father-son wineskin. The kings (apostles) of the earth bring their glory into the city. Paul said 'you are my glory'. The father must bring his sons into the city church.

City is seen in the New Jerusalem.

Acts 15: Tabernacle of David – is being restored. David – a reference to city building.

The Tabernacle of David only had the ARK. There were two Tabernacles in David's time. One was where the Throne was resident. Throne = kingly ministry; Ark = priestly ministry.

David himself is the Tabernacle. David's ways and patterns must be seen in a people.

You do not need all the people for this level of unity. Before Jesus came, John had to make the way straight. We need a representative company. Once there is a first fruit – God reckons it as the whole harvest.

This is beyond the local house. The local gathering is not the church – it is part of the church. There is a church in the city called the temple. The constitution of this temple will determine the kind of glory your city will have. **The prosperity of the city is determined by the temple / church in the city.**

- TABERNACLE OF MOSES

Consider the structure of the cherubim. They were standing on the box.

Two of Them	=	Association
Made up of gold, standing on mercy	=	Character
Standing on the Box	=	Doctrine (manna; law, rod)
Same Height	=	Stature

The moment these requirements were met, you had the manifestation of the Shekinah Glory. IN this configuration was the HEARING of the voice of God.

They are to be **FACE TO FACE**. This is symbolic of hearing. Implies dialogue and an interchange. Leaders must gather together and just listen. Look for the other cherubim. The glory will not come on one cherubim. God spoke to Moses face to face. This implies an equal plain.

Face to face implies a capacity to listen. **All the revelation is not contained within one person only.** The cherubim had to see each other '**EYE to EYE**' = Symbolic of understanding.

The cherubim were **wing to wing (HAND TO HAND)** = a metaphor of **DOING**.

Therefore, listen, understand and DO these things.

Peter and John said to the lame man at the gate Beautiful, "Look at us". They had the glory between them.

Is. 52:8 "they shall see EYE to EYE when the Lord brings back Zion" [= leaders agree on things]

Isaiah 52:7-9

- 7 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And* says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- 8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up *their* voices, they shout joyfully together; For **they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion.**
- 9 Break forth, shout joyfully together, you waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 32:3-4

- 3 because Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;
- 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but he will surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will speak with him **face to face and see him eye to eye;**

This messenger can only see the king of Babylon eye to eye, but not another messenger in the city eye to eye. True messengers do not get their revelation from the king of Babylon. We must agree about the systems of autonomy – to keep out of systems of denominations (where you are self-supporting, self-propagating; etc.). **The present reformation demands exiting denominationalism.** You cannot come into the city with the concept of a fraternal (embrace Korah, etc.). Also networks do not work. Some networks are exclusive. You cannot see eye to eye with them. There are good networks. An evil network promotes Nicolaitonism, kingdomisation of the leader, etc. There are evil denominations (more concerned about franchising its own system). There are good ones.

Your local church is insufficient on its own. You need the city church.

Understand the principles of dominion in the parables, e.g. parable of the guest in the marriage (our father gives you the mantle); Impartial Landowner – teaches Sovereignty of God; Wheat and tares – Kingdom will cost you; at midnight the 5 foolish virgins realised that oil costs (do not come to the midnight hour and realise you cannot pay the price).

We must have city gatherings where there is dialogue.

They were also **FEET TO FEET** – the doing part.

Isa 52:11 Depart, depart, go out from there, Touch nothing unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, **You who carry the vessels of the LORD.**

They had to depart from Babylon. The King of Babylon removes your eye (cf. King Zedekiah). Para-church movement will shut down – many will become unemployed if they don't migrate. Theological instruction can no longer be received from institutions. Training comes from fathers. The King of Babylon killed Zedekiah's sons. Sonship is destroyed.

The city-church is not built by consensus leadership. It is not the ecumenical movement. Discern if there is a David in your city. He is not looking for your votes. He understands present truth; he can play the harp for Saul - control the demons in the old order; his success is advertised by other people (the people sang "David slayed 10 000"); has migrated from a **Samsonite ministry**:

You cannot build like Samson –

- David discerned the Philistine – Samson married the Philistine;
- Samson inspired the people -David brought impartation to them;
- Samson alone destroyed the enemy - When David killed Goliath, the people rose up and killed the Philistines.
- David was king and priest; David was in a team;
- Samson's strength was in his hair; David's strength was in the Name;
- Samson had no integrity; David satisfied the demand of the Lord.

David could be in a cave somewhere. Men came to David at Ziklag, while he was a fugitive from Saul – at the place of his failure. They came as helpers in the war. As a pastor, be a helper to a David in your city.

They crossed over from Benjamin to Judah. They were ambidextrous. There was a war. They were fit for the battle. Faces of lions, feet like gazelles – being able to run quickly into divine purpose; knew how to cross Jordan in the height of the flood. Within the city-church we need people to come into I.T. We need good lawyers in the Kingdom. Paul was not a weak apostle who was battling. Paul had lawyers, doctors and a great team.

The church in the city starts with a table. Start your table. "A table you have prepared in the presence of my enemies". Deliver your city. Set your city free.

David was not a gullible leader. He asked the men who came to him the purpose for which they gathered. David's men were experts in war. They had understanding of the times, they knew how to keep rank.

They had one mind - to make David King. They recognised grace. Do not go to Absalom in the city - Go to David.

David's first demand after his appointment was to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem. Speaks of a deep love for God.

As the city church begins to manifest, the tree of Life will be a reality.

How do we get hold of the LIFE (ZOE).

This life is the life of the Father. The Son has Zoe. The Spirit is Life.

- Christ is not only the giver of life – He is life.
- Zoe life is the now life and not the after-life.
- Your life is hid with God in Christ.
- Zoe life brings satisfaction.
- Zoe Life impacts on your biological and psychological life.

Romans 7:14-25

- 14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.
- 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate.
- 16 But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.
- 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.
- 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.
- 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.
- 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
- 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?
- 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

There are two laws operating in a human being. The soul developed an appendage to the flesh – the law of the flesh (sin and death) – this wants to do evil. This is man living off the tree of knowledge. The law of the mind wants to do good. The law of sin and death always prevails over the law of the mind.

Guilt and self-condemnation are big problems amongst pastors. The biggest problem with the young men is masturbation. Living off the tree of knowledge is operative here. This is like gravity – it will always win. The only way to overcome is through the aerodynamic principle in an aeroplane – so long as there is fuel. Fuel is the key (law of the Spirit).

In Rom 8, Paul talks about the tree of life – there is no condemnation to those in Christ. Carnal minded-ness will lead to death; to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The Law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus is like living in outer space. This is living off Christ.

Nine Principles for Living in Zoe Life (located in Rom.8)

- Walk according to the Spirit
- Spirit minded-ness
- Abide in Him
- Mortification of the Flesh
- Led by the Spirit
- Cry Abba Father
- Groaning
- Conquering through the knowledge of Him

You may be successful living off the tree of knowledge (understanding homiletics, etc.), but you will soon dry up. The fruit of the Spirit is life.

WALKING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.

This is walking in conformity to the Spirit. This is not spooky or mechanical dictation by voice; this is also not continually speaking in tongues; not fasting and prayer, etc.

Jesus said, “The words I speak to you are Spirit”. Hence **walking in the Spirit means to AGREE with the Word.**

Spirit is God, God is Light, Word is Light.

Spirit is a Consuming Fire; Word is fire.

Spirit is a Spirit of Grace; Word is Grace.

The Word is called Sword of the Spirit.

Spirit and the Word work together:

- in repentance – Prov 1:23
- in building the city church - Zech 4:6
- in healing – He sent His word and healed them – Luk 4:18
- prayer and preaching

Examples:

- ❖ At Pentecost the Spirit came as a mighty rushing wind; they prophesied the things of God. Peter quotes Joel's prophecy, connecting the events of the Spirit to the Word.
- ❖ Acts 4 - the persecution connected with Psalm 8.
- ❖ Stephen also connected events of his day with the Word.
- ❖ James too - Acts 15

Connect events in your life with the Word of God. If you are involved in democratic systems, you cannot say, "This is that".

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Walking in the Spirit, Spirit Mindedness

Walking in the Spirit = agreeing with the Word of God. Agree with all the promises of God.

Isa 60:4 "Lift up your eyes round about and see; they all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, and your daughters will be carried in the arms.

Isa 60:12 "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, and the nations will be utterly ruined.

Isa 58:12 "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.

Isa 62:12 And they will call them, "The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD"; And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

1Pe 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

Walking in the Spirit = walking in agreement with the demands of the Lord.

AGREE WITH THE WORD IN TERMS OF YOUR DECLARATIONS REGARDING THE FLESH:

Examples ...

- We are dead and buried:

Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- Buried with Him in baptism:

Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

- Reckon to be dead to sin - Dead men don't sin:

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

- You were raised with him:

Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

- Seated with Him
- At rest
- Circumcised

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

- Do not lie to another:

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

- You are complete in Him:

Col 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

- Grow up into Him:

Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

- New Creation:

2 Co 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

- Put on:

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

- Justified by Faith:

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Breastplate of righteousness:

Eph 6:14 Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

- Sanctified – Purify your heart.

AGREE WITH WORD PATTERNS

Examples:

- ✓ David is a pattern for the autonomous church.
- ✓ The book of Acts outlines the four pillars.
- ✓ Reformation in Josiah, Hezekiah, etc.
- ✓ Rise, take up your bed and walk.
- ✓ New Jerusalem as a picture of the ultimate church.
- ✓ Patterns of Oneness.

ONENESS WITH THE SPIRIT

Walking in the Spirit – coming into Oneness with the Spirit.

1 Cor. 6:16 Joined to the Lord – you are one spirit with the Lord.

Examples:

- ✓ Peter – You have not lied to men but to God.
- ✓ Acts 15: James ‘With this the words of the prophets agree: IN Acts 15:19 He said, “I judge”; In Acts 15:28, it says, “It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.”
- ✓ Acts 13 – Holy Spirit said, “Separate Saul and Barnabas” – Someone must have prophesied this.
- ✓ Judgement of Elymas the Sorcerer: He called the teaching of Paul the ‘teaching of the Lord’.
- ✓ David – wanted to build God a house – Nathan said he must pursue it.

Romans 6:16-19

- 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
- 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
- 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

- 1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.
- 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.
- 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,
- 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
- 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Corinth was riddled by sexual sin. They worshipped the gods of appolos, zeus and mithra. Mithra had the face of a lion; had twelve disciples, died and rose on the third day. This was a counterfeit of Christ.

In Corinth, over a thousand temple prostitutes descended into the city to party.

Paul went to Thessalonians, then to Berea and then to Corinth, where he spent 18 months. There is no record of signs wonders and healing. Yet he came in the demonstration of power.

Power = dunamis = most think of this as great expressive power. But dunamis = moral excellence of soul. Paul lived in the moral excellence of soul – THIS was the power. It was hard to live a righteous life in Corinth but he succeeded.

Acts 18:1-11

- 1 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth.
- 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,
- 3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.
- 4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.
- 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.
- 6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood *be* on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."
- 7 Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.
- 8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.
- 9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;
- 10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."
- 11 And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

A ruler of the synagogue gets converted – this is power.

Many Corinthians, HEARING (not seeing) believed – this was the sign and wonder.

Within 5 to 7 years every Roman read and heard the epistle of Paul. Christians were used as human torches by Nero. The Gospel does not stand on signs, wonders and healing.

Signs, wonders and miracles are secondary to the Word of God.

Paul taught for 3 years at Ephesus.

If you do not love the Word of God, you are not saved.

The next Key to accessing Zoe Life is

SPIRIT MINDED-NESS

Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 (AMP) For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the (Holy) Spirit.

The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

The Holy Spirit at the time of Salvation comes to live in you. You are the Temple of the Holy Ghost. Your spirit is welded with the Holy Spirit.

James 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose:“ He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”

James 4:5 What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy (NLT)

The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously. He wants to bring you to the measure and stature of Christ.

Phil 2:12,13

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure

1 John 4:9-10

9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins

You cannot do anything without the Holy Spirit. You can't pray without Him. To hear the Word, you need the Holy Spirit. There is a demon assigned just to steal the Word.

God prevents backsliding – see Jer. 32

All life forms have DNA. When the Holy Spirit came into you, He brought God's DNA into you. It is impossible for you to fail.

Scientists took cells from the udder of a sheep; removed DNA – put it into the egg of another sheep; incubated the zygote into the womb of a sheep. The result was exactly representative of the first sheep. God took His DNA and extracted all Mary’s DNA, and out of Mary womb came an exact representative – His SON.

Characteristics of God’s DNA within You:

- You will hear Gods voice.
- A righteous practitioner.
- Obedience: Ezek. 36:11 – I will cause you to walk in my statutes.
- Attracted to the habitat of God. All life forms have a habitat. God’s habitat is apostles doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers.
- You will not practice sin. Your conscience will prick you.
- You will love God.
- You will love the brothers.
- You will love the Word.
- You will love your enemies.
- You will hate the things of this world. If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you.
- You will outgrow things. **You cannot be tempted by what you outgrow.** Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The genetic predisposition within you yearns to jealously bring you to the stature of Christ.

1 John – ‘you do not need anyone to teach you’ – the **Holy Spirit will tell you what the things of the world are. The Spirit will bring you to the place of victory over the flesh.**

You will fail a few times – there is no condemnation. You are tripping inside the Ark. Do not be a failure. “Though a righteous man fall seven times, they will rise again” – Proverbs 24: 16.

We only use 3% of our DNA - DNA of the mortal man. The other 97% will be activated when we reach immortality.

Our DNA is a double helix. At 100% (immortality) it operates as a twelve stranded DNA.

Your Human Spirit Characteristics

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| - Born | - Renewed |
| - Made a new creation | - Caught Up |
| - Edified | - Feelings |
| - Strengthened | - Can Hear |
| - Awakened | - Can See |
| - Can be transformed | - Can Discern |
| - Can grow | - Can Know |
| - Refreshed | |

Our spirits are still infantile. Your spirit can grow.

- Jesus discerned who touched him.
- He called Nathanael by name without meeting him.
- He knew the history of the Samaritan woman.
- At twelve years old, He knew the Fathers business.
- Mary and Elizabeth – jumping in womb– spirit to spirit connection.
- Paul discerned the girl with spirit of divination.
- Jeroboam told his wife to speak to the prophet Ahija- she disguised herself; the prophet knew her.
- Gehazi's eyes were opened and he saw a multitude of angels.

Be guided by the Spirit. Follow your internal warning system.

In the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant. This is a picture of your spirit.

- ✓ Wood and Gold = humanity covered by divinity
- ✓ Manna = food
- ✓ Rod = needs to grow
- ✓ Law = conscience
- ✓ Under Cherubim = spirit of the prophet subject to the prophet.

Do not just keep filling yourself with knowledge (soul). Your spirit operates with intuition. Your spirit is the operation of ZOE life. Do not operate in logic.

Lev 21 has all the handicaps that prevented priests from functioning = diminished spirit capacity:

- Blind = no sight
- Lame = no momentum, movement
- Nose = no discretion
- Broken foot = delays others
- Broken handed = unable to give
- Stiff-necked = rebellious
- Dwarf = can't worship
- Blemish in the eye = no focus
- Scab = unhealed
- Testes = unable to reproduce

Causes: wrong associations

2 Cor 6:11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

2Co 6:12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

How do you develop spirit capacity?

- ❖ Pursue things above
- ❖ Cancel things below
- ❖ Encounter with Christ
- ❖ Understanding
- ❖ Manifest presence of God
- ❖ Obedience

Pursue things above:

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. This pursuit is important. Sow to the Spirit.

Gal 6 talks about this. Read Gal. 6.

- Restore someone who has fallen.
- Those who have been taught must communicate with him who teaches – all sowing in the Spirit – you shall reap everlasting Zoe Life – Zoe Life is reaped.
- Carry your own load.
- Examine your own work.
- If you think you are something when you are nothing, you deceive yourself; therefore, think that you are nothing. If you are offended, you think you are something.

Set your affections on things above:

- Wisdom (Christ)
- Good gift
- Name
- Spirit
- Word

Thus – it means to set your affections on Christ.

The kingdom of God is from above.

The four pillars are from above.

Set your affections on the habitat of God – and allow your spirit to grow.

Act 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Word of His grace builds you up. I commend you to the Word. The word will protect, sustain and strengthen you.

Your spirit is attached to your soul. The word is powerful, living – even to the division of the soul and spirit. Word of Grace helps your spirit to overcome the soulish dimension.

Paul called the Corinthians ‘saints’ – he saw them through the eye of the Spirit and not the soul.

Peter denied Jesus three times. Jesus just said, "Peter do you love me". David still saw Saul as the anointed of God.

Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

David's Ways

Part 1

Intro:

Jesus' Three Temptations in the Wilderness:

- "Turn these stones into bread"
The temptation is to become relevant. We have something unique that is contraflow to the prevailing worldly system.
- "Throw yourself down for He will give His angels charge over you"
This is the temptation to become spectacular, popular and famous. Avoid this satanic trap.
- "I will give you all the kingdoms of this world"
 How can you get what you already have. **Third temptation is that you want power. Do not manipulate people** to respond to the words we use.

Our one assignment is **"Feed my Sheep"** – Make them lie down in green pastures; Lead them beside still waters; Restore their souls. Minister to the spirit, soul and body of your people.

Isaiah 60:1-3

- 1 **"Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
- 2 **"For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.**
- 3 **"Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

There is no gap between what God says and what He does. There can be a gap between 'arise' and 'shine'. These should happen simultaneously. How do we close this gap? **Our risen state and our shining state must meet in the same place.**

Arise = to set up or be established.

Rev. 22:16 **"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.**

'I am the root and the offspring' = the origin – the place from which I am established, fixedness, stability

"The Bright and Morning Star" = this is about 'light' and 'shining'.

Your heritage for 'root and offspring' determines how to 'arise and shine'.

Acts 15 and Amos 9 speak of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David so that the Gentiles may come into the Kingdom and they may see your light.

How is a heritage developed? **A heritage is a way of life – ways that are passed down.**

Psalm 103 – God showed His ways to Moses but His acts to the nation of Israel.

Psalm 103:7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

Ways = derek = a course of life. God showed Moses His course of life. He gave him the law – showing the people how to live – **as they lived right – they saw the acts of God.**

Ways – to develop a way of life for people to walk in. Why do we have fathers? **They develop a way upon which you would tread. As you walk in the way, you experience the acts of God.**

When Israel was about to inherit the land, there was a repetition of the law to remind His people.

Hence you need to study the ways of David – to know how his Tabernacle is to be restored. Hezekiah, Jehoshaphat and Josiah walked in the ways of David. These were all reformers. **David's life was an ancient pathway which became their highway.** David is the Tabernacle. We are the temple. Jesus is the root and offspring of David – Bright and Morning star.

In Acts 26:4 Paul said to King Agrippa, "I had a manner of life according to the Jews." This was his life according to a religious order.

In 2 Tim 3:10 Paul said to Timothy, "You have known my manner of life".

This was his manner according to his life in Christ. **It is our manner in accordance with Christ that must be passed down.**

The early church was called the 'people of the way'. This is the God-kind of life. They reflected Jesus, the Way, Truth and the Life. Paul, while he was on the way to persecute the church, he met the person called THE WAY, then his way changed.

He initially called Timothy 'fellow worker', 'faithful child', etc., but finally called him '**beloved son**' – a term the Heavenly Father ascribed to Jesus, i.e. Timothy now was developed in the ways of Christ through Paul's fathering.

When Solomon was inaugurated as king, David said, "Serve the **God of your father**". Know the God of your father and serve God better. **Follow what has become a heritage to you in your spiritual father – this will lead to serving God.**

What were some of the ways of David?

Kings did what was **right in God's sight** as they followed David.

David and Jesus are akin. Jesus is the root and the offspring of David. He sits on the throne of David. He has the keys of David. David emulated Christ in his day. Principles mature in the person of Christ. **Discover the Person of Christ from which divine principles emerge, rather than mastering the principles in the hope of discovering the Person.** Everything about David is consummated in Christ.

1 Sam 22:1,2 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him. Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

As David lived out a pathway, these men eventually evolved into mighty men. Those in debt, discontentment and distress were changed.

1. **David connected with the origin of the PROPHETIC VOICE that declared him as King.**

1 Sam. 19:18 Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

There are authentic prophetic graces that have re-aligned themselves to authentic apostles. David connects with the prophetic voice. As you set pathways that become pathways for others to follow, you need prophetic voices to speak into your life. These prophetic utterances begin to blaze a course of life for you. This energised David as he moved toward the throne.

Prophetic voices have a strong foundation which is sonship. Now prophets work within a framework of a father. They are speaking to you in terms of submission to a father. This is in order. These prophets, like Jesus' mother at the Wedding of Cana, say to you, "Just do what He says" (John 2 – water into wine). In the story of the Prodigal son, you only have the father, but no mother – no prophetic grace – no mother like in John 2. You waste your inheritance because there is no prophetic voice to guide you and instruct you.

Hannah prayed to God before Eli. She was carrying prophetic grace (Samuel).

Record your prophecies.

2. **Eating Shewbread – Coming Face to Face with brothers in the Body of Christ.**

1 Sam. 21:6 So the priest gave him consecrated bread; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the Lord, in order to put hot bread in its place when it was taken away.

Shewbread was placed on the table = fresh bread = strength for your journey.

Twelve loaves = twelve tribes of Israel = the Body of Christ. You will not make this journey without the Body of Christ.

Joseph, a type of Christ, could only reveal himself when all brothers were present. Joseph is a picture of Jesus (baker and butler = bread and wine). Revelation of Christ only happens when we are all together. Presence = Peniel – or face. When we see each other's faces we see HIM. Consider Jacob seeing God's face in Esau's face. **When you are face to face with your brother – you are in the presence of the Lord.** Glory was located between the two cherubim – which stood face to face.

Eating consecrated bread must become 'a way'. Your church must always meet with other churches.

3. Use Persecution to Propel You

1 Sam 21:8,9

David said to Ahimelech, "Now is there not a spear or a sword on hand? For I brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's matter was urgent." Then the priest said, "The **sword of Goliath the Philistine**, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you would take it for yourself, take it. For there is no other except it here." And David said, "**There is none like it**; give it to me.

This sword was meant to cut David's head. **The very thing that you have experienced as hurts and wounds from a previous order – 'there is none like it' – it must fuel your progression into the new season. This sword gives you momentum for you to sit on your throne.**

He brought acceleration to Israel after he killed Goliath. **The sword that was meant to kill you must be used to advance you in your destiny.**

4. Sentimental Disconnections are Essential.

1 Samuel 22:1-3

- 1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him.
- 2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.
- 3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "**Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me.**"

Matt 12:48-50

But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! For **whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother**

Luke 18: 28-29 Peter said, "Behold, we have left our own homes and followed You." And He said to them, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Be aware of what slows you down. Abraham left his mother and father. Elisha left his mother and father. David also. Timothy did this too when he joined Paul. Do not carry the debt of two previous generations. **Many cannot connect with Kairos fathers that can give them momentum because of sentimental attachments.**

Psalm 45 – first eight verses speaks of the son and the rest of the Psalm speak of the bride. To the bride he says, "**INCLINE your ear, consider and listen, and forget your mother and father.**" The spirit of familiarity will prevent you from achieving your destiny. (cf. Jesus = carpenter's son).

Psalms 45:10 Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house

5. **Immediate Obedience to Prophetic Word.**

1 Sam. 22:4,5 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. The prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

David acted on the prophetic word immediately. Put structures in place so that you can receive the word as done immediately. When Israel was asked to leave Egypt, they left in 24 hours. **If you have heard God, then act immediately. Believe the prophets and you will prosper.** Simply believe your father. In doing and following your father's ways, is your prosperity. David left his stronghold – leave your own strongholds.

6. **You must Provide Safety for the Royal Priesthood of God.**

1 Sam 22:20-23 But one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the Lord. Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have brought about the death of every person in your father's household. Stay with me; do not be afraid, for he who seeks my life seeks your life, for you are safe with me.

Within the environment of the Body of Christ there should be no inhibitions, no tensions – your lack is supplied in the midst of your brothers. The name of the Lord is a strong tower – the righteous run to the Lord and they are safe. **In 'oneness' there is safety. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. When you see your brother in purity, you see God.**

David's Ways

Part 2

7. Clarity of the Divine Voice in Accessing and Aiding Cities and Nations

1 Sam. 23:1-5

- 1 Then they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are plundering the threshing floors."
- 2 So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the Lord said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines and deliver Keilah."
- 3 But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines?"
- 4 Then David inquired of the Lord once more. And the Lord answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand."
- 5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines; and he led away their livestock and struck them with a great slaughter. Thus David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.

Have certainty of the voice of God before you go and help someone. The voice of his men around him clouded the voice of God. Had he listened to them, he would have disobeyed God. **As you go into the nations of the earth, you must be clear that you heard God.** As we mature, we must have greater clarity of the voice of God to go into nations. **Allow the voice of your spiritual father to guide you.** Samuel allowed Eli to train him to hear accurately.

When you hear, other voices may bring fear to you because of what you have heard. **Be sure that no one is subtly distorting the voice of God to you.** You should not be making the mistakes that your father has made.

8. Bring Deliverance to Cities with Limited Resources and so Access Unlimited Resources

David is still a fugitive. His men have nothing. His resource is limited. He uses limited resources to deliver a city. **What you do with limited resources determines whether unlimited resources will come to you.** David had poor human resources and no physical resource – David showed a way. Learn to invest. If you do not help someone else, your building will not get built. Put your fish and bread into Jesus' hands.

Our greatest limitation is our brain.

Psalm 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Limited = you chose to live off the scraps (manna, clothes not wearing off, etc.). Life is about limits (speed, credit card, fence, etc.). **Live in an environment of limitless possibilities.** It's not about the

number of people in your church. **You give not because of how much you have, but because of the weight of God within you.** Isaac put seed in the ground. Isaac was the promised seed – he gave himself.

Take what is limited and deliver a nation. Assist someone else to do this and see how God works with you.

9. Refuse to 'Touch' or Harm the Body of Christ in any Way.

1 Samuel 24:4

- 4 The men of David said to him, "Behold, this is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.' " Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.
- 5 It came about afterward that David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's robe.
- 6 So he said to his men, " Far be it from me because of the Lord that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed."
- 7 David persuaded his men with these words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on his way.

David refused to touch the anointed of the Lord. You can see Saul as your enemy or as part of the Body of Christ. **We are all anointed, hence 'not touching the anointed' is a command not to 'touch' or HARM any member of the many-membered the Body of Christ.**

Paul (Saul of Tarsus) persecuted the church, the Body of Christ, and Jesus said to him that he is actually persecuting HIM. Understand who the Body of Christ is. Do not attack your brothers. David cut off the edge of Saul's robe – he cut the talith.

There is a large Body out there. Do not 'touch them'. How can they hear – except you go to them. Open yourself more and more to the Body.

As an apostolic people we lie between two burdens. Isachaar had understanding of the times of God. Isachaar joined himself to Deborah (DABAR = arrangement of words that actualize things). Isachaar attached themselves to the dabar of God. See Gen. 49 – the prophecy over Isachaar:

- "A strong donkey" = tied to the vine – bringing Christ in – you can carry the weight;
- "You lie between two burdens" = you are the bridge. You lie between two burdens – connecting two movements to connect them.
- "You are a band of slaves" = Paul said he was a bond slave of God. In 'understanding the times' – your ear is pierced – so you can hear accurately.

Life is in the Body. The ark had life. Ark – a picture of Jesus himself. All your problems can be resolved within the Body of Christ. David also reminded his men – his people – not to touch the Body.

10. **Listening to the Voice of God in One that is 'Lower' than you, Restrains Anger and Averts Making Serious Errors**

1 Sam 32:18-21

- 18 Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of bread and two jugs of wine and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys.
- 19 She said to her young men, "Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.
- 20 It came about as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by the hidden part of the mountain, that behold, David and his men were coming down toward her; so she met them.
- 21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have guarded all that this man has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has returned me evil for good.

1 Samuel 25:32-35

- 32 Then David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me,
- 33 and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand.
- 34 Nevertheless, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male."
- 35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him and said to her, " Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and granted your request

Nabal = foolish.

Anger decelerates your process because you act in the flesh. Then the voice of God will come to you from someone who is lower in rank than you. The voice of your spouse can sometimes save you much trouble. Learn to listen no matter how big you think you are. Your child or a son may speak to you.

David listened to the voice of Abigail. In humility, listen to someone that may seem 'lower' than you. Your spouse may be the voice of God to you. By listening, you will avoid making serious mistakes. God can restrain your anger – by speaking to you through someone that you least expect to carry the Word of the Lord.

11. Be Wise and Strategic in Positioning Yourself

1 Sam 27:11-12

- 1 David did not leave a man or a woman alive to bring to Gath, saying, "Otherwise they will tell about us, saying, 'So has David done and so has been his practice all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.'"
- 2 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has surely made himself odious among his people Israel; therefore he will become my servant forever."

While he was amongst the Philistines, **David was wise. He could live amongst his enemies, yet making them believe he was for them.** Harmless as a dove = without guile; Wise as a serpent = manoeuvre through situations without being noticed. We need wise strategy. **Ask God for a strategy. What do you have in your house? Do not import someone else's strategy into your house.** Know what works for you. Effectively know what God has placed in your hands.

Part of His acceleration was to remain hidden. Learn to **'hide' yourself and yet still be powerfully influential. Hide yourself in the shadow of your father.**

The move of God will happen through patriarchal grace that has gone through some stuff – but to those who are emerging, **learn how to hide yourself. Be the leaven in the three portions of meal.**

12. The Ability to Strengthen Yourself in The Midst of Your Trials

1 Sam. 30:6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

David could strengthen himself in the midst of his trials. Some trials are self-inflicted because of your irresponsibility.

Matt 13:19-21 – Parable of sower and the seed. Trials arise because of the word of the kingdom. You must expect trials and tribulations. Be able to strengthen yourself. Have understanding (30, 60 or 100 fold) – the more you understand the word of the kingdom – the more trials you will receive.

13. Seek the Voice of The Lord to Lead You in the Heat of Your Crisis

1 Sam. 30:8 David inquired of the Lord, saying, " Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" And He said to him, "Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and you will surely rescue all

In his trial, David sought the Lord for the next step. In your personal crisis, the voice of the Lord must prevail, and not your carnal emotion.

14. Acts of Kindness Accelerate Your Purpose and Validate Your Sonship

1 Sam. 30:11-13

- 3 Now they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David, and gave him bread and he ate, and they provided him water to drink.
- 4 They gave him a piece of fig cake and two clusters of raisins, and he ate; then his spirit revived. For he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights.
- 5 David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, a servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind when I fell sick three days ago.

In showing kindness to the Egyptian, David received information. Acts of kindness accelerate your purpose. Jesus said, "Makes friends with unrighteous mammon".

Be able to live in a worldly culture, and yet not partake of it. Show them acts of kindness. This act of kindness restored all that was stolen.

Matt 5:43-45

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Your sonship is identified by the above.

15. Financially Honour Other Grace-Carriers/Leaders

1 Sam 30:26

Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, a gift for you from the spoil of the enemies of the Lord.

Honour by giving spoil or seed to other elders, not only your spiritual fathers. When you give to your father, there is a download of grace. When you give laterally to your brother you access grace in the Body; when you give down, you give to bless those less fortunate. You reveal the sacrificial seed that is called Christ (the Cross).

This must become a way for another generation. This seed of David caused David's enemies to self destruct – in the next chapter Saul is killed – falls on his sword.

16. **Lament and Mourn over Enemies, Fallen Leaders and Every Failed Part of The Body of Christ**

2 Sam. 1:17 Then David chanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son, and he told them to teach the sons of Judah the song of the bow; behold, it is written in the book of Jashar.

David lamented over the fall of his enemy. We must do the same. We must be able to lament for the body with weeping. Sing the song of the Bow. David kept his heart pure.

Even when Abner died, David mourned.

2 Sam 3:31-33

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes and gird on sackcloth and lament before Abner." And King David walked behind the bier.

32 Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 The king chanted a *lament* for Abner and said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies?"

David's lament for the Body was continuous. Our heart must be turned toward our brothers.

The ultimate description of David is that he had a heart after God. He who has clean hands and a pure heart can ascend the hill of the Lord.

POETIC SUMMATION OF ASOM OCT 2013 BY PIERRE

We've been renewed and filled with awe
At the end of school number twenty four
Truly a most remarkable week
Where more of God we came to seek

The Sunday started with **Howie Baker**
An awesome word, a heavy shaker
He read from Isaiah fifty four
And challenged us to go for more

While the barren is told to bring forth a song
She'll stay unfruitful if her singing is wrong
You'll have to enlarge the place of your tent
If you want to claim that you have been sent

He urged us to rise from our comfort zone
That place where we hide, safe and alone
No matter how loud you're singing and or
clappin'
One thing's for sure – shift will happen

He also started on Monday morning
And gave us all a sturdy warning
Remember when, to the table you come
Make sure your enemies are left at home

Thamo, in opening this special school
Clearly laid down the golden rule
You don't move around or go for a leak
So pray for the break if your plumbing is weak

He spoke about our forward movement
And why there must always be improvement
We have to live in constant transition
Take up our beds and change our position

For God to clearly be seen and heard
The absolute centre must be the word
That's why, in this season, God's method of
choice
Is not the thunder but the still, small voice

There's something that the apostolic must find
It's locked up in the word "remind"
Instead of man being strong and anointed
The fall has left us mentally disjointed

God always works in circular motions
Just like the movement of the oceans
And so His purpose will be defeated
If you start the next orbit with the first
uncompleted

This is a season of equalization
Where we'll witness tremendous acceleration
Bringing the harvest into pentecost
Restoring the earth, reconciling the lost

How will we show Christ to every nation
Except through exact representation
The total sum of our apostolic worth:
Build heaven's design here in the earth

So if the Lord you get to know
Your stature in the earth will show
For every man and nation to see
That as He is, so are we

If you stay connected to apostolic grace
You'll keep on seeing more of His face
And so the story of Siloam is told
You'll always become what you behold

This orbit in God has a wonderful vibe
It's time for the function of the scribe
These sent ones will bring a new directive
And help us to see from heaven's perspective

The house of David will become the design
For the whole of God's apostolic line
From Judah it's always his family
That's destined, exactly like God to be

So God is not after our unity
It's oneness He wants from you and me
His uncomplicated simplicity
Stands directly opposed to democracy

This wonderful body just has no flaws
It's not like a cupboard with different draws
We have to grasp this with our hearts
This one God is not a collection of parts

When the Bible says that God is love
He does not get it from a little white dove
All of these fables will come to a halt
When we understand the idea of "gestalt"
So we now can appreciate the words of the Son
When He said that He and the Father are one
And in this family, if with Christ you have died
You live for the body to be reconciled

Gentleness, lowliness and humility
These are the things God wants to see
One body, one Spirit, one Father of all
Where everyone shares in the heavenly call

So, to be one, we must learn how to cover
Go ask mister Ham or Ruben the lover
And also how to give greater honour
To the one regarded as a minor

Just as Achan brought a huge calamity
Upon every member of his family
The whole of a nation would suffer demise
When their king, God's orders, would despise

So man to God will always relate
From the vantage point of his current state
He then describes the One he has met
According to what, from Him, he could get

Now kakos is another word
That should rather not be heard
It somehow leaves a very bad smell
And opposes love, that you can tell

There is a higher place than son
On a level where we have become one
The last location before the journey's end
And this position is called a friend

Hebron is the appointed place
No wonder it means 'a city of grace'
You may have loved with the words of your lips
But here you deal with relationships

A friend will be at the bridegroom's side
To prepare for him a beautiful bride
He looks at the interest of another
And really sticks closer than a brother

The patriarchs, in Hebron, found their grave
The way of the nations they did pave
Here you will face your final test
Before you can come into Zion's rest
If you conquer Hebron you can have peace
Wholly following God lets your warfare cease
Then the next location your spirit will stir
And you'll want to move and take Debir

Here all the mysteries will be simply shown
But it cannot be taken by brute force alone
Then there is Arba with wonderful stature
The perfect man with a four-square nature

We also have Anak who is Arba's son
The long-necked and the confident one
He has a firstborn whose name is Sheshai
And he's always asking: "who am I?"

The second one has to do with your brother
It always seeks to lift up another
The last has to do with your formation
Where you wait until sufferings turn to
celebration

So do not get attached to things
You'll see how much this season brings
But your Lot you will have to leave behind
If the place of Hebron you want to find

There's also the spirit of the Kohatite
To help us get this whole thing right
Otherwise Hebron might bring your demise
If you look at it through Absalom's eyes

When David lamented the lovely ones
The song of the bow was all about sons
From the book of righteousness you sing
About the Lord's anointed fallen King

David was so much like our Saviour
Not looking at Saul's demonic behaviour
Though he hunted him down like a raging bull
He still was described as beautiful

To be a repairer of the breach
You just will have to perfect your speech
And this is really in your song
Where grace will cover all the wrong

Through our testimony we come to prove
That auntie Rahab can marry this move
It all has to do just with plugging in
If you miss it you'll wonder what could have
been

How will we mend a church so torn
It's in Hebron where the sons are born
Don't seek the solution in the government
It will only come through covenant

To stand in the ministry of prayer
The priesthood will have to take us there
It's the interface between heaven and earth
So the priest had to be of natural birth

This means that he first had to be a son
With the mindset of the heavenly One
Christ will be firstborn **IN** many brothers
And they will bring healing to all the others

A high-priest must be dispossessed
And yet be in a position of rest
As apostolic, representing the king
As a priest you lay down everything

When God, in His wisdom, rented the veil
The occupation of Levite was up for sale
His grace and mercy was so abundant
And the work of Aaron became redundant

Remember it's only the High Priestly call
That could stand in the holiest of all
But now it's been opened for everyone
So Melchizedek cannot be Aaron's son

It's only as a son you can pray
As "created" you have nothing to say
You'll beg from the view of your mortal birth
But as High Priest you'll stand and manage the
earth

He acts on behalf of the Father here
Bringing the sacred into the fallen sphere
Until the final reality
Where all returns to immortality

This realm's called 'seated in heavenly places'
The eternal that a priest embraces
It takes the lion and the lamb
To represent the great "I Am"

And so this priesthood can only give life
 'Cause it does not know any mortal strife
 At the river of Jordan God did not say
 This is my Priest who will be the way

So Noah was a righteous man
 And through his line would continue the plan
 From his loins Melchizedek would stem
 We saw it could be no other than Shem

Shaun then came and told us the story
 Of the earth restored to its former glory
 Time only started after the fall
 'Cause eternity was meant to govern all

Throughout the scriptures the rule stays the same
 It's when God breathed that man became
 So dust can only start to live
 When its Maker decides His breath to give

It makes no difference how you count your worth
 God only sees two men in the earth
 So you have to confess Him as your Lord
 If you want to receive the breath of the word

The reason why the word must be spoken
 Is because the image of God has been broken
 So we went to the schoolmaster's picture book
 To see how a first-born son should look

This kind of son must be very sharp
 When others throw spears they play the harp
 Dishonouring headship is never allowed
 The song of the bow is taught to the crowd

To function as a royal priesthood
 Eternity has to be fully understood
 Then we will live from the timeless zone
 And only represent the throne

When we live in the order of Melchizedek
 We'll stand with our foot on the enemy's neck
 As the firstborn son with double portion
 Our words will be clear, without distortion

It's really our mouths that will be double
 This is the start of the devil's trouble
 For from our lips the "dabar" is decreed
 And will be effective in mission and deed

This is how we'll know that we've grown
 Our speech will line up with the throne
 We will discern our spiritual day
 No more a case of "you say but I say"

And so the work of Christ's intercession
 Is to be the High Priest of our confession
 His heavenly role of mediation
 Is based on the speech of His holy nation

This order's not based on human birth
 It's about possessing heaven and earth
 Abraham gives it the right to the land
 While David rules through Judah's hand

We saw the battle of the seeds
 And to what extremes this warfare leads
 The same old story, it's never fresh
 The Spirit persecuted by the flesh

From Abraham to David to Jeremiah
 It's about the coming of the Messiah
 If it can't be wiped out, get the picture
 It will be polluted by a mixture

To get this seed to maturity
 God's always defended its purity
 But it just cannot stay protected in satin
 So we start to see a brilliant pattern

While the first-born is usually not progressing
 God takes the second and gives him the blessing
 And so begins the age-old strife
 That has even cost a brother his life

It all has to do with the first-born son
 The Christ in Whom we all are one
 But although we've all been justified
 On earth we still need to be sanctified

The work of the cross must be appropriated
 And our departure has to be activated
 This will not be achieved by moaning
 But by the Spirit's inner groaning

There are some first-born identifications
 Signposts that point to these relations
 All these things carry something so true
 The world will not have the last say about you

Sagie told us of the favour to come
 And the difference it will mean to some
 And if you have this wonderful thing
 An "unfair advantage" is what it will bring

So in this frequency you'll get connected
 To those whom God for you has selected
 Even your giants will be defeated
 And the people of God differently treated

The dogs won't even bark at night
 In Egypt's darkness, Goshen has light
 A difference upon the church will be seen
 Acceleration as there has never been

This principle operates everywhere
 A camera capsule that lays you bare
 To every sceptic who not yet believes
 Just ask King Solomon about his leaves

You'll have to show the tenacity
To change your engine's capacity
From a tuc-tuc travelling on the bi-way
To a four-wheeler cruising on the highway

You might not think this could be true
But ants all greet with a high five or two
You might be driving, but miss by far
If you don't have the full control of the car

This favour is something you cannot hide
So when it shows up, just enjoy the ride
With it will also come greater maturity
And a stronger desire for purity

We heard about the placebo effect
And how it will try to fool the elect
Your victory over this soulish dimension
Is determined by the price of the injection

Where maturity is out of the question
You'll see the power of suggestion
It will even make some people presume
What they're smelling must be real perfume

An important thing is humility
Another is honouring authority
Do not discard the power of seed
It will come to your aid in the hour of need

So on this journey of accelerations
We went to visit some important stations
We also heard about new inventions
And saw the need for diversifications

So please don't violate the copyright
Of the New King James if it's in your might
But how will they ever come to find
The verses settled in your mind

The difference between oneness and unity
Was opened up clearly for all to see
Through a church that was living in the past
Until it was freed by Jesus at last

This church was involved in deep intercession
So Jesus gave it an apostolic commission
When the pigs all drowned and gave up their
breath
The end of this union could only be death

We looked at the New Jerusalem
The trees and the zoe life in them
Even the glory that with it goes
It's all about where the river flows

This means that the word is back in the middle
And the city church completes the riddle
So back to the garden we cannot go
'Cause there's a snake that spoils the show

While the law of Moses had many commands
The ehad of God has four demands
But something that's not in the end of the
book
Is the name of your church, gone have a look

Christ has no place, His head to lay
His body will be the only way
God's people don't realize, and it's a pity
That we're talking about the church in the city

The Jews had to hear, understand and do
The cherubims tell the story too
The face, the eyes, the hands and feet
For the glory to come they had to meet

We will remember, when the parachurch fades
That the bride does not have any maids
From Samson's mindset we have to migrate
And come to David, that's our mandate

We looked at the problem of Romans seven
And how the Spirit gives life from heaven
All condemnation is taken away
When we follow His leading every day

To walk in the Spirit is not mystical
Just agree with the Word, it's so practical
The church of Acts did not think it a joke
When apostles talked, the Spirit spoke

So Paul's demonstration of spirit and power
Has nothing to do with the man of the hour
He simply lived a life that was righteous
His reputation was pure and blameless

The Holy Spirit inside us is yearning
Because we've become so slow of learning
This life is not designed for our leisure
But to bring us to Christ's stature and measure

Don't let them take you for a ride
You only have one spirit inside
The DNA of God will prevail
It carries a code: "I cannot fail"

The problem is our spirit's size
We've never taught it to arise
While it operates on revelation
Logic and knowledge is not its foundation

You have to restore your spiritual passion
And sow to the spirit in a biblical fashion
Then come to a place of being nothing
Offense is a sign you thought you were
something

A brand new speaker at the school was born
When **Ralph** explained what was said by Shaun
We'll have to know how to fill the gap
Between arising and shining, or it could be a
trap

To set up a way in which others should walk
 Apostolic leaders have to live what they talk
 It's the laying out of a heritage
 For us to enjoy apostolic privilege

When Timothy was called Paul's beloved son
 He got the name of the first-born One
 You can know your father so well, but rather
 You should come to know your father's Father

And so, for us to fill that gap
 We had a look at David's map
 We searched out some important things
 'Cause his legacy in our ears still rings

From the house of Saul, driven out by force
 He connected to his prophetic source
 He also knew that Goliath's sword
 Could accelerate him in the Lord

Sentimental connections will delay your start
 And limited resource will test your heart
 And when you receive a prophetic word
 Be quick to act on what you've heard

To go into battle is not your choice
 You need the clarity of God's voice
 To keep your anger from spoiling your life
 He could even be speaking through your wife

If you do not want to become disjointed
 Please do not touch the Lord's anointed
 Consider the body of high esteem
 Don't braai when your enemy loses steam

Learn to sing the song of the bow
 Strengthen yourself when spirits are low
 And lastly, this we learned from Ralph
 You have to know how to hide yourself

So now, as we realize this is the end
 We hope you'll leave here as a friend
 It's always a moment to lament
 But remember, from here you have been sent

Key Dates for 2014

1. **APOSTOLIC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT : 5-8 February 2014**
GATE SANDTON, GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA

2. **APOSTOLIC SCHOOL OF MINISTRY 2014: 5-9 May 2014**
13-17 October 2014
RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH IN PIETERMARITZBURG, KZN, SOUTH AFRICA

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